

THE LEGISLATURE.

This Legislature has not lost much time in useless debate, but seems to be a body that is anxious to work. While it does not contain many men of well-known ability and experience, yet on the whole it is a conservative body and its members are disposed to do right.

More lobbying is being done in connection with the proposed new counties than about anything else, and the new-county question is being discussed more than any other. The question of creating only one new county (Lee) attracted more attention and aroused more interest than any other in the Legislature of 1907, and therefore it is natural that the question of creating three or more new counties by this Legislature should arouse much interest and attract much attention. There seems to be very little opposition to the creation of Avery county out of parts of Mitchell, McDowell and Caldwell and that bill may be passed, but there is very strong opposition to the creation of the other proposed new counties.

Yesterday afternoon and until nearly midnight last night the committees of the Senate and House on counties, cities and towns held a joint meeting for the purpose of hearing the advocates and opponents of the proposed county of Hoke, which is proposed to be formed out of parts of Cumberland and Robeson. Large delegations were present from Cumberland and Robeson and much interest was taken in the discussion, but the committees reserved their decision, which may be made in a day or two, or they may wish to hear further debate before deciding.

Several bills have been introduced to increase salaries, but none as yet have been passed, but all are referred to the committee on appropriations to be considered together. One bill is to increase the Governor's salary from \$4,000 to \$5,000 a year, and this bill will probably be passed. Other bills are for increasing the salaries of the Labor Commissioner, the Adjutant-General and the State Librarian, but we hope none will be increased. As long as the State's revenues are less than the expenditures it is not prudent to be increasing that deficiency by raising the salaries of officers, unless they are grossly inadequate.

Bills have been introduced for bond issues for various purposes, all of which should be carefully considered and the necessity therefor discussed. If, after careful consideration, the Legislature finds a necessity for passing a bill providing for the issue of bonds for any purpose, of course it should be passed, but all such bills should receive most careful consideration. One bill is for the issue of one million dollars worth of bonds to construct an administration building at Raleigh for the use of the Supreme Court, the Agricultural Department, &c.

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PREPARING TARIFF BILL.

The Democratic Representatives in the next Congress are determined to lose no time in preparing a proper tariff bill to be discussed and passed when they meet next December. A caucus was held by them last week at Washington and the Ways and Means Committee of the next House was selected so that this committee, which always prepares the tariff bill, may begin work as soon as the present Congress expires on the 4th of March. This committee will have from the 4th of March until the first Monday in December to prepare a bill, and they can in that time fully consider the whole tariff question and be ready when Congress meets in December to make their report and offer their bill.

This newly appointed committee will also have the power to appoint all the other committees of the House, and ought to be ready to announce them as soon as Congress meets in December, instead of delaying the business of Congress, as heretofore, by the Speaker appointing the committees a month or more after Congress convenes.

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Letter from Lieut. London.

(Continued from last week.)

We copy the following extracts from a letter written to his parents here by Lieutenant J. J. London, U. S. Navy, while at sea on the voyage from England to Cuba, and dated January 8th:

"The world is a small place after all. While in Paris I ran into a friend of mine, Wessel, whom I knew well in Shanghai. He is a Dane and was on his way home from Shanghai, and had stopped in Paris for a few days. I had left him in Shanghai last May, and at that time he didn't know he was coming home this winter, and I didn't know I would be in Europe. The chances that we should meet again should be one in a thousand. But as I was waiting for my train at Charing Cross station in London one night, who should I run into again but the same man. He had just arrived from Denmark."

"Again, I ran across an old acquaintance in London. You remember my writing from Lima, Peru, in 1908, how much I enjoyed the society of the people I met there. Well, a few days before I left Gravesend I received a note from a young lady who was then living in London and whom I met in Lima in 1908. She heard that the Georgia was at Gravesend and addressed me there, not knowing that I had been detached from the Georgia in the fall of 1908, and had by accident rejoined her last October. I called and renewed a very pleasant friendship."

"Several of the officers had put off their annual physical test until the end of the year, so that they had to take it on this cruise. Two from this ship walked their 30 miles through the county of Essex, stopping for the night at wayside inns, so that their test had some degree of interest attached. The names of the tappers are typical of England, as 'The Lion,' 'The Bull,' and 'The Live and Let Live Inn.'"

