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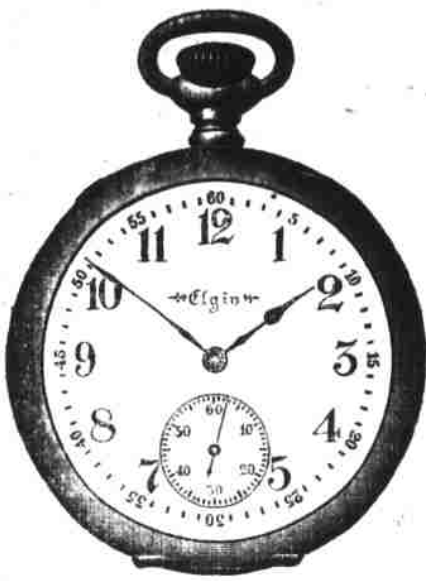
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OLD FOLK GLEANINGS.

A Sojourn in West Virginia in the Sixties—An Old Veteran Favors a Bill to Relieve Veterans of Taxation—News Items.
Correspondence of The Robesonian.

What a blessing it in these cold icy days to have plenty of good oak wood, and fatlightwood, with tarry splinters, which are ready to blaze up with a touch. This is one among few luxuries which the country folks yet enjoy and which we have free of expense, save for the cutting and hauling. I once spent a winter in South West Virginia, in the Squire's native home; the weather was intensely cold up in those mountains, and I was in despair, when I found that nothing akin to lightwood was known in that country, and wood was the sole dependence for fires. It was before kerosene oil had come into common use, and I speculated at first, as to how they would start fires; but after the first day or so, the problem was solved. The generous fire places were kept filled with wood, and late in the evening, were heaped with logs to their full capacity, which furnished by morning a bed of glowing coals upon which a hand-full of dry oak, or hickory chips being thrown, were soon fanned to a cheerful blaze, and I soon grew accustomed to the absence of pine wood, so far as warmth was concerned, but always missed the cheerful glow of the ruddy light after night fall. On that visit, which was during the latter 60's, I met a brother of our gallant Confederate Cavalry General, J. E. B. Stuart, and saw the beautiful grey horse, from which the brave owner was shot and killed. I also passed through Saltville, in Washington county and saw the natural salt works, made famous during the war, for the manufacture of much of the salt used in the Southern States. The Yankees made several futile attempts to capture these important works, and as I passed along, I saw a dismantled cannon, and other vestiges of a battle fought near by.

In those days that section of country was comparatively undeveloped. Railroads almost unknown, and the face of the country so rough and rugged, as to make travel very uncomfortable, and almost dangerous. The roads admitted of no vehicles less sturdy than wagons, and I was told there was not a buggy in the country. I am quite sure I saw none, and I rode 30 miles on horse back from the depot in one day, and over a mountain at that, with my fourteen month's old baby girl in my arms, a feat I have often wondered at since that time. But the scenery was beautiful even in mid-winter, the majestic mountain peaks, vast gorges, precipitous rocks, and the bold, rushing little streams, with water clear as crystal, tumbling along over the rocks, and showing beds covered with tiny pebbles, while the rich verdure of spruce pine and cedar peeped out along the mountain side, from their glistening white garments of snow and ice.

Well, I have wandered off into the long ago, which is far more interesting to me, I dare say, than to your readers, whom I hope may excuse an old lady's digression.

Local items hereabouts are very meager this week, I guess the cold weather is keeping folks in-doors.

The Squire is improving some, but not so rapidly as we would wish. Mr. David Stubbs also is better.

Miss Kate Hamer, of Rowland, is at present visiting friends and relatives in the Forks.

Mr. N. McCall, of McCall, S. C., was in this section Saturday afternoon on business.

Miss Maud Stuart, of John Station, spent some days last week with her uncle, Mr. Donald Stuart and family.

I had a message from an old veteran recently, to the effect that he wanted me to write a letter to the county representatives in the Legislature requesting them to introduce a bill relieving the veterans of taxation. I would be glad of such an instance, which would tend to give a good help to the old folks, and I would also carry the assurance

to their poor old hearts that their services to the country had finally met with deserved recognition from their countrymen. The Pension bill, while its intentions are good, is yet bound up by such rigid restrictions as to benefit only a very few, whereas in my humble opinion every survivor of the "Lost Cause"—during the brief remainder of their lives—merit some degree of reward from their common country.

"Aunt Becky."

Work of the Legislature.

A bill was introduced in the Senate Monday to prevent the manufacture and sale of adulterated paint. Also to increase number of judicial districts to 20, making increase of four judges and four solicitors.

The bill of Graham defining the rights of passengers in entering and leaving cars and requiring railroads to provide suitable arrangements for steps, was discussed and laid on the table.

In the House Monday bills were introduced: To require banks holding deposits of State to pay interest thereon: Bills passed final reading to empower town constables to execute process as other officers; to extend the time for committing, compromising and settling the State debt; to appropriate \$20,000 additional for Jamestown Exposition.

The most important bill introduced is that of Koonce, of Onslow, regarding fire insurance, and that of Gordon, of Guilford, regarding railway passenger fare and baggage. One of Koonce's bills provides that when fire insurance companies demand from a policyholder a decrease of risk, a like decrease in the rate shall follow his other bill, rebates to the co-insurance clause in policies and practically prohibits this provision. Gordon's bill provides for a maximum passenger fare rate of 2 1/2 cents on all roads where the gross earnings per mile reported in 1905 amounted to \$1,400, and allows 200 pounds of baggage for each passenger. On all roads where the earnings in 1905 were less than \$1,400 per mile the maximum rate is fixed at 3 cents. The bill further provides for separate cars for the two races, but for only one class of fare. The corporation commission is given authority to reduce fares at any time when such necessity is fully established, after hearing before it.

The following bills were introduced in the Senate Tuesday: To provide for the erection of a fireproof building for the State library and the great collection of relics in the Hall of History; To increase the power of minority stockholders in electing boards of directors of corporations; To erect on the site or the present agricultural building and Supreme Court building, a building containing suitable offices for the executive and judicial departments, State museum and hall of history and records.

A bill passed third reading to require high schools and colleges having fifty or more boarding pupils to have a night watchman.

Bills passed final reading: To amend the Revisal regarding license of attorneys by requiring applicants to give certificates of good moral character and prove this to the satisfaction of the courts.

To allow full pension for loss of an arm and a leg.

The general bill for the relief of sheriffs and tax collectors allowing them to collect back taxes.

To give the corporation commission authority to compel railroads to provide depots or stations in less than five miles of each other in certain cases.

To permit cities and towns to condemn lands for cemeteries under certain conditions.

A report has been asked on the following bill:

"Section 1—That the department of agriculture, immigration and statistics prepare and keep for distribution all necessary information as to mines, fisheries, soils, climates, waters, water powers, fisheries, non-mineral industries and all other such information as may be best adapted to advertise attractions and advantages which North Carolina affords to immigrants, and a small make illustrative the exposition

thereof whenever practical in this or foreign countries.

"Section 2—That said department shall be authorized in the interest of desirable immigration to employ agents at such points in this or any foreign country, as it may deem expedient or desirable.

"Section 3—That the agent or agents herein authorized be empowered to make such arrangements with steamship companies and emigration agencies that we have in our country and abroad as may best serve the interests of our people in bringing desirable immigration to the State. Necessary expenditures being made within the annual appropriation herein provided for this purpose; provided, nothing herein shall prohibit said agent or agents acting without fee as agent of such citizens of the State as through the department of agriculture, immigration and statistics, who wish to meet the excess expenses of bringing desirable immigrants for their farm or other lands or for any industrial purpose of whatever nature.

"Section 4—That the board of agriculture is hereby empowered and directed to set aside from the funds of the department, for expenses and the conduct of this division of its work, \$10,000 annually.

"Section 5—That efforts to secure immigrants shall be confined to the United States and abroad to persons of Anglo-Saxon, Teutonic or Celtic origin.

"Section 6—That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification."

Laughinghouse asked leave to introduce a bill, saying it had been prepared by the corporation commission in answer to the following letter signed by fifty members of the House:

"You are requested to inform us what additional powers you deem it necessary the Legislature should confirm upon you for the more efficient discharge of your duties and to submit the same in the shape of a statute, supplementary to the law creating your commission."

The following is the text of the bill:

"That Section 1066 of the Revisal be amended by adding: 'And to require all transportation and transmission companies to establish and maintain all such public service facilities as may be reasonably just.'

Sec 8. That Section 1907 of the Revisal be amended by adding: 'To require when practicable and when the necessities of the traveling public in the judgment of the commission, demand that any railroad in this State shall install and operate one or more passenger trains and also require any two or more railways intersecting to make connections at such points, provided no such order shall be made unless the business of the road justified it. The commission is, from time to time, to carefully examine into and inspect the condition of each road, equipment and management regarding public safety and convenience, and if found unsafe the commission to at once notify and require the company to make repairs.

Sec 3. That Section 1096 of the Revisal be amended by inserting after the word 'transmission' the words 'and delivery,' and after the word 'telegraph' the word 'company,' and by striking out the remaining part of said section and inserting: 'And to make just and reasonable rates for telephone rentals and furnishing telephonic communications by any company or corporation.

Sec 4. That Section 1110 of the Revisal be amended by inserting after the word person in the first line the word or community and by inserting after the word discrimination in the second line the words or unjust and unreasonable rate, and by adding to the section: 'The corporation commission shall have authority to employ counsel whenver any of its judgment is necessary and counsel so employed shall be paid any such fee as may be agreed upon by them and approved by the Governor.

Sec 5. That said section 1110 of the Revisal, be amended by striking out the word 'person' and inserting the word 'community'.

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