

REPRESENTATIVE MAYO ASKS HOUSE TO REPEAL CHAP. 1019 LAWS OF 1907

The following is the substance of Chapter 1019, Laws of 1907, which has been brought before the House for repeal by Representative J. L. Mayo:

An Act to authorize the Board of Commissioners of Beaufort County to issue bonds and levy a Special Tax for the purpose of building a Court House.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That in order to provide necessary funds for the purpose of erecting a courthouse therein, and such buildings as are necessary for holding the courts of Beaufort county and for the conduct of business of said county, the Board of Commissioners of said county is hereby authorized and directed to issue bonds of the county to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars, (\$25,000) to be dated on the first day of October, one thousand nine hundred and seven, and to mature on the first day of October, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five. The said bonds shall be signed by the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, and shall be countersigned by the clerk of said board, and shall have affixed thereto the county seal. The interest thereon shall not exceed five per cent per annum, and shall be payable semi-annually on the first days of June and December of each year until the maturity of said bonds, unless they have been sooner discharged. They shall be in denominations of not less than one hundred dollars each, and shall have attached coupons representing semi-annual payments for interest due upon each respectively, which coupons to be identified by the coupons corresponding to the bond which they are attached, and which other evidences of the Board of Commissioners shall be prescribed; said coupons to be signed by the chairman of the Board of Commissioners; the bonds issued under this section shall be valid in all counties and municipalities, and this fact shall appear upon the face of the bonds: Provided, that the Commissioners may hereafter named shall have the power to reduce the number and amount of the bonds provided for in this act if, in their opinion, they can make the necessary improvements suitable to the needs of the county with less amount.

Sec. 2. No bond issued under the provisions of this act shall be sold or otherwise disposed of for less than its par value, and all coupons of said bonds accruing to the date of sale of said bonds shall be detached before said bonds are delivered.

Sec. 3. That before disposing of the said bonds provided for in this act, the said Board of Commissioners of Beaufort county shall by public notice, to be printed in some newspaper published in said county for at least thirty days and in such other newspapers as in their discretion may be wise, invite bids therefor; said bids may be for the whole amount of said issue or any part thereof not less than one hundred dollars, and shall be securely sealed and deposited with the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, said bids to be opened by the Board of Commissioners on the date fixed in the publication for the consideration thereof, when the same shall be opened in the presence of such citizens of the county as may desire to attend, and the said Commissioners shall proceed to award and allot to the said purchasers or any one of them as many of the bonds as they may desire to dispose of: Provided, however, that the said Commissioners may reject any or all of said bids in their discretion.

Sec. 4. That the proceeds arising from the sale of the bonds issued under the provisions of this act shall constitute a separate and distinct fund, to be applied and appropriated to the purpose for which they are issued as provided herein; and the said Board of Commissioners shall cause the Treasurer of said county to open and keep separate accounts of said funds.

Sec. 5. That in order to pay the interest on said bonds as it may accrue, and the principal thereof as it may mature, the Board of Commissioners of said county shall annually levy a special tax sufficient to meet these demands; the said tax shall be levied and collected as other county

taxes are levied and collected, and shall be imposed upon such property polls and other subjects of taxation as are now or may hereafter be subject to taxation under the laws of this state; and said tax shall be collected by the assessors charged with the collection of other county taxes, and who shall in respect thereto be liable officially as well as personally to all the requirements of law now prescribed, for the faithful collection and the payment of the same.

Sec. 6. That the Board of County Commissioners shall appoint three citizens of the county to be known as the Courthouse Commissioners, for the purpose of superintending the erection of said Courthouse and other public buildings provided for in this act, and for the improvement of the Courthouse grounds, and for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act with full power to sell the old Courthouse or provide for the use of material or any part thereof in said building to the building of a new Courthouse, and in case of sale, to use the money for the same purpose; and to pay for the same by means of orders upon the Treasurer of said county of Beaufort, according to the terms of the contract which they may make: Provided, that said contract shall first be submitted to and approved by the Board of County Commissioners; that the Treasurer of Beaufort county shall pay out the funds realized from the bonds sold under the provisions of this act upon the orders of the aforesaid Board of Commissioners, signed by their chairman and countersigned by their secretary.

Sec. 7. That Commissioners provided for in section six of this act shall organize by electing a chairman and secretary, and shall make such rules and regulations and provide for the payment of such agents and clerks as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this act, and they are hereby created and declared to be a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the "Courthouse Commissioners" and their meetings shall be at such times and place as they may deem necessary and proper for the performance of their duties as provided for by this act, and their corporate existence shall cease and determine upon the erection and completion of the Courthouse, and its acceptance by them, and the discharge of all contracts created by them; that their compensation shall be such as may be fixed by the Board of County Commissioners.

