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**HARD FIGHT ON MACHINERY ACT**

**Roberts Among Those Who Oppose Change Which Restores County, Township Assessors.**

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS STOPS AFTER MARCH 1**

**Williams of Yadkin Wins the Fight to Keep Forsyth From Getting Rich Slice of Yadkin.**

(By W. T. Bost).  
 Raleigh, Feb. 26.—With more than fifteen hundred bills in the house and three more days for further opportunity to offer them, the house has received from Representative Douglass a resolution to stop the introduction after Monday March 1.  
 This wasn't significant further than offering the hope that the work will cease on the summer side of Christmas. The Douglass resolution passed unanimously and will govern very largely the attitude of the house. Members are beginning to talk about home now and they believe with night sessions they can finish up by March 8, anyway.  
 The machinery act consumed the time of the house yesterday after highwater in bills introduced had been reached. Two hours of consideration did not bring a vote. Chairman Doughton of the house finance committee had his hardest fight yesterday in putting the act through, as far as he went, without amendment. The fight is not done, Page, Allen, Roberts of Buncombe, and others yet unheard, will do their best to stop the change which restores county assessors a township assessor each.  
 Mr. Doughton brought Page to his feet when the Alleghany man sharply replied to "members who did not attend the finance committee meetings and waited until the last to object." Mr. Page contended that the insurance committee had kept him busy. He was objecting, he said, as early as he could. The Page contention is that the corporation commission should not appoint tax assessors on recommendation of any other than county

authorities who know well the capabilities of the aspiring assessors. The Moore representative objected to the amended system of Messrs. Doughton and Chatham because no one man, he thought, could know enough about all sorts of property to pass intelligently upon it. The three combination could. Page had the controverted section, No. 14, beaten but whether it will stay put is another story.  
 Williams Saves Yadkin.  
 Representative Williams of Yadkin appealed to the majority to defeat the Hanes and Mickle proposition to cut down the most palatable part of the Yadkin cake, Little Yadkin township, and give it to Forsyth.  
 The figure isn't justified by political terms which take note of Little Yadkin's democracy while the mother is republican. It happens to be one of the best townships otherwise. Neither does the presence of about 10,000 gallons of the Glenn Williams liquor, ten or more years old, furnish the eloquent inspiration of Williams. He is opposed to that liquor and was one of the hottest advocates of the anti-jug law. He is a prohibitionist whom prohibition prohibits.  
 Williams won on his appeal to fairness. The Forsyth boys had a fine talking proposition. They have a close county and need Little Yadkin. The great mother radical could spare the wayward child. But Mr. Williams did not care anything about the few democrats leaving. He wanted them to stay and help him to carry that \$200,000 bond election. He will need them and then some they say.  
 This appeal struck Grier of Iredell and Bynum of Chatham, men who were not willing to see a struggling little county deprived of one eleventh of its wealth and territory to add to Forsyth, a land flowing with milk and honey, and a place in which no man of brains hungers between the bursting bee hive and the overflowing creamery. These democrats helped Williams to beat the hostility of the Forsyth boys.

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to levy special tax.  
 Amend the charter of Hayesville, Clay county.  
 Amend the law as to Old Fort graded school district.  
 Specify terms of office for Madison county commissioners and appoint additional members.  
 Provide for road improvement in Haywood county.  
 President Daughtridge announced that the local calendar was exhausted and the senate took up the revenue bill, completing the consideration of this ready for the second reading with roll call vote to be taken Friday.  
 The state-wide fish bill providing for a fish commission and appropriating \$10,000 for the operation of the new machinery, came up and was passed after much discussion.  
 The House.  
 The committee on banking reported favorably the bill to allow eight per cent interest under written contracts to this effect. This is after the joint committee in finance and on banking had on Tuesday afternoon voted almost unanimously for an unfavorable report avoided urgent requests that they file minority favorable report to give the bill a standing on the floor of the house.  
 A bill came from the committee on manufactures with unfavorable report that would require that employees of hosiery mills be paid at least semi-monthly.  
 New bills were introduced as follows:  
 Muse—Curtail expenditures for public printing.  
 McRae—Require contractors to give bonds for street and road work.  
 Weaver—Amend the law relative to roads.  
 Upchurch—Regulate the seizure of vehicle used in connection with distilleries.  
 Washington—Regulate the manning of switch engines.  
 Mallett—Allow married women to testify in cases of slander against husbands.  
 White—Prevent immoral practices in hotels and lodging houses.  
 Dixon—Relative to liability contracts.  
 Bills passed final reading as follows:  
 Amend the charter of Hendersonville.  
 Authorize special taxes in Jackson county.  
 Authorize bonds by Hot Springs.  
 Allow Macon county commissioners

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charter of Rutherfordton.  
 Eure—Compel electric and gas companies to show readings of meters.  
 Phillips—Provide finance committee for Mitchell county.  
 Leyton—Appoint finance committee for Yancey county.  
 Valentine—Provide for the improvement of Hendersonville public bonds.  
 Noland—Amend the charter of Waynesville.  
 Doughton—Amend the bill relating to sheriffs an dtax collectors.  
 Faircloth—Amend the law as to active members of the National Guard.

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**OFFICERS HAVE RETURNED AFTER TRIP TO RALEIGH**

**County Officers Entered Protest as to Features of Machinery Bill, Regarding Taxes.**

County Tax Collector B. A. Patton, Collector J. E. Swain and Commissioner R. D. Buckner, who left here several days ago for Raleigh to protest against certain features of the

machinery bill, which had been introduced in the general assembly returned last night. All of the county officers seem to be well pleased with the results of the trip they made and stated that the representatives from this county would do all possible to have Buncombe county and other western counties exempted from paying their taxes on the third Monday in January, as the new machinery bill provides.  
 It is believed that if the present systems of paying the taxes on the first Monday in May is changed in the western counties, a great hardship will be worked on the people of this section. The officers who returned last night seem confident that some provision will be made for the western counties when the machinery bill comes up before the legislature.

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