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NORTH STATE HAPPENINGS

Occurrences of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the Busy Tar Heel State

STONEWALL TRAINING SCHOOL.

City School Superintendents and Principals' Association Hear Valuable Addresses.

Raleigh, Special.—Declared to be the best meeting since its organization in 1889, the North Carolina Association of City Superintendents and Principals Monday closed its session of three days which has been held in the auditorium of the Raleigh High School.

The session of Monday was an especially interesting one, for in addition to the discussions there were helpful and inspiring addresses by State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner, Dr. W. L. Peat, President of Wake Forest College, Mr. J. P. Cook, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Stonewall Jackson Training School.

President—Supt. I. C. Brogden, of Kinston.

Vice-President—Supt. Harry Howell, of High Point.

Secretary—Supt. C. W. Wilson, of Scotland Neck.

Prof. Cook was heard and the following was adopted:

"Whereas, the State of North Carolina now has a Reform School, under the charter name of the Stonewall Jackson Manual Training and Industrial School, where incorrigible boys and youthful offenders under the age of sixteen years may be placed and taught correct habits and receive instruction in the several branches prescribed in the Public School Law, and taught one of several useful trades; and

"Whereas, the Board of Trustees of said school have succeeded in securing property and buildings worth more than thirty thousand dollars, of which the State contributed only ten thousand dollars; and

"Whereas, this is a long needed work in our educational system, relieving many schools of disturbing problems and yet offering a well-founded hope for saving to the State useful citizens that otherwise would become expensive criminals; and

"Whereas, it reflects the progressive and the moral spirit of the people of our State; now, therefore, the Association of City Superintendents of North Carolina, in convention assembled, do

"Resolve 1. That it views with pride and satisfaction the great work accomplished by the Board of Trustees of the Stonewall Jackson Manual Training and Industrial School of Concord, for the wayward boys of the State; and that we hereby pledge the said board and management our hearty sympathy and moral support in this humane and important educational work.

"2. That we unite in expressing the hope and belief that the present General Assembly will deal kindly and generously in its provisions for the maintenance and development of this great work so long delayed in our State.

Explosion Damages Repaired.

Spencer, Special.—The mammoth shop buildings of the Southern Railway Company in Spencer are being repaired in connection with the repairs made following the powder magazine explosion here October 1st. The repair work has been completed and when the painting has been finished the buildings will present a new appearance.

Hog Gained Five Pounds Daily.

Winston-Salem, Special.—A hog that gained in weight five pounds a day is the exhibit offered by Mr. John Vawters, of Centerville, a suburb of this city. Mr. Vawters says that he bought a hog last November, when it weighed 212 pounds. He kept it 56 days, and it weighed just 435 pounds. Witnesses substantiate Mr. Vawters, should any doubting Thomases come forward. An average of two pounds a day is considered fair for a hog to gain in training.

Vanderbilt's School to Close.

Asheville, Special.—Baltimore Parish school, established and maintained by George W. Vanderbilt for 12 years, will be discontinued at the end of the present term and the building will be leased to an Asheville teacher, who will conduct a boys' school there, because competition of a nearby public school has reduced the attendance from one hundred last term to twenty this term.

FROZEN TO DEATH IN BOAT.

Edward N. Wright, Accidentally Hurt, Skull Being Fractured, and Dies of Injuries and Exposure to Weather.

Washington, Special.—Startling news was received in this city Tuesday morning to the effect that Mr. Edward N. Wright had been frozen to death while in a gas boat on Pamlico river Monday night on route for this city. The gas boat Lena was located near the Black buoy about one mile from this city and was towing a raft of logs to this city.

Upon boarding the boat the searching party found young Wright lying in the bottom of the boat, with blood spattered all over the interior and his body frozen, his skull being crushed in. There were no evidences of foul play. It is believed that his head was caught in the machinery and his wound and the extreme cold caused death.

KILLED WHILE HUNTING.

Newbern Laid the Victim of a Distressing Accident—Trigger of His Gun Caught on Briars and His Death Results.