Sec. 8. That during the period of tearing down the old Courthouse now used by the county of Beaufort and erecting a new one, the Board of County Commissioners of Beaufort county shall provide a suitable place for holding the courts of said county and also a suitable office for the officers of said county. All sales and advertisements required by law to be made at the Courthouse shall be made at the place designated for holding the courts of said county from the time the Courthouse ceases to be occupied as such until the new Courthouse is received and accepted by the Courthouse Commissioners.

Sec. 9. That the duties imposed and powers conferred by this act shall be construed to be mandatory and not directory, and any officer provided for under this act, or any duty imposed or power conferred under this act upon any person, failing to discharge such duty or exercise such authority, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined, or imprisoned at the discretion of the court.

Sec. 10. Provided, that this act shall be submitted to the qualified voters of Beaufort county at an election to be held on the second Tuesday in August, one thousand nine hundred and seven, which election shall be ordered by the County Commissioners of Beaufort county at their meeting on the first Monday in July, one thousand nine hundred and seven; which election shall be held under the same rules and regulations and restrictions as is provided by law for the election of members of the General Assembly, and returns made and the results declared in accordance with the rules provided in the general election voting on said questions. Those favoring the issue shall vote a ticket on

MRS. SIMMONS HOSTESS HONOR OF BRIDE ELECT

Mrs. E. S. Simmons delightfully entertained Friday evening last, at her handsome home on East Main street, in honor of her niece, Miss Louise Grist, the occasion being a linen shower. The gracious hostess in her usual charming manner, welcomed the guests in the reception hall, which was attractively decorated in green. From the reception hall the guests were ushered into the cosy living room, where places were soon found around small tables for a game of bridge. In this room the color scheme was red and green. The halls were arranged for dancing, and the young people enjoyed this amusement to the fullest extent. At the appointed time Little Miss Margaret Handy and Master Caleb Bell, dressed as bride and groom, entered to the strains of "Lohengrin" wedding march and showered the bride elect with numerous and useful articles of linen. At a late hour most delicious refreshments were served. About fifty enjoyed Mrs. Simmons' hospitality and the function proved to be one of the most delightful of the season.

EXCLUSIVE PICTURES FOR PRESENT WEEK

The New Theater will offer their patrons this week an exclusive picture program, with a change in program every night. They will give three reels of the "Universal" service every night. These pictures are proving to be a great drawing card for this popular play house. Tomorrow night the fourth installment of the "Troy O' Hearts" will be shown, which is drawing very large crowds every night that it is shown. This picture has some of the best scenery in it that has ever been here in any photoplay. The scenes are all very exciting, and interesting, and should be very good business for the house. Prices for this week are 5 and 10 cents.

RETURNS HOME.

Miss Ruth Chadwick, who has been the guest of Mrs. E. L. Roper for several weeks, returned to her home in Swan Quarter this afternoon to the regret of her many friends.

FLOODS AND MUD IN WEST HALT INFANTRY ALONG BATTLEFRONTS

London, Jan. 10.—The British reply to the American note occupies the attention of the British press and public in the absence of any important news from the European battlefields. The German and French official reports of the most recent fighting in the western field are almost a repetition of those issued on preceding days.

A British eye-witness, who has been the official historian of events at the front, lays stress on the important part played by the artillery and high explosives in modern warfare and claims superiority for the allies in artillery which is being used to its full strength.

From the coast to the river Oise, where the country is under water, and the rivers are flooded, the big guns have been engaged continuously, but the water and mud prevent the infantry from coming into action. Along the Aisne valley, however, and through the Champagne district as far as western Argonne the French are pushing their offensive and organizing the ground gained. These gains have been made at heavy cost.

In western Argonne the Germans also claim to have made gains and to have repulsed a French attempt to carry their trenches in the Woerre and Alsace.

The only news from the east is the German report that the Russian offensive toward Miawa has failed, their force having been driven back. In the Caucasus the Turks have made a stand on the frontier near Kara-Urgan and are fiercely attacking the Russian lines.

Seemingly the Russians believe the report that the Turkish cruiser which shall be written or printed the words, "For Courthouse," and those opposing shall vote a ticket on which shall be written or printed, the words, "Against Courthouse."

That in the event there shall be a majority of the qualified voters of the county voting in favor of a Courthouse, then all the powers, privileges, authorities and duties shall be immediately conferred upon the persons and bodies herein named, and it shall be their duty to proceed at once under the provisions of this act; but if a majority of the qualified voters shall be against the Courthouse, then this act shall be without effect.

