

REVIEW OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY—OTHER ITEMS IN THE CAPITAL CITY

(Special Correspondence.)
Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 19.—It looks as if the General Assembly will adjourn this time before the allotted time—that is to say sixty days. A resolution was introduced in the Senate today calling for an adjournment sine die within forty days. This resolution was referred to the proper committee and the consensus of opinion is that it will die in the committee room. He this as I may, it can safely be stated this legislative session is determined to economize and too, dispatch its business as early as practicable. All department heads in both the Senate and House are now hard at work; the committees are meeting on time with the result both the upper and lower houses are making history in dispatching business.

With the Senate and House today "buried" out of respect to the late Chief Justice, General Robert Lee. It seems to be a general belief that there is one bear and one to the South it is "Old M. M." whom Lord Worsley declares to be the chief of commanders. Tonight in the House of Representatives Representative Thomas Mason of Northampton county, will recount the deeds and achievement of this idol of the South. The name of Lee will ever be kept green in the South and no state that so called is more ready to honor an idol than we give his all for a cause he not only believed to be right but was right, as said an old fellow of the "sixties" in the lobby of the capital today. To speak of Lee is but to turn back the pages of history. Although he lost in the great conflict he will ever live as one of America's greatest and best. All honor to his memory; all praise to his name. Behold his record on high.

This General Assembly is full of members of the "fourth estate," but for those who drive the quill the affairs of state would surely be lacking in knowledge and wisdom. For instance, there is Editor R. T. Ward of the *Morning Star* who holds the position as pay clerk in the Senate. Notwithstanding the fact that this is his first term in the Senate, and too, that he has only recently become a "senator" he is on to his job and is providing brilliant facts both orally and otherwise far in excess of his office is concerned. No people anywhere are more courteous than those who live and reside near the turbulent Atlantic and the pay clerk of the Senate is proving no exception to the rule. His paper is an important factor for good in his community and the citizenship of the state is to be congratulated that Editor Ward is in the capital city if but for a few minutes watching the affair.

Another Eastern North Carolina man in the person of Mr. H. J. Fink of Williamston, N. C., is "making good." Mr. Fink has the responsible position as calendar clerk of the Senate. He is thoroughly conversant with his duties and knows all the members and is a "just a little better" in fact. Clerk Fink always puts his right hand to his chest and says, "I am accurate and painstaking and know human nature so well that he always puts the right word in the right place with the assurance that all who consult him, be they laymen or whatnot, leave satisfied and appeased. Fink seems to be the best relation of the clerk to the respective committees, but for him there would be howling and rumors of howls in the Senate side of the capital before many months could wax and wane.

Representative J. L. Mayo seems to be a favorite with the speaker in his last letter I stated that he had been made chairman of one important committee and was in addition named as a member of several others. During the absence of the representative from Beaufort Nat. Army Speaker Woodfin named him as a member of the committee on Forestry, Drainage and Conservation and the committee on Banks and Banking. When Representative Mayo returned to the city today he was simply announced as it knew where he was at. He soon however, disposed the Atlanta Beaufort society. If your correspondent is

prophet, need have no fear as to the outcome of Beaufort county's interests during the General Assembly of 1913. Representative Mayo, rest assured, will stand for what he conceives to be right and will oppose what he thinks is not just and proper. Mark the prediction of this correspondent. Mayo will prove a worthy representative of his people—this is being carried out if I am any judge, by his appointment to some of the most important committees in the House.

This General Assembly surely has strong men. From the East I mention such men as Captain Thomas Mason of Northampton county Senator, Ward of Craven, Sen. S. H. H. of Martin, Senator Gilliam of Edgecombe, Senator Majette of Tyrrell, Senator Cooper of New Hanover, Senator Cahoon of Pasquotank. Representative Laughlin of Jones and A. R. Dunning of Martin, while in the west such men as Representative Bowie, Ex-Lieut. Governor Doughton, and others are continually in the limelight for their action.

There is only one member of the Senate who wears the cloth and that is Senator Speight of Bertie. Although his hair is silvered and the years of time mark his face, his heart is young and but for his the sessions of the upper house would lack in interest. Only yesterday I was he who protested that the idea in the galleries were occupying only one side. He wanted those of the gentler sex hereafter to occupy a little bit nearer his side of the chamber. His resolution did not, through however, due seemingly to some of the disgruntled but it was happily cheered by those in the galleries, nevertheless. His resolution asking this request was referred to the president pro tem for the committee on Woman Suffrage, yet to be named. He also asked the all bachelors be moved to the opposite side; the side where the ladies could not see them.

The dispatching of business seems to be the slogan of the "state house" this time. Strict attention to business is the motto. "Look out, said a lobbyist today, "this is going to be a legislature that will do things and do it in such a short time that the people of the state will stand up and take notice ever after."

The primary bill, the Woman Suffrage measure, the fish industry and other important matters are still in the future but go matter be important they are action will take place promptly and decisively.

The portrait of Hon. Asa Biggs was presented last evening to the Federal Court building and will be hung upon the walls of the courtroom. At one time this distinguished jurist and statesman clerked for Mr. Edwin Martin in Washington. The portrait was presented by Mr. Sprull of Rocky Mount and accepted on the part of the court by Judge Jones. District Attorney F. D. Winston was master of ceremonies after the presentation ceremony. The public was given an invitation to inspect the building which has recently been enlarged. It is surely a credit to the state and nation.

