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A BILL TO PREVENT USURY.

Practice of "Money Sharks" About Which Complaint is Often Registered. Made Widespread in New Law.

A bill of far-reaching importance and one that is aimed to drive from business the so-called "money sharks," who prey with voracious interest upon the poorer and more ignorant classes of people, especially in the cities of the State, was drafted yesterday by City Attorney William J. Bellamy at the request of Mayor Wm. E. Springer, after conference with Representative G. J. Boney, who said he would introduce the bill at once in the Legislature and use his utmost endeavor to have it enacted into law forthwith.

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WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M. Temperature at 8 A. M., 49 degrees; maximum, 65 degrees; minimum, 40 degrees; mean, 53 degrees.

LOCAL DOTS.

Other locals, see fourth page. Police Sergeant George Smith is acting captain in the absence of Capt. N. J. Williams this week and Policeman M. C. Gray is acting sergeant while Sergeant Smith is acting captain.

License was issued yesterday for the marriage of Mr. William Bethel Bordeaux, son of Mr. and Mrs. Israel K. Bordeaux, of Currie, and Miss Norah Bessie West, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester James West, of Delgado.

Tim O'Brien, a sailor from the British steamer "Toseda," was arrested yesterday by Policeman Hardee upon complaint of the master of the vessel that the seaman had absented himself from the ship longer than he had been given permission.

Lela E. Melton, the 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Melton, died yesterday of consumption at the family home on Masonboro Sound. The funeral will be held this afternoon and the interment will be in Hewlett's burying ground.

By deed filed for record yesterday Dr. Andrew H. Harris and wife transferred to Lewis J. Mason and wife, for \$800, a tract of land containing 14 acres, more or less, on south side of Old Plank road, from Wilmington to Scott's Hill, adjoining lands of Mary L. Mercer and others.

Messrs. J. H. Rehder & Co. have been awarded the contract for laying a very handsome carpet in Brooklyn Baptist church, a fund for the same having been raised by the Ladies' Aid Society of the congregation. Work was begun yesterday morning.

Justice Fowler yesterday tried and bound over to Superior Court William Murphy, colored, charged with abandoning his wife and four children. It was shown that Murphy had contributed comparatively nothing to the support of his family since the first of the year, though he was regularly employed at \$9 per week and was in fair circumstances.

Fire in an old dilapidated two-story house, next to the residence of Capt. W. F. Corbett, on Walnut, between Second and Third streets, called out the Department Sunday night about 10:30 o'clock. A defective fireplace caused the blaze and damage to the extent of about \$35, covered by insurance with J. Van B. Meigs, was done. The house was occupied by colored persons.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Geo. O. Gaylord—Mating. A. G. Ahrens—It's sure pure. Masonic—Meeting Will. Lodge. Crow & Taylor—Florida oranges.

Wanted—Lady or gentleman. For Sale—Wagon, wagon and harness. Big line of Silver just opened at B. Singer's.

HOLD UP RAILROADS.

Bill in Legislature Requiring Issuance of "Annuals" to Certain State Officers.

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In the Senate the bill of perhaps greatest interest to-day was introduced by Senator Williams, of Davidson, requiring railroads to issue passes to State officers. The bill provides that the president or other chief officer in the State of all railroads doing business and receiving franchises and rights from the State of North Carolina, are directed to deposit with the Treasurer of the State an annual pass over all their roads within the State for the use of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Commissioner of Insurance, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Immigration Agent, or Commissioner, and the Commissioner of Labor and Printing. The bill provoked not a little comment among members and its passage is doubtful.

Mr. Emple, of New Hanover, to-day introduced another bill for the better support of the public schools of his county. It provides that after January 1st, 1906, half of the county and half of the city school license tax be devoted to schools. The only material change from the former bill is that Mr. Emple is as to the time for the law to take effect.

Another bill by Mr. Emple to-day is one authorizing New Hanover to call an election for the issuance of road bonds for continuance of permanent improvement of the highways in New Hanover. The commissioners may or may not take advantage of the bill as they see fit.

