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## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

**Many Local Bills Introduced—Proposed Constitutional Amendments Will Come Up in House Tomorrow—Freight Rate Question Today.**

According to the program Saturday, the bill proposing 14 amendments to the State Constitution will come up for consideration in the House of the Legislature tomorrow. Also tomorrow the Senate and House committees jointly will give a public hearing on the proposed amendment which would provide that the use of the Bible in public schools shall not be prohibited.

It was expected at the close of the session Saturday the freight rate question would reach a decisive point in the House today when Chairman Justice of the special legislative committee makes the report required of him under a resolution adopted Friday to the effect he ascertain definitely to effect that he ascertain definitely whether conclusion in the report of the special commission will be carried out by the carriers. If the proposal of the carriers with reference to special rates is accepted it is believed that the House will reserve the right to enact any legislation with respect to the railroads it may deem proper without interfering with the specific rates named in the proposal. If the railroads make an evasive reply it is thought that the House will reject the proposals and that in that event the freight-rate war would again be opened in the General Assembly.

Many local bills have been introduced since the Legislature convened last Wednesday. They are to be barred after tomorrow.

## Another Inspector Will Investigate Lumberton Postoffice Site.

In Washington correspondence yesterday's Charlotte Observer it was stated that Representative Godwin was advised Saturday by the Treasury Department that Sidney Chaplin, superintendent of construction at Raleigh, has been instructed to visit Lumberton and make an investigation as to the most desirable site for the location of public building.

Mayor A. E. White returned Friday from Washington, where he went to present to the Third Assistant Postmaster General a petition for the selection of the French lot, Walnut and Fifth streets. Mayor White merely presented the petition and asked that another inspector be sent to make a new report on the sites available; and the above information from Washington indicates that Mayor White's request was acted upon at once.

Mr. C. M. Fuller stated on the streets the other day that he would offer the lot on which his residence stands, Chestnut and Sixth, for a postoffice site, but later Mr. Fuller said he had nothing to offer.

The sending of the site inspector puts the matter virtually back where it was before any report was made, with the exception that lots are to be reported on that were not known to be available when the first investigation was made.

## A New Business Enterprise—Mutual Loan & Trust Company of Lumberton.

The mutual Loan & Trust Company of Lumberton, which will do a general insurance, loan and real estate business, is a new enterprise for Lumberton. It was chartered Friday by the Secretary of State. The authorized capital is \$50,000, with \$7,500 paid in. Mr. A. P. McAllister, secretary-treasurer of the National Cotton Mills, and Mr. H. M. McAllister, cashier of the First National Bank, are the promoters. Organization will be perfected and the company will begin business as soon as Mr. H. M. McAllister, who has been sick with malaria at his home on Chestnut street for the past week, is able to attend to business.

## Attending Important Meeting.

Mr. C. V. Brown, cashier of the Bank of Lumberton, went last night to Raleigh to attend today a meeting of the executive committee of the North Carolina Bankers' Association, of which he is the member for this congressional district. This meeting has been called to consider the report of the member of the committee who attended the recent bankers' conference in Chicago to consider the currency bill now before Congress. The Chicago conference was made up of a delegate from each State association.

## Called Meeting of Mt. Elijam "Local."

A called meeting of the Mt. Elijam local of the Farmers' Union will be held tomorrow night (Tuesday). This will be a very important meeting and all the members are requested to be on hand.

## "GOOD ROADS" DAYS

**Governor Craig Issues Proclamation Designating November 5 and 6 As Days for All Patriotic People to Work Upon Roads of State—Bad Roads Cost North Carolina \$12,000,000 Annually.**

Raleigh Dispatch, 27th.

Declaring that the people of North Carolina lose \$12,000,000 annually because of the poor condition of the State's highway, Governor Craig today issued a proclamation designating November 5 and 6 as "Good Roads Days" and calling on all patriotic people throughout the State to work upon the public roads of the State on these days.

The Governor pointed out that the modern highway is essential to the material prosperity and social advancement of every community, and declared the country has awakened to the importance of improved roads.

Characterizing the vast sum lost annually to North Carolina through lack of good roads as a tribute paid to mud" Governor Craig's proclamation calls upon every able bodied man to shoulder his shovel, march out and strike a blow for progress. The "Good Roads Days" are appointed as "days of festival, to celebrate the beginning of a new era wherein improved highways shall be built in every neighborhood."

