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## A Rousing Sale of Carried - Over Clothing

We have on hand just now a remnant of men's and boys' Clothing and boys' Overcoats, which have gradually collected through several seasons. These are days of style and finish, and as this Clothing has neither style nor finish, we cannot sell it at a profit. But there are those among us who would like to buy something cheap, and at the same time serviceable, to last the balance of the winter season, and to them this job lot will appeal. The price will not be considered. We must sell them for something, and will be fully satisfied if we get 50 per cent. of cost. Remember this! The best always goes first. Broken lots of Shoes will also be sacrificed.

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### THE N. C. LEGISLATURE

#### North Carolina Legislature Meets and Gets Down to Business.

The session began at 1 o'clock, Rev. McNeely DuBose, of St. Mary's School, offering prayer. Senator Daniel, of Halifax, at the suggestion of the secretary of State offered a resolution for a joint session in the hall of the house to open and announce the vote for election of corporation commissioners at the election in November, the law requiring that this be done on the first Tuesday of the legislative session. The resolution was adopted and the house notified, but a few minutes later Senator Daniel stated that he had learned that the corporation commission was a part of the judiciary branch of the government and he asked Lee to withdraw his resolution, the request being granted.

Favorable reports were made on bills allowing Elizabeth City to issue bonds; to allow Brunswick to issue bonds; to prevent usury and extortion; to define the time in which a caveat may be entered to a will; amending the law regarding appeals by defendants in summary proceedings in ejectment cases; in regard to what ministers may perform the marriage ceremony; to fix salaries of commissioners of Guilford.

Bills were ratified increasing the number of commissioners of Iredell and changing the name of the Salem Academy.

#### To Celebrate Lee's Birthday.

A message came over from the house concurring in the senate resolution as to a joint session to announce the result of the election for corporation commissioner. Senator Daniel announced that he had been so informed that there was a conflict of laws in regard to this matter and that a joint session was considered to be necessary. The house gave notice of its concurrence in the senate resolution to celebrate Lee's birthday and to invite General Hoke to be the guest of honor at the legislative reception as senate members to this committee Reinhardt and Mauney.

#### Bills Introduced.

The following bills and resolutions were introduced: By Sewell: To create the county of Lee out of portions of Moore and Chatham.

By Webb: To fix the salaries of certain State officers and provide for an assistant attorney general. This bill provides a salary of \$6,000 for the governor; \$4,000 for the treasurer; \$4,000 for the secretary of State; \$3,000 for the attorney general, the latter being authorized to appoint some competent and capable lawyer as assistant attorney general to aid in representing the State and its officers in all offices which may be required by the attorney general, as provided by the revision, such assistant to receive \$1,500; \$3,000 for the State auditor; \$3,000 to insurance commissioner; \$3,000 to the superintendent of public instruction; \$2,500 to the corporation commissioners; \$2,500 to the commissioner of agriculture. These salaries are in lieu of all salaries and fees now received and there is to be no other compensation than as above provided.

Bills and resolutions were put on their third and final reading as follows:

To fix the compensation of the chairman and board of county commissioners of Guilford county. Mr. Thorne advocated the passage of his bill amending Section 2,081 of the Revised of 1905 relating to the marriage rite, the bill authorizing any duly licensed preacher to administer the marriage rite. The bill upon objection to its being read a third time took its place upon the calendar. Substitute bill defining the time when a caveat may be entered in a will. Consideration of this bill was postponed, hour of joint meeting with the house arranged and the senate proceeded to the hall of the house. Upon the return of the members of the

senate chamber, Mr. Daniel stated that the bill relating to the time a caveat may be entered to a will was recommended to be passed by the State Bar Association. On motion the bill was re-committed to the judiciary committee.

The reading of bills on their third and final reading was resumed.

#### Anti-Lobbying Bill.

The bill introduced by Mr. Biskett was the first one considered on its second reading. This bill requires all parties employed to promote or defeat legislation to enter their names on a register in the office of the secretary of State, stating the source of employment, the specific work to be done, and whether or not a corporation, and if so the address of the principle of the offices.

Mr. Galloway, of Greene, moved to amend by substituting in place of "this act," should be in force upon its adoption by inserting 10 days after its adjournment. This was agreed to.