Newbern, Special.—Howard, the 15-year-old son of Rev. J. N. H. Summerrill, pastor of the Presbyterian church here, met with a distressing death. He went hunting and when he had not returned at the time appointed his parents became alarmed. A party of citizens went in search of the boy, and the dead body was found in the marsh near the county home, five miles from Newbern. The gun had discharged its load, which lodged under the boy's jaw and his brain was perforated with shot. The trigger had evidently caught on a briar in the undergrowth and caused the discharge.

Fought With Shotgun.

Asheville, Special.—In a fight with shotguns between John Llewellyn and four of the Hurst boys on Big Ivy, near the Madison and Buncombe line early Wednesday morning, according to a telephone message from Mars Hill Wednesday afternoon, John Llewellyn received what are considered mortal injuries. The fight between the Hurst boys, sons of William Hurst, of north Buncombe, and Llewellyn occurred at a point about three miles from Democrat and an equal distance from Mars Hill. It is understood that the Hurst boys were not hurt, or at any rate seriously. Llewellyn, it is said, was shot twice—in the abdomen and the head. When the news reached Mars Hill Llewellyn was still alive, but it is said that he would die. The trouble between the men, it is alleged, grew out of a dispute over some land. Warrants, it was stated, had been issued for the Hurst boys.

Kept Officers in Cold.

Newbern, Special.—A negro named Shade Morning held the chief of police and three officers at bay all Sunday night and until 3 o'clock Monday morning. The negro had a row with his wife, Hester Morning, and when the officers appeared he shut himself upstairs and threatened to kill the first man who attempted to enter the house. All Sunday night the officers stood on guard—the coldest night of the winter. Monday morning, Officer Griffin went to their rescue and succeeded in arresting the man, although he shot at them during the attempt. He was tried and sent up on two charges, and as court is in session he will likely be sent to the roads this week.

Burned to Death.

Fayetteville, Special.—Miss Claude Youngblood, the 19-year-old daughter of N. E. Youngblood, a railroad engineer of this city, was burned to death Sunday afternoon as a result of her clothing catching fire from an open stove.

Results of the Blizzard.

High Point, Special.—Monday afternoon a three-inch water pipe on the third floor of the Redding building burst, flooding the building and causing several hundred dollars damage to furniture and the building. Another accident due to frozen pipes was at Bascom Hoskin's place. A fire was being built in the kitchen to prepare breakfast when water back, which was frozen, exploded, flying the range to atoms and the tearing pieces tearing out the door and two windows. Members of the family had just left the room, thereby escaping an awful death.

Small Prescription Business.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Whiskey prescriptions filled at the four white drug stores in Winston in January numbered on 117. It may be remarked that in Greensboro last month there were 500 prescriptions filled. The druggists here say they have had comparatively little business with people wanting liquor without prescriptions. Every prescription, they say, was for medical purposes.

WITH N. C. LAWMAKERS

Doings of the State Legislature Condensed—Interesting Items from Day to Day.

In the House Mr. Cox, of Anson, introduced by consent out of order a bill to establish the Morven High School.

The following bills passed third reading: Resolution to pay the expenses of the committee on Deaf and Dumb in visiting Morganton.

Amend charter of the Western Carolina Power and Transportation Company.

Incorporate Carolina-Tennessee Power Company.

Incorporate Asheville & East Tennessee Railroad, 60-mile branch of the C. C. & O. from Mountdale, in Yancey county, to Asheville.

The bill to amend Revisal 2634 so penalties for unreasonably delayed freight might be used for any party damaged as well as the consignee was, on motion of Mr. Cox, of Wake, re-referred to the judicial committee No. 1, as several parties had notified the committee that they desired to be heard. Mr. Gevin explained that the present law allowed only the consignee to sue for the penalty.

The usual routine of business involved acts of merely local interests.

In the Senate Wednesday not without a long debate the Senate passed finally the Empe game bill, prohibiting the sale of quail and mountain pheasants in North Carolina for two years, with an amendment by Senator Peale limiting the killing by a hunter to fifteen birds on a single day.

The Senate passed the State drainage bill for reclaiming swamp and overflowed lands. No opposition was manifested.

There was some discussion of Senator Gay's bill to punish public drunkenness in the State, but it was not deemed necessary in view of the prohibition law and was voted down.