Summoning the people of every station to answer the call of patriotism, the proclamation calls on the "farmer, the merchant, the lawyer, the doctor, the minister of the Gospel, the rich and the poor to enlist as volunteers in this mighty army for grand accomplishment.

The work will be organized and conducted in a systematic manner, so that at the end of the second day every community in the State will show permanent road improvement. All road overseers, good roads associations, boards of trade and all associations and organizations for public welfare and civic improvement are urged to aid the movement. County commissioners are called upon to issue proclamations urging the people to participate in the work.

Declaring that the farmers, more than any other class, are dependent upon the country road, Governor Craig's proclamation says: "I call upon the president of the Farmers' Union to issue his proclamation to the farmers of North Carolina that this great body of our citizenship, constituting as it does the bone and sinew of the State, may join with energy and enthusiasm in the movement."

The women are summoned to lend their presence.

Mayors of towns and cities of the State are urged to issue proclamations summoning all citizens to aid.

In conclusion the Governor says: "Let every North Carolinian show by his work that he is for the improvement of the State."

## Lynching Ends Wholesale Murder by Drug-Crazed Negroes.

Harrison, Miss., Dispatch, 28th.

Two drug-crazed mulatto boys, brothers, this morning began a reign of terror, which ended after three white men, three negro men and a negro woman had been killed, several wounded and the two boys lynched. A serious clash between the races was prevented by the arrival of a company of National Guardsmen from Natchez.

The trouble started at about two o'clock Sunday morning and continued intermittently until about 10 o'clock today when Walter Jones, the elder of the two boys, who started the firing was lynched just after the soldiers arrived. His brother Will had been shot by citizens earlier in the day. Soon after people who had barricaded themselves in their homes cautiously began to emerge from their hiding places and by noon the town was quiet. No more trouble is feared.

## Diphtheria in the County.

County Physician B. W. Page says that there are half a dozen cases of diphtheria in the county, all the cases being in different sections. Dr. Page says an early diagnosis should be made where the disease is suspected. There were 12 deaths in the county year before last from this disease, 6 last year and 2 so far this year. Dr. Page says the disease can be handled all right if it is not allowed to run too long.

Mrs. Allan Nichols, former leader in exclusive social circles in Wilmington, and wanted on a charge of embezzlement of funds aggregating \$27,000 from former close friend, Mrs. Helene P. Lemassena of Philadelphia, was arrested Saturday night in New York City and is held to await extradition to North Carolina.

## PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

**Contract Farmers Grieving and Bearing Losses—Circus Coming—Postoffice to Be Moved—Another Fox Hunt.—Personal.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, Sept. 26.—The cotton on our streets here today reminds us of some large city. I never learned the exact number of bales marketed, but it was not much short of fifty; and the price was very near 14c. We have several contract farmers here that say they are losing something like fifteen dollars to the bale, but they are taking it easy. But, we notice the countenance of some of these good farmers is just a little off.

Mr. J. B. Taylor, an up-to-date traveling photographer spent yesterday in town taking pictures, and he spent a busy day here.

Just to think, our town is to have a big show! Jones' Bros. show is to be here next Thursday, October 2nd. This is the first big show ever to stop in our little town. The people that will be here that day will be a sight.

Mr. L. C. Malloy, who had operated the telephone exchange ever since its existence, has resigned and will leave for Quitman, Ga., tomorrow. We are very sorry to lose Lester, as he is one of our very best boys, industrious and strictly sober, and a member of the Parkton band. He will be seriously missed. Also we fear we will lose another member of the band, Mr. B. A. McDonald, who is one of the A. C. L. R. operators, and will leave for Georgia soon.

The band filled an engagement in South Carolina Wednesday. Mr. P. H. Fisher carried five of the boys all the way to Mt. Tabor in his car, a distance of 75 miles. Left at 2:30 p. m., arrived at Mt. Tabor at 7 o'clock just in time for supper; and returning left at 3:45 and arrived in Lumberton time for supper, and landed safely in Parkton at eight sharp. "Fish" knows just how to manipulate a car.