A public meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church next Sunday afternoon at four o'clock for the purpose of discussing matters of great importance to the city and state. An interesting program will be offered, details of which will be given in a later issue this week. The meeting will be held at the church named in order not to conflict with the Sunday schools of the various churches, and it is hoped that a large number will be present. The general public is cordially invited.

INSTITUTE AN ANNUAL OCCURRENCE

Chapel Hill, N. C., Jan. 19.—The following letter has been sent out to the chairman of all commissions who have charge of the road work in North Carolina. It is expected that the attendance at the Good Roads Institute this year will be much greater than the previous year. My Dear Sir:—Because of the success of the Road Institute which was held at the University of North Carolina in March, 1914, it has been decided to make the institute an annual occurrence, and in 1915, it will be held during the week beginning Tuesday, February 16th. The Institute will last four days and special notices regarding the program will be sent out later.

This Road Institute is considered a clearing house for road problems in North Carolina and is of great value to all those connected with road work in this state. I am writing to ask that your board take up the question of detailing your road engineer or superintendent, or both, to the Institute and provide for the payment of their expenses considering their attendance as part of their official duties. I believe the good which will result from the knowledge gained by the engineer will more than offset any expense. We should also like very much to have one or more members of your board in attendance at the Institute next year there were 24 counties represented and all were enthusiastically over the meetings and the continuance of this Institute. I will appreciate it if you will let me know what steps you take regarding the above. I sincerely hope that you can favorably upon detailing your engineer, superintendent, or other officials to attend the Institute; and also that you will be able to attend yourself.

With best wishes, I am,
Cordially yours,
JOSEPH HYDE PRATT,
State Geologist.

Among the subjects which will be especially taken up are the "Construction of Sand-Clay, Topsoil, and Gravel Roads and the Maintenance." The subject of general road maintenance will be taken up in considerable detail and discussed by experts. The Institute is open to all citizens of the State who are interested in the question of securing better roads and better systems of road maintenance.

GOOD GUNNERY OF NORTH CAROLINA NAVAL MILITIA

New Bern, Jan. 19.—C. D. Bradham, commander of the North Carolina Naval Militia, has returned from Washington, D. C., where he attended a meeting of the National Naval Militia Board and has given out an interview in which he stated that the report recently given by the Navy Department and which shows that the North Carolina Naval Militia stood second among the twelve states who engaged in gunnery on board of the U. S. S. Rhode Island last summer, is most encouraging and pleasing to himself and every member of the militia.

The North Carolina men worked under a handicap in making such excellent scores, many of them never having seen a battleship before they went on the Rhode Island, and their record is considered remarkable. The cruise on the Rhode Island was the first that the North Carolina men had made, and although they had received much benefit from it and are looking forward with much anticipation to the next cruise which will be held during the summer months.

Among the Washington visitors to the capital today is none other than Mr. Harry McMillan who is one of Washington's rising young lawyers.

Representative Jas. B. Mayo of Beaufort and Senator Harry Stubbs of Martin returned to their seats today after a leave of absence.

LEE-JACKSON DAY OBSERVED ON YESTERDAY

The day set apart to especially celebrate and remember the patriotism of Gen. Robert E. Lee and Gen. Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson, was observed here yesterday by the banks as a holiday. In the evening at eight o'clock, the members of the Confederate Daughters of the Confederacy, gathered at the Court House, where special and interesting exercises in honor of the memory of the two great generals were conducted.

A most interesting program had been prepared by the members of the local chapter and the large number present showed that they thoroughly enjoyed the meeting which was presided over by Rev. W. F. Call, master of ceremonies. The meeting was opened with a song "New Firm a Foundation," by the united choirs of the city, followed by Rev. R. L. Gay, who led in prayer. Next came a song, "Lee and Jackson" by the children of Confederacy which was composed by Mrs. Stephen C. Bragaw. A recitation, "Somebody's Darling," rendered by Miss Nellie Carrow, received great applause. Mr. H. C. Carter then introduced Judge Stephen C. Bragaw who delivered the address of the evening. Judge Bragaw paid the highest tributes to those two time-honored and noble Southern gentlemen, and his discourse was received throughout with bursts of applause. He is an orator of the highest order, and his rendition was listened to with interest and appreciation by all who heard him. The address was followed by a song "For All Thy Saints Who From Thy Labors Rest," by the united choirs after which the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Nathaniel Harding. Judge Bragaw was complimented to be "Daughters of the Confederacy" have this address for publication and all those who failed to hear his masterful effort last evening will no doubt be glad to learn of his fact. This paper would appreciate the honor of publishing same.

GOVERNING ENTRANCE OF PUPILS

Owing to the crowded condition of the Washington Public Schools and the financial condition of same, the Board of Trustees have made the following rules governing the entrance of pupils:

First. Beginners shall only be taken at the opening of school in September, and then the pupils must be six years of age prior to the opening, or by the first of the following November.

Second. Beginner must enter within two weeks after the opