

GOVERNOR'S LAST MESSAGE READ

SUGGESTS MANY CHANGES TO LEGISLATORS IN LAWS OF THE STATE.

VETO POWER FOR EXECUTIVE

Recommends The Enactment of Legalized Primary Laws and Fixing of Penalty For False Charges Against Candidates For Office.

Raleigh.—The reading of the message of Governor Kitchin to the General Assembly was a feature in the Senate and House on the first day. The House spent much time discussing revised and very much hanged rules governing deliberations of that body offered by Representative Murphy of Rowan, as chairman of the rules committee.

The special contest is over rule 14 designed to prevent the usual flood of private charters and other acts that could be chartered by the Secretary of state, saving time and expense to the state through saving time of the Legislature and printing.

Strong opposition to the innovation developed and the discussion is still in progress. Justice of Guilford and Murphy of Rowan are leading the fight for the new rules on the ground of great economy to the state and saving of the General Assembly's expense.

Governor Kitchin's Message.
In his biennial message to the General Assembly, Governor Kitchin said the state has had unprecedented prosperity in all its departments and industries. He declares the Legislature must keep abreast of the best public thought.

Discussing the present deficit of \$750,000 in the state treasury he says he again appeals for the Assembly to "cut the garment according to the cloth" in making appropriations. The last Legislature appropriated more than the revenue for the period provided to be.

He recommends that the Governor be given veto power and that in appropriation bills the Governor have approval power for amendments reducing but not increasing appropriations. The Governor recommends that traveling auditors be provided to go into every county and assist in equalizing and listing all the property that should be on the assessment books. He is confident that North Carolina property is worth two billion dollars and it is listed at one-third of this.

He recommends that a legalized primary system be provided for all officers, including United States Senators, with wrongful use of money prohibited as well as penalties for false charges against candidates.

A general search and seizure law is recommended to augment prohibition enforcement. And that the Governor be empowered to employ detectives and agents and retain special counsel to assist the most liberal support of the public school interests so all can have common school education assured and give some opportunity of higher education.

Stating that the number of state convicts has increased 20 per cent in four years, he recommends that the recorder's and police courts be required to report to the Attorney General as to prisoners sent to the roads. The Superior Courts, he says, dispose of 10,000 criminals annually. The state's prison has prospered.

Prison Suggestions.
He recommends that the present state's prison be vacated and the farm be used for receiving prisoners and working those that are unable to work on the public roads. He believes that penitentiary buildings can be converted into a state school for the blind, the present buildings used by this institution being very defective and the location bad. He recommends the same commutation system for convicts on good behavior now served by the state be applied to county convicts. He recommends an indeterminate system of sentences and a state pardon board. He says 1,131 applications for pardons reached him during the past four years. He recommends that in cases where convicts have families dependent on them that one-third of the value of their labor be paid to such dependents. And in cases of homicides another one-third should go to the dependents of the deceased.

He recommends that a legislative committee investigate all convict-aided roads and ascertain their condition. These are the Jefferson-Wilkesboro turnpike, Elkin & Alleghany and Statesville Air Line, Mattamusket, Interstate Y. M. C. A. Convention, Greensboro.—The Interstate Y. M. C. A. convention, which meets in Greensboro January 24-26, is going to be more largely attended than for some years past. In addition to the attractive program, there will be a banquet for delegates on the first night, at which time Governor Mann, of Virginia, will speak, together with Dr. C. W. Kent, of the University of Virginia, and Dr. S. C. Mitchell, of the University of South Carolina. The physical directors are planning to hold a special conference.

South Atlantic Transcontinental, Watauga Railroad. One thousand convicts have been working for these state-aided roads at the best discretion of the council of state in compliance with legislative acts. And \$220,000 has been earned in railroad stock for the state.

The new State School for Feeble-Minded at Kinston is reported about ready for occupancy. The quarter million dollar fire proof state building is reported nearing completion and the work of the building commission in this respect admirably performed.

Corporation Commission Powers.
He recommends that all water power plants, selling power and light and other power and light plants serving the public be made subject to the control of the Corporation Commission as are railroad companies.