Goeben has been damaged, for they lack the American fleet, with the Goeben, has been attacking Turkish ports and destroying their shipping. There is no development in the east beyond the report from Sofia that M. Guesadoff, former Bulgarian minister of foreign affairs, is leaving for Rome on a semi-official mission, the object of which is to ascertain the attitude of Italy towards the possible future coordination of Italo-Bulgarian interests in the war.

Rumania's Entry into War

Would Result in Its End. Paris, Jan. 10.—G. I. Diamandy, deputy in the Rumanian parliament and member of the Franco-Rumanian mission, now in France, declared at a banquet Saturday night that Rumania was on the eve of grave developments. He said he was sure Rumania's entry into the war would result in its end. He added that he did not speak officially, but voiced the sentiment of his people generally.

Paris, Jan. 10.—The following official communication was issued tonight:

"Last night in the Champagne region two counter-attacks by the Germans—one to the north of Perthes, the other to the north of Beaunejour were repelled. In the Argonne two minor attacks by the enemy were repelled at Fontaine Madam and at St. Hubert. There was a lively fall-in in the direction of hill 263 west of Bourcelles and on Le Ruisseau des Nourissons but no attacks. "The night was calm on the rest of the front."

by shall have supervisory direction and control of all work done and performed under this act by the Courthouse Commissioners, and the said Courthouse Commissioners shall report in writing at each monthly meeting of the said Board of County Commissioners of Beaufort county, the progress of the work done by them, showing an itemized statement of all disbursements made by them; and the said board of Commissioners of Beaufort county, or any one of them, shall at all times have full and free access to any and all records of the said Courthouse Commissioners.

Sec. 12. That the said Courthouse Commissioners provided for in this act shall be elected by the Board of Commissioners of Beaufort county at their regular meeting on the first Monday in June after the adoption of this act.

Sec. 14. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification. In the General Assembly read three times, and ratified this 6th day of March, A. D. 1907.

PUBLIC DOCK AGAIN IN THE LIMELIGHT?

Mr. Editor:—Taking it for granted that the newspaper editors of the town should know everything, I would like to ask, if you can tell me what is to become of our public wharf property? While other improvements are being discussed, it seems to me that this wharf property should be completed. A year or so ago, our citizens were called upon to vote an additional bond issue of \$25,000 for a public dock, "which at that time seemed to be a great necessity," and I believe it was, and is now, as is well known.

Our citizens responded to that call; bond issue carried; property is then the matter ended. It is a public utility needed, it is a public dock, and as all know, in its present condition, it cannot be used. Why the need of this extra tax on our citizens if the property cannot be of benefit to them.

I am informed that the Board of Aldermen intend to ask the legislature for permission to issue more bonds to complete improvements. Now, why cannot enough be added to complete this wharf, so that the general public can get the benefit of the investment?

The city now has \$25,000 in this wharf property and as a business proposition, it does seem to me it should be completed, so that it could be used.

Agitate the proposition, Mr. Editor, and see if you can't get the Board of Aldermen to add enough to their improvement bill to complete this wharf property, so that the commerce coming to this city by boats can be cared for. The citizens are surely entitled to the completion of the property.

Respectfully,
S. H. STERLING.

RESIDENCE IS DESTROYED BY FIRE SUNDAY

About two o'clock Sunday morning Mr. Floyd Smith, who lives just north of the Washington Collegiate Institute, on the college grounds, and about a mile and one-half from the city limits, was awakened by hearing something falling and found that the roof of the kitchen and dining room of his residence, which was on fire, had fallen in.

With the assistance of a number of boy students from the Collegiate Institute, and others, he succeeded in saving most of the household furnishings, with the exception of the contents of the kitchen and dining room. The building was totally destroyed.

Two young lady students at the institute, who boarded with Mr. Smith, were fortunate in saving most of their effects.

Mr. Smith carried no insurance.

SELECT OFFICERS.

At their regular meeting on Sunday afternoon, January 3rd, the Barco Class of the First Methodist Church, held their annual election of officers. The following were elected to serve during the ensuing year: J. T. Bland, president; J. T. Lewis, vice president; Ellis E. Phillips, secretary and treasurer; W. M. Kear, teacher; R. G. Skinner, assistant teacher.

These meetings are held at the church each Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock and a cordial invitation is extended to strangers and all to attend these meetings.

TO VISIT CUBA.

Messrs. E. John and Geo. G. G. of this city, are on an expedition to Cuba.

Mrs. D. B. Eckard and son, who have been visiting her mother, Mrs. W. B. Norton, left this morning for her home in Florence, S. C. She was accompanied by Mrs. Norton.

REVIEW OF FOUR DAYS' SESSIONS OF ASSEMBLY FORECAST FOR THE WEEK

while the present session of the General Assembly is but four days old, still time enough has passed for the people of North Carolina to get a somewhat definite idea of the calibre of the present legislators and of the importance of the legislation measures they represent.

