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WITH ROBESON'S LEGISLATORS

Bills of Special Interest to Robesonian Readers Introduced and Proposed — McMillan-McNair Recorders Courts and Rural Police Bills not Approved by Senator McLeod—To Double Per Diem of Members of County Board of Education—In Re County Auditor—Bills of State-Wide Interest Introduced or to be Introduced by Robeson Legislators.

Special to The Robesonian.

Raleigh, Feb. 19.—It should be counted unto them for righteousness that Robeson county's Senator and Representatives have not mused up things by introducing many bills. From the way some of these same Senators and Representatives introduce bills for this and for that one would think their conception of the duty of a Senator or Representative is briefly comprehended in this one phrase, viz., "Introduce bills"—no matter what bills—just get on the job and introduce bills; and so shall the sovereigns back home think that you are some "heap big injun" in the legislative works.

But it is not so. This promiscuous, eternal, cheerful and diabolical introduction of bills is what clutters up things and fritters away time that should be spent on weightier matters.

No indeed. It is not a sign that a Senator or a Representative has neglected his duty when he has not introduced many bills. Far be it from any sane person to think such a thing. It is to be counted unto that Senator or Representative, as stated at the outset, for righteousness. They also serve who wait and weigh and deliberate and study and refrain from the merry pastime of cluttering up things by introducing bills of little moment.

This is not equal to saying that the usefulness of a Senator or Representative is in inverse ratio to the number of bills he introduces. It depends altogether upon the bills.

Representatives McMillan and McNair have introduced two bills of special interest to the people of Robeson county—one to provide recorders' courts and one for rural police—and two bills of State-wide interest—one to provide for a uniform system of accounting for all counties and a State examiner, another for a State-wide stock law.

Recorders' Courts.

The bill introduced by Messrs. McMillan and McNair to provide for recorders' courts for Robeson was not submitted to Senator McLeod before it was introduced in the House and it will be held up for a close inspection in the Senate—in fact, it is all probability will not pass that body—it is of course will not without the approval of Senator McLeod, who is in favor of recorders' courts but may introduce a bill differing in some particulars from the House bill.

The bill introduced by Messrs. McNair and McMillan was drawn by Mr. H. E. Stacy, who was a candidate for the Senate against Mr. McLeod in the primary last summer. Mr. Stacy, it will be remembered by Robesonian readers, was superintendent of the Rowland graded school for two years before becoming a candidate for the Senate last summer. He has just received his license to practice law and will come to Lumberton next week to locate. He is a bright young man and many people in Robeson will be glad to know that he is going to locate in Lumberton. He is here now drafting some bills for Messrs. McMillan and McNair. He also drafted for them the bill providing for rural police.

But to return to the recorders' courts bill: It provides for the establishment of recorders' courts for Lumberton, Maxton, Red Springs and Thompson No. 1 townships to sit in Lumberton, Maxton, Red Springs and Rowland. These recorders shall be elected at the next town election in these towns by votes of the township named and every two years thereafter. The salary of the recorder shall be \$50 per month, the county commissioners to have power to increase this salary to not exceeding 50 per cent. Daily sessions shall be held at some convenient point in the township in which the court is established, the first session to be held on the first Monday in June, 1913. These recorders shall have final, exclusive and original jurisdiction in all violations of town ordinances within the limits of the town where they are in session; concurrent and original jurisdiction of all cases in jurisdiction of justices of the peace; and, not to go into details, which would be lengthy—their jurisdiction is defined at length. The bill that is passed will be published in The Robesonian in full. This bill gives wide jurisdiction and the recorders may sentence to the roads. It provides that the recorders shall file with the county commissioners on the first Monday of each month all fines and costs of their courts and their salaries shall be paid from these. If they are not sufficient the county commissioners shall pay out of the county funds.

As has been stated, this bill was not submitted to Senator McLeod before being introduced in the House and it is more than probable that Senator

McLeod will hold up this bill and introduce another bill that has received the approval of attorneys who are familiar with the affairs of the county and will have to practice under it.