He recommends that railroad companies be required to draw mileage from mileage books on the trains; that judicial districts be increased to 20; increased pensions for Confederate veterans and widows; factory inspection to enforce child labor laws; licensing of all foreign corporations empowered to do business in this state and requirement that they be subject to North Carolina courts; the creation of a state highway commission and the taking by the state of the county bonds for roads at par protected by state bonds for liquidation after 40 years.

As to freight rates he recommends provision for special counsel and agents by the state to aid the Corporation Commission in fighting for better interstate rates for North Carolina cities.

He says the library commission has done a splendid work and the appropriation should be increased to \$7,500; the Torrens land title system should be authorized on a voluntary basis; fish and fisheries interests demand special attention and \$3,377 the commissioner was obliged to borrow must be provided for.

Insurance Laws.
On the subject of fire insurance, the Governor again recommends the appointment of a special committee to investigate conditions and rates. Other recommendations are the enactment of a law prohibiting any compact or trust agreement to destroy competition and put up or keep up the cost of insurance or to put down or keep down compensations to agents in this state; that no company be permitted to do business in the state until it files a written agreement not to charge insurers in this state a higher rate or subject them to more burdensome conditions than elsewhere; that the use of the co-insurance clause be made optional with the applicant for insurance; that the company writing insurance upon property of a permanent nature be required to fix the value at date of issuance of policy, and in settlement of loss such value to be conclusively presumed the true value at time of issuance of policy, the burden of proving any depreciation to be upon the company; that companies be required to file with the insurance commissioner a general schedule of rates and regulations by which they agree to be governed, and also the schedules by which they are governed in other parts of the country; power to insure any company charging a rate so high or so low or imposing conditions such as in his judgment are unfair or prejudicial to the public, with provision for appeal from his ruling to the courts.

Trust Legislation.
As to trusts the following suggestions to the present law are urged: "For any person, firm or corporation or association to contract, to combine in the form of trust or otherwise, or to conspire with any other person, firm, corporation or association in restraint of trade, commerce or manufacture in this state."

"For any person, firm, corporation or association to monopolize or attempt to monopolize or combine or conspire with any other person, firm, corporation or association to monopolize any part of the trade, commerce or manufacture within the state."

The Governor believes that the General Assembly should be relieved of all local and private matters, and again recommends an amendment to the constitution prohibiting the granting by the Legislature of corporate powers under special acts except to state institutions.

A committee on rural credits is recommended, and the sending of two delegates to study European co-operative societies; also an exhibition by the state at the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco; provision for participation by Confederate veterans of Gettysburg in the semi-centennial of that battle and for official representation by the state; appointment of township fire wardens; provision for two assistants in the state librarians office, and another clerk for the Secretary of State.

Want Subscription For Monument.
Durham.—There is a movement on foot in this county to get up a subscription to put a monument to the grave of Senator Wiley P. Mangum who is buried in this county. Some of the people of that section have been to the representatives of this county in the legislature which met recently and asked them to present this matter to the General Assembly. They have been advised by the representatives that in view of the great deficit in the state treasury such a bill would not get through.

THE LEGISLATORS ARE HARD AT WORK

MOST OF THE SECOND DAY WAS SPENT IN SETTLING DOWN TO BUSINESS.

CHANGE IN THE PRIMARY LAW

Justice of Guilford Would Have Primaries More Like Elections.—Governor and Congressmen Selected in State-Wide Contest.

Senate—Wednesday.
Raleigh.—On Wednesday at noon Lieutenant Governor Newland let the gavel fall and formally called the senate to order and announced that Rev. M. A. Barber would make the opening prayer.

Rev. Barber offered petitions appropriate to the occasion and closed with the Lord's prayer. The roll was called by Chief Clerk Self of Jackson county.

Next the roll by districts was called and as their names were pronounced the senators approached the desk, subscribed to the oath of office, administered by Chief Justice Clark of the supreme court, and presented their certificates of election.

When this was complete President Newland announced the next business as the election of a president pro tem. Senator Mason placed in nomination the nominees of the caucus, Senator H. N. Pharr, of Mecklenburg, seconded by Senator Nimocks of Cumberland. The roll call showed 49 votes for Mr. Pharr, the minority senators voting with the majority.

For chief clerk the name of R. O. Self of Jackson was presented. For reading clerk, R. M. Phillips of Guilford was nominated.

