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GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADJOURNS

1913 Session Closed Yesterday With Few Members Present—Review of the Session.

Raleigh Special, 12th, to Wilmington Star.

The simultaneous falling of the gavel of the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives sounding the close of the 1913 session of the North Carolina General Assembly, took place at 4:15 o'clock this afternoon in the presence of the fewest number of members and spectators in many sessions past, probably less than fifty members of both Houses being present and considerably less than that number of spectators.

Final adjournment had been expected earlier in the day, but tardiness of the Senate in completing disposition of calendar bills and necessary wait thereafter for final batch of enrolled bills for ratification caused large numbers of members to have to take outgoing trains before adjournment was reached.

The last hour of the Senate was taken up largely with remarks by members on impressions of the session. Senator Council of Catawba, a recognized leader, declared that in his opinion some very good legislation had been gotten through this session and that a balance sheet will prove very creditable for the Legislature. He had greatly enjoyed the session and his association with his fellow legislators.

Senator Jones, of Forsyth, commented that this seemed to have been a leaderless Senate, every Senator taking his own progressive or stand-pat cause. He felt that the Legislature had been as progressive as the people demanded in some respects.

Review of the Session. The Assembly during the past session passed and ratified 1,527 acts and 60 resolutions, compared with 1,460 acts and 55 resolutions two years ago.

Overshadowing all others in importance this session was the matter of finance, the Legislature having to face the deficit in the treasury of approximately \$800,000. This was met by an increase in the tax levy from \$1.29 to \$1.43 on the poll and from 45 to 47 2/3 cents on the \$100 of property, by raising the tax on corporations from the old graduated plan to one-twenty-fifth of one per cent. on the capital stock, increasing the income and inheritance taxes and enacting more stringent machinery for their collection, and putting on automobile manufacturers a license tax of \$500.

The recommendation of the Governor and the Finance Committee for re-assessment of property and a special State Tax Commission was disregarded. A rather stringent measure enacted in this connection was one directing sheriffs to collect unpaid privilege and license taxes for four years back.

Among the more progressive acts was one providing for a six-months' public school term in all counties; a compulsory school attendance law, optional, however, with the various counties; an act allowing women to serve on school committees, boards of trustees of educational institutions and text book commissions; a special commission that is conferring with railroad officials as to discriminations in freight rates against North Carolina towns and expected to effect concessions solving to a considerable extent this long vexing problem.

The question of amending the Constitution was settled by a resolution calling for an extra session of the Legislature and the appointment by the Governor, of a special commission to consider all proposed amendments and recommend to the extra session.

The number of Superior Court judges and judicial districts was increased from 16 to 20 and the State re-districted.

A new automobile law imposed on owners of a graduated annual license tax from \$5 to \$15 in place of the flat tax of \$5 with \$1 renewal fee.

Among notable bills killed were the measure for legalized State-wide primaries, a bill calling for a series of State bond issues in aid of the counties in road construction, which would have meant the issuance of \$24,600,000 in State bonds in 41 years, with a provision for the county bonds to be taken as security at a higher rate of interest; a bill fixing the salaries of solicitors; bill providing for a uniform plan of examination and certification of public school teachers.

A State bond issue of \$1,142,500 was ordered for the purpose of meeting the deficit and permanent improvements at State institutions.

Work of Last Three Days. The House killed Tuesday the Senate bill to provide engineering assistance to counties in road building through a \$10,000 appropriation out of the tax on automobile owners.

A bill introduced by Senator McLeod providing for the collection of privilege and license taxes and the corporate excess unpaid for the last four years, giving the sheriff the same powers for collecting these ar-

rears as he has for the collection of other taxes was passed by the Senate Tuesday. The following reference to the bill was made in yesterday's News and Observer:

Senator McLeod produced some startling figures as to the dodging of the special taxes. "I am saying nothing against the counties, but there is \$50,000 now due this State from this tax upon professional men," he said. "Take Wake county for instance, it owes \$1,600 on this tax alone." Senator McLeod declared it his judgment that from \$150,000 to \$200,000 might be collected from the various professional and license taxes imposed. Senator McLeod's talk was so instructive that there began to be talk of taking up the House bill. He said so many things about the possibility of raising revenue that the question of incorporating his suggestions in another amendment was discussed.