Senator Pharr and Representative Cox, of Wake, both introduced bills looking to an adequate forestry bureau for the State, with several assistants foresters to travel over the State and look out for necessary things to be done to preserve and perpetuate the forests. An appropriation of five thousand dollars is asked.

A new bill by Mr. Dowd in the House restores to heads of State institutions the nominating power in selecting employees taken from them two years ago and prevents the employment of relatives of superintendents or directors.

A reformatory and annual training school for negro criminal youth is embraced in a bill introduced by Mr. Murphy, of Guilford. Many colored citizens have contributed funds for the purpose, one woman having given eight hundred dollars. The object of the bill is simply to incorporate the school so that contributions may be properly received and handled.

Senator Doughton by request sent forward, out of order, a bill to create the new County of Avery out of portions of Mitchell and Watauga.

After an animated, lengthy hearing the House committee on manufactures and labor voted to report unfavorably the Hinsdale bill.

The feature of Thursday was Governor Kitchin's message transmitting Superintendent Mann's letter as to the finances of the State prison, and recommending that some \$68,000 be paid back to the penitentiary from the prison funds in the hands of the State Treasury, being the money turned over for the liquidation of the prison bonds, and that the State provide other means for settling the bond issue. The message was placed in the hands of the committees of Senate and House on penal institutions.

In the Senate matters of general interest were in part: Render secure from damage by fires such woodlands as are above the 2,000 feet contour line in North Carolina by authorizing the Governor to appoint fire wardens to be paid by the landowners.

House bill to amend the Revisal as to the time for advertising or publishing notices in cases of caveat, making this four instead of six weeks.

Amend the law as to standard keepers, inserting a new section in the Revisal.

Amend the Revisal by allowing sheriffs fees of \$25 for illicit distilleries seized, this fee to be payable to other police officers seizing distilleries.

Incorporate the John Charles McNeill Memorial Society.

House bill to fix liability of banks to depositors for paying raised or forged checks (six months limitation).

Lincey: Except brandy from the operation of the prohibition law. Allows citizens of Alexander county to sell brandy made from fruit grown on their own land.

The following bills were among those passed on third reading: Incorporate Asheville & East Tennessee Railroad Company.

For relief of Mrs. Emma Alice Howard, widow of ex-Sheriff Eugene K. Howard, of Granville, allowing her to collect back taxes.

In the Senate on Friday certain bills and resolutions were introduced as follows:

Manning: Petition from certain Confederate soldiers for increased pensions.

Long, of Person: Amend Chap. 224, Public Laws of 1907, relative to working prisoners on the roads at their own request.

West: Petition from citizens of Macon county with request for Confederate monument.

New bills introduced out of order were as follows: Barringer: Allow cleaning establishments a lien on articles cleaned until the bill for the work is paid.

Dawes: Return to the State penitentiary \$68,356.70 from the State Treasury, this being desired for use in maintenance of the prison. The bill had been prepared by the joint committee on penal institution and Senator Dawes asked its immediate passage. This was done and the bill was sent to the House for action there.

Elfrott: Incorporate the Denver & Lincolnport Railroad Company.

Fry: Amend 2836, Revisal, relative to work on the Sabbath.

Barringer: Provide for the maintenance and support of the A. & M. College for the colored race.

In the House there was a flood of bills among which are the following: Hanes: Allow defendants in civil actions on appeal to make the same plea or defense in the Superior Court as they would have been entitled to had they been present at the former trial.

Weaver: Authorize the creation of railroad companies for the transportation of certain classes of freight by relieving them of the obligations of common carriers.

Foy: Relief of Pender county flood sufferers.

The following bills passed third reading: Permit Seaboard Air Line Railway to condemn part of Brunswick street in Wilmington for terminal purposes.

Senate bill to render secure from fire forests lying 2,000 and more feet above sea level.

Senate bill directing State Treasurer to return to the State prison a sufficient sum from its earnings for 1908 to support it for 1909.

Provide for compensation of judges holding special terms of court, at rate of \$100 a week.

Amend slot machine act of 1907 so as to exempt from tax those dispensing drinking water only.

In the Senate Saturday among the number of bills of local interest was one by Mr. Holden to expedite the trial of causes both civil and criminal, and relative to challenges.