THE PILOTAGE BILL.

The first skirmish of the sharp fight that is sure to occur in the Senate over the Wilmington pilotage bill took place to-day when the bill was reported to the Senate from the engrossing clerk's office.

Senator Emple asked that the bill be referred to the Judiciary Committee instead of the Committee on Propositions and Grievances as was done in the House. Mr. Scates, of Guilford, opposed this, insisting that the Committee on Propositions and Grievances was the proper one to consider the bill. Senators Toms, Cox and others joined Mr. Scates in insisting that reference be according to the usual practice to Propositions and Grievance committee. Senators Gilliam and Fleming were among those who took the part of Emple in demanding reference to the Judiciary Committee. Mr. Emple said his reason for wanting the Judiciary Committee to hear the bill was that it was a much larger committee, having twenty-five members and that by having the bill before this committee, a much fuller hearing could be accorded the bill. The vote on the question of reference was close, there being a bare majority for the Judiciary Committee.

The Senate Judiciary Committee is composed of Mason, of Northampton; Chalmers; Gilliam, of Edgecombe; Zollcofer, of Vance; Burton, of Rockingham; Mason, of Gaston; Scates, of Guilford; Duls of Mecklenburg; Foushee, of Durham; Stubbs of Martin; Vann, of Chowan; Webb, of Buncombe; Ward, of Craven; Fleming of Pitt; Wright, of Rowan; Bragaw, of Beaufort; Williams, of Davidson; Toms, of Henderson; Long, of Iredell; Emple New Hanover; Ed. of Forsyth; Boddie, of Franklin; Cox, of Anson; Grady, of Sampson; Sinclair of Cumberland; Pearson, of Burke; Bryan, of Yocuity.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS.

The Senate convened at noon with prayer by Rev. J. O. Masse. Joint resolution from the House inviting Gen. Fitzhugh Lee to address the Legislature at 3 P. M. was adopted. The House was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Bumpass. The bills introduced in the House were largely local, except those referred to above.

Introduced in the Senate by Stringfield, joint resolution to Congress to pension all disabled soldiers; Toms, to exempt special school tax; Wright, to provide burial places for whites at Oulomee; Pearson, relative to certain deeds of corporation; Ward, to amend charter of Newbern; Toms, to establish chain gang in Hendersonville township; McCulloch, to incorporate town of Council's; Boddie, to enable Louisa township to establish liverying grounds; Foushee, to confer police power on deputy sheriffs in East and West Durham, and Lakewood Park; Pearson, to repeal an act relative to entries and grants; Taylor, to protect Mash Creek in Allegheny, regulate election of Boards of Education in Watauga, Allegheny and Ashe; Fleming, to extend corporate limits of Sherrilvend; Shaw, resolution to pay M. G. McKenzie \$4 per day for services; Turentine, to incorporate Christian Orphanage; McCulloch, to allow Bladen to sell county farm; Long, to allow Iredell to elect county superintendent of education by the people, and to amend public law in Iredell; Scates, to prevent riding and driving on public roads before improvement is completed, to permit highway commission of Guilford to get road material outside of county, to amend law regulating tax sales, to amend law regulating life insurance; Webb, to establish police court in Asheville. To incorporate Salena. Bills passed: To incorporate Salena.

HOROSCOPIC VIEW.

Representative Boney Talks Interestingly of Work Pending in General Assembly.

THE SEVERAL LOCAL BILLS.

Mayor Springer Leaves for Raleigh to Look After Municipal Measures—Legalized Primary Law—Election of Magistrates.

Representative G. J. Boney spent yesterday in the city, having arrived Sunday night from Wallace, where he stopped over a day on his return from a business trip to Richmond, Va., having left Raleigh Saturday morning. He returned to Raleigh last night after a pleasant greeting by his many friends here and a conference with several parties interested in legislation pending before the General Assembly.