Rural Police Bill.

The bill providing for rural policemen provides: On the first Monday in January, 1914, the county commissioners shall appoint 3 or more rural policemen. Until these policemen are appointed by the commissioners, S. H. Dunlap of Maxton, Jas. A. Kitchen of Rowland, R. B. Lindsay of Red Springs are named in the bill to be appointed by the Legislature. The salary is to be \$75 per month, the policemen to furnish their own bills, firearms, horses and conveyances. Under the direction of the sheriff they shall patrol and police the county, working 10 hours a day and remaining on duty at night when necessary.

This is something new for North Carolina. Similar bills have been introduced for Richmond and Scotland counties.

This bill also may meet rough sledding in the Senate, for Senator McLeod thinks that in its present form it gives too great powers to the policemen. It gives a rural policeman authority, for instance, to enter a man's house by force, if necessary, without a warrant, and most people will agree with Senator McLeod that this is going a trifle too far.

As has been mentioned in The Robesonian, Representative McNair has introduced a State-wide stock-law bill, allowing counties to exempt themselves by vote; and McLeod has introduced in the Senate and McNair and McMillan in the House, a bill to allow certain civil cases—explained in last Thursday's Robesonian—to be disposed of at criminal terms of Superior court.

The most important bill that has been introduced by Messrs. McNair and McMillan is a bill providing for "the creation of a bureau of inspection and supervision of public offices and to establish a uniform system of public accounting and auditing." It provides for the creation of the office of State examiner, on the order of the State bank examiner for instance, to establish and maintain a uniform system of accounting for all the counties of the State.

In commenting upon the bill Dr. McMillan says: "Approximately 15

States have a State examiner or traveling auditor to examine and audit the books of every county official. The law now requires officers to keep accounts and make reports but requires no system or method of making reports. Every public official should have his work audited by a man entirely free from any local influence. In a great many counties officers keep no books at all. All returns from counties to the State auditor are made by the county officers themselves and the State accepts them as correct without any investigation and it is estimated that the loss annually to the State from the failure to list special licenses, insolvents, and property listed after the general abstract is closed amounts to \$150,000 or more a year and that an equal amount is lost to the counties annually by reason of the crude method of keeping books. This system is the opening wedge for the equalization of taxes and will in a large measure prevent any future deficit in the State treasury. The State undertakes to do a tremendous business without any uniform system or method of auditing. Our financial system has not kept pace with our other departments. We have bank inspectors, insurance inspectors, fertilizer and oil inspectors—but the State has no one to check up its revenue in each county. The county officers will find this a great help."

The bill provides that a State examiner shall be appointed by the Governor, upon recommendation of the Council of State. Salary \$1200. The examiner shall appoint assistants to install a uniform system of accounting in each county, the assistants to receive \$6 per day and expenses, this to be paid by the county in which the service is rendered.

It is hardly probable that Senator McLeod will approve this bill as drawn. He is inclined to think that the same results can be accomplished by delegating larger powers to the State auditor, without creating a new office.

There was discussion yesterday afternoon before agricultural committee of which Mr. McNair is a member, of an amendment to the fertilizer law, in which many Robesonian readers are interested. The amendment provides that fertilizer manufacturers shall place upon the bags the sources and percentages of ammonia and potash contained in the fertilizer. There was a large delegation of fertilizer manufacturers here to fight the bill but it is probable that they have lost and the bill will be reported favorably.

Many lawyers from all parts of the State were here Monday to appear before a joint sub-committee of the joint Senate and House judiciary committee in the matter of redistricting the State into 20 judicial districts.

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SIX MONTHS SCHOOL TERM

House Passes Bill by Almost Unanimous Vote—Child Labor Bill Passes House.