As one of the most prominent members in the upper house has stated:

"This session of the General Assembly will be marked by a wise conservatism, by an equally wise economy, and by a realizing sense of its members of their great opportunities and still greater responsibilities to the people of North Carolina."

The Week's Work. The outstanding features of the week's work were the organization of the two branches of the Assembly, the election of officers, the appointment of the many employers, the reading of the Governor Craig's message and the announcement of the committees.

But three bills of importance have been introduced so far. One, touching the control of the State convicts; another, the State Highway Commission, the third, to establish a home for fallen women.

As to the first measure, the sentiment of the Western members especially seems to be strongly against North Carolina withdrawing its aid through the convicts, to the work being done in that part of the state, but the ultimate fate of the bill is problematical.

A Measure of Mercy.

The proposed home for fallen women, a merciful measure, seems to have struck a responsive chord in the hearts of the North Carolina lawmakers, and according to some of the best posted men of both houses measure will become a law substantially as drawn.

The State Highway Commission while acknowledged to be a wise piece of legislation, will hardly pass at this session, it is said. It is pointed out that State-wide legislation covering matters in which the different counties, cities and towns are personally and intimately interested, is not popular in this state.

During the four days the Assembly has been in session there have been 57 bills introduced in the House and 88 in the Senate. The proposal to consolidate, as nearly as may be, the vast number of local bills eventually to be dropped into the hopper, seems to have met with but faint encouragement. As some of the members say, it would undoubtedly expedite the work of the Assembly and greatly lessen the work of the clerical force—but the chances are the same old way will prevail.

This Week's Work.

The coming week, with the completion of the lists of committees, and with the consequent tuning up of the legislative machinery, will be marked by the introduction of a flood of local bills and by appearance on the floor of a few of the following important measures. Whether

or the daddies of these aforesaid and previously mentioned important measures will recognize their offspring after their journey thru the legislative mill is a question to be submitted to some reliable fortune teller, seer or prophet. May-be they will—but again the chances are that they will not, for there are some big, burly and rude men waiting for them with various and sundry amendments which will change their appearance substantially—and then some.

State Wide Primary.

Senator Weaver may bring in his State-wide primary bill—about the end of the week. Its provisions, of course, cover all parties and all offices. The Senator from Buncombe is not talking much for publication about his measure, but it is very carefully drawn, according to those who know, and the Senator, with his co-laborer, Senator Hobgood, are going to make a historic fight for its passage.

To the minds of Western members the mention of a State-wide primary law brings vivid recollections of how such a law might, and would, have changed the results of a recent congressional election held there.

This, of course, is one of the important measures of the session and its fate will be watched with interest by the state at large.

Child Labor Law.

Also during this coming and eventful week the reading clerks will pick up a carefully folded manuscript and drone out "A bill entitled an act to give the child-labor some teeth." Of course, that won't exactly be the title of the bill but that is what it will amount to, if the bill becomes a law.

According to the members who know the provisions of the act, it is a thoroughly good one and one which the voters of North Carolina will heartily approve.

Australian Ballot.

If Representative Gallatin Roberts, Australian ballot bill is introduced this week also, as it may be, the legislative mill will have about all it can grind for some time. The North Carolina Equal Suffrage League has a little message for the Assembly, but it will not be delivered just now. Neither will any amendment to the liquor laws come up at present, nor the ever-recurring question of insurance premiums. These, with the farm legislation, such as land segregation, a more equitable system of taxation, forest preservation, and so on, will be left for the future.

Fish and Local Laws.

A state-wide fish law may make its appearance this week, and certainly several dog laws will appear on the scene. But the big measures to be presented, will give the members all they can do for one short week of six days—and when the week end draws near doubtless many of them will be ready to ask for leave of absence until the following Monday.

WILL CONDUCT SERVICES ON THURS. EVE.

Special services will be conducted at St. Peter's Episcopal church Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. William B. Cox, rector of St. John's Parish, and Rev. Dr. W. H. Milton, rector of St. James Parish, of Wilmington, will be the speakers at this meeting.

HOLD MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held tomorrow night (Tuesday) at their quarters in the Baughman Building, at 8 o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WEDDING ON MONDAY NEXT

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jordan announce the approaching marriage of their daughter Olivia to Mr. Frank A. Wright on Monday, January the eighteenth nineteen hundred and fifteen Washington, North Carolina. No cards in the city.

New Theater TONIGHT

"UNIVERSAL PHOTOPLAYS" 3-REELS-3 PROGRAM CHANGED NIGHTLY. Price 5 and 10 Cents.