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## LEGISLATURE MEETS

### WEDNESDAY.

North Carolina General Assembly convenes Wednesday for a session of 60 days—Important Legislation Expected—Proposed Local Legislation.

The North Carolina General Assembly convenes Wednesday for its regular biennial session of 60 days. More than the usual interest will center about this Legislature, for it is expected that legislation of more than usual importance will be enacted.

The most important law this Legislature will be asked to make will be to provide for a school term of six months. Also it will be asked to provide for compulsory education between the ages of 6 and 12 or 15 years. Besides these two important matters, a State-wide primary law is proposed, reform in our system of assessing property for taxation, child labor and health legislation, a blanket form of commission government for towns and cities, the Torrens system of registering land titles.

In addition to keen interest in the matters mentioned above and other general legislation, the people of Robeson county feel most interest, perhaps, in what sort of road law will be given the county this time. The past several Legislatures have been asked to change the road law for this county, and each time it has been found unsatisfactory. The present road law, passed by the Legislature in 1911, has come in for the usual amount of kicks and, like its immediate predecessors, it will probably be relegated to the scrap pile by this Legislature and a new law enacted. Township meetings have been called to a county meeting to be held at the court house in Lumberton on the 13th inst., when the county's representatives in the Legislature will be present to learn the will of the sovereign people.

After the road law there are several things in which the people of Robeson are interested. There has been some talk of a recorder's court for the county—in fact all the candidates for the Senate expressed themselves in favor of a recorder's court for the county, and Senator McLeod will advocate a measure providing for such a court. There has been some talk, too, of providing for the election of the county superintendent of public instruction by the people.

Robeson's county officers were placed on a salary basis by the last Legislature and so far as has been observed the new plan is giving satisfaction and there is no desire on the part of the people to change. A change back to the fee system would be going backward, of course—marching up the hill only to march down again. The office of county superintendent of health was created by the last Legislature and it has met with general favor. It is perhaps the most important office in the county—certainly it can be made worth more to the county than any other two offices—and it is presumed that no change will be made there.

There is strong sentiment throughout the county against creating any new offices for Robeson.

Ex-Sheriff Geo. B. McLeod, of Lumberton, Robeson's representative in the Upper House of the Legislature, will leave for Raleigh this evening. The county's representatives in the Lower House are Mr. H. C. McNair of Maxton and Dr. B. F. McMillan of Red Springs.

### In the Mayor's Court.

John Broadway, colored, was taxed \$5 and costs in the mayor's court this morning by Mayor Pro Tem. James Proctor for a display of insolence at the Seaboard station last evening just as passenger train No. 39 was coming in. Mr. Badger McLeod, who was leaving for Staunton, Va., to resume his studies at Staunton Military Academy after the holidays, was in haste to get to the baggage room. The negro blocked the way and would not budge. Badger shoved him aside and Broadway raised a stick to strike. Badger's father, ex-Sheriff G. B. McLeod, grabbed the stick and called an officer. The negro would not get out of the way when Chief Redfern told him to and was inclined to be heap big muck-muck. That did not suit the officer and Broadway was locked up to think it over till this morning. It did not come out on trial, but it is understood that the thing that had the most soothing effect on Broadway was a pistol with which he was confronted in the hands of Mr. Alf. H. McLeod, who had just arrived on the Raleigh & Charleston train, on which he was relieving Conductor King, and so of course he had a perfect right to have the gun; and Mr. McLeod helped arrest the negro.

Mr. C. M. Proctor returned Thursday from Atlanta, Ga., where he purchased a car-load of mules for his sales stables.

## SEVERE WIND STORM

A Gale Sweeps Atlantic Coast States and Does Much Damage to Property—Small Damage in Lumberton.

A south-west gale swept the Atlantic Coast States Friday with great fury. In its path it left much damage to shipping and property and crippled wire communication. Storm warnings were displayed on the Atlantic from Eastport Me., to Wilmington, this State. A Washington dispatch of the 3d states that Newport News, Norfolk and Richmond suffered the heaviest damage from the storm. Shipping at Newport News was considerably damaged, roofs of dwellings were lifted and the city cut off from communication with the outside world part of the day. Norfolk suffered some property damage and demoralization of wires and much damage was done to property. The gale was so terrific at Newport News that the water from the James river surged up into the lower streets of the city with the violence of a tidal wave.

Damage amounting to several thousand dollars was done in Durham, confined to glass in the windows of homes and business houses, roofs and telephone lines.