At the request of Chairman Doughton, of the committee of agriculture, the bill to regulate the registration of stock and poultry feed was re-referred to that committee in order that there may be a further hearing as to its provisions February 15th.

The substitute for the Berham and Starback bills to equalize preemptory challenges in the trial of capital cases and abolish the practice of the State in standing aside jurors to the end of the panel, providing that the State have twelve and the defendant eighteen challenges, passed its third reading.

House bill to allow the board of agriculture to sell test farms and give title.

Amend Revisal relating to fees of corners so as to allow fees of \$3 in case no foul play is found and a jury not necessary.

Foy: Joint resolution to pay expenses of sub-committee visiting insane asylums.

Connor: Repeal Revisal 4792 and require assessment insurance companies doing business in North Carolina to make deposit with the State Treasurer.

Perry: For greater protection and comfort of the traveling public. (Substitute for similar bill which was mislaid). Provides for screens to windows of hotels and boarding houses and railroad cars.

Livingston: Require attendance on public schools in Tryon white graded school district, Polk county.

Gordon: Amend Revisal relating to public health. (Enlarges powers of State board of health and increases appropriation from \$2,000 to \$10,000, putting secretary in the field providing for assistants and active work).

THE LARGEST WARSHIP

The Battleship Delaware Launched at Newport News Saturday—Description of the Great Sea-Fighter.

Newport News, Va., Special.—The great battleship Delaware was successfully launched from the yards of her builders, the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company Saturday. The launching was witnessed by 5,000 people.

Completed or under construction, of the navy of any foreign country, the Delaware surpasses all. She is one of four sister ships authorized by Congress which will form an indomitable squadron. The other vessels are the North Dakota, being built at Quincy, Mass.; the Florida, which will be built at the New York navy yard, and the Utah, to be built at Camden, N. J.

The Delaware is to carry as heavy armor and as powerful armament as any known vessel of its class; will have a speed of 21 knots, which is believed to be the highest practicable for a vessel of this type and class, and will have the highest practicable radius of action. The arrangements of her main battery guns is such as to permit a broadside fire 25 per cent greater than that of the broadside of any battleship now built, or so far as is known, under construction. Her defensive qualities, other than those dependent upon armor protection, are such as to give the maximum degree of protection to all the vital portions by means of unusually effective compartmental sub-division, so that in conjunction with her armor protection the defensive qualities of this vessel are believed to be distinctly superior to those of any battleship heretofore designed. The hull is protected by a water line belt of armor 8 feet in width, whose maximum thickness is 11 inches. This armor belt gives effective protection to the boilers, machinery and magazine spaces. The side above the main armor belt is protected by armor 7 feet 3 inches wide and of a maximum thickness of 10 inches. Above the main armor armor amidships the side is protected by armor of 3 inches thickness, which affords protection to the smoke pipes, the major portion of the secondary batteries of 5-inch guns and the hull structure.

Mr. Taft Leaves Colon. Colon, by Cable.—President-elect William H. Taft and party left here at 6 o'clock Sunday evening on board the cruiser North Carolina for New Orleans accompanied by the cruiser Montana. Just previous to embarking Mr. Taft gave out the following: "I am not prepared to make a statement as to the results of the trip to the isthmus, except to say that we have found the work progressing in a most satisfactory way; the organization better than ever before, the esprit de corps excellent and the determination of all, even the humblest laborer, directed to the building of the canal. I am sure that this has impressed itself upon every one of the board of visiting engineers as it has upon me.

"With reference to the type of the canal and the continuance of the present plans, the engineers promise that they will be able to hand me their report by the time we land at New Orleans."

Razor For Suicide. Asheville, N. C., Special.—Telling wife that he was going downstairs to shave, James M. Hyatt a prominent business man of this place, Sunday morning shortly after 8 o'clock picked up his razor and other shaving material, went down stairs, locking the doors and slashed his throat with the razor, dying soon after the act was discovered by Mrs. Hyatt. No cause other than ill health can be assigned for the rash act.

General News in Brief. Charlottesville, Va., suffered from a disastrous fire on Friday, the 4th. The loss is estimated at \$250,000. Subpoenas have been issued by Judge Landis for a new trial of the Standard Oil Co. Judge Landis before imposed a fine of \$29,240,000 on the company which succeeded in getting a new trial.