Then Wilbur G. Hall of Cumberland was elected sergeant-at-arms and General W. Huntley of Anson assistant and William E. Hook of Wayne engrossing clerk.

Senator Barnes sent forward the resolution that a message be sent to the house of representatives informing that honorable body that the senate was organized and ready to proceed with business.

Senator Daniel was the author of the resolution to notify His Excellency, the governor, of the organization of the body and its readiness to hear any message he might desire to transmit it.

The chair named Senators Daniel and Wakefield a committee to notify the governor.

Senator Cook fathered the resolution for a joint session of the general assembly at 11 a. m. Wednesday, January 15, for the canvassing of votes for state officers and for the induction of those officers into office at noon on that date.

Lieutenant Governor Newland announced standing committees.

House—Wednesday.
With the representatives wearing white carnations, presented to the members by local florists, and the galleries comfortably filled with spectators, the 1913 biennial session of the North Carolina legislature was called to order by Principal Clerk Cobb. Rev. H. M. North, of Edenton Street Methodist church, asked the blessing of the Almighty upon the proceedings.

In groups of 12 the members were sworn in by Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Hoke.

The house being declared open for business, Representative Dean of Granville placed in nomination for speaker Tuesday night's caucus nominee, Hon. George Connor of Wilson. The second to the nomination of Mr. Connor was made by Representative Sykes of Union.

Representative Williams, Republican of Cabarrus, placed in nomination for the speakership, as the candidate of the minority, R. L. Haymore of Surry. This nomination did not receive a second.

The roll call showed that Representative Connor had been elected by a vote of 99 to 15. All of the house officers, nominees of the caucus were elected to the various offices.

The Committee on Rules was announced as follows: Murphy, chairman; Doughton, Justice, Majette, Koonce, Haymore and Allred.

ators, to which committee shall be referred all bills of a private or local nature, with the purpose of determining whether such bills cannot be included among others of a like nature, or in some omnibus bill to include all such matters. Bills were introduced by Senator Hobgood, Senator Barnes, Senator Phillips, Senator Wakefield, and Senator Jones.

House—Thursday.
Representative Murphy of Rowan, chairman of the House Rules Committee, made its report. It was requested that the rules of the session of 1911 be adopted with the various modifications suggested.

Representative Weatherspoon moved that the recommendations of the Rules Committee be adopted. Speaker Cannon announced that the Governor's message had been received, and upon motion of Mr. Kellum of New Haven, the message was read by the clerk.

A report from the State Auditor, giving the salaries of the various clerks in his office, was received. Mr. Justice moved concurrence in the Senate resolution asking that the speaker appoint seven Representatives to act with five Senators to ascertain the number of legislative employees and their salaries.

A bill to amend Chapter 270 of the Public and Private Laws of the session of 1911, was introduced by Mr. Dellinger of Gaston.

Senate—Friday.
In the Senate the important measures introduced were bills to reduce the 23 peremptory challenges allowed defendants in criminal cases to 12 and to have juries summoned from adjoining counties in capital cases where there is application for a change of venue.

Several bills were introduced and taken under consideration. The report of Superintendent Cherry on public buildings and grounds showed his salary to be \$900, and other employees about the Capitol buildings and grounds and Governor's Mansion to be paid a total of \$233.41 per week.

The chair announced committee changes.

House—Friday.
Bills to provide for a state-wide primary for the county and state officers and for North Carolina Congressmen and to put corrupt practices in primaries on same basis of those in general elections were introduced in the North Carolina House of Representatives on the third day.

A resolution to extend an invitation to United States Forester H. S. Graves to address the General Assembly on January 16 was adopted.

A number of resolutions and bills were introduced in the House at the third day session.

Committees were appointed as follows: Committee on Inauguration, Chairman Bunn of Wake, Young of Vance, Grier of Iredell, Austin of Stanly, Page of Moore, Williams; Committee to Investigate Pay of Employees, Wilson, Nolan, Bellamy. The pages and laborers were announced. The House then adjourned.

Senate—Saturday.
The following new bills were introduced in the Senate: Bryant: Relative to the liability of common carriers to employees and making the present act of Congress on this subject operative in North Carolina courts.

Phillips: Providing pay for certain veniremen in Davidson. Phillips: Authorizing special tax township.