Locally the wind rose about 4:30 a. m. and continued to blow a stiff gale all day. Those who happened to be awake in the early morning hours or who were awakened by the violence of the wind were uneasy as to what might happen. Some signs were blown down, some awnings were whipped to pieces, part of a box-ball alley in rear of the postoffice was blown down, one of the smokestacks at the power plant was broken off near the top, the damage being slight; and the wind did other minor capers. Some long distance telephone lines were put out of business, but all have been repaired and are in working order except the line from Lumberton to St. Paul, and it is expected that that will be put in shape today.

President Taft Makes Funeral Oration Over His Own Political Corpse.

New York Dispatch, 4th. President Taft, presided here tonight at what he styled his own "political wake." He made the funeral oration over his political corpse; asked modest praise for the deeds that he did while he lived in the White House; recited at length the cause that led to his "demise," and attacked the enemies he held responsible for his taking off.

The President was the only speaker at the Republican "re-organization" dinner, given at the Waldorf-Astoria, to more than 1,000 Republicans from all over the country. He spoke for more than an hour. His defense of his administration was the legislative results it had produced; his reply to personal criticism was that he had been more misunderstood than blame-worthy. His attacks upon his political opponents—confined almost exclusively to the Progressives—was not bitter, but sorrowful.

In spite of all the misrepresentations, the unrest, the present-day desire for change, the President said, he saw in the future a return to the old ideas of government, the awakening of the people to an understanding that social changes must be made slowly and with sure steps. He closed with an appeal to Republicans who left the party to return and join hands with the millions who remained faithful.

In the course of his speech, the President made his first public reference to Colonel Roosevelt since the close of the campaign, asserting that probably one million voters, normally Republican, cast their ballots for Mr. Wilson, "in order to avert the danger of Mr. Roosevelt's election."

### A Score of Lives Lost in Chesapeake Bay.

Newport News, Va., Dispatch, 4th.

Eight survivors of the Julian Luckenbach, rammed and sunk in Chesapeake Bay early yesterday by the British tramp Indrakula, arrived here today and told of how 22 of their number had gone down without a chance for life. The fortunate eight of the crew were taken from the rigging of their sunken ship by the Danish steamer Pennsylvania and brought here.

The Luckenbach, from Port Tampa to Baltimore, was about to anchor off the Tangier gas buoy, at the mouth of the Potomac, early yesterday when the Indrakula caught her and cut her practically in two. She went down immediately and only the men on deck had a chance for life. The Indrakula, badly damaged and in danger of sinking, drew off and beached to save herself. Captain Gilbert of the Luckenbach and his wife were among the lost.

### Foils a Foul Plot.

When a shameful plot exists between liver and bowels to cause distress by refusing to act, take Dr. King's New Life Pills, and end such abuse of your system. They gently compel right action of stomach, liver and bowels, and restore your health and all good feelings. 25c at all druggists.

## FARMERS' AND WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

Premiums Offered for Best Loaf of Bread and Best Five Ears of Corn—Farmers and Their Wives, Sons and Daughters Urged to Help Make the Institutes Worth While.

In Thursday's paper was published dates of farmers' institutes which will be held this month in Robeson and nearby counties under the direction of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. Several institutes are to be held in this county next week and Mr. J. A. McAllister of Lumberton and other well-known farmers are particularly anxious that they be made as successful as possible and that the attendance be large. The following from Mr. T. B. Parker, director of institutes, will be found of especial interest:

"Please announce that farmers' and women's institutes will be held in your section as per below. Also please announce that a premium of a year's subscription to a good magazine will be given the girl or woman living on the farm who will bake and exhibit the best loaf of bread, the following rules to be observed:

"Bought or home made yeast may be used, but bread made by the 'salt-rising' process will not be awarded a premium; nor will bread scoring less than 75 points, out of a possible 100 points for perfect bread, be given a premium. The following score card will be used: Flavor, 35 points; lightness, 15 points; grain and texture, 20 points; crust-color, depth and texture, 10 points; crumb—color and moisture, 10 points; shape and size, 10 points; total 100 points. Size of pan recommended, 7½x2½x3½ inches.

"We will also offer a prize of one year's subscription to a good agricultural journal to the farmer exhibiting the five best ears of corn. Also a year's subscription to an agricultural journal to the boy under 17 years old who exhibits the highest scoring 5 ears of corn. However, no award will be made unless the exhibit is meritorious and worthy of a premium.

"To win either of the above premiums care must be taken in selecting the five ears of corn. The ears should be of uniform length, that is, all of them practically of the same length; uniform in size; in shape, size and color of grain; in color of cob, either all of the cobs in an exhibit red or all of them white. The corn must be sound and considered good seed corn, and well filled at the tips and butts of the ears.

