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## THE DOUGHTON OLL BILL be fined in any sum not exceeding for the purpose of detraying the ex-C. W. HUNT "SMELLS A MOUSE"

Correspondent Sees Two Dangerous Features in Bill Introduced by Senator Doughton For Inspection of Illuminating Offs-Is Designed to Work Mischief to Several Persons. Says Mr. C. W. Hunt-Bill Provides That Persons Burned by Explosion of Oil Sold in Violation of This Law Can Recover Damages From Parties Who Sold the Oll-Gives Governor Kitchin Too Many Appointments of Inspectors.

To the Editor of The Observer

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Legislature by so good a man as Son-

that is still more objectionable from, and hereby made liable to the same and in cities or towns of 1,000 to 2,000 an economical standpoint, and that is penalties as the inspector. to allow the appointment of all these Sec. 9. That no inspector or deputy inspectors by the Governor, and while inspector shall, while in office, be inthe pay provided is small it creates a terested, directly or indirectly, in the said population to be computed

was almed at in this? C. W. HUNT.

The bill follows:

Section 1. That all kerusene or other illuminating oils put up in barpackages shall be tested and the quality determined by some inspector duly appointed for that purpose, and said barrels or packazes shall have upon them the official stamp or brand of such inspector in

State containing a population of one thousand and over an inspector of coal oil, carbon oil, petroleum, kero-connected with the inspections and the report of all the work done under sene oil, gasoline or any other product of petroleum used for illuminat- gaugings herein provided for. ing or burning fluids, by whatevor a name known, which may be manu- the of the funds from time to time in. the office of the Treasurer, with the all oils and fluids as follows:

First. The water cup shall have sufficient water in it to rise two-thirds up the mide of the oil cup.

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Suspend the thermometer OM.

Fourth. Use an alcohol lamp to of the inspector to either see the oil ney. brat the water bath, and before plac- so inspected put into barrels on which a lighted match in contact with the among the barrels into which said surface of the cil. If it does not ig- bulk oil has been unloaded before he

of said illuminating oils or fluids shall, March, June, September and Decem-with intent to deceive or defraud, alindicate a different flash test, gravity make to the Comptroller of the Treasor quantity than is found by the in-spector, or shall use with such intent packages having any inspector's brand all the fees accrued and collected by thereon without having the contents him under this act during the quarter

cooling fifty dollars for every offense. See 7. That all prosecutions for I am about to ask you to print the stached bill which has been intro-duced in the Senate branch of the court of competent jurisdiction, and when collected shall be paid into the Legislature by so good a man as con-ator R. L. Doughton, but to my treasury of the county where the of-mind there is something clie or some ferse is committed, one-fourth of one clie behind the measure, for it is this shall be paid to the informer all revenue agents and officers of the sweeping and appears to be designed and three-fourths to the common State,

cal recover damages from the parties ties, for whom they shall be and are \$300, in cities of 20,000 population or

pull that the State should not, and matufacture or vending of any of the cording to last or any succeeding does not need to stand sponsor for. Issid illuminating oils or fluids to be Federal census: Provided, that no in-The present Governor went into inspected under this act; nor shall spector shall receive more than he office on the back of corporations, and the, for the purpose of inspection, take collects in fees for any one year's way, if not by one, then by another, Did anybody guess that Standard Oil was almed at in this? Units or for the use of any other per-make good a deficit for some preced-ing quarter. The State Treasurer dollars, to be recovered by indictment shall also out of said fees furnish each

seven of this av Sec. 10 That the term of office for

said inspectors shall be for two years, but no inspector shall be furnished or until removed by the Governor, said instruments by said Treasurer and each shall demand and receive utiless he collects fees in excess of oils or fluids inspected and marked sufficient to pay for the same, ten cents for each smaller package paper, printing, postage, attorney's That all inspection fees accruing fees, record books for inspectors and letters and figures not less than two inches in length. Bec. 2. That the Governor shall appoint for each city or county in this finte containing a population of one diste containing a population of one one and December of each year for the report to the Governor at each meet-of purpose of defraying the expenses ing of the Legislature, together with

twenty-five cents a barrel.