#### Joint Session to Canvass Vote.

At 12 o'clock the approach of the senate was announced. Ascending the speaker's stand Lieutenant Governor Winston announced that in accordance with law the joint bodies would proceed to canvass and announce the result of the last election for State officers. Roll call showing the presence of 45 senators and 115 representatives, President Winston declared a quorum was present and the body would proceed to canvass the returns. He appointed Senators Howard, of Edgecomb, and Carter, of Surry, tellers on the part of the senate. Speaker Justice named Representative Doughton, of Alleghany, and Harshaw, of Caldwell, tellers on the part of the house. Doughton, on the part of tellers, made a report showing that Franklin McNeill had received 123,372 votes and R. M. Douglas had received 77,917 votes for corporation commissioner and that McNeill was duly elected, this result being answered by the president. The joint session was dissolved, the senators returning at 12:05 o'clock.

#### Bills Introduced.

Bills were introduced as follows:

By Laughinghouse: To provide for payment of penitentiary bonds.

By Vestal (resolution): To obtain information regarding the number of insane persons in jails and county homes in the State.

By Stevens: To require political candidates to furnish lists of expenses, and to prevent corporations from contributing campaign funds.

#### Bills Pass Third Reading.

The following bills passed third reading:

To make indictable assault upon an innocent woman.

To so amend the Watts law that an election can be held on prohibition on the same footing as one on dispensary or saloons.

To authorize a trial judge in cases of felonious assault, to exclude all persons except those directly interested from the court room during trial.

To give justice of the peace jurisdiction of cruelty to animals.

At Wednesday's session but little was accomplished besides the introduction of new bills. The work of the committees was also unimportant.

#### Senate.

Among the Senate bills favorably reported were:

To allow judges in trial of cases of felonious assault and attempted felonious assault to exclude from the court rooms persons not connected with the case.

To allow county commissioners to force clerks of court to increase bonds.

To make indictable attempted assault upon an innocent woman; unfavorable reported, the law already favors this matter. There was also an unfavorable report on the bill amending the law as to requirements before granting license to attorneys, another bill of the same character being before the Legislature with a

favorable report. A third unfavorable report was on the bill to define and punish battery by lawyers, and yet another on the one requiring sheriffs to keep a record of processes for services and to have an official seal.

Favorable reports were made on bills:

To prevent the exposure and sale of indecent pictures and prohibiting indecent shows and to prevent the usury and extortion on mortgages on household goods, etc.

To secure the pensioners the amounts allowed them by pension boards.

To compel water companies to supply wholesome drinking water.

To prohibit the collection of a sum in excess of the regular fare from passengers who for reasonable cause do not have tickets.

There was a report without prejudice on the bill prescribing the manner in which passengers should enter and leave trains. It was stated that nearly all the railway bills went over until next Thursday.

#### House.

The House under the new rule met at 10:30 and as no minister was present there was no prayer. Several petitions were introduced for the repeal of the homestead law, the suppression of Mormonism and the abolition of saloons in Morganton.

Among the bills introduced were the following:

To enlarge the powers of the State board of pharmacy.

By Horton: To separate white and colored persons on street railways.

By Preston: To encourage immigration.

By Galloway: To prevent the waiving of bills of indictment.

By Mangum: To amend the Revised as to delays in transporting freight, also requiring railway companies to furnish freight cars.

By Hampton: To amend the revision regarding the clerk of Currituck court.

By Price: To extend the pension law to certain ex-Confederate soldiers.

By Laughinghouse: For the relief of prisoners in jail in Pitt awaiting trial.

By Buchanan: To regulate pay of witnesses and jurors in Moore.

By Mauney: To authorize the corporation commission to require railways to install more passenger trains and make connections.

#### Reformatory Bill.

Just before the close of the session Mr. Preston, of Mecklenburg, asked leave and was allowed to introduce out of order a bill providing for a reformatory and manual training school for criminals and wayward children. Three hundred copies of this bill was ordered printed.

#### Morganton to Be Dry.

A bill that caused considerable discussion was enacted on Thursday, this being the measure to prohibit

the sale of liquor, beer or wine in Morganton. Morton, opposing the bill said he understood Morganton had voted under the Watts law and that the people there had said they preferred saloons. The present proposition is that the other part of the county shall vote Morganton dry, although the Watts law gives the Morganton people the right to vote on the question every two years if they so desire. The Democratic party is

pledged and committed through the Watts and the Ward laws to the plan of local self government and not to go any further in these matters. Avery, of Burke, said the people of his county demanded this law, and that he had petitions signed by 1,200 of them asking for it, there not being a single petition against it. The matter was the one issue in the late campaign, candidates of both political parties demanding it. If the bill were defeated it would mean his political and professional death in Burke. He declared he absolutely believed the people in the country had

a right to say what they wanted, when the saloons in Morganton were poisoning and distressing the most remote townships in the county.