Mr. Boney talked interestingly to a representative of the STAR with reference to the proceedings of the lawmakers at the capitol. He is of the opinion that the sessions of the Legislature will continue a few days after March 4th, when the pay of members expires by limitation, and he says much business will be transacted before that time. As yet nothing has been done with reference to a re-arrangement of the judicial districts and the Ward liquor bill will likely claim its share of attention in the House when it comes up from the Liquor Traffic Committee after the meeting of that committee this afternoon. Then the Wilmington pilotage bill is likely to consume considerable time in the Senate, so that all in all there will be much doing before the curtain rings down on the 1905 session of the Assembly.

Mr. Boney says he hopes for early passage of his bill to elect the County Commissioners of New Hanover by the people. The bill to elect magistrates by the people he says will be unnecessary as that is now the law, but it has been rendered obsolete by the passage of a special act of the Legislature at each session, appointing them by the Legislature. In the future there will be no onerous bill for New Hanover, appointing magistrates in the absence of such a bill, the magistrates will be elected by the people under the general law.

Mr. Boney says as soon as he returns to Raleigh he will at once look up the bill authorizing the county to establish a work house in connection with the County Home and will have it taken to the floor as soon as the House at once. Chairman D. McCracken and Commissioner H. L. Vollers, of the New Hanover Board, are now in Raleigh in that interest.

Another matter which Mr. Boney says will engage his attention early this week is a bill to legalize the primaries in New Hanover, from the lack of which the people have suffered for some time. The bill will probably be fashioned after that which obtains in Charlotte and Mecklenburg and will be drawn and introduced by Mr. Boney as soon as he gets back to Raleigh. Mr. Boney says a promise to have such a law enacted was made to him on the platform upon which he was elected and he feels in honor bound to get the measure through as quickly as possible. He says he contemplates the introduction of no bill making the Board of Audit and Finance elective by the people or by the wards as that was not included in his platform.

The City Bills. Representative Boney was accompanied on his return to Raleigh last night by Mayor William E. Springer, who will appear this afternoon before the committee on Cities, Counties and Towns in behalf of the municipal bills recommended for passage by the Board of Aldermen. It is not anticipated that there will be objection to any of the bills as they appear to have gone forward with the unqualified endorsement of a majority of the people. In addition to the bills recommended by the Aldermen is another to empower the city, in case such should be deemed advisable by the Aldermen, to establish and maintain an industrial school.

A bill was introduced yesterday afternoon by Mr. Emple in the Senate, authorizing the County Commissioners, in case at any time it should be deemed advisable, to call another election upon the question of a bond issue for continuing the permanent road improvement. The question of the bond issue, in any event, will, of course, be submitted to a vote of the people.

A bill of wide importance, tending to correct abuses by driving out "money sharks," is referred to at length elsewhere in to-day's paper.

Judge E. K. Bryan went up to Raleigh Sunday night on professional business and to appear Monday afternoon before the committee in opposition to the Federal Point fence law. Advocates of the bill are represented in Raleigh by Hon. C. M. Busbee.

Mayor's Court Yesterday. Half a dozen offenders greeted the Mayor in the police court yesterday. Wash Murphy, colored, was fined \$5 and costs for disorderly conduct and was bound over to Superior Court under bond of \$25 to answer a charge of an assault with a deadly weapon upon his wife. Murphy was arrested by Policeman H. P. Merritt. Five defendants were fined \$5 and costs each. One of the number was Thos. Mulford, white, who had been arrested by Policeman M. A. Jones for being drunk and down.

ACCIDENT PROVED FATAL.

Mr. Charles Sylvester King, Injured at Lumber Mill Plant Last Monday, Died of His Injuries Yesterday.

Mr. Charles Sylvester King, the saw mill superintendent of the Cape Fear Lumber Company in this city who was so severely injured, suffering a fracture of the skull at the plant of the company last Monday, died yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the James Walker Memorial Hospital where he had lain unconscious; ever since the accident. It was a strange coincidence that Mr. King passed away within a few minutes of just a week after he was hurt. The announcement of the death will bring regret to very many friends of Mr. King in this city and sincere sympathy will well up in the hearts of every one for the wife and large family of thirteen sons and daughters, who are left without husband and father as a result of the sad mishap.

