

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

HON. F. M. SIMMONS RENOMINATED FOR U. S. SENATE.

Mr. T. W. Bickett's Lobby Bill Passes House by a Large Majority—No Important Acts yet Enacted into Law.

The Supplement sent out with the TIMES last week to its county readers contained the opening proceedings of the legislature, together with the Governor's Message, in full, and much other valuable reading.

The various committees have been named, and both bodies are now in working order, most of the work, so far, having been done by committees.

Our representative, Mr. Bickett, is Chairman of the committee on Insane Asylums, one of the most important in the House. He is also on the following committees: Judiciary, Education, Appropriations, and probably others. As predicted in these columns Mr. Bickett is taking an active part in legislation.

Up to date no very important bills have passed. At the Democratic caucus on Tuesday night Hon. F. M. Simmons was unanimously renominated to succeed himself as United States Senator. He will be formally elected next Tuesday. The Republicans will cast their votes for Spencer B. Adams.

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week the House of Representatives indulged in a spirited debate on the bill introduced by our representative, Mr. Bickett, requiring all parties employed to oppose or promote legislation to register their names and the names of the parties employing them in a book in the office of the Secretary of State. The bill passed the House by a large majority. Mr. Bickett made a speech in advocacy of the bill and we note among other things he said:

"The purpose of this bill is clearly set forth in its title. Its underlying principle is that in all matters pertaining to the public there should be publicity. The bill in no way reflects upon the honorable man who is employed to go before a committee and make known his employment. It is introduced to put out of commission and send forever to the rear that smooth and smiling gentleman, that self appointed guardian of the State, or custodian of the interest of the party, who year by year haunts the lobbies and corridors of this capitol with "PRO BONO PUBLICO" on his lips and "E PLURIBUS UNUM" in his pockets. The bill does not abridge the rights of the citizen to talk. He can talk forever and no one can hinder. 'The fox may still bark, the lion roar and the ass bray,' but the bill requires that each shall do so in his own proper skin."

Quarterly Conference.

Rev. R. B. John the new Presiding Elder for this district, held his first Quarterly Conference, and preached two excellent sermons at the Methodist church on Sunday last. We believe this is his first visit to this place and we trust that his impressions of us are as favorable as those he himself made. If this be so nothing more could be desired.

Teachers Association.

The Teachers' Association of Franklin county was in session last Saturday with the usual large attendance. Miss Mamie Griggs, of Atlanta, gave an hour's talk on the study of drawing in the public schools, illustrating on the black board. She is quite a talented artist herself and the discussion was exceedingly interesting.

The greater part of the session was taken up in the discussion of the course of study recently sent out by the State Superintendent.

Reports were made from the va-

rious public schools as to enrollment and attendance. A good number made special reports of improvements in houses and equipment. New libraries were reported for Rock Spring School in Harris Township, Miss Ouida Tucker, teacher, and Wheelers School in Cypress Creek, Miss Bessie Woodlief, teacher. The next session will be held Saturday, Feby. 9th.

The committee appointed to select a suitable present for Superintendent White, which the Teachers desired to present him as a mark of their esteem made their report, and the present selected was delivered to him at the meeting last Saturday. It was a beautiful and costly watch fob, with gold locket, upon which was inscribed the following: "Presented to R. B. White by the Teachers Association of Franklin county, N. C. Dec. 1906."

Death of Mr. E. B. Thomas.

The writer feels sure that all the readers of THE TIMES will join in expressions of sympathy to its editor who is now in Raleigh attending the funeral in the death of his father which occurred in Franklinton on Tuesday morning last at the home of a relative whom he was visiting. His death however, had been expected for some time, as the nature of the disease from which he was suffering for a man of his years (87) could not be hoped to prove otherwise than fatal. He had numbers of friends in Louisburg, made during his visits here and was well known for his deep piety and bright christian experience. He was also an enthusiastic Mason and devoted to the principles of that order which he so beautifully exemplified in his own life. The following account is taken from the News-Observer, of Wednesday:

There passed away yesterday in Franklinton near the ripe old age of eighty-seven, Mr. E. B. Thomas, of this city, a well known and beloved man. His death was unexpected and came as a great shock, occurring while he was on a visit to a relative in Franklinton, Mr. B. F. Cooke, whose wife was a step-daughter-in-law of Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Thomas was born in Wake in the month of March, 1820, and nearing his eighty-seventh birthday was until some time ago in excellent health. A stroke of paralysis several months ago still further added to his weakness, but he was only taken seriously ill ten days ago while in Franklinton.