and fluids, if found to be rejected, he herein provided for, and to this end farfeited and sold and the proceeds each of the several inspectors shall go to the common school fund of the state. If any manufacturer or dealer State Treasury on the first Monday of

ury, under oath, an itemized statement on each of said dates showing actually inspected, he shall, on con-just passed, which statement shall viction, be fined in any sum not exand smaller packages inspected, and

when and where and the names and residences of the persons, firms and corporations for whom inspected and gauged, and shall for this purpose keep a record showing the same, and

to work mischief to several people school fund. first, by annoyance, and second, in Sec. 8 That the inspectors are that Section 23 of the bill provides hereby empowered, if necessary to the that people burned by the explosion convenient dispatch of their respect. of oil, sold in violation of this law, ive duties, to appoint competent depuwhersold the oil. I say these are two dangerous fea-tures, such as are likely to cause hereby empowered to perform the trouble, but there is another feature dutes of inspector, and shall be liable the still metric bit thereby for an under 8,000, \$200; in cities or over and under the still metric bit thereby the feature dutes of inspector. The still metric bit \$2,000 population or the still metric bit thereby the still metric bit the still population and in each county of over 1,000 population but having no city or town of 1,000 population or over, \$25; ac-

> in the manner provided for in section inspector with the necessary instruments or apparatus for testing, gauging and weighing said oils and Ruids,

> from the owner of the illuminating his compensation allowed hereunder and and branded, as in this act provided, said Treasurer shall also out of said

this act Sec. 11. That all oils and fluits- Sec. 21. That before entering upor the product of coal, petroleum or the discharge of his duties each in Sec. 21. That before entering upon name known, which may be manu-factured or offered for sale in the other bituminous substance which spector aforesaid shall enter into State. The said inspector shall be a competent and qualified person, and poess sent from other States to shall be provided, by the State out of the state of tors of oils and fluids, or sent from him as herein provided and for the countles in this State without the bar- faithful performance of his duties unnecessary instruments for the festing some being branded by law by the moreys received and collected by him of fulds, which said instruments inspectors of the county or city from as such inspector, and for inspectors shall be the standard implements which they were sent, may be inspect- in counties of 40,000 population and used for that purpose, and shall test ed in transit in the hands of the under, according to the Federal cencarrier, forwarding agent or ware- sus last preceding the making of the houseman, and the inspector shall bond, the penalty of the same shall be demand and receive for a single bar- \$2,000; and in countles of over 40,000 ifficient water in it to rise two-thirds of the addy of the oil cup. Second, Fill the oil cup with oil barrels, thirty cents a barrel, and 000. The bond of each inspector in to be tested to within one-eighth of from five barrels to any number, each county shall be approved by and filed with the county court clerk of I Suspend the thermometer Sec. 12. In all cases where oil is that county, and shall also provide, in bulb is just under the surface inspected in bulk, before said oil is case of suit thereon, for a reasonable In all cases where oil is that county, and shall also provide, in

Sec. 22. That on a failure of any for any other act or omission deem nits, place the lamp under the wa-shall place his official brand upon said slower than one degree of the ther-two degrees of the thermometer in a minute nor faster than two degrees of the thermometer in a in dils to put said oil into barrels or two degrees of the thermometer in a indicate the thermometer in a dilated by the the respect of the thermometer in a dilated by the for walk and require the owner or dealer two degrees of the thermometer in a indicate the thermometer in a dilated by the for walk and require the owner or dealer two degrees of the thermometer in a dilated by the for walk and require the owner or dealer the two degrees of the thermometer in a dilated by the for walk and the place the barrels or the two degrees of the thermometer in a dilated by the for walk and the place the barrels or

Sec 23. That if any person sustain to his property or injur-

cer B. Adams against ex-Senator Marhere a little before he left for Okahoma that he had been asked while there to look into the bank guarantee Robinson is nothing if not direct, and

fully during the time he was in Oklahoma.

that State he replied that it a great country, though the water was bad

Redding, of Randolph, has improvand he missed having pneumonia. Many of the legislators have had colds. Capitol is poorly ventilated and frequently overheated and most of the members are not used to such conditions.

it seems that the cry now is to give away or appropriate any part of said service nor more for any quarter than superintendent of Rex Hospital here her collects for such quarter, unless to and is visiting her brother at Birand is visiting her brother at Birmingham, Ala.