"We want the farmers, their wives, sons and daughters to come out to the institutes and make them worth while. To get the most out of them they need to show their interest by asking questions of the speakers, and giving their own experience along lines of the discussion.

"I will very much appreciate it if you will urge your farmer friends to attend. Get them to take their families and go prepared to spend the day. The institute belongs to them and it is their privilege to get the most out of them.

"T. B. PARKER, State Director of Institutes.

### Dates of Institutes.

For the first party:  
January 13—Lumber Bridge.  
January 14—Red Springs.  
January 15—John Station.  
January 16—Lumberton.  
January 17—Dublin.  
January 18—St. Paul.  
January 20—Wrightsboro.  
January 21—Burgaw.  
January 22—Battleboro.  
January 23—Fairmont.  
January 24—Chadbourn.  
January 25—Tabor.

Making Ready for Inauguration of Locke Craig As Governor.

Raleigh News and Observer, 4th.

Rapid work is now to be done by the citizens of Raleigh to make the inauguration of Hon. Locke Craig as Governor a notable event, one worthy of the capital city and of the distinguished man who is for the next four years to be at the head of the State administration.

Steps were taken yesterday to put into practical shape plans for the inauguration exercises to be held on Wednesday, the fifteenth of January, and from now on the members of the various committees which are to be in charge will be busily engaged in preparations to make the day noteworthy. These committees of Raleigh citizens will work in harmony with the committees to be appointed by the General Assembly.

The plans to be worked out are those for the escort of Governor-elect Locke Craig to the city, his reception here, the military and civic parade, the reception to be given to the public and the inaugural ball as the closing feature. The military of the State is to be invited and cared for during the stay of the companies in Raleigh, invitations are to be sent to all the mayors of towns in North Carolina to attend, the one hundred chairmen of the county Democratic executive committees are to be invited to be present, and also a number of representative citizens from each county. It is the purpose of the committees to make the occasion one of State-wide interest.

## NORTH CAROLINA IN LEAD.

Increase of \$15,000,000 in Total Resources of State Banks.

Raleigh News and Observer, 4th. The increase of fifteen million dollars in total resources of State banks in North Carolina during 1912, according to the figures of the Corporation Commission has evidently put North Carolina in the lead of her sister States on either side in total resources of State banks. The last figures from South Carolina and Virginia have not yet been received, but the relatively greater percentage of increase maintained by the North Carolina State banks for several years makes it practically certain that the gain of eight millions made by the North Carolina banks from September to November of this year puts the North Carolina State banks in the lead in total resources. There is a good prospect that the State banks will pass the hundred million mark in 1913.

The items of chief interest are these:

The total amount of resources for the year 1912 amounted to \$33,583,741.32, as against \$68,406,179.97 for the year 1911. The gain was over fifteen million dollars. Time certificates of deposit for year 1912 amounted to \$9,052,061.62 as against \$7,162,265.40 for 1911, an increase of \$1,889,796.43. Deposits subject to check for 1912 were \$86,943,411.72, as against \$28,016,265.40 for the corresponding period, an increase of \$8,926,655.55. Saving deposits showed \$11,586,564.41, as against \$9,881,112.49, an increase of \$1,705,452.12.

There are 388 State banks now licensed, an increase of 26 over those of 1911. The exact figures of increase are \$15,265,898.96. This doesn't better indicate the prosperity of the banks than the increase of accrued interest to the depositors does. For 1911 the amount was \$7,925.88. For 1912 it was \$108,103.89 an increase of \$37,178.01.

Concerning Patronage—Postoffice Appointments to be Made in the Sixth District.

Dunn Special, 3d, to Wilmington Star. Congressman Godwin left last night for Washington to be present at the re-convening of Congress today. Speaking on the subject of patronage he said that on and after the 4th of March, next, there would be vacancies in the following postoffices in the sixth district: Clarkton, Dunn, Fairmont, Fayetteville, Lillington, Lumberton, Southport, Vineland and Wilmington. Appointments to fill these vacancies will likely be made soon after after the 4th of March, unless the Senate confirms some of the nominations already made by President Taft, which is not likely to be done.

Congressman Godwin said that a mistake crept in the report of a recent conversation with him by your correspondent, as he has had no tentative agreement with either of our two Senators or with any one else in reference to patronage. He was simply speaking of the long existing custom in Washington concerning the distribution of patronage, which he said was in effect, to allow the members of the House to nominate the postmasters, provided that no one objectionable to the Senators should be named. He said this was the custom followed by former Presidents of both political parties and no doubt would be observed by President Wilson after the 4th of March. Of course this applies to cases where all belong to the same political party.