The House Monday killed the solicitors' salary bill from the Senate by a reference to the propositions and grievances committee, which had no further meetings or reports. The House also defeated the Senate resolution for a special committee to investigate and report to the special session as to the advisability of a State representation at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

The Senate passed the House bill allowing the inmates of the Soldiers Home \$1 a month pocket money instead of 50 cents.

Governor Craig transmitted Tuesday to the Legislature the names of his appointees on the Constitutional Amendment Commission of 18-5 appointed by the Governor, 5 appointed by the President of the Senate, 8 appointed by the Speaker of the House—to pass on amendments to the Constitution offered at the session just closed and report to the special session to be held next fall. Governor Craig's appointees are: J. W. Bailey, Raleigh; A. M. Scales, Greensboro; D. Y. Cooper, Henderson; H. Q. Alexander, Mecklenburg; J. W. Rouse, Lenoir. Lieut. Gov. Daughtridge, President of the Senate, named the following members: Senator Stubbs, Ward, Washington, Ivie, Grant, Speaker Connor of the House completed the commission by naming the following members: Representatives Justice, Doughton, Page, Devin, Wooten, Wallace, Williams of Buncombe and Haymore.

The Senate took up again Monday and passed a bill to allow women on school boards, committees and as members of text-book commissions and the House passed the bill Tuesday.

The Senate Tuesday passed the compulsory school attendance bill, as it came from the House putting the ages of 8 to 12 and requiring attendance for four months.

Among the bills passed of special local interest is the following: To change the name of special tax districts No. 1, in Pembroke township, No. 1, in Burnt Swamp township, and a part of special tax district No. 4 in Red Springs township, all in Robeson county and for the white race; to consolidate said school territory; to create a Philadelphia graded school district; to authorize the board of trustees of said graded school district to issue bonds; and to levy an additional special tax.

Job of Numbering Houses Completed.

The job of numbering the houses of Lumberton preparatory for free delivery of mail has been completed by Mr. W. W. Whaley, to whom this job was awarded at 8 cents the number. Between 400 and 500 houses were numbered. Elm street is the dividing line between east and west. There is no division of north and south. The numbering begins with 100 at the Seaboard station, Elm street, on the east side the numbers being even, on the west odd. Beginning with First street, each block is in a separate hundred. For instance, at Fourth street, beginning on the block between Fourth and Fifth, the first door in Mr. A. Weinstein's department store is 400, and on the west side of the street, directly opposite, the Bank of Lumberton is 401. The numbers east and west on each street begin with 100. It seems that no numbers have been provided for doors of stairways leading to upstairs offices, and where there are no doors a number is skipped for every 30 feet.

The thing now to do is to bring along free mail delivery.

Among the Sick.

Hinton, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Alf. H. McLeod, is very sick at the home of his parents. He has been sick since Tuesday. His condition this morning was but little, if any, improved.

The condition of Mr. Ira L. Pope, who for several weeks has been very sick at his home, Third and Walnut streets, is no better—in fact his condition this morning was not as favorable as it had been. Much fear is being entertained as to his recovery.

PRESIDENT ISSUES STATEMENT.

Policy Toward Sister Republics of Central and South America—Will Cultivate Friendship and Deserve Confidence.

Washington Dispatch, 11th. President Wilson today issued this formal statement of his policy toward the Central and South American Republics:

In view of questions which are naturally uppermost in the public mind just now, the President issues the following statement:

"One of the chief objects of my Administration will be to cultivate the friendship and deserve the confidence of our sister Republics of Central and South America and to promote in every proper and honorable way the interests which are common to the people of the two Continents. I earnestly desire the most cordial understanding and co-operation between the peoples and leaders of America and therefore deem it my duty to make this brief statement.

"Co-operation is possible only when supported at every turn by the orderly processes of just government based upon law, not upon arbitrary or irregular force. We hold, as I am sure all thoughtful leaders of republican government everywhere do, that just government rests always upon the consent of the governed, and that there can be no freedom without order based upon law and upon the public conscience and approval, we shall look to make these principles the basis of mutual intercourse, respect and helpfulness between our sister Republics and ourselves. We shall lend our influence of every kind to the realization of these principles in effect and practice, knowing that disorder, personal intrigue and defiance of constitutional rights weaken and discredit government and injure none so much as the people who are unfortunate enough to have their common life and common affairs so tainted and disturbed. We can have no sympathy with those who seek to seize the power of government to advance their own personal interests or ambition. We are the friends of peace but we know there can be no lasting or stable peace in such circumstances. As friends, therefore, we shall prefer those who act in the interest of peace and honor, who protect private rights and respect the restraints of constitutional provision. Mutual respect seems to us the indispensable foundation of friendship between States as between individuals.