The most important bill so far passed by the House of the General Assembly was the bill passed Tuesday night to provide a six-months' term of the public schools throughout every county in the State. It was passed by almost unanimous vote, 98 to 3. Mr. Majette, chairman of the committee on education, explained the bill as appropriating \$250,000 for distribution to counties per capita of school population. Then when all counties have assured four-months' terms another State fund of five per cent of all State taxes is available to make out six-months' school.

The Senate yesterday made this bill a special order for consideration tomorrow night. It passed third reading in the House yesterday.

The House last night passed on its final reading the child-labor bill, which prohibits the working of women and girls of any age or boys under 16 years old in manufacturing establishments at night. It also prohibits the working of children under 13 years old in such establishments in the day time except such as are 12 years old and have attended school 4 months of the last 12.

MADERO ARRESTED.

Forced Out of Presidency—Huerta Provisional President—Brother of Deposed President Shot.

Mexico City Dispatch, 18th.

Francisco I. Madero has been forced out of the presidency. He was arrested at the National Palace shortly before 3 o'clock this afternoon by General Blanquet.

General Victoriano Huerta commander of the Federal troops was proclaimed provisional President.

About the time Madero was arrested by Blanquet, his brother Gustavo Madero, the former Minister of Finance was arrested by General Huerta, who was dining with him in a public restaurant.

All members of the Cabinet were promptly placed under arrest with the exception of Ernesto Madero, uncle of the President, who is Minister of Finance. He was apprised of the intentions against the government and managed to make his escape.

Mexico City Dispatch, 19th.

General Victoriano Huerta was elected provisional President by Congress at a special session tonight.

Francisco I. Madero, deposed from the presidency of Mexico yesterday, will be exiled. Arrangements have been made for his departure from the capital for Vera Cruz tonight. From there he will sail for some European port.

Madero will be accompanied by his wife and perhaps by his father and other members of his family.

The execution of Gustavo Madero brother of the deposed President, was the most tragic occurrence of today. He was subjected to the "fugitive law" and was shot to death by his guards.

A Bill to Appoint an Auditor for Robeson—Present Auditor Parmele Named in Bill.

Special to The Robesonian.

Raleigh, Feb. 19.—Senator McLeod has a bill soon to be introduced in the Senate, entitled "An act to appoint an auditor for the county of Robeson."

Section 1 provides for the appointment of A. T. Parmele (present auditor) as county auditor, for a period of 2 years from the first Monday in March, 1913.

Section 2 provides that the said auditor shall receive the compensation and shall perform and discharge all duties prescribed and set forth in chapter 346, public local laws of 1911.

Section 3 strikes out part of section one, chapter 346, public local laws of 1911, and inserts the following: "The auditor of Robeson county shall be a citizen of said county and an expert accountant, and upon the expiration of the term of office of A. T. Parmele, as county auditor as hereinbefore provided, it shall be the duty of the board of commissioners of Robeson county, by majority vote of the entire board to elect a successor to Parmele, and to that end the said board of commissioners shall on the first Monday in January, 1915, and biennially thereafter, elect a county auditor, and the term of office of the person so chosen shall begin on the first Monday in March next following his election, and he shall hold his office for a term of two years and until his successor is elected and qualified as provided by this act."

Try Laughing at Yourself

In the February Woman's Home Companion in the course of a talk to girls about friendship with boys, appears the following wise observation:—

"It is not a bad idea at all to laugh at one's own failures. It indicates at least that you have imagination; that you can imagine how funny other people must think something you have done."

RED SPRINGS REVIEWS.