Mr. King was born April 17th, 1849, in the town of Folicella, West Virginia, and county, New Brunswick, Canada, therefore he was in the 57th year of his age. He was of Scotch and Irish extraction and came to the country of his adoption in 1868, becoming a naturalized citizen of the United States and taking a lively interest in all its affairs. During the years of 1898 and 1899 he represented his section in the Pennsylvania Legislature and his career there redounded both to the credit of himself and to his constituents. He had been actively engaged in the lumber business for about 35 years and was well known throughout the country as a lumberman of ability. He came to Wilmington about four years ago and since his residence here had impressed all with his high ideals of manhood and his strong Christian character. He was a member of Grace M. E. church and took a lively interest in the religious life of the city.

The funeral of the deceased will be held from the family residence, No. 306 North Sixth street, at 8:30 o'clock tonight by his pastor, the Rev. N. M. Watson, and the remains will be taken Wednesday morning to Williamsport, Pa., for burial. Mr. Frank King, of Chicago, and Mr. George King, of Pennsylvania, sons of the deceased, one of them being a student for the ministry, are already here and will accompany the remains North.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. A. H. Ward, the popular young bank cashier of Lumberton, arrived last night.

Dr. J. Harry Honnet and Mrs. George Honnet returned Sunday evening from a two week's trip to New York.

Her many friends will regret to learn that Mrs. Prempert is quite ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. W. Bonitz at the Bonitz Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Lord Myers have arrived in the city from their wedding tour through Florida and are at home at the residence of Capt. Thos. De Meares.

Among yesterday's arrivals were J. L. Quinn, Jacksonville, N. C.; O. L. Clark and M. E. McAuley, Clark; J. A. Brown, Chadbourn; J. F. Woodward, Warsaw, and Luke W. Boney, Ross Hill.

United States Postoffice Inspector S. H. Buck and Mr. Henry Matthews, United States rural free delivery agent, are in the city on official business and were pleasant callers at the office of Postmaster Wallace last evening.

Mr. J. Mercer Taylor, the popular night clerk at the postoffice, who returned Saturday from a visit to his sister in Henderson and to his brother, Representative C. Ed. Taylor, in Raleigh, is confined to his home with a gripe.

This evening at their home on Market street, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Farley will entertain in honor of the Misses Parsley. Thursday Mrs. John A. Arvingdale will entertain a number of her friends at her pretty home on South Third street.

DAUGHTERS OF CONFEDERACY.

Monthly Meeting Yesterday—Death of Miss Kelley—For Memorial Day.

The regular monthly meeting of Cape Fear Chapter No. 2, Daughters of the Confederacy, was held yesterday afternoon. Miss Edith James, vice-president of the Chapter, presided in the absence of Mrs. Willard, the president, who is travelling abroad; Mrs. Cuthbert Martin, the recording secretary, kept a record of the proceedings, and, despite the very inclement weather, there was a good attendance of members. The business of the meeting, while important, was largely routine. The committees and the treasurer all made very gratifying reports, and an increased interest in the work was noted.

The death of Miss Inez Kelley, one of the valued members of the Chapter, was feelingly announced, and the Laurel Wreath Committee presented beautiful resolutions in honor of her memory, which were unanimously adopted. Mrs. B. W. Hicks, corresponding secretary of the Chapter was requested to write a proper letter of condolence to the family, expressing the feeling of the organization.

Arrangements for the annual observance of Memorial Day on May 30th, has been committed to the Memorial Day Committee of the Chapter and work has already been commenced to the end that the celebration this year may be fully up to the standard of similar occasions in the past.

Observe the up-to-date line of Silver at B. Singer's.

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We especially invite the Ladies to come in and inspect our line of Low Shoes for the Spring. We will show you the swiftest line of "up to the minute" Oxfords ever seen in Wilmington.

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Cement! Cement!

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FUNERAL OF WM. H. GUTTS.