"The United States has nothing to seek in Central and South America except the lasting interests of the peoples of the two Continents, the security of Governments intended for the people and for no special group or interest and the development of personal and trade relationships between the two Continents, which shall redound to the profit and advantage of both and interfere with the rights and liberties of neither.

"From these principles may be read so much of the future policy of this Government as it is necessary now to forecast; and in the spirit of these principles I may, I hope, be permitted with as much confidence as earnestness to extend the governments of all Republics of America the hand of genuine disinterested friendship and to pledge my own honor and the honor of my colleagues to every enterprise of peace and amity that a fortunate future may disclose."

Legislative Wheels Run Backward

It was stated in Monday's Robesonian that Fairmont folks had found it impossible to stop the Legislative wheels which they set in motion to enlarge the corporate limits of Fairmont, taking in North Fairmont—settled for the most part by employees of the Beaufort County Lumber Co.—afterwards deciding they would let well enough alone; for the bill went through despite appeals made to the county's Representatives at Raleigh. But it seems that they have succeeded since then in making the legislative wheels roll backward for Tuesday Mr. McNair introduced a bill, which was passed, repealing the act ratified last week changing the name of Union City to Ashpole. It was under that title, it seems, that the bill referred to in Monday's paper was passed.

Drainage Dredge Crosses Fairmont Road.

The dredge which is working this section of the Back and Jacob Swamps drainage district crossed the road leading from Lumberton to Fairmont, about two miles from Lumberton, Tuesday—or, rather, it cuts its way right through the road and the canal has been bridged at that point. The dredge is making progress at the rate of 500 feet per day. It is an interesting sight to see how its enormous dipper brings up stumps and rocks and anything else that happens to be in its path. Several Lumberton people went out to see the dredge at work Tuesday and yesterday.

PROCTORVILLE POINTS.

Bank of Proctorville Organized—Adding to a Residence—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Proctorville, March 10—We are having some very pleasant weather now, which reminds one more of May than March. As a whole, we have had a very mild winter season, and likely the remainder of the springtide will be mostly warm, and pleasant, thereby giving us good prospects for a fruit year, which of late years has not been so favorable throughout this country.

The Bank of Proctorville was organized Saturday evening, March 8th, with capital stock of \$10,000, with a committee appointed to raise enough stock to make a total of \$12,500 to open business with the time now intimated for opening will be about July first next. Rev. K. Barnes was wisely elected president, and Mr. W. R. Surles, our distinguished traveling salesman of the W. B. Cooper Co. of Wilmington, was elected vice-president. Several other officers were elected.

The Legislature recently passed a bill incorporating our little town. This is a move we have long been wanting to see done, and a feature essential to our town's progress.

Messrs. J. K. Atkinson and H. Barnes spent a few days in our State Capitol last week on business.

The public debate and oyster supper that took place in our sister town Orrum Friday night was quite a success, we have learned.

Mr. Remus Davis has been on the sick list, but is now convalescent.—With regret we report the illness of Mrs. W. O. Barnes.

Mr. W. A. Hedgpeith is building an annex to his home here, recently purchased from Mr. S. B. Graham, and will have a cleverly-arranged cottage when completed.

If a fellow had one-fifth as much money as was expended on President Wilson's inaugural he could retire from the push and hardships of life's battle for a livelihood and afford the very choicest of everything.

ATTEMPT AT HOUSEBREAKING

Would-be Burglar Frightened Away by Pistol Shots Fired by Mrs. R. C. Lawrence.

There was some excitement for a while last night between 12 and 1 o'clock at the home of Mr. R. C. Lawrence when Mrs. Lawrence fired a pistol three times out a window in the direction of a noise, which was supposed to have been a burglar trying to enter the house through a window to the pantry. Chief of Police Redfern lives only about 100 yards from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence and being attracted by the reports of the pistol was soon on the scene. The sash of the pantry window was raised and the screen had been removed and Chief Redfern says that he thinks there is no question but that a burglar had attempted to enter the house. A search was made but no burglar was found. Chief Redfern says that when he arrived Mrs. Lawrence still had her pistol, but she did not seem to be at all frightened. Mr. Lawrence was away attending court at Laurinburg. Mrs. Lawrence's mother, Mrs. W. L. Norwood, and Misses Mary Jeffries and Mary Weddell, who board at Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence's, were all with Mrs. Lawrence and all of them had just retired, but were not asleep, when the noise was heard.