Peterson: To exempt members of the National Guard from road and jury duty.

Jones: Authorizing commissioners of Forsyth to issue bonds to pay the debt for the present court house.

Thorns: To amend Revisal relative to time when prisoners committed for felonies shall be discharged. The privileges of the floor were extended to ex-Senators Williamson and H. M. London.

The following bill passed second reading: Senate bills to ratify and validate bonds issued by Lexington township under chapter 681. Public Laws of 1909.

House—Saturday.
New bills were passed in the house by the following legislators: Dellinger; McBryde; Long; Price; Rector; Thomas; Boney; Clayton; Bennett; Perry; Nantz; Whitefield; Newell; Phillips; Mintz; Clark; Bunn.

Bills passed final readings: Authorize Asheville to issue bonds to take care of floating indebtedness. Joint resolution specifying that acts of the general assembly shall be in force from on and after ratification unless otherwise specified, in order that expense of the clause as to enforcement need not be added to every bill. Sent to the senate for concurrence.

CITY RULERS MEET

CAROLINA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION HOLDS FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION.

WORK DONE AT THE MEETING

The General Opinion Seems to Favor Making the City Directly Responsible to the State.—Have Session in City of High Point.

High Point.—The fifth annual meeting of the Carolina Municipal Association convened several days ago at the Manufacturers' Club, President F. N. Tate, mayor of High Point in the chair, with Thomas D. Meares of Wilmington permanent secretary.

The address of welcome was delivered by Mr. Fred Peacock, mayor pro tem and commissioner of finance and revenue of High Point.

Mr. Peacock said his little village went to sleep one night and woke up a city the next morning, with all the expenses of a modern city, and but little revenue. The new form of government greatly helped matters, but there were many things yet to be desired that could only be attained by amending some of our state laws. He hoped the municipal association would be instrumental in bringing about the proper division of revenues between the cities and counties.

He wished to explode the fallacy of the contention that the country fed the city.

After the transaction of routine business the session was devoted to the informal discussion of the commission form of government, and the subject of equalizing the taxes between the city and county. There seemed to be unanimous disapproval of the present system of assessment under which the city dwellers, being also citizens of the county, actually pay 75 to 80 per cent of the county taxes.

Another feature of the session was the report of Mr. James D. McNeill, ex-mayor of Fayetteville and chairman of the legislative committee of the Carolina Municipal Association. Mr. McNeill spoke eloquently of the work of his committee before the last legislature, in suggesting new laws and amendments to old ones relating to counties, especially in the matter of taxation.

President Tate spoke on the advantages of the Municipal Association both to the cities and to the state. He adjourned the meeting until January 16, at which time it will meet in Raleigh at the city hall.

Stand Firm As To Child Labor.
Raleigh.—Chairman Clarence Poe and Field Secretary Swift of the North Carolina Child Labor Committee announced that the committee will stand by its announced program as to legislation. It will ask the legislature to enact, no matter if there is opposition by the North Carolina Cotton Manufacturers' Association. This committee and many mill men will press matter of abolishing all-night work by women and children. They express confidence that the legislature will take this step, or they do not anticipate any marked objection.

All N. C. Customs Districts In One.
Washington.—A consolidation of all the customs districts of North Carolina into one to be known as the Wilmington district, is advocated in a plan which will be submitted to the president of the treasury department in the near future. The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill provided for a reduction of \$350,000 in the expenses of the customs service.

Corn-Growers' Meeting Held.
Greensboro.—A largely attended corn-growers meeting was held at the Pleasant Garden Agricultural school with Field Agent E. S. Millage and the three expert teachers in agriculture of Guilford county as speakers and demonstrators. Farmers of the section brought seed corn for tests and exhibits and lectures on manner of breeding pigs and poultry raising were given.

To Fight Hookworm in Montgomery.
Troy.—At a meeting of the Montgomery county board of commissioners an appropriation of \$200 was made for the purpose of waging a campaign against hookworm. Six hundred dollars will be secured from the Rockefeller fund, making a fund of \$800 to be used in the campaign in the county. Dispensaries for treating the disease will be maintained at Troy, Mount Gilead, Biscoe and Eldorado. County Health Officer Daleghy, M. D., says there are not so many troubled with the disease in this county.