Public Debate at Philadelphia Tomorrow Night—Graded School Literary Society Organized—Personal and Social.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, Feb. 19.—Dr. B. F. McMillan spent Sunday at Red Springs with homefolks, returning to Raleigh Monday morning.—Mr. H. J. Singleton, principal of Bethel high school, spent Saturday and Sunday in Red Springs.—Messrs. George Coley, Jno. Coley, DeBerry Ledbetter and John Byrne made up an automobile party that spent Sunday at Pinehurst.—Mr. W. P. Covington was in Baltimore the past week buying his spring stock.—Mr. Archie McKay, who is teaching at Rockfish, was at home Saturday and Sunday, returning Sunday afternoon.—Mr. Luther Powell, of Seventy-first, was in town the first part of this week.—Hon. G. B. Patterson, of Maxton was a Red Springs visitor Friday.—Mrs. R. D. McMillan is visiting homefolks in Virginia.—Mr. and Mrs. George Howard, Miss Rosa McMillan, Mrs. J. L. McMillan and Mr. Douglas McMillan spent Sunday in Pinehurst.

Miss Lucile Cook entertained a number of her friends at a party Friday night.

The Elmo Amusement Co., which played here all last week, had such crowds that they have decided to remain another week.

Mr. Walter Smith of Maxton was a Red Springs visitor Friday.

On account of the cold weather and the inefficiency of the heating apparatus, there was no school Friday.

Mr. John Gilbert Conolly spent Wednesday visiting relatives in Hoke.

Mr. Will Graham and Mr. John Graham attended the show in Fayetteville Tuesday night.—Mr. W. N. Savage spent Sunday and Monday in Hartsville, S. C., with his family.

Mr. Clyde McCallum of Norfolk, Va., was in town on business Friday.—Mr. Hiram Grantham spent a few days this week in Salisbury.—Dr. C. G. Vardell is attending the laymen's meeting in Memphis this week.

Mr. G. E. Cope and Mr. G. C. McManus have opened up a grocery store and a meat market in Red Springs.

There will be a public debate at Philadelphia Friday night, Rowland versus Philadelphia. The public is cordially invited.

The graded school of Red Springs has recently organized a literary society. At the election of officers Mr. Thomas Lovin was chosen president, Mr. John Graham vice-president, Miss Lucile Cook secretary and treasurer, Mr. DeBerry Ledbetter censor, and Prof. J. E. Dowd critic. Before long the society expects to give a public debate and a good entertainment.

Mr. Fred P. Johnson, editor of the Hoke County Journal was in town Monday afternoon.

Miss Franceska Kaspen Lawson of Philadelphia gave a vocal recital in the auditorium Monday night.

Dr. R. D. McMillan is spending a few days in Baltimore on business.—Mr. Douglas McMillan and Mr. W. B. Townsend attended the "Spring Maid" at the Lafayette theatre in Fayetteville Tuesday evening.—Mr. John H. Coble of Laurinburg, was in Red Springs Tuesday afternoon.—Mr. Mack McArthur is at home for a few days from the University on account of sickness.—Mr. James Hall of Dundanah spent a few hours in Red Springs Tuesday.

SHOOTING AT FAIRMONT.

Mr. M. H. Mitchell Shot by Blaney Dawson, Colored — Wound Not Thought to be Dangerous—Negro Escaped.

Mr. M. H. Mitchell, manager of the hotel at the Beaufort County Lumber Co.'s mill plant at Fairmont, was shot yesterday afternoon about 6:30 o'clock by Blaney Dawson, colored. The shooting took place at the edge of the village, near the Coast Line railroad. Mitchell was shot with a pistol, the ball taking effect in the right side and lodging in the back. Local physicians rendered medical attention at once and the ball was removed from Mr. Mitchell's back. He was taken this morning to Highsmith's hospital, Fayetteville, for treatment. It is understood that his condition was favorable this morning as could be expected, and it was not thought the wound will prove fatal. Mr. Mitchell is about 21 years old. The cause of the trouble between Mr. Mitchell and the negro has not been learned. The negro made his escape and as yet has not been apprehended.

To Enlarge Graded School District.

At a meeting of the graded school board this morning a bill was drafted looking to the enlargement of the graded school district. As the bill is drafted the people will be given the privilege of voting on the question. The school board directed Superintendent R. E. Sentelle to take the bill and go this afternoon to Raleigh and appear before the proper legislative committee in the interest of same.

NUMBERING RESIDENCES.