The Brown store is being filled with goods, a new firm from Dillon, S. C., and also cotton buyer. Haven't learned the name of the firm yet.

Our town will be blessed with the cotton buyers from now on.

The postoffice is to be moved from the Currie building to Cobb Bros. store. The new postmaster, Mr. Collier Cobb, will probably take hold the first of the month.

The fox hunters caught another fox this week, but as the St. Paul's Messenger accuses them of knocking out bolls of cotton last week, will say that they did not pass through any cotton at all this chase, as the fox did not leave Buckhorn swamp, and then they caught inside 2 hours. A fox can't live in front of this pack even an hour if he runs the ridge.

Excuse me for failing to report the arrival of little Miss Fisher at the home of Mr. F. N. Fisher, who also has joined the automobilists—as he made a deal this week. One more customer for Rockefeller.

## Examination for Public School Teachers.

The regular examination for teachers will be held at the court house in Lumberton Thursday, October 9th, for white teachers, Friday, October 10th, for colored and Saturday, October 11th, for Indian teachers.

This will be the last examination for teachers for this school year, and all teachers who do not hold certificates and expect to teach this year, will be expected to take the examination.

J. R. POOLE, County Supt.

## Residence Burned.

A house belonging to Mrs. Sue Blake, about two miles from town on the Elizabeth road, was destroyed by fire yesterday about 1 o'clock. The house was occupied by Mr. George Calhoun. Mr. Calhoun saved most of his furniture. There was no insurance on the house. The building caught from a stove flue.

## Good Corn Yield—No Need to Order From West.

Mr. R. W. Wallace of Rowland, route 1, is in town today and told a Robesonian reporter that he gathered 96 bushels of corn from one acre of land on which the only fertilizer used was 100 pounds of nitrate of soda. Mr. Wallace says he is sorry he didn't enter the contest this year. With land that will make corn that content with the amount of fertilizer Robeson county shouldn't use a single bushel of corn from the West.

Three men held up and robbed the express car of the Alabama Great Southern train at Bibbville, Ala., Thursday night and obtained about \$30,000.

## NEW SEABOARD TRAIN WANTED

**Officials Asked to Put on a New Train Between Wilmington and Hamlet Connecting with Through Trains North and South.**

It has been rumored for some time that a move was on foot to induce the Seaboard Air Line officials to put on a new train between Wilmington and Hamlet. The following from Saturday's Wilmington Star would seem to indicate that the movers are getting "hot," as they say when you get close to a searched-for object:

"A movement has been started to have the Seaboard Air Line put on a new train between Wilmington and Hamlet which will connect at the latter point with through trains north and south. While nothing definite has been done it is believed with the proper concerted efforts on the part of Wilmington business men such a train can be secured. The Seaboard officials have the matter under advisement, but no action has yet been taken by them.

"The plan that has been suggested is to have a train which will leave Wilmington at 6 p. m. and making only two or three stops between this city and Hamlet reach there in time to make connection with the Seaboard's through train from Jacksonville to Washington. Returning the train would leave Hamlet, early in the morning reaching Wilmington between 9 and 10 o'clock.

"The suggested service would undoubtedly prove to be most popular. It would enable passengers who wish to go to Washington and other northern points to leave here at 6 o'clock in the evening and reach Washington early next morning. The Atlantic Coast Line already has a train leaving here in the afternoon which places passengers in Washington the next morning, but with the additional service it would be possible to reach Washington over competing roads in practically the same length of time.

"Returning it would be possible to leave Washington in the afternoon over the Seaboard and reach Wilmington the next morning. The new trains would also make close connections with the seaboard trains to Southern points, which would be a great convenience to many of the traveling public."

It is to be hoped that this new train will be put on. It would mean about the same thing to Lumberton that it would mean to Wilmington.

## Turbulent Extra Session of Tennessee Legislature Ends.

Nashville, Tenn., Dispatch, 27th.

The turbulent extra session of the Tennessee General Assembly ended late tonight with three of the so-called law enforcement bills still on the calendar of the House. These bills designed to make less difficult the enforcement of the liquor laws, were the subject of stormy debates and a filibuster, conducted by "regular" Democrats, were prevented from coming to a vote in the house after they had been passed by the Senate.

Both House and Senate passed a bill providing for the substitution of the electric chair for the gallows.

