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ANTI-LOBBYIST BILL PASSES.

The North Carolina House of Representatives on Wednesday passed the anti-lobbyist bill of Mr. Bickett...

The Bickett bill as passed requires persons interested in promoting or opposing legislation, for compensation as agents or attorneys, to register their names in a book to be kept for public inspection...

The Bickett bill as it was passed, however, included an amendment by Mr. Doughton, of Allegheny county...

New York has a bill regulating lobbying, and it may be a good thing for North Carolina to have one.

GLENN AFTER OVERMAN'S SEAT.

The Washington Herald probably picked it up as gossip about the capitol that Governor R. B. Glenn is likely to make a fight for a seat in the United States Senate in 1909 against Senator Lee S. Overman...

Although Senator Overman's term will not expire for two years the North Carolina delegation is getting considerably stirred up over the prospect of a possible Senatorial contest in their State that will provoke great excitement.

Who said the Populists have come back into the Democratic party? The Republicans in North Carolina claim that they absorbed the Populists.

Populist party went into dissolution. Our impression, however, is that not enough of them relapsed into the Democratic party to constitute an element of trouble in the ranks.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

The Charlotte Chronicle makes this observation: "The cry of the cotton mills is not alone for more labor but for labor that is at the same time better trained and better taught."

Technical education is one of the great needs in the South. There is a wide field for the young men with technical education and training.

CURRENT COMMENT.

-In deciding to strike for higher wages and notifying the company 24 hours in advance of such intention, is a little out of the ordinary, but this is what the Western Union messenger boys did yesterday.

-The Durham merchants are exactly right in demanding laws preventing discriminations by express companies and for a reduction of freight rates in North Carolina.

-It looks to us like Mr. Justice is going a little too far when he undertakes to regulate the advertising-business of the newspapers of the State for them.

-A proposition is pending before the North Carolina Legislature to fix 2 1/2 cents as the first class fare on railroads and two cents as second class.

TWINKLINGS.

-There should be no secrets between husband and wife," says the Cynical Bachelor, "except what they really think of each other."

Sympathetic Sister—Cheer up, Arthur Mabel has treated you badly in jilting you, but you will soon forget her.

-In Contempt—The Crusty Judge (sternly)—Didn't you tell me, sir, when I purchased those eggs that they were strictly fresh?

Two Looks. He climbed down from the pay car, with his month's wages still in his hand.

Just as Well. Singleton—No man can tell just what a woman will do next.

A Suitable Book. Customer (hesitatingly)—I suppose you have some—er—suitable books for a man—er—about to be married?

He that runs out by extravagance must retrieve by parsimony.—From the Dutch.

Smith—When Green was courting that young widow a couple of years ago he declared he couldn't live without her.

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Charles V. Liked Mechanics. Charles V. of Spain, like Louis XVI. of France, was particularly fond of timepieces and had a decided taste for mechanics.

A Reasonable Request. "Pa, Uncle James has given me his steamer trunk."

Too Late. "And you didn't propose to her?" "No."

Quite Regular. "The last time I saw Gayley he wasn't very—er—regular in his habits."

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