"I took only one day for sight-seeing in London, though at other times I noticed many peculiarities of people and places. On this day I visited three places which every visitor to London, no doubt visits—the Westminster Abbey, Tower of London and St. Paul's cathedral. I was especially interested in the regalia and armories of the tower. The regalia contains all of the crown jewels, including the crown of the king and of the queen of England. In this set are two diamonds as large as a hen's egg and each worth over \$2,000,000."

"In the armory are samples of armor and coats of mail, both for horses and rider, worn since the Crusades. In this collection are also the weapons of offense and defence used by man since the earliest ages. In Westminster Abbey are buried the kings of England, since Edward the Confessor, the founder of the abbey. In a separate part of the abbey are memorials to statesmen, authors, composers, military and naval heroes and scientists. Very conspicuous among these is that of William Pitt, earl of Chatham. After I had visited the tower and abbey I regretted that I had not refreshed my memory on English history. It was hard for me to realize that I was standing on the very spot where Lady Jane Gray, Ann Boleyn and others were beheaded."

"I was interested in the transportation facilities of London. They have no street cars, but use immense motor and also horse-drawn busses. They charge a fare of 2 cents, and run between places marked on their headboards. They are double-deck (two story) affairs and seat about 50 people. They run slower than street cars."

"London has two underground systems, one like the New York and Boston subways, and another called 'the tube,' running underneath the subways. At the various stations you get to the trains in 'the tube' by means of large elevators, which take you down about 60 feet. 'The tube' has fewer stations than the other system and goes much faster. The fare depends on the distance you ride."

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The Public Schools of Chatham.

Editor of The Record:

There has been somewhat of a scarcity of teachers for the public schools of Chatham county this year, but by using all our 'local talent,' and by importing a few teachers from other counties, we have been able to supply all our schools with teachers.

The work that is being done in our schools is generally good. A few of our schools in the eastern part of the county have been closed on account of smallpox. I hope the teachers and committees will use great precaution to prevent further spread of this or any other contagious disease.

We welcome into our ranks all the specially trained teachers that our colleges and special training schools can send us, but all these schools cannot furnish us for the present more than half enough teachers to supply all our schools; while we get a few teachers from other counties, yet we allow to go to other counties every year some of our very best teachers; but these counties, perhaps, need them. How shall we retain them? By paying them better salaries and having better schools.

The teachers' examinations are now practically uniform all over the State. This means that the grade of scholarship has been raised considerably in this county in the last two years without much increase in salaries. The questions are sent out by the State department of instruction for all the counties; hence a large class of second grade teachers, and unexperienced, are now employed, a larger number than ever before in this county; out to their credit, I will say a number of them are doing excellent work—some of them are doing better work than some first grade teachers.

No doubt the present Legislature will pass an act allowing committees to pay second grade teachers a maximum salary of \$30 per month instead of \$25 as now is done.

But how are we to increase first grade teachers' salaries? Principally by local taxation. But with better pay and with all the teachers that our higher institutions of learning can furnish us, we shall need more teachers. Whence are they to come? Largely from our own county schools, by training them in our own county teachers' institutes, teachers' associations, teachers' reading circles, &c.

Following up the interesting and profitable institute of last summer, we wish to have teachers' associations and meetings, and a large teachers' reading circle this year; to that end the following county teachers' associations have been called:

At Pittsboro on Saturday, February 4, 1911.

At Mt. Vernon Springs graded school, Saturday, February 11th.

At Merry Oaks, Saturday, February 18th.

We have arranged to hold these teachers' meetings in these three parts of the county for the convenience of those who live inconvenient to Pittsboro, and hope all the teachers of the county will attend as many as they can; they are for all the teachers of the county, and all are expected to attend one or more of these.

R. P. JOHNSON,
Co. Supt. Pub. Ins.
Jan. 21, 1911.

Solves a Deep Mystery.

"I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart," wrote C. B. Rader, of Lewisburg, W. Va., for the wonderful double benefit I got from Electric Bitters, in curing me of both a severe case of stomach trouble and of rheumatism, from which I had been an almost helpless sufferer for ten years. It suited my case as though made just for me." For dyspepsia, indigestion, jaundice and to rid the system of kidney poisons that cause rheumatism, Electric Bitters has no equal. Try them. Every bottle is guaranteed to satisfy. Only 50c at G. R. Pilkington's.

The census cotton report up to January 15, is 11,254,115 bales counting round as half bales, gained from the growth of 1910, to January 16, compared with 9,787,532, from the growth of 1909.

When given as soon as the croupy cough appears Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will ward off an attack of croup and prevent all danger and cause of anxiety. Thousands of mothers use it successfully. Sold by all dealers.