Bailey Makes Final Speech as Member of Senate.

Washington Dispatch, 2d.

Senator Joseph W. Bailey, of Texas, long one of the picturesque figures and striking speakers of the United States Senate, delivered today before a crowded floor and galleries, his final speech as a member of that body. Within a day or two his resignation will be laid before the Senate and communicated to Governor Colquitt, of Texas, his expectation being that R. M. Johnson, of Houston, will be named to fill out his term, which would end March 4. Senator Bailey's speech was an attack upon the principles of the initiative and referendum, institutions that would, if adopted, bring about the overthrow of the present system of government, he declared. They originated, he said, in the desire of politicians to escape the responsibility for action on such petty questions as the location of State capitals and the settlement of prohibition fights. An institution of the government, he declared, that the schemes for direct legislation by the people would convert the United States from a republic into a democracy, and would give its control into "the hands of the unskilled, the idle, and the vicious."

—Mr. Henry L. Pope resigned Saturday his position as pharmacist in the Pope Drug Company's store. He accepted this position last September to work until January, but stayed over a few days to help through taking stock. Mr. Pope says that he has two or three positions offered him, but has not yet definitely decided what he will do.

## WITHIN THE STATE.

Brief Items of News Gathered From All Over North Carolina.

Col. W. H. S. Burgwyn, a prominent citizen of Weldon, died in Richmond, Va., Thursday.

Beginning tomorrow evening and continuing until Thursday, the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons will hold its 126th annual communication in Raleigh.

Governor-elect Craig sold his home in Asheville the other day for \$9,000. His home has been on the market for some time and he also disposed of farm interests at Swannanoa.

Rev. Jas. W. Wheeler, one of the oldest Methodist ministers in the State, died in Charlotte Thursday following a year's illness. He was a retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Thos. J. Pence, formerly of Raleigh, now a Washington newspaper correspondent, is mentioned as a probable successor to Wm. J. Loeb, Jr., as collector of the port of New York. The place pays \$12,000.

A news dispatch from Dunn States that public sentiment seems to be crystallizing in favor of a new county with Dunn as the county seat. Dunn wants Johnston, Sampson and Harnett counties to contribute to form a new county.

Arrangements are being made for a peace convention to be held in Raleigh along about the last of February or the first of March. A branch peace society will then be organized and maintained under the operation of the American Peace Society.

James Wilson of Youngsville, Wake county, secured license in 1909 to marry Miss Kate Penny, also of Youngsville, and after carrying the license three years got another license the other day and says he is going to marry the girl this time sure.

The affairs of the Cumberland Lumber Co. of Fayetteville have been placed in the hands of a receiver. The failure is said to have been due to the failure of the Harbing-Finley Lumber Co. of Philadelphia, the Cumberland company holding thousands of dollars of the Philadelphia company's paper.

J. W. Moir, a leading merchant of Kinston, died at his home on the first of blood poisoning from a most unusual cause. He had to undergo an operation to remove slivers of wood which had entered his system from the constant chewing of toothpicks, blood poison set in after the operation and death resulted.

Representative-elect R. R. Williams of Asheville advocates holding two sessions of the General Assembly, holding one session of 25 or 30 days, adjourning for something like 60 days in order to give the people a chance to say what they think about proposed legislation, then reconvening and putting through the work. He does not know whether his plan would conflict with the constitution.

Last week's issue of the Traction Weekly carries a statement saying that a contract has been let by the Southern Power Co. for the construction of an interurban railway from Winston-Salem to Durham, by way of Greensboro, and a number of the smaller towns between Durham and Greensboro, including Chapel Hill. The article further states that the work will be done in sections.

Special Service at Presbyterian Church—No Pastor Called.

Rev. Dr. J. M. Rose, of Laurinburg, will conduct a special service at the Presbyterian church Wednesday evening of this week in the interest of the million-and-a-half-dollar campaign. The well known ability of Dr. Rose insures an interesting and instructive address and it is hoped a large audience will attend.

At the congregational meeting held yesterday morning at the Presbyterian church to consider the question of calling a pastor no definite action was taken. At this meeting a report of the church's financial condition was read by Mr. H. M. McAllister, chairman of the board of deacons. The report showed that the church is in better financial condition than it has been in many years.

Mr. J. I. Stone Celebrates 72nd Birthday.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. F. D. 4, Jan. 5—Saturday, December 28, Mr. J. I. Stone, Sr.'s children and grandchildren celebrated his 72d birthday. It was an occasion of enjoyment. Dinner was prepared upon the yard and it was something fitting. There were 5 children, 29 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Mrs. E. K. Stone and four children of Raleigh, Fla., came home to be present. Mrs. Stone is a daughter of Mr. J. I. They returned to Florida yesterday.