Governor Hooper today sent a message to the House indicating his inclination to call another extra session for consideration of "law enforcement" bills alone.

In contrast with the scenes on the floor of the House at the first of the week, when charges of the presence of gunmen threatened a riot, tonight's session was marked by jocular speech-making and singing.

## Caldwell & Son Millinery Opening.

The opening of the millinery department of Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son's department store, of which department Miss Amelia Linkhauer is in charge, was Thursday and Friday. Miss Linkhauer says that the sales on the opening days exceeded by far her greatest expectations. During these opening days, great crowds of ladies thronged the department to see this firm's display of the season's creations in millinery. A great deal of taste was displayed in the decorations and the place was indeed attractive. All visitors on the opening days were given each a souvenir—a cute little jar containing a beautiful artificial flower. The trimmers with Miss Linkhauer this season are Miss Elizabeth Gouch and Miss Adie Koontz.

Foley Kidney Pills cure obstinate cases of kidney and bladder trouble, rheumatism and lumbago, because they remove the cause. You can't take this honest curative medicine into your system without getting the right results. Try them. For sale by all dealers.

## TARIFF PROVIDES SURPLUS

**Senator Simmons Thinks New Tariff Law Will Provide Surplus of \$10,000,000 to \$16,000,000 Over Needs of Government—Conference Report Completed.**

Washington Dispatch, 27th.

A surplus of from \$10,000,000 to \$16,000,000 over current needs of the Government will be provided by the new tariff law, in the opinion of Senator Simmons, chairman of the joint conference committee, which is to report the completed Democratic tariff bill to the House and Senate next week. Experts from the Treasury Department worked late tonight on an estimate of the revenues the Government will receive under the law but did not finish their task.

Interest centered today about the development in the fight over the proposed tax on trades in cotton futures. Representative Underwood introduced in the House the so-called Smith-Lever Compromise plan which has the endorsement of the President, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Postmaster General and many Southern Senators and members of Congress. This will be advocated in the House next week and Representative Underwood expects the House to instruct its conferees to insist on the amendment going into the tariff bill.

Senate leaders today would not admit that the Senate would accept the compromise. Some Senate Democrats are its warm champions. Senator Clarke, author of the provision passed by the Senate expects to make a strong fight against the compromise.

The essential difference between the two plans is that the Clarke amendment would impose a tax of 50 cents a bale on all future trades where actual cotton is not delivered, while the Smith-Lever plan would require cotton contracts to specify Government grades and would establish a definite method of enforcing the delivery of merchantable cotton at fair market prices.

The conference report was completed today and will be laid before the Republican conferees. Of the 676 amendments to the bill taken up by the Democratic conferees, the House receded on 427 and the Senate on 151; while 97 were compromised. Only one amendment, that on cotton futures, is left in disagreement.

## Among the Sick.

Dr. W. A. McPhaul returned Saturday night from Fayetteville, where he had been in the Cumberland General hospital for some time taking treatment for throat trouble. His condition is improved, but he is not able to work yet.

The condition of Mr. Joe Thompson, who a week ago Saturday underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Thompson hospital, is improving and it is expected that he will soon be able to be out. Dr. N. A. Thompson says this was one of the most difficult operations he has had at the hospital in a long time. He thinks now that the patient will get along all right.

Miss Lilly Townsend, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Townsend of Ten Mile, underwent an operation Saturday at the Thompson hospital for appendicitis. She arrived here Saturday from Buie's Creek academy, Buie's Creek, where she has been a student. Her condition today is as good as could be expected. Miss Rosa Mercer of Bellamy also underwent an operation Saturday for appendicitis. She is getting along nicely. The condition of Mrs. D. B. Lewis of Barnesville, who for some time has been in the hospital, is improving, and it is expected that she will soon be able to go home.

Mr. H. M. McAllister, who for more than a week has been sick at his home, Chestnut and Seventh streets, with chills and fever, is better today. He was able yesterday to sit up part of the time in his room.

According to a phone message received at 1:30 o'clock the condition of Mr. J. Span Thompson, who lives at Long Branch, five miles south of Lumberton, and who has been very sick for some time, is not improved.

## Superior Court.

A two-weeks' term of civil court convened this morning, Judge C. C. Lyon of Elizabethtown presiding. The calendar was gone over this morning and several important jury cases were continued on account of sickness, but some 40 or 50 new cases were added to the calendar to take the place of those continued. Several judgments were signed and a compromise was reached in the W. C. Powell will case. Among the out-of-town attorneys here today are Messrs. E. L. Wooten of Rowland S.B. and B. F. McLean of Maxton and John A. McLean of Fayetteville.

## BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Cotton today, 13.875 cents.

—Reserve seats for Mutt & Jeff Friday night go on sale at McMillan's Wednesday morning.

—Mr. C. M. Fuller left Saturday evening for St. Louis, Mo., to purchase mules and horses for his sales stables on Chestnut street.

—Mr. Ab. Sellers of Barnesville is in town today with a badly-skinned face as a result of being beaten up by his son-in-law yesterday. The cause of the trouble has not been learned.

—The Robeson County Medical Society will meet at Red Springs Wednesday of next week, October 8th. A good program has been arranged for this meeting and it is expected that it will be well attended.

—Mr. Q. T. Williams expects work in the next week or so to begin work of remodeling his residence, Ninth and Caldwell streets. He expects to add another story. It is now a single story-house. Some material has been placed on the grounds already.

—It was stated in Thursday's News and Observer that Senator Geo. B. McLeod was unable to answer the roll call the day before on account of an infected foot that sent him to bed. As no further information has been given it is presumed that Senator McLeod is able to be out again.

—A burglar tried to enter a fruit tent on Elm street, owned by Mr. H. G. Meares, last night. The burglar tried to unlock the door with a key that didn't fit the lock, and broke the key off, leaving a part of the key in the lock and ruining the lock, which was the only loss sustained by Mr. Meares.

—Rosh Hoshanah, the beginning of the Jewish holidays which culminate in Yom Kippur, the Jewish New Year, Saturday of next week, begins at sunset Wednesday. Mr. A. Weinstein's department store will be closed Thursday and Friday on account of these holidays. There will be services in the Jewish synagogue.

—Red Springs Citizen: The owners of stores and business places on Main street are doing a commendable service to themselves and the town at large by paving the sidewalks in a substantial and attractive way. If the town would extend the work at the street crossings it would add to the looks of things and be useful as well as ornamental.

—Chief of Police H.H. Redfern, who had been sick at his home of East Fifth street most of the time for the past two weeks with chills and fever, went back on duty this morning. Mr. Sam Strain, who subbed for Mr. Redfern, will go back on night duty tonight. Mr. Woodberry Flowers acted as night policeman while Mr. Strain was relieving Chief Redfern.

—The condition of Mr. Jas. Robeson, who was recently thrown from a buggy and his back broken at Marion, S. C., mention of which was made in The Robesonian at the time, continues to grow worse. He was taken to a hospital in Florence, S. C., but was too weak to undergo an operation. No hope is entertained for his recovery.

—"The Shadow of the Cross," Essany, "Leap Year Proposal," Cines, will be shown at the Pastime theatre this evening. Tomorrow evening a Lubin 2-reel feature entitled "Through Many Trials" will be presented. In addition to this great feature picture "Ida's Christmas" and "All Came Out in the Wash," two pictures on one Vitagraph reel, will be shown.

—Dr. G. S. Cox, recently elected superintendent of health of Columbus county, spent Thursday and Friday of last week in Robeson traveling over the county with superintendent of Health B. W. Page and County Superintendent of Public Instruction J. R. Poole. Dr. Cox was here getting some idea of the health work being done in Robeson. They visited several schools in the county, visiting the Rowland school Thursday. Dr. Cox is Columbus county's first regularly employed county physician.

—Mr. Winfred W. Whaley of Lumberton, a good cartoonist, has gone to Jacksonville, Fla., to take a position with The Times.—Maxton Scottish Chief. Mr. Whaley returned from Jacksonville last Thursday, but the Chief is in error as to his accepting a position there. He is said to have gone away on a more important mission, but The Robesonian is not at liberty to tell anything, beyond the fact that he is contemplating locating in Charlotte after returning from the aforesaid important mission.

—Representative S. A. Roddenberry of the second Georgia district died at his home at Thomasville, Ga., Thursday.