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What might have been! Dear heart, we'll put it by, we are too brave to murmur—you and I. Like thoughtless children we have lost the way; if we had been less blind we could not stray into a tangled wilderness like this. Where is the pleasant pathway that we miss?

We cannot all retrace the steps that led us from the broad, smooth walks where, overcast with a soft rain, the elm-boughs arched and birds sang blithe and clear. And fitted gaily by. The night falls, dear, the stars are softly gleaming in the sky—Their light may tell us where the home-ways lie.

This path is narrow. We must walk alone. O love, your strong hand's touch upon my own. The dauntless trust I read in your dear eyes I sorely need. My life's hope—circle this within that light. But here we must not stray. Lead on—but call back through the dark, I pray.

I cannot falter if your voice's tone But reach me—for that very sound alone. Would warm my heart though it were chill in death. And stir my blood and make me catch my breath—Quivering in balance between joy and pain, Lest choris so tensely sweet sound not again.

So I will follow—the path o'er-grown, Through darkness, dear, into the way unknown; Unmindful of the thorns that prick and sting The rough, uncertain footing—everything But of your presence, dear—though nevermore We see the home-light through the open door.

At last! At last! how we have blundered, dear, Not dreaming that the right way lay so near! How good to be together—good to see The gracious glow that waits for you and me; Though we are late—yet all life's glad maybe Is ours. Before us, fear's gray shadows flee.

—Boston Evening Transcript.

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

—Take short views, hope for the best, and put your trust in God.—Sandy Smith.

—The nobleness of life depends on its consistency, clearness of purpose, quiet and ceaseless energy.

—Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.—Benjamin Franklin.

—I would rather aim at perfection and fall short of it, than aim at imperfection and fully attain it.—A. J. Gordon.

—Ask God to show you your duty, and then do your duty well; and from that point you mount to the very peak of vision.—E. E. Hale.

—He who is unwilling to stoop will never rescue the perishing, and he who refuses to lose his life will never find it among God's saints.—Booth.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., March 2.—The bill to authorize the issue of bonds in aid of the Penitentiary was taken up and passed on third reading by the House to day after being so amended that the income from two farms purchased shall first be applied to interest on the bonds. The whole matter is put in charge of the new Democratic Executive Board to abandon all leases on farms. Four farms have lost money annually, while the Northampton and Caledonia farms have made money. There is no order to purchase these farms, but it is left to the discretion of the board. Another bill is on its way, which will provide for the issue of \$50,000 in bonds to carry on the Penitentiary during the present year. The bill passed without debate; the vote was, yeas 52, nays 13. It carries \$205,000, of which \$110,000 is to pay the penitentiary debt, and \$95,000 is for the purchase of the two farms above named.

Bills passed: To protect cattle from splenic fever, effective April 1st next. To suspend the provisions of the act which took from the Pension Board of Agriculture power to construct an addition to the State museum and to restore the power to the new Democratic board, which goes into effect March 9. To give Nash county a dispensary. To appoint additional justices for Harnett. To establish highway through State lands in Onslow county. To amend the charter of Dunn. To amend the charter of Nashville. To extend the time for organizing the Southeastern North Carolina Railway. To give Bethel, Pitt county, a dispensary. To give Edgecombe county additional magistrates. To abolish office of coroner in Northampton. Resolution that the joint committee nominate to the Legislature the seven members of the new State Election Board. To change court dates in Bladen.

The resolution that the Legislature elect a keeper of the Capitol at noon Friday was adopted. The new school law passed its second reading and was made the special order for to-morrow. In the Senate a bill was introduced to incorporate the Kinston and Jackson Railroad Company. By leave, Mr. Speight introduced a bill to make appropriations for the dangerous insane. This bill provides that \$8,000 be appropriated to fit up wards at the State's prison for the dangerous insane, and for the support of the inmates. It was put upon immediate passage and passed final reading.

Bills passed third reading: To repeal the law establishing the railroad commission. To change the Western Criminal Circuit Court. To codify laws of the white A. & M. College and provide that trustees shall be paid only mileage and hotel expenses when in attendance upon board meetings. To incorporate the Wright Lumber Company. To provide for the election of agricultural commissioners by the people and reorganize the Agricultural Department. To incorporate the Carolina Loan and Banking Company. To incorporate the North Carolina Bank Association. To incorporate the Methodist Orphanage. To incorporate the Carolina Trust Company. To protect oysters in Topsail township, Pender county. To incorporate the Cape Fear Terminal Railway Company passed final reading, as did bills to give Cumberland county additional terms of Superior Court. To establish a graded school in Mount Olive. To amend the charter of the town of Mount Olive. Bill to incorporate the Salisbury and Fayetteville Coast Line Railway Company passed second reading.

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Other Matters. The joint session of the House and Senate met at 4 o'clock to consider the Wilsons case, and remained in session until after midnight. The Seaboard Air Line will equip all its locomotives with electric head-lights. The first one for Raleigh was equipped to-day. The body of a dead negro was found in a creek near the city to-day. It is supposed to be the body of a half-white negro who lived here.

Two additional county commissioners were appointed for Wake to-day. They are Millard Mial and A. M. Sorrell. RALEIGH, N. C., March 3.—Owing to the fact that members were kept up Thursday night until 3 o'clock deciding the Wilson case, neither House nor Senate met to-day till 11 o'clock. Bills were introduced in the House: To allow laborers employed by the Legislature half mileage. To appoint justices of the peace for Lenoir county. To protect oysters in New Hanover. A resolution was adopted that the election of Agricultural and Mechanical College trustees be held to-morrow. The bill to appropriate \$10,000 annually to the Soldiers' Home was made the special order for 11.30 to-morrow morning.

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Last night there was much mysterious whispering. It seems that a considerable portion of the time during the sessions of the Assembly is spent in instituting American and General Gomez, and in personal collisions between the members. They also, it is added, accuse each other of accepting bribes from the United States, which accusations were followed by threatened duels on the adjournment.

In addition to this, the Cuban Assembly consider that the planting of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee's flagstaff, four metres deep in the ground, is a sure sign of the continuance of the American occupation of the island. These reports, arising from the prolonged and boisterous secret sessions, have made the doings of the Cuban Assembly the joke of Havana. Any rumors discreditable to the American military authority are assiduously repeated.

No immediate solution of the matter of the payment of the Cuban army is in sight, General Gomez has not submitted to Governor General Brooke the details regarding the Cuban army necessary to enable the latter to perfect plans for the payment of the soldiers. The Cuban military Assembly is spending its time in a discussion of the mysterious loan of \$100,000,000, for which, it is reported, the loaning the money will ask \$20,000,000 in payment. General Gomez does not attend the meetings of the assembly and apparently ignores that body, which has not yet decided officially to accept the \$20,000,000 from the United States. Meantime, the first installment of the American money is promised.

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