Bond Issue For Gaston County.
Gastonia.—The board of county commissioners has ordered a bond issue of \$30,000 for the purpose of paying off an indebtedness which has accrued since the building of a new court house and jail. This issue was authorized by special enactment of the general assembly of 1909. Mr. John L. Leeper of Belmont, chairman of the board, was appointed to look after the sale of the bonds, which must not be sold for less than par value, nor bear interest of more than five per cent.

LAND OF THE LONG LEAF PINE

Latest News of General Interest That Has Been Collected From Many Towns and Counties.

Charlotte.—President-elect Wilson will not attend the 20th of May celebration, this year. His declination is official.

Raleigh.—Not yet is date of Craig's inauguration decided. Officials said it was hoped it would occur on the 14th or 15th.

Goldensboro.—Goldensboro high school will debate Durham and Rocky Mount high schools in the high school triangular debate, which the university literary societies have inaugurated among the high schools of the state.

Mt. Airy.—His skin peeling from his body as the clothes were removed, Charlie Jones, manager of the McCargo & Jones woodworking plant, lies between life and death as the result of a fall into a shallow well of intensely hot water.

Raleigh.—Mr. Fred N. Tate of High Point has called a meeting of all those interested in the organization of a state chamber of commerce to meet in Raleigh, January 15. It is expected that the plans for the organization will be perfected at this meeting.

Kingston.—Fire resulting from an unknown cause, destroyed the electric light plant at Snow Hill, entailing a loss of about \$10,000. The plant was located at Tyson Marsh, two miles from the town, on a run which empties into Moccasin River.

Spencer.—A box car loaded with merchandise was found on fire soon after it left here and was burned on the Pomona yards. It is believed the car was robbed and fired by hoboes. The loss has not been ascertained but will reach several thousand dollars.

Washington.—Mr. Vance Brown, of Asheville, represented the North Carolina mica interests at the tariff hearing. Gov. Locke Craig and Mr. Joseph Daniels will attend the meeting of the North Carolina Club here January 25 or February 1. Representative Godwin is trying to get \$5,000 additional for a site for a public building at Lumberton.

Raleigh.—The state board of public charities held a meeting here recently and presented to the governor a report strongly in favor of the probation and parole system as regards all classes of convicts and also of the creation of a state board of pardons. In all these matters it is in full accord with the views of Gov. Kitchin and the penitentiary authorities.

Asheville.—One of the important measures from western North Carolina that will be placed before the legislature for consideration will be a bill providing for a state training school for teachers at some suitable point in the western portion of the state. The bill provides that the school shall be known as the Western Carolina Teachers' Training School.

Wilmington.—There is a movement on foot to consolidate the city and county health departments and at a meeting of the county board of health several days ago the matter was informally discussed. The situation in New Hanover is peculiar and like that in no other county in the state, so that the general health laws bring about what is considered needless duplication of machinery and therefore unnecessary expenses.

Charlotte.—The county commissioners at their session re-appointed the members of the county drainage commission for the coming two years, there being no disposition to change the personnel of the commission. The officers of the commission remain the same also. Dr. J. R. Alexander is president of the commission; Mr. W. S. Pharr, secretary-treasurer and the other members of the commission are Messrs. W. F. Baker, J. S. Squires and John W. Cross.

Winston-Salem.—Sheriff T. W. Davis, S. K. Harkrader, United States deputy marshal, Deputy Sheriff E. S. Huyler and Warren Hayes went into the mountains in the western part of Surry county looking for an illicit still. A still was found in a cave, in the mountains, and several men were present. A pitched battle followed in which pistols, sticks and rocks played a prominent part. The officers finally secured the still and captured one man named Todd.

Raleigh.—With a per capita of \$3 and a fund of \$69,636, as nearly as can be estimated now, the county board of education apportioned this big amount, giving to the Raleigh township schools \$23,526, to the rural schools \$41,610 and reserving as a contingent fund \$4,500.

Elizabeth City.—Captain J. B. Williams has been appointed deputy fish commissioner to act under Fish Commissioner J. H. LeRoy. The gas boat Gretchen will be used by the fish commissioner and his deputy. She has been brought here and is now being repaired.