Getting Ready for Free Mail Delivery —Street Sweeper and Sprinkler Ordered.

The mayor and town commissioners met Monday evening in a special meeting to consider the matter of numbering the residences in town with a view to getting free city delivery of mail for Lumberton. A postoffice inspector recently made a canvass of the town with regard to putting on free city delivery, and from information obtainable it seems that the question of numbering the residences is the only thing that is standing in the way of this service for Lumberton. The contract for doing this numbering was let to Mr. W. W. Whaley. He is to make and put up all numbers for 8 cents each, the town to pay for material. Mr. Whaley began work Tuesday on the job, and it is expected that all residences in the town will be numbered within a very few days.

The town authorities have placed an order for a Studebaker street sprinkler and also a street sweeper. Both the sprinkler and the sweeper are up-to-date and it is expected that they will be here within the next 15 or 20 days.

Public Debate Tomorrow Evening—High School Debating Union.

As was recently mentioned in The Robesonian, the Lumberton graded school is one of 90 schools scattered throughout the State that constitute what is known as the "High School Debating Union of North Carolina." Each of these 90 schools has been placed in a triangular with two other schools, and each school puts out two teams—one affirmative and the other negative. The subject to be discussed is "Woman Suffrage" and it will be debated in all of these 90 schools tomorrow evening, these debates being preliminaries to a final contest that will take place at Chapel Hill on March 7th. The Lumberton school is grouped with Laurinburg and Gibson. For the debate tomorrow evening all the affirmative teams will stay at home and the negative teams will visit. Lumberton's negative team, Messrs. Knox Proctor and Ertle Carlyle, will go to Gibson, Gibson's negative to Laurinburg and Laurinburg's negative to Lumberton. Messrs. John Warwick and Lewis Shelby represent Lumberton's affirmative and they will be battling here on one side of this momentous question while Messrs. Proctor and Carlyle will be fighting on the other side at Gibson.

The debate here will take place in the auditorium at the graded school tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. Everybody is invited and it is expected that a large crowd will be out to hear the boys. In the event that both of Lumberton's teams should win tomorrow night they will have the honor of going to Chapel Hill March 7th and joining in the final contest; and this it is hoped they will be able to do.

Palace Bakery Leased by Mr. W. J. DuBois—Mr. J. W. Morris Goes to Sumter, S. C.

Messrs. J. W. and J. R. Morris have leased the Palace Bakery for one year to Mr. W. J. DuBois, who conducted a bakery at the same stand some six years ago. The deal was closed Monday afternoon after the parties concerned had failed to get together on a proposition to purchase the business made by Mr. DuBois. Mr. DuBois and wife returned to Lumberton recently from Johnson City Tenn., where Mr. DuBois had been engaged in the same business. Mr. and Mrs. DuBois are welcomed back to Lumberton by many friends.

Mr. J. R. Morris, who had been in active charge of the business, went yesterday to Wilmington to see his wife, who has been at the home of her people there for some time, and Sunday he will go to Sumter, S. C., to take charge of the Grier Model Steam Bakery. Mr. and Mrs. Morris have many friends in Lumberton who regret exceedingly their decision to leave and wish them success in their new home.

Senate Passes Immigration Bill Over President Taft's Veto.

The Burnett-Dillingham immigration bill, vetoed by President Taft because it imposed a literary test on immigrants was passed over the President's veto in the Senate today by a vote of 78 to 18. The overwhelming majority given at the end of a short debate in which President Taft's attitude was vigorously attacked, has strengthened the probability that the bill will be passed over the veto in the House when it is called up tomorrow.

House Refuses to Pass Over Veto.

Washington Dispatch, 19th.

The House today refused by a vote of 213 to 114, to pass the Dillingham-Burnett Immigration bill over the President's veto. Five votes changed from the negative to the affirmative would have given the necessary two-thirds to override the veto.

Mrs. Douglas Hamer and three children of McColl, S. C., arrived this morning and are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. McAllister.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

WATCH—Watch the label on your paper. If renewals are not in by date on label paper will be stopped.