Mrs. Kitchin will give a reception at to the State officers and the Legislature

'aptain Daniels, commanding the North Carolina naval brigade, left to-night for Washington to ask the Navy Department to provide a suitable ves-sel for the naval militia now compristwenty-five cents for each barrel and fees defray any and all expenses for ing six divisions with three hundred

titude Toward Mikado's People?

The Constantinople correspondent of one of our contemporaries explains Turkey's repellent attitude toward Japan in the matter of diplomatic inter-course and ex-territorial regime by ascribing to Abdul Hamid degree of foresight and sagacity with which he is not always credited. He is said not to have shared the mplacency with which his subjects beheld the humiliation of their old enemy Russia by the Japanese, and to have asserted that his own authority would be weakened by the blow dealt at the prestige of the only autocratic systems, except his own, surviving in Europe. The Ottoman sorvereign is said to have predicted that one outcome of the Czar's disastrous experinto barrels it shall be the duty attorney's fee for the State's Attor- lence in Manchuria would be some

ing the light under the water cup be has placed his official brand, or inspector to turn over and account for a precedent, following that estab-teat the oil in the oil cup by bringing else he shall again take samples from the fees as herein directed within ten lished by Japan, would almost cerdays after the time herein fixed, or thinky provoke a demand from the





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across the surface of the oil at each mometer is the flash test of the oil. Sec. 13. That when oils specified lating the provisions of this act shall. The flame moved across the surface in section eleven of this act are sent by such violation cause the death of

less sooner removed from incompetence, malifeasance or other suf-ficient esuse. If any vacancy shall occur in any of the offices of inspectore of oils the varancy shall be niled by the Governor for the unexpired

term. See 4. That it shall be the duty of the inspector promptly to haspect or test all lliuminating eils or fluids which are subject to inspection, as provided in this act, within the fluy or county for which he is appointed. The inspector shall in all eases take the subject shall in all eases take the subject of fluids are inspected in transitiu and found to be without being heated, the inspector shall brand the fluid "unsafe for illuminating pur-provided in this act, within the fluy provided in all eases take the inspector shall brand all packages or barrels on tabling the fluids which are plain-the marked by the manufacturers or the oil or fluid from the package which is intended to be branded, and in no case shall mark or brand package before having first inspected tested the contents thereof. the quantity used for testing the flash test thereof shall not be less than half a pint, and shall be ascertained by perature than 120 degrees Fahren- tended for illuminating purposes and dences of the inspectors making heit are to be branded "Rejected," and shall be shipped back in like manner inspections (and gaugings) and

120 degrees Fahrenheit he shall brand shall notify the shipper of the cause And while and his action in the premises. "Approved standard oll the inspector is in the discharge of muy collect the fees for oils and fluids his duties, if any dealer in or manu- inspected in the hands of the carrier. facturer of oils or fluids specified in forwarding agent or of this act shall refuse from the carrier, forwarding agent or admit an inspector or his deputy up-on his premises, so far as it may be warehouseman, as charged on the on his premises, so far as it may be oils and fluids, and the carrier, for-necessary for the terformance of his warding agent or warehouseman may daties, or if he shall obstruct an in- collect their fees as charges on the spector or his deputy in the discharge oils and fluids and hold the oils and of his duties, he shall for each refusal fluids until paid.