The gold produced in North Carolina in 1909 was valued at \$40,230, the silver at \$259, and the copper at \$29,188, a total value of gold, silver and copper for the year of \$69,677, according to figures just made public.

REPORT of the condition of The Bank of Merry Oaks

Merry Oaks, in the State of North Carolina, a close of business January 7, 1911.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$ 4,963.80
Banking house, S. S. Rader, proprietor	1,703.58
Due from banks and bankers	9,363.68
Gold coin	250.00
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency	100.54
National bank notes and other U. S. notes	1,925.00
Current expenses	137.20
Total	\$ 19,013.90

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Capital stock paid in	\$ 6,000.00
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State of North Carolina, County of Chatham, ss:
I, Walter L. Morris, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
WALTER L. MORRIS,
Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 16th day of January, 1911.
J. D. McVER,
Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
J. J. REYNOLDS,
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Land Sale.

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court in the cause therein pending, entitled L. F. Thrallkill, administrator of John D. Council vs. A. B. Council and others, I will, at the court-house door in Pittsboro, N. C., on SATURDAY, the 25th day of February, 1911, offer for sale to the highest bidder the following described tracts of land, to-wit:

First tract, adjoining lands of B. F. Upchurch and others, and containing about 4 acres.

Second tract, adjoining the lands of E. D. Council and others, and containing about 2 acres.

Third tract, adjoining lands of S. H. Horton and others, and containing about 21 acres.

All of the above land being situated in Chatham county, North Carolina. Terms of sale, 1-4 cash, balance in 6 months, deferred payments to bear interest at 6 per cent.

This Jan. 23, 1911.
L. F. THRALLKILL,
Commissioner.

Violating Cattle Quarantine.

Editor of The Record:

Please publish the following account of the prosecutions in Chatham county by the State for violation of the State cattle quarantine regulations, as it will be a great help in maintaining farm quarantine, and will prevent other violations:

Mr. Joe Dismukes, of Carbon ton, N. C., appeared before J. M. Stinson, J. P., of Goldston, N. C., on January 16th and paid a fine of (\$10) ten dollars for violating the State cattle quarantine regulations by moving or causing to be moved one cow from a Moore county, N. C., into the county of Chatham, N. C.

Frank Alston (C.), of Gulf township, Chatham county, N. C., appeared before J. M. Stinson, J. P., Goldston, N. C., on January 21st, and paid a fine of (\$8) eight dollars and costs for violating State quarantine regulations by moving cattle from quarantine premises.

Thanking you in advance for this favor, I am yours very truly,
R. M. CONNELL.
Sanford, Jan. 24.

An Appreciative Subscriber.

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You will please find enclosed \$1 for part payment on my old home paper—The Chatham Record—which is a welcome visitor every week. I don't want to do without it, as it gives me news from the old county that will always be dear to me. Long may its editor live to advocate the cause of good government and prosperity of the old county. With best wishes to the editor and all my Chatham friends, I am respectfully,
B. B. PHILLIPS,
Cameron, Jan. 21.

Saves Two Lives.

"Neither my sister nor myself might be living to day, if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery," writes A. D. McDonald, of Fayetteville, N. C., to F. D. No. 8, "for we both had frightful coughs that no other remedy could help. We were told my sister had consumption. She was very weak and had night sweats but your wonderful medicine completely cured us both. It's the best I ever used or heard of." For sore lungs, coughs, colds, hemorrhage, grippe, asthma, hay fever, whooping cough, croup, all bronchial troubles, it's supreme. Trial bottle free. 50c and \$1. Guaranteed by G. R. Pilkington.

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B. Nooe,
Pittsboro, N. C.

Sale of Land for Taxes.

Notice is hereby given that at a sheriff's sale of land for taxes on June 6th, 1910, I bought 40 acres of land in Rock Rest township, listed in the name of D. D. Love heirs for delinquent taxes for the year 1908, and if not redeemed by June 6, 1911, I will apply for a deed for the same.
W. H. WARD,
January 24th, 1911.

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Sale of Land for Taxes.

Notice is hereby given that at a sheriff's sale of land for taxes on June 6th, 1910, I bought 11 acres in Gulf township, listed in the name of John Mauldin estate, for delinquent taxes for the year 1908, and if not redeemed by the 6th day of June, 1911, I will apply for a deed for the same.
W. H. WARD,
This 24th January, 1911.