Young Man Charged With Entering Room of Senator McLeod at Yarrowburgh.

Raleigh Special, 12th to Wilmington Star. The police here are holding Geo. Gerken, a prominent young white man, 20 years old, on the charge of burglary, and he is making the plea that he intended to commit no crime and really was so intoxicated that he did not know what he was doing.

This morning about 3 o'clock the cry of burglars was raised in the Yarrowburgh Hotel, from the room of Senator Geo. B. McLeod, of Robeson county.

Police officers came, and a search revealed the young man in hiding in the end of one of the hallways. He had been in Senator McLeod's room, it is alleged. He had nothing on his person to indicate burglary, and pleads that he foolishly drank until he did not know what he was about.

The affair is set for investigation in the police court tomorrow. Young Gerken was a clerk in the Yarrowburgh up to a few weeks ago.

Pneumonia Follows a Cold.

but never follows the use of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It stops the cough, heals the sore and inflamed air passages, and strengthens the lungs. The genuine is in a yellow package with beehive carton. Refuse substitutes. For sale by all dealers.

MORE BUILDING GOING ON.

New Residence for Mr. K. M. Barnes—Home For Farmers and Merchants Bank—Mr. S. McIntyre Adding to Residence.

Mr. K. M. Barnes has had plans drawn for a 9-room two-story residence to be erected on the lot, Eighth and Cedar streets, which he recently purchased from Mr. A. W. McLean. This home will be modern in every respect and will probably cost between \$4,000 and \$5,000. Mr. Barnes expects to have work started on the house within the next thirty days. The plans for this home were drawn by Mr. John C. Stout of Rocky Mount. Mr. Stout was in town Monday and he is at work on plans for a house to be erected in North Lumberton, on Chestnut street, for Mrs. Sue Rowland.

It is expected that work will be started within the next ten days on the Farmers & Merchants Bank's new building to be erected on the lot on the corner of Fourth and Chestnut streets which was purchased recently from Mr. D. P. Walters. This will be a two story building, the second floor to be used for offices. This handsome structure will be finished in beautiful Roman brick.

Mr. Stephen McIntyre is having his residence, Walnut and Sixth, remodeled, the work being in charge of Contractor Jones. A room will be added to the second story on the side next to Sixth street, the interior of the house will be remodeled and the front porch will be enlarged.

A NEW INDUSTRY.

Foundry Operated by Lumberton Motor Car Co.

Lumberton has a foundry. The Lumberton Motor Car Co. now has a foundry which is conducted in connection with its machine shop on Fourth street. The foundry is located down by the river at the Carolina Lumber Co.'s plant, and the first run of iron was made last week. Among the first things made at the foundry were some heavy locomotive grates. All this work is finished up at the machine shop, which is located on Fourth street. Mr. A. A. Pedneau is manager of the Lumberton Motor Car Co., and he says that the company is now in shape to do all kinds of machine work. About a ton of old scrap iron was run yesterday afternoon.

A Wayward Girl Rescued—Hunting Happiness in the Wrong Way.

A bit of tragedy revealing a seamy side of life came to light here last night. A father came here hunting a wayward girl. She left her home in—well, it will serve no good purpose to say where—yesterday morning and upon investigation it was found she had drawn \$25 from the bank where her father keeps an account and it was also found that one ticket was sold yesterday morning from that place to Lumberton. Also it was known to the father of the girl that a street carnival company which was in that town recently was this week in Lumberton. So the father came to Lumberton last night on the Seaboard train, immediately enlisted the services of Chief Redfern and they together went to the carnival, and there, in one of the tents, sitting on a box talking to one of the showmen, was found the girl. She made a dive to get under the tent and away when she saw her father, but of course that was futile. The father took the girl from the Lumberton hotel, where she had secured a room, with him to a boarding house and this morning they left for the return journey home.

The girl became enamored of one of the show men when the carnival company visited her home town recently.

At the Pastime some time ago was shown a picture of a poor silly little fool who left home to go to New York "where happiness is," she wrote in a note she left behind for her heart-broken parents. Of course she found out and returned to have her own crushed heart healed of its hurt.