It is proposed at this late day to gather the ashes of Major Pierre Charles L'Enfant, the French engineer, and bury them at Arlington and to have a suitable monument in recognition of his services to Gen. Washington in planning the Capital City.

DOINGS OF CONGRESS

Summary of Important Proceedings Enacted From Day to Day.

Senator Teller, of Colorado, on Wednesday addressed the Senate in support of Senator Bacon's resolution declaring that the Senate has a right to any information in possession of the executive departments, and cited various precedents to sustain his contention. He claimed that only in exceptional cases is the President warranted in withholding information and declared that Congress had never failed to respect such action on the part of the executive when it has been based on considerations of public interest.

The Senate remained in executive session during most of the day considering the nomination of Dr. W. D. Crum, to be collector of customs at Charleston, S. C., and at 5:27 p. m. adjourned.

General debate on the agricultural appropriation bill in the House afforded critics and defenders of the Department of Agriculture an excellent field day.

Mr. Lever, of South Carolina, led off with an attack on the appointment and work of the referee board of consulting chemists in the department. Mr. Heflin, of Alabama, asked on behalf of cotton growers for a governmental monthly report on the consumption of cotton. Mr. Sturgis, of West Virginia, urged an extension of the forest service. Mr. Humphrey, of Washington, took an exactly opposite view, while Mr. Mondell, of Wyoming, declared the bureau of forestry the most autocratic government bureau outside of Russia. Mr. Bartholdt, of Missouri, urged the issue of bonds for inland waterway improvement and Mr. Candler, of Mississippi, complained of the tariff on agricultural implements.

Chairman Scott, of the agricultural committee, closed the debate with explanatory remarks on the work done by the department during the past year.

While the bill was under consideration under the five-minute rule, an increase of \$500, to the salary of Solicitor George P. McCabe, making it \$4,500, was stricken out on a point of order.

An increase of the salary of Director Willis B. Moore, of the weather bureau, from \$5,000 to \$6,000 suffered a similar fate.

Before the bill was taken up in general debate the House passed the Senate pension bill for Federal judges.

The monotonous tones of the reading clerk of the Senate as he labored through the bill of over 100 pages making appropriations for the District of Columbia constituted the chief feature in the proceedings of that body Thursday. There was an evident intention on the part of the authority to lengthen the time necessary to dispose of the measure, it being the only obstacle to an executive session for the further consideration of the nomination of William D. Crum to be collector of customs at Charleston, S. C.

On the Democratic side there was a persistent demand for the most careful reading of the bill and occasionally members of the minority became involved in a spirited debate on items usually left to the judgment of the committee reporting the measure.

When the Senate adjourned at 5:18 o'clock the reading of only half of the bill had been completed.

In the House the forest service got its usual annual drubbing Thursday, the criticisms against it coming principally from Mr. Smith, of California, Mr. Cook, of Colorado, and Mr. Mondell, of Wyoming, all of whom charged extravagance in administration and the extortion of money from miners, farmers and even the owners of bee hives. Mr. Cook attributed to Mr. Pinchot, the chief forester, the ulterior motive of scheming for Secretary Wilson's seat in the Cabinet. Both Mr. Pinchot and the forest service were vigorously defended by Messrs. Mann, of Illinois, and Weeks, of Massachusetts.

All attempts to amend the bill in any important particular failed. Its consideration was about two-thirds completed when the House at 5:20 p. m. adjourned.

The Senate Friday concluded consideration of the District of Columbia appropriation bill, carrying an aggregate of about \$11,500,000. A conference report on the urgent deficiency bill was agreed to. It appropriates \$12,000 for the "purchase, care and maintenance of automobiles for the President," and \$150,000 to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to continue to combat the foot and mouth disease in horses and cattle.

A resolution was adopted directing the committee on military affairs to investigate military posts and various phases of army administration.

After an executive session, in which the nomination of William D. Crum to be collector of customs of Charleston, S. C., was considered.