Blount, of Washington, and Gibbs, of Swain, spoke in advocacy of the bill, Gibbs saying he was a Republican, but could tell the House positively that if this bill were not passed, Burke would go Republican two years hence. Owens, Republican, from Sampson, favored the bill. Bowman, Republican, of Henderson, eloquently and strongly supported the bill, saying that his county was corrupted by barrooms in Marion and he hoped to see all such places closed and put out of business. Upon a roll call vote only two noes were given against the bill.

Friday was a particularly dull day in the Legislature in both branches. There was no session Saturday, the body having adjourned out of respect for the memory of General R. E. Lee. A large number of the members went home.

#### Jail Delivery at Americus.

Americus, Ga., Special.—Americus had a wholesale jail delivery, when eight negro prisoners saved their way to liberty and escaped. Evidently a key was provided by which they unlocked the door guarding the rows of steel cages. Three other prisoners in the same cells declined to leave, and these gave the alarm two hours after the eight criminals had departed through a barred window, cutting the steel bars. Two of the escaping prisoners were under long sentences for felonies while six were in for misdemeanors.

#### Agrees to Inter-change of Mileage.

New Orleans, Special.—The statement that the Southern Railway has agreed to interchange mileage with other systems in the South, including the territory east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio rivers, was made by F. W. Crandall, chairman of the national railroad committee of the Travelers' Protective Association. Reductions in the deposit required on mileage books by the Southwestern Passenger Association were also announced.

#### Negro Killed by Officer.

Ludowici, Ga., Special.—William McDuffie, a negro, arrested here for disorderly conduct, attacked Deputy Marshal Delk and a citizen deputized by the officer. McDuffie secured the revolver of one of the men and struck him down. He then ran, exchanging shots with his pursuers and slightly wounding a citizen named Gordon. A shot struck McDuffie in the head and killed him.

#### Battleships Are Needed.

Washington, Special.—President Roosevelt has written a letter to Chairman Foss, of the naval affairs committee, urging that an appropriation should be made at once for two first-class battleships of the maximum batteries all of 12-inch guns. The letter states that in addition to the battleships provided for last year of the Dreadnought class, another should be provided for this year without fail. The President also urges the building of torpedo boat destroyers.

#### Secretary Root Leaves for Canada.

Washington, Special.—Secretary Root left Washington for Ottawa, Canada, where he will arrive about noon Friday to be the guest of Earl Grey, the Governor General. Mr. Root was accompanied only by his wife and daughter.

#### Patterson Inaugurated Governor.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—Malcolm R. Patterson, of Memphis, was on Thursday inaugurated Governor of Tennessee.

The largest size of fine paper is known as "antiquarian." The sheets are 53x31 inches.

### THE PULPIT.

A BRILLIANT SUNDAY SERMON BY THE REV. RAIMUNDO DE OVIES.

Subject: The True Religion.

Birmingham, Ala.—The following impressive discourse entitled "The True Religion" was preached in St. Andrew's Sunday morning by the Rev. Raimundo de Ovies. His text was: St. Luke xxi, 3: "Of a truth I say unto you that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all."

Mr. de Ovies said: Because religion is a feeling, an intuition, an emotion, many well meaning people mistake other emotions and feelings for this "divine stirring of the heart."

There are some minds that can never be led to believe that religion must become an ordinary, commonplace and everyday matter with the true Christian. They look for some remarkable display of feeling, something beyond and above the daily and hourly emotions of life, in order that they may feel certain of "having religion." In other words, they look for romance, not commonplace.

"What!" we can hear them cry, "do you mean to say that when some powerful and eloquent preacher has stirred our hearts and made us realize the depth of degradation in which we have been living, until we turn with disgust from our past life, make unnumbered good resolutions and feel good all over, that we have not got religion? What more would you command?"

There is only one thing which we could ask, and yet what a difficult task, "keep the feeling alive."

No man is a Christian who must be converted and baptized once a year. Religion is for a lifetime, not a day, or a week, or even a month or two. There is nothing more deceptive than the enthusiasm resulting from magnetic, eloquent preaching. The politician, the lawyer, even the infidel, all exercise this compelling power over an audience, and in no case does it give religion. Religion comes into the heart from no man, it comes from God Himself. It is true, indeed, that God uses human means, but when a soul is truly converted religious enthusiasm wells from the heart in a deep, quiet stream, not in the bubbling, effervescent spring of some momentary exaltation.