Mr. Stone received many handsome and useful presents. We wish for him many more happy birthdays.

—Miss Lillian Proctor left this morning for Greensboro, where she will undergo treatment for a throat trouble with which she has been suffering for some time.

## BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Cotton today, 12¼ cents.

—Mr. W. F. French expects to leave this afternoon for the Western markets to purchase mules and horses.

—The regular monthly meetings of the county commissioners, road commissioners and county board of education are being held at the court house today, and rather more than the usual first-Monday crowd is in town.

—Mr. Henry Pittman of Bellamy, one of the oldest subscribers of The Robesonian, was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. Mr. Pittman was born in 1824 and is therefore 89 years old. He is still able to get about and says he enjoys reading The Robesonian, which he has taken ever since it was started back in 1870.

—Mr. J. A. Barker, of Lumberton, district manager, with office in Wilmington, for the Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York, left Saturday night for New York on a trip given him free by the company—offered by the company for most paid business written and won by Mr. Barker. He personally wrote \$287,000 paid for business last year, and his district paid for close to \$700,00 of business.

—As stated recently in The Robesonian, a social club, to take the place of the abandoned social part of the Industrial & Commercial Club, is being organized. It will have rooms over Mr. A. Weinstein's store. Temporary organization has been formed with Mr. C. V. Brown as president and Mr. W. Lennon as secretary-treasurer. About 35 young men have signified their intention of joining up to date.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Carlyle, of Rozier, were among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Carlyle says that on Wednesday he expects to leave with his invalid son Master Dennis for Baltimore, Md., where he will place him in a hospital for treatment. Master Dennis is 9 years old and has been practically an invalid for 5 years, having sustained injuries from a fall from which he has never recovered.

—Prof. R. E. Sentelle, superintendent of the Lumberton graded schools, purchased last week from Mr. A. W. Peace of Fayetteville the handsome residence on Elm street recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Crichton. Prof. Sentelle and family moved Saturday into their new home. For a year or more the family had been living with Miss Mattie Barrett, Seventh and Pine streets. The consideration in this purchase was \$5,000.

—The local Seaboard telegraph office was removed Saturday from the freight depot to the passenger station and is fitted up in the ticket office. By this change there will be some one at the passenger station all the time that can look after checking baggage and selling tickets. Heretofore there was no one at the station only for a short time before the arrival of each train to sell tickets. The change is a good one for both the railroad employees and the traveling public.

—Mr. John McKenzie, of Standard, Florida, arrived Thursday evening and is a guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. McKenzie. Mr. McKenzie left his wife and three children at Cheraw, S. C., where they will spend sometime visiting relatives. Mr. McKenzie has been in Florida for several years, though he has only been at Standard for a year. During his stay in Florida he was practically all the time in the naval store business. He has sold out all his interests in the State and expects to locate at some place in this county, probably Lumberton or Maxton.

### Off For School.

The following students have returned to school: Miss Agnes McLean, Presbyterian College, Red Springs; Misses Annie Ruth Caldwell, Mildred Williams, Edna Prevatt, Mildred McIntyre and Lina Gough, Meredith College, Raleigh; Miss Irene McLeod, Elizabeth College, Charlotte; Misses Annie Neill Fuller and Georgia Whitfield, G. F. C. Greensboro; Miss Louise Townsend, Normal, Greensboro; Messrs. Frank L. Nash and Douglas McLean, Davidson College, Davidson; Mr. Robert Prevatt, University, Chapel Hill; Mr. Basil Skipper, Fishburn Military Academy, Waynesboro, Va.; G. Badger McLeod, Staunton Military Academy, Staunton, Va.

North Carolinians Appointed to Assist in Inauguration.

Thomas Nelson Page, chairman of the reception committee for the inauguration, has appointed the following named North Carolinians to assist him: J. Allen Holt, Oak Ridge; Benahan Cameron, Stagville; P. D. Gold, Jr., Raleigh; W. C. Dowd and Wade H. Harris, Charlotte; Josephus Daniels, Raleigh; R. M. Phillips, Greensboro; J. S. Carr, Durham; Joe E. Thompson, S. Sprunt, Hugh F. McRae and M. F. H. Gouverneur, Wilmington; E. J. Hale and Frank Stedman, Fayetteville; R. B. Glenn and A. H. Eller, Winston-Salem, and W. H. Osborne, Greensboro.