Raleigh.—The date of the third annual convention of the North Carolina Forestry Association is changed to January 18, and the session will be held in the chamber of commerce rooms here.

Statesville.—The Iredell county board of education was in regular session and apportioned the county public school fund. The fund aggregates about \$22,000 and the per capita apportionment was \$2.30, an increase of 13 cents over last year. The board appropriated \$75 to the National Girls' Tomato Club in order that clubs may be organized in Iredell.

Uranium wag-STEAMER STRANDED ON ROCKY CLIFFS

PASSENGERS NUMBERING 880 WERE RESCUED BY GOVERNMENT BOATS.

PLATES WERE RIPPED OPEN

Much Fear is Entertained For Uranium at the Peril of the Sweeping Atlantic Winds—Little Trouble in Keeping Passengers Calm.

Halifax, N. S.—The steamer Uranium, of the Uranium Steamship Company, bound from Rotterdam for Halifax and New York, stranded on a reef during thick weather near the Chebucto head light station, nine miles below Halifax, is held fast in the grip of the rocky shore.

Her 880 passengers, 100 in the cabin and the rest in the steerage, were taken off the steamer by the Government steamer Lady Laurier and a small fleet of harbor craft and were safely landed in Halifax.

Although surf boats had to be used in transferring the hundreds of passengers to the rescue boats, the work was safely accomplished and not a life was lost. Captain Eustice and his crew remained aboard the ship, which is hanging by her bow on the reef. The captain hopes to get the steamer off soon.

The escape of the vessel from such a predicament generally is made at high water but the captain thinks the weight of the afterpart of the steamer will gradually drag the Uranium free as the tide goes down.

There was much alarm especially among the steerage passengers when the steamer struck, but officers and sailors soon succeeded in restoring calm. The lightkeeper at Chebucto, who has telephone communication with Halifax, sent news of the steamer's plight to the port authorities, who dispatched the Lady Laurier, the steamer Bridgewater and several tugs to the rescue.

The rescue boats arrived and the transfer of the Uranium's passengers was begun at once. Three surf boats from the life saving station were used. The Lady Laurier took women and children and then the men were transferred to the Bridgewater.

Bitter Criticism In House.
Washington.—Bitter criticism of the order of President Taft, placing fourth class postmasters under the classified civil service, was precipitated in the House during consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill Representative Bartlett of Georgia proposed a resolution prohibiting the payment of per diem allowances to postoffice inspectors, while they were making selections and recommendations for appointments as fourth class postmasters. In the debate, which followed, the Democrats roundly attacked the order and predicted that it would be revoked by Wilson.

Crisis in French Politics.
Paris.—M. Alexandre Millerand, who won a reputation at home and abroad as a great war minister, resigned from that office. M. Lebrun, Minister of Colonies, has been appointed Minister of War and M. Bessard, under Secretary of Finance, M. Lebrun, the under secretaryship in the Ministry of Finance being temporarily abolished. The ministerial crisis was the direct outcome of the reinstatement of Lieut. Col. Du Paty de Clam in the French territorial army.

Deadlock Has Been Broken.
Washington.—The first break in the deadlock over President Taft's appointments, pending in the senate, came when, at an executive session, Brig. Gen. James B. Aleshire was confirmed as major general. This action followed a morning caucus by the Democrats, but the lines are still so sharply drawn between Republicans and Democrats that no further confirmations are expected in the immediate future, except on army and navy and diplomatic appointments.

Congress to Be Busy Affair.
Washington.—Problems of the approaching Democratic Administration will hang over Congress again this week. Tariff, currency and anti-trust legislation characterized by President-elect Wilson as among the most important subjects that will come before Congress, are to be the center of hearings and investigations by House Committees, and will divide attention with the Democratic-Republican fight in the Senate over President Taft's appointment, more than 1,300 of which are awaiting confirmation.

Writ Has Been Dismissed.
New York.—The writ of habeas corpus in the case of Cipriano Castro, former president of Venezuela, was dismissed by Justice Holt in the United States district court. In dismissing the writ, Judge Holt held that Castro should not be allowed to enter the country under bond pending a decision of the board. He will therefore remain on Ellis Island. This sustains a contention that the federal courts should not interfere in the case until the board of inquiry shall have passed on Castro's right to enter.