In Raleigh Mr. Thomas was a well known citizen with many friends. He taught school in Raleigh and Wake county for about forty years, and many of Raleigh's well aged citizens were his pupils. He was an ardent Mason, a member of Hiram Lodge, of Raleigh, having been initiated in 1863. He was a zealous and devoted member of the Methodist church his membership being at Central Methodist church, from which his funeral will take at eleven o'clock this morning, to be conducted by the pastor, Rev. L. B. Jones, assisted by Rev. G. T. Adams, of Durham, a former pastor. The interment will be in Oakwood cemetery with Masonic honors. The remains, accompanied by relatives and friends among these a number of Masons, will reach here this morning on the Seaboard Air Line "shootly" at 10:15.

Mr. Thomas is survived by his third wife, formerly Mrs. Ruth Moore of Wake. His first wife was Miss Nancy Spikes, of Wake, and his second Mrs. Sarah Harts, of Fayetteville. His surviving children are Mrs. J. H. Lockamy, of Norfolk; Messrs. W. G. and H. L. Thomas, of Raleigh; Mr. J. A. Thomas, of Louisburg, editor of the FRANKLIN TIMES, and Mrs. N. W. Hatch, of Millbrook. In the grief which has come the entire family have the deep sympathy of many friends.

Mr. J. J. Barrow and Mr. D. C. High went from Louisburg to attend the funeral.

MASS MEETING CALLED.

TO PASS UPON THE QUESTION OF GOOD ROADS.

Representative T. W. Bickett Requests the People to Assemble En Masse Tuesday of Court Week, January 22.

TO THE PEOPLE OF FRANKLIN COUNTY.

A number of citizens have asked me to draw a bill authorizing the county to issue bonds in the sum of one hundred thousand dollars or more for the purpose of building a system of good roads in the county. Personally I am decidedly in favor of such a bill. There can be no general prosperity in the county in the absence of good roads. The question, however, would have to be submitted to a vote of the people, and I do not want to put the county to the expense of holding this election unless there is a reasonable prospect of the plan being adopted.

I suggest therefore that the people hold a mass meeting in Louisburg on Tuesday of Court week, January 22, and try to ascertain the state of public opinion on the question. I shall be governed entirely by the wishes of the people in the matter.

Yours truly,
T. W. BICKETT.

Louisburg Wagon Company.

The TIMES desires to call the attention of our readers, and especially those who wish to invest their money in a paying HOME INDUSTRY, to the advertisement elsewhere in this issue, of the Louisburg Wagon Company. The Company as only been organized about one year, and the fact that a dividend of 25 per cent was declared at its meeting on January 2, is evidence sufficient to prove that it is getting along well and is being well officered. Seeing the need of more capital the directors decided to increase the stock, and are now offering a few shares at par—50.00 per share. The editor of the TIMES believing it to be an all right HOME ENTERPRISE, takes pleasure in commending it as a safe one in which to take stock.

Lee Memorial Services.

TO THE PUBLIC:
The Joseph J. Davis Chapter of the U. D. C. invite you most cordially to be present at the Lee Memorial Services to be held in the Court House on Saturday the 19th, at 12 m. We earnestly request every Veteran to come and hear Judge Cook's address on that occasion and sincerely hope that each member of the Chapter will come to the Court House at half past eleven, when seats will be assigned the D. C. in a body and each lady is asked to wear her Confederate badge.

Mrs. J. S. BARROW, Pres.
Mrs. R. H. Davis, Sec.

PROGRAMME:

Prayer by Rev. L. S. Massey.
Hymn, "How Firm a Foundation."
Reading, "Gen. Lee's Farewell Address to the Confederate Army," by Miss May Jones.
Song, "Come Unto Me."
Recitation by Miss May.
Address on the Life and Character of Gen. Robert E. Lee, by Judge C. M. Cooke.
Hymn by Choir.
Benediction.

Honor Roll.