—Middling cotton today, 11½ cents.

—The local banks will all be closed Saturday, which is a legal holiday.

—At Chestnut Street Methodist church Sunday the pastor, Rev. J. W. Bradley, will preach on the following subjects: 11 a. m., "The Right Use of Money"; 7:30 p. m., "The Bow in the Cloud."

—An interesting picture to be shown at the Pastime this evening will be "Exposed by the Dictograph," by Selig. The second reel will be a Vitagraph containing two pictures, "Old Love Letters" and "Red Ink Tragedy."

—Mr. Giles Phillips, son of Mr. Warren Phillips, had the misfortune yesterday of getting his right hand badly mangled at the Kingsdale lumber plant, where he was at work. His hand was so badly mangled that it was necessary to amputate the thumb and two fingers. Medical attention was rendered by Drs. W. A. McPhaul and H. T. Pope.

—As stated in a special from Raleigh to The Robesonian, Mr. H. E. Stacy, who was superintendent of the Rowland graded school for two years prior to last summer and who was a candidate for the State Senate in the primary last summer, will come to Lumberton next week to locate here for the practice of law. He was one of the successful applicants for license before the Supreme Court on the 3d inst.

Smallpox Prevalent — Many Being Vaccinated.

Dr. B. W. Page, county superintendent of health, informs The Robesonian that there are more than thirty cases of smallpox broadly scattered over the county, the worst infected section being between Lumberton and St. Paul. The majority of these are mild, the patients suffering about as much as they would from a case of grip, while others have very high fever, swollen limbs, and are covered with sores. A few of those mildly afflicted with the disease are a source of great danger to others, since they scarcely stop for it, but visit stores and public places. It is this class of patients that continue to spread the disease. Many of them never consult a physician for treatment and never report the disease to the public.

There were more than 300 cases of the disease in the county in 1912, with eight deaths. A few communities have about stamped the disease out, either by having smallpox or being vaccinated. One renders a person as immune as the other. Any section can eradicate the disease in a few days through vaccination, when the people decide to do so. Quarantine for the disease is nothing more than a false security.

Among the Sick.

Mrs. Cynthia Britt, of route 4 from Lumberton, who for several months has been sick at her home, went this morning to Charlotte, where she will enter a hospital for treatment. She was accompanied by Dr. T. C. Johnson.

Mrs. Sue McLeod went Tuesday to Dillon, S. C., on account of the illness of her daughter Mrs. W. L. Bethea, who Monday underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. E. L. Holloway has been sick for several days at her home on Chestnut street. Her condition today is thought to be somewhat improved.

Hubert and Alford, 12 and 8 years old, respectively, sons of Mr. John Smith, both of whom for some time have been bothered with throat troubles, went this morning to Charlotte, where they will be examined by a specialist. They were accompanied by Mrs. Smith and Dr. W. L. Grantham.

Trying to Get LaFayette Mutual Life Insurance Co. Here.

Quite a number of Lumberton's business men left this morning for Fayetteville in the interest of moving the home office of the LaFayette Mutual Life Insurance Co. to Lumberton. At a citizens meeting held some weeks ago at the court house Mr. Frank Gough was appointed chairman of a committee to see that everything possible be done to secure the removal of this company's home office from Fayetteville to Lumberton. Among those who went this morning to Fayetteville with Mr. Gough are Messrs. L. R. Varner, A. P. Caldwell, R. E. Lee, J. H. Floyd and Dr. W. A. McPhaul. Mr. R. D. Caldwell and several other citizens had intended going, but were unable this morning to get off.

Marble and Granite Yard Proposed for Lumberton.

Mr. J. T. Wilkins, of Dunn, is in town today with a view to locating a marble and granite yard here. Mr. Wilkins for several years has conducted a marble and granite business at Dunn, but has sold out there and says he will locate here if he can get a suitable place for his yard.