

NEW LAWS ENACTED

Summary of the Work Done
By Legislature.

MANY RAILROADS CHARTERED.

Thirty Counties Allowed to Improve Their Roads—The Important Resolutions—Insurance Legislation—A Mass of Miscellaneous Measures.

The important laws enacted by the legislature are summarized by the Charlotter Observer as follows:

The Important Resolutions.

The following are the most important resolutions which were adopted:

Requesting Congress to vote for the Appalachian Forest Reserve and asking the Governor to go to Washington in the interest of that measure.

Endorsing the second Hague Peace conference.

Endorsing the Jamestown Exposition, appropriating \$20,000 more to it and allowing the North Carolina building to be sold and the proceeds used by the commission.

Making a \$5,000 gift to the cruiser North Carolina.

Urging Congress to improve the upper Cape Fear river. Also urging it to prohibit polygamy.

To secure a change in the constitution so Senators will be elected by a direct vote of the people.

Bills were passed eliminating whiskey from the following counties: Burke, Lincoln, Catawba, McDowell, Madison, Cherokee, Macon, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Rutherford, Northampton, Stanly, Scotland, Cumberland and Mecklenburg.

Road Improvements.

Thirty counties were allowed to improve their roads and very large bond issues allowed to be voted on for this purpose in the counties of Franklin, Forsyth, Durham, Rowan, Wake, Granville and Buncombe, ranging from \$100,000 to \$300,000.

At no session of the Legislature have charters been granted to so many railroads; the following is the list: North Carolina Union, Southport, Northern & Western, Raleigh & Winston-Salem, Northampton & Hertford; Western Carolina, Bladen & Northern; Rockingham & Caswell; Randolph & Cumberland; Graham County, Washington & Vandemere; Nantahala, Dover & Southbound; Tuckaseegee, Elkin & Alleghany; Virginia & Eastern Carolina, Virginia & Carolina Southern, Deep River & Farmers Creek, Alleghany & Piedmont Southern, Southwestern, Greensboro, Seaboard & Great Western, Mattamuskeet, Kinston & Carolina, Monroe & Southern, Franklin & Smoky Mountain. Bills were also passed allowing Buncombe, Henderson and Rutherford counties to subscribe stock for a competing railway between Asheville and Rutherfordton; to allow the consolidation of the Aberdeen & West End, the Asheboro & Montgomery and the Jackson Springs railroads; to allow the conversion of the Wilkesboro & Jefferson turnpike to a steam or electric railway.

For Schools.

In the way of schools and school matters, bills passed incorporating the Stonewall Jackson Training School or reformatory. To establish a reformatory.

To establish a manual training school in the mountains.

To establish a teachers training school in the East.

A school of Technology at Spray.

To aid the Elhaman Orphanage at Marion.

To allow elections to be held in townships or school districts upon the subject of compulsory education.

To require deaf mutes to attend the State school at Morganton and to limit the attendance to North Carolina children.

To require 16 weeks attendance each year of children between ages of 8 and 14 years.

To provide a safe and adequate water supply for all schools, public and private.

Creating a system of public high schools, the number for each county to be fixed by the State superintendent of public instruction to be not less than one or more than four.

Railway Matters.

A great deal of attention was given to railway matters, and the following are the important bills which were introduced:

To fix the maximum passenger rate at 2 1/2 cents per mile.

To regulate freight rates and prevent unjust discrimination.

To prevent public driving in passenger cars.

To require railways to keep passenger cars clean.

To allow conductors and station agents to arrest drunk, disorderly or boisterous persons.

To allow railways to construct belt lines at towns.

To require one director and one incorporator of all railways to be a citizen and resident of this State.

To allow the corporation commission to require union depots in towns of 2,000 persons.

To require street railways to provide separate accommodations for negroes and whites.

To prevent stealing of goods in transit, and also to prevent stealing of brasses and other railway property.

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