Such periods of excitement do seem to lift us outside the ordinary routine of life, and they have in them a touch of the romantic. But what really is romance, after all? It is merely the commonplace viewed from a distance. If any incident which excites our fancy and appears to be romantic were taken from the pages of one of our thrilling novels and introduced into our own lives we should look upon it as trouble, and what a deal of grumbling there would be. Don't you see that this is true, and is not a romantic novel, simply the story of difficulties and trials overcome? There is this difference between a book and life: in a book petty details are left out and the exciting events crowded together, one upon another. In life the petty details are all retained, and (in many cases) the thrilling passages omitted.

When some of us sigh in our youth for stirring scenes and a part to play on life's stage, which shall be full of thrilling adventures, such as we have read about in our favorite books, do we ever think about disaster to ourselves, and does the story not end happily? Yes, we all desire romance, but no trouble or hardship ever enters into the bargain. They are inseparable in the real business of life.

So we see that Christianity is romantic only in the true sense. It means trials and obstacles to be overcome.

The very first requirement of romance is courage, and here romance and Christianity agree. No coward was ever a Christian. There is no greater mistake in the world than to suppose that a Christian must be a milkop, a poor, meek, wishy-washy creature, without stamina and without manhood. Among the heroes of history none were greater, none more glorious and godlike than the Christian martyrs. They were not supported by ambition, by the praise of men, nor the fear of ridicule, but calmly and with eyes that saw, without finching, their doom, died for a

feeling, that mysterious thing, faith.

Pause a little, you who look with contempt upon the Christian life, and think which is the braver course, to float easily with the stream, to give unbridled way to base passions and weaknesses in our human hearts, to avoid the finger of scorn by joining the swelling ranks of the scoffers and the degraded, or that other path, to take the side of the minority, to battle against sin, to acknowledge the standard of honor and freedom of conscience? Whoever conquers his besetting sin is man indeed.

True religion, then, is brave as well as steadfast, but above all it is steadfast, it does not demand great sermons, it finds "sermons in stones." It does not ask for great deeds to do, it is contented with its opportunities. Who shall say what things are small? Newton saw gravitation in the falling of an apple, and Galileo, watching the lamp of a great cathedral vibrating from the movements of passing vehicles, gave to the world the division of time by means of the pendulum. Greatness lay in the minds of those two men who could grasp opportunity.

So it is not the outward circumstance but the heart which makes things great or small. There are abundant opportunities for our becoming heroic Christians. Oh, if we would only grasp them. We miss so much in this life, romance and beauty, and all because we lack courage to do our duty.

Duty is an ugly word at first, yet within it lie all the best things of life. It is under the spell of that wicked fairy, the world, but it becomes beautiful if we embrace it. Recall that story of your childhood, "Beauty and the Beast." You remember how ugly the beast appeared to poor Beauty. Still, for the sake of her father's life she embraced it, when, lo, a miracle, before her stands a handsome prince. So it is with life, duty, the daily task, the commonplace routine, when undertaken in the spirit of Christian faith takes the form of that dear dream that lies in the heart of us all.

Who would imagine anything heroic in the act of that poor widow, when she cast into an almsbox her two mites of copper? It took the gracious mind of Christ Jesus to point out to the world the beauty of that insignificant deed. Yes, and as long as the world shall last and while the gospel is preached to erring mankind, the greatness of a poor woman's heart, shall point out to the world a lesson of beauty and heroism that shall never die.

#### Tar Heel Brevities.

At Buckhead, a few miles west of Fayetteville, Henderson Edwards, after striking his wife on the head with a bludgeon stuck a knife into his throat repeatedly deliberately wounding himself mortally and dying after hours of suffering. There was trouble between his wife and himself and he said that he "was tired of all it."

Farmers and others in Mecklenburg county are circulating a petition to the legislature to have a tax put upon all dogs, this tax to go to the school fund.

Mayor J. C. Steele, of Statesville, who last Monday tendered his resignation to the board of town aldermen, has, at the request of the aldermen, withdrawn his resignation.

The High Point Savings Bank and Trust Company has asked for an amendment to its charter, allowing the company to do general loan, real estate and investment and insurance agency business as well as in the commercial and savings banking business.

#### Half-Breed Tries Suicide.

Wilmington, Special.—William Jacobson, a West India half-breed negro, who says that he was lately shipwrecked and came here to seek aid from the British vice consul, who was insulting when in a drunken condition in the consul's office and was sent to the roads for 30 days for disorderly conduct, made an unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide by hanging himself with a rope torn from the hammock in a cell at the police station.