The girl from — was in the same line. If all such deluded seekers after happiness would only learn that "the mind is its own place and of itself can make a heaven of hell, a hell of heaven!"

From Along Route 5.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumberton, R. F. D. 5, March 11—The farmers are preparing for another crop.

Sand Hill school closed today. The closing exercises were attended by a large crowd.

Mrs. A. Mercer is visiting at Hope Mills this week. Mrs. M. J. Mercer has returned home after an extended visit at Mullins, S. C.

Mrs. M. A. Meares and two daughters Misses Annie and Claudie of Lumberton, spent the week-end visiting in this section.

Messrs. A. Mercer, E. W. West and J. P. Prevatt have been in Lumberton today.

Quilting is the occupation of the ladies in this section.

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, 11 3/4 cents.

—Rev. Father Gallagher of Wilmington will celebrate mass Sunday morning at 7:30 o'clock at the residence of Mr. John Redmond, No. 418 East Fifth street.

—Noting an advertisement in The Robesonian to the effect that it is necessary to discontinue sending the paper to those whose renewals are not in by the date on the label, and noting that his date was March 12, Mr. J. P. Thompson of Douglas, Ga., in remitting promptly writes that he cannot get along without the paper, that he claims to be the first subscriber on the list and has been taking the paper for more than 40 years.

—In election of officers for the next two years by the North Carolina Woodmen of the World at their meeting at Asheville this week Mr. J. E. Gilmore of Lumberton was elected head sentinel. Mr. Gilmore is an enthusiastic Woodman. He left here Sunday night with several other gentlemen from different parts of Robeson, as mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, to attend this State meeting.

—The free exhibits of Cameron stoves this week at the department store of R. D. Caldwell & Son is attracting much attention. They are conducted by Mrs. J. M. Whitted of Durham, one being given each day in the afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30 o'clock, during which time lunch is served all visitors. The exhibit Saturday will be in the morning from 9:30 to 11:30 o'clock. Everybody is invited to witness these exhibits of this wonderful stove.

—Every man, woman and child with a grouch ought to see "Prof. Optimo" as he is portrayed in one of the pictures shown at the Pastime last evening. That picture is good for the blues and drives away ill nature as sunshine dispenses gloom. It would be well nigh impossible for one to leave the house after seeing the picture without a smiling countenance and good will toward everybody. "You can't help winning if you smile." Prof. Optimo, you great apostle of sunshine and cheerfulness and smiles, Here's how!

GREAT STUFF.

Kills and Cremates Rodents and Deer But Harmless to All Living Creatures Else.—The Only Gen-u-i-n-e.

There was a fellow here one day selling to drug stores a preparation that he claims will kill rats, mice, roaches and deer, but will not harm anything else. What do you know about that? This man sucked some of the stuff himself to prove that it would not hurt him. He says that rats, roaches and deer are crazy about it, will break their necks to get to it—and if that's so of course it does the work just the same—would give what-you-may-call-it parties but for the fact that the blasted stuff just naturally burns 'em up—cremates 'em—eats 'em alive—or dead—it makes no difference—so that they don't make any perfume when they lie down and die, as die they must and shall and do whenever they eat of this strange preparation. Mr. Jno. McMillan says he saw the man try it on himself and it did not seem to please him, but he did not see it tried on the other gentlemans—er—beg pardon—the rodents, et al, mentioned.

This isn't intended as a free ad; it is merely mentioned all in the day's work as something out of the ordinary. But if the stuff does what is claimed for it and it will help reduce the tribe of rodents—why, all right. Why, when one man heard of it he came running and said he'd take a gross or so of it or them, whichever it is—he wanted the entire output of the factory for a week—that he had rats down at his place so big that they would sit down at the table and ask you with the utmost nonchalance to pass the butter, and would show fight if you kindly suggested that you objected to their company. And naturally he wanted quite some of it or them. You can't blame him; but blame the stuff if it does not prove as recommended.

Bank of Proctorville Organized—Robeson's 15th Bank.

The Bank of Proctorville, located at the recently-incorporated town of that name, has been organized. This makes the 15th bank for Robeson county. Capital stock of \$10,000 was subscribed at the organization meeting, which was held last Saturday night, and a committee was appointed to raise the amount to \$12,500 with which to begin business about July 1. Rev. K. Barnes is president. Mr. W. R. Surles vice-president.

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