Private claimants by the score had their innings in the House of Representatives, the whole session being given over under a special order to their consideration. The debate was not without its incidents, both humorous and exciting. Mr. Mann provoked the House to laughter by questioning the value of two Kentucky thoroughbred horses, and he charged that the committee had accepted the valuation of the animals as fixed by "an idiot" as against that of the claimants' committee to conduct his affairs.

But it was left to Messrs. Hepburn (Iowa); Macon, of Arkansas, and Gaines, of Tennessee, to furnish the exciting feature of the proceedings. The Speaker became involved in the controversy and was called upon to make a ruling, and then Mr. Jaines threw the House into an uproar by charging that the rules prohibited a "square deal" to claimants.

The President's message vetoing the census bill was read just before adjournment.

The splendid qualities of mind and character of the late Senator William B. Allison, of Iowa, 35 years a United States Senator, and eight years a member of the House of Representatives, were the subject of many eulogies in the Senate Saturday. Nineteen Senators spoke in praise of the public services of Senator Allison and during most of the day the number of Senators in their places on the floor and the attendance in galleries was large. The delivery of the eulogies consumed the entire day. The Senate adjourned at 4:56 p. m.

Under special order, the House of Representatives considered the bill amendatory of the national bankruptcy law. By way of a substitute Mr. Clayton, of Alabama, offered an amendment repealing the bankruptcy law of July 1st, 1898, with a proviso that proceedings under the law begun prior to the time the act shall take effect shall not be affected.

The first business of importance to claim the attention of the House of Representatives was the President's message vetoing the census bill. Mr. Crumpecker moved the reference of the bill and message to the census committee.

The committee on rivers and harbors improvements practically has completed its consideration of the bill providing for emergencies for surveys and for maintenance, which is to be reported within a few days. The bill carries a total appropriation of slightly less than \$10,000,000. A survey for the Atlantic deeper waterways project, which contemplates an inside water route from New York to Florida, is provided for, as well as a survey for the intercoastal canal through Louisiana and Texas, to connect the Mississippi and Rio Grande rivers.

Having for its object the prevention of the importation of deceased nursery stock a bill has been introduced by Representative John R. Lamb, of Virginia. It provides that all nursery stock shall be subject to inspection by experts of the Department of Agriculture, at such points of entry as the Secretary of Agriculture may designate.

Bryan Denies the Story. Jacksonville, Fla., Special.—William Jennings Bryan reached Jacksonville at 7 o'clock Sunday morning from Deland and emphatically denies the story sent out regarding the alleged automobile accident near Tarpon Springs, in which it was said that he was badly injured and under treatment in a Tampa hotel.

The Rice Supply Estimated. Houston, Tex., Special.—A. E. Groves, secretary of the Texas-Louisiana Farmers' Association, has given out an estimate of the rice now held by farmers and by mills. According to his figures there are 800,000 sacks of clean and rough rice in Louisiana and 917,000 in Texas, of which latter 510,000 is rough. Mr. Groves estimates that 800,000 sacks will be needed for seed, leaving a total available supply of 1,417,000 sacks.

Macon Has \$40,000 Fire. Macon, Ga., Special.—Fire originating in a cottage on Wilder street in south Macon, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, driven by a stiff wind rapidly spread to adjoining dwellings, resulting in the complete destruction of twenty-six residences, the loss on buildings and personal property amounting to approximately \$40,000.

Will Push the Prohibition Fight. Birmingham, Ala., Special.—Jubilant as having driven the "rum demon" from Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Mississippi and Tennessee, the workers of the Anti-Saloon League are gathering here for a conference at which they will agree upon plans for carrying the warfare into the remaining "wet" States of Dixie. The Alabama State Anti-Saloon League will hold a jubilee meeting here the latter part of the week.

Earthquake Post Cards. New York, Special.—Orders continue to pour in for the official memorial post cards issued by the American-Italian General Relief Committee and it is thought that millions of the cards will be disposed of in the next few months, resulting in an immense addition to the fund for the relief of the Italian earthquake victims. Alfred G. Vanderbilt, August Belmont and other famous New Yorkers are vice chairmen of the relief committee.

The receipt of 700,000 applications for old-age pensions at the beginning, thinks the New York World, more than justifies the apprehension of critics of the new British public-aid measure.