The following is the honor roll of Gatesville school:
First Grade—Mary Howard, Lutie Boone, Lucile Wheelers, Annie Turpage, Tempie Vaughan.
Second Grade—Bessie Harper, Bettie Wilder.
Third Grade—Minnie Boone, Stephen Sykes, Elijah Wheelers.
Fourth Grade—Blanche Sykes,

Burtis Boone, Frank Hollingsworth. Fifth Grade—Pearlie Hollingsworth, Nan Hines, Bennie Wheelers. Sixth Grade—Idolene Culpepper, Nena Wilder, Blonnie Wheelers.

Franklin Superior Court.

The January term of Franklin Superior Court will convene next Monday. Hon. J. C. Biggs of Durham, one of the new judges, will preside. It will be his first appearance on the bench. He bears the reputation of being an able lawyer, and those who know him well pronounce him to be a man of judicial temperament. He will be met with quite a large criminal docket, as Clerk of the Superior Court Barrow informs us that up to yesterday there was over sixty cases already on the state docket and that there will probably be a few more sent up by the Justices between now and Monday.

Person-Andrews.

A marriage took place in Raleigh on Wednesday in which quite a number of our people were interested, the contracting parties being Mr. William M. Person, brother of our townsman Mr. W. M. Person, and Miss Mary Andrews, daughter of Mr. Phil H. Andrews, and a niece of Col. A. B. Andrews. Those who attended from Louisburg were Mr. S. P. Boddie and wife, Mrs. B. B. Perry, and Messrs. W. M. Person and A. W. Person. The bride has often visited Louisburg and has many friends here. The groom in a graduate of the A. & M. College and also of Lehigh University. They will make their home in Maryland.

Guard Your Tongue.

Every time the closet of your neighbor is opened a little do you strain your neck to peep, and then afterward strain your tongue in talking about it? Do you ever stop to think that some day a tragedy may take up its abode in your home? Can't you get it into your head that some day the tongue of slander may out you like a sharp sword and the whispers of your neighbors be as vinegar on your wounds? Misfortune and disgrace may have overtaken your neighbor but it does not become you to get on the housetops and shout it out to the world. You will not be called upon to pay for nor answer for any of the sins of your neighbor. You have all you can tend to to pay for your own indiscretions. Some day one near and dear to you may fall—the prison walls may open to a son or the scarlet letter of eternity blight a daughter. When a home is in mourning over a tragedy the best thing you can do is to keep your mouth shut unless you can say something that will come as a rift in the clouds. Then again, you know you may be no better than your neighbor. The only difference is that your neighbor was caught and you, up-to-date, have kept the sunlight away. Be charitable, my friend, for you know not the day nor the hour when the blight will appear in your sacred circle.

Look After the Home.

One of the fashionable sins of the present time is the sin of idleness. This may not apply to the "club ladies" of our town, but this evil exists to an alarming extent, especially so in larger cities, where competent ladies fit away time as if there were no claims upon them in busy parts of life. There are persons whom the stress of circumstances compel to work, but the work is too often done under protest. There is a growing distaste for housekeeping. While all honest labor is honorable there is nothing more so than the care of the home.

THE MOVING PEOPLE.

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

And Those Who Come and Go, Some for Pleasure, Some for Business and a Large Number Because They Like It.

Representative Bickett spent Sunday at home here.

Mr. D. F. McKinne and wife are visiting in Johnston.

Mr. F. S. Spruill made a professional visit to Raleigh this week.

Mr. J. A. Haskins, of Oxford, is visiting his sister, Mrs. H. T. Beasley.

Mr. J. L. Palmer and Miss Sallie Upperman went to Richmond this week.

Mrs. J. H. Lockamy, of Norfolk, is visiting her brother Mr. J. A. Thomas.

Misses Marguerite and Julia Bowen, of Jackson, N. C., are visiting Mrs. S. P. Boddie.

Miss Mattie Hester returned this week from a visit to Durham and South Boston.

His many friends were glad to see George W. Hayes, of Richmond, in town this week.

Mrs. F. S. Spruill, Miss Martha Byrd and Master Frank spent Wednesday in Raleigh.

Mrs. W. R. Timberlake left this week to spend some time in the western part of the State.