to admit on his premises or obstruc-tion offered to inspection be fined for fraudulently brand or stamp any such in his hands, if any there be, arising each offense not less than twenty dul- package or barrel, or who shall violars nor exceeding fifty dollars. late any provision of section one of

See 4 affix his brand or device up or branded, shall be fined not more on each package by him inspected, than \$200. designating first his name and place. Sec. 15.

dace Sec. 15. That any inspector of this "In- State or his assistant may go to any 

the ascertaining of the quantity in and shall demand and receive thirty place of gauging by gallons, then the cents a barrel for all barrels of oils inspector shall mark on the package and fluids aforesaid inspected by him. inspected by him the gross weight in and the fees to be paid by the ownplace of gallons, as provided for in er or the person for the time being in this section. The inspector shall, in the possession of the oil on the deaddition to the atoresaid, affix his mand of the inspector, brand on all packages by him found Sec. 16. That if any carrier, forrend on all packages by him found centain fluids that have no flash warding agent or warehouseman shill refuse to pay the inspection fees as

of a minimum and on conviction accruing under this act are charged Greene's Pharm

two degrees of the inermometer in a minute, moving a lighted match other backages for retail trade before across the surface of the oil at each he will accord it an official inspection: mage his person by reason of a violation degree the thermometer rises, not find an inchest in spectron of bulk oils shall be made at any of the provisions of this act by another person guilty of the provisions of this act by another person guilty of another person guilty of another person guilty of another person guilty of the provisions of the person guilty of t burn on the surface and go out again put in barrels or other packages for injured for all damages sustained thereby, and in case any person vio-

The flame moved across the surface of the oil should not exceed that of an ordinary match. See 3 Each of said inspectors of oil shall hold his office for two years from the date of his appointment, un-

firsh test than 120 degrees Fahren- Sec. 24. Every person who shall helt, the inspector is authorized and mix for sale naphtha and illuminating directed to ship back said oils to the oils, or shall keep for sale any fluids shippers of the oil. And when fluids for illuminating purposes inflammable specified in section eleven of this act at a less temperature than 110 dears sent into this State to counties or grees Fahrenheit shall be fined not cities in this State without an in- more than \$500 and imprisoned not spector, and the fluids are inspected more than three years.

take containing the fluids which are plain-kize is marked by the manufacturers or and supports "naphtha," "benzine." "gaso-any line" together with the specific grav-etted it, of the fluids, may be permitted and to go forward to their destination as fluin not intended for illuminating pur-ball ports but all barrels or packages of poses; but all barrels or packages of statement shall show the number of fluids without a flash test and which vessels, barrels and smaller packages a pint, and shall be ascertained by finite without a hasp test and which applying thereto a well-lighted are not branded or plainly marked as match, and all such illuminating oils aforeasid by the manufacturers or or fluids that will finch at a less tem-perature than 120 degrees Fahren- tended for filuminating purposes and the kind of material inspected or and gauged.

Sec. 26. That for each of said reports the person, firm or corporation making same shall receive as com warehouseman persation for making same ten (10 cents per hundred words: Provided that four (4) figures shall be counted as one word wherever figures are used in said report; and Provided further that no person shall receive for any one report less than one dollar (\$1). in his hands, if any there be, arising

from the fees for making said inspecto ne and gaugings as now provided for by law; and if there be no such funds in his hands, then the same shall be paid out of any other funds in his hands belonging to the State

specific gravity of same time, end fic gravity of degrees fourth, the without the barrels and packages con-fixed shall be guilty of a misde-and quarts, thus "Gallons ..., provided by law, and inspect and quarts ..." Provided, that if here-brend all the oils and fluids not less than \$50 nor more than \$200, after weights shall be established for brended by an inspector of this State. The meanor, and after ....

RELIGIOUS AUTHOR'S STATE-MENT. Rev. Joseph H. Fesperman, Salisbury, N. C. who is the author of several books, writes: "For several years I was afficted with kidney trouble and last winter I was suddenly stricken with a contain fluids that have no flash as a aforeauld, with these words: "They inflammable." "They inflammable.