Distinguished Honor Shows Deceased by Pythians and Fellow Employer. Accompanied by a delegation of eight of his fellow employees in the A. C. L. shops at Rocky Mount, his mother, Mrs. A. L. Cutler, his sisters, Mrs. J. M. Stevenson and Mrs. A. Johnson, of Rocky Mount; his brothers, Capt. J. A. Cutler, of Florence, S. C., and Mayor Chas. Cutler, of Cordale, Ga., and his brother-in-law, Mr. A. Johnson, of Rocky Mount, the remains of the late William H. Gutt, arrived in Wilmington Sunday morning and were tenderly laid to rest in Oakdale cemetery the same afternoon, after impressive funeral services at 8:30 o'clock in St. John's Episcopal church, the Rev. James Carmichael, D. D., the rector, officiating.

The sad funeral party was met at the station by Grand Chancellor Wm. F. Robertson and a delegation of Wilmington Pythians, including Col. Walker Taylor, Chancellor Commander of Anson Allgood and State Deputy Grand Chancellor J. D. Nutt, who acted as an honorary funeral escort, the deceased having taken the first degree in the order at Rocky Mount. The Pythians also sent a pretty floral tribute in the design of an anchor with the emblematical letters "F.O.C.B." interwoven. The delegation from Rocky Mount represented the machinists, union at Rocky Mount and was composed of Messrs. Wm. E. Walsh Jr., William D. Thomas, L. S. Earnhardt, F. P. Howell, J. D. Carroll, D. E. Dixon, C. B. Ellsworth, C. A. Morise. They were guests at the Orion while in the city, returning Sunday evening.

FUNERAL OF MR. J. D. SMITH.

Remains laid to rest in Oakdale After impressive Services at Residence. In the presence of a large number of friends at the late residence, No. 218 North Second street, impressive funeral services were conducted at 4:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon over the remains of the late James Dickson Smith, the Rev. J. M. Wells, Ph. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, assisted by the Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, officiating. The funeral hymns were sweetly rendered by a quartette composed of Mr. and Mrs. Greene Fenley, Miss Mattie Lee Horns and Mr. Herbert K. Holden. The floral tributes were exceedingly handsome.

The interment was in Oakdale cemetery, the pall-bearers being Dr. E. H. Honorary, Dr. W. E. Storm, Dr. E. J. Wood, Messrs. W. H. Sprunt and Greene Fenley; casket, Col. O. H. White, Capt. James McDougall, Dr. J. W. Kibler, Messrs. Luther Todd, W. J. Berger, W. G. Herrick, U. M. Robinson and J. C. Stewart.

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MASONIC TRIPPER, February 21, 1905.

Wilmington Lodge No. 319, A. F. & A. M. Regular monthly communication this (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting brethren cordially invited. By order of W. M. H. B. H. 104 N. 11

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WANTED.

Annual Meeting Last Night—Election of Officers and Other Business. The annual meeting of the Carolina Yacht Club was held last night in the Court House, Commodore John K. Williams presiding, and the purser, Mr. John B. Peachau, at his desk as secretary. The feature of the meeting was the election of officers for the ensuing term which resulted as follows: Commodore—J. Van B. Meigs. Fleet Captain—Olas W. Worth. Flag Captain—W. L. Farley. Purser—John B. Peachau. Treasurer—H. J. McMillan, Jr. Marshal—H. McLean Green. Governing Board—E. Payson Willard, B. O. DeRosset and S. M. Boatwright. Two or three slight amendments to the by-laws with reference to membership, etc. were made and the usual routine business was transacted. Several contemplated improvements for the coming season, including a proposition to build a bowling alley, were left with the Governing Board.

Smallpox Quarantines. The Health Department yesterday quarantined two cases of smallpox, one of the patients being Mrs. Sellers, who lives two doors from the residence of Mr. McArthur, at No. 516 South Sixth street, and the other being a colored man named Wilson, 918 North Second street. Mr. Robert C. Sellers, a son of Mrs. Sellers, went to the detention house, but Mrs. Sellers remained in quarantine at her home. Mr. Sellers has not yet contracted the disease.