Mr. R. O. Bissett returned Wednesday from Raleigh, where he attended the marriage of his niece, Miss Lola Uzzell, daughter of Mr. E. M. Uzzell, to Mr. J. L. Gill, a popular young man of Wake county.

Stand Up for Your Town.

If you have made up your mind to live in a town, then stand up for it, and if you know positively no good, then silence is golden. Do all you can to help along every man who is engaged in legitimate business. Do not send away for everything nice you want and still expect the home men to keep a stock to suit the whim of one or two customers. The success of your fellow townsmen will be your success. No man liveth to himself and no man does business independently of his fellow business men. Take your home paper. Do not imagine the big dailies fill up all the space. There are many little crevices of good cheer, social sunshine, personal mention, in the home paper that the big dailies do not print. Then do not abuse your neighbor. The main difference in the number of his faults and your own is that you see through a magnifying glass as a critic. The ill omened, the croaker, can do a town more harm in a minute than two good citizens can repair in a month.

The Truth Hurts.

A preacher came at a newspaper man in this way: You editors do not tell the truth. If you did you could not live; your newspapers would be a failure. The editor replied: "You are right and the minister who will at all times, and under all circumstances tell the whole truth about his members, alive or dead, will not occupy his pulpit more than one Sunday, and then he will find it necessary to leave town in a hurry. The press and the pulpit go hand in hand with whitewash brushes and pleasant words, magnifying little virtues into big ones. The pulpit, the pen and the grave stone are the great saint-making triumvirate." And the great minister went away looking very thoughtful while the editor turned to his work, and told of the unsurpassed beauty of the bride, while in fact she was as homely as a mud fence.

More Porkers.
Mr. J. O. Green reports 19 hogs killed last week, the total weight of which was 4,226 pounds.

W. R. Bunn reports five as follows: 160, 168, 275, 305, 333.

He Cannot Forget.

The old man may not recall all the experiences, all the struggles and triumphs of his early manhood, but every feature of his childhood home, every little play-house that he helped his sister to build, is a photograph on his heart's tablet and can never fade away. Perhaps the golden light of eternity will not dim the brightness of that picture. What she the heart may forget, it cannot forget the place of its birth; it cannot forget the little broken cart, the sled and kite, the sister's fond caress, the brother's generous aid, the father's counsel, the mother's anxious prayers.

Night Prowling.

There is no doubt but that a large per cent of the degradation, disgrace, ruin and crime among the young, springs from the habit of night prowling, corner loafing and kindred acts by both sexes in city, town and hamlet all over this broad country. Any person who keeps his or her eyes open knows this. Hundreds of boys and girls are out at night, and we all know that many influences for evil and none for good surround them continually. A curfew restriction may be derided as old-fashioned and Puritanical, but the fact remains that there is vastly less night prowling in towns that have a curfew ordinance and enforce it.

The Editor Needs Your Aid.

It is little use for the local editor to waste his lungs and sprain his spine in trying to boom a town when the citizens all stand around with their hands in their pockets and indifferently wait for something to turn up. If the capitalist or business men do not put their shoulders to the wheel and do a little boosting it is useless for the editor to try and boom things. He can write "boom" articles till he gets bald headed, but if the citizens themselves do not take hold and push, the town will forever stick in the mud. Of what use is it for the local paper to suggest improvements and new enterprises if the suggestions are never acted upon? One man cannot boom a town. It requires the concerted action of the citizens. When one man shoulders a town and attempts to carry it they are always a lot of cranky kickers ready to jump on top of a load. Unity of action is what knocks.

An exchange says that alcohol will remove grass stains from summer clothes. The exchange is right. It will also remove summer clothes and also spring and winter clothes not only from the man who drinks it, but also from his wife and children. It will remove household furniture from the house and stables from the pantry; the smile from the face of his wife, and the happiness of his home. As a remover of things alcohol has his equals.

The young men whose pockets are filled with cigarette wrappers, match sticks, finger nail cleaners, miniature sailing irons, looking glass, etc., and have their mother-in-law's pants every day, are not the ones who will make promising husbands. The pockets of those who are helping to make the country bloom and causing blades of grass to grow where God planted but one, will be found filled with barbed wire staples, and different sizes of nails and screws. These are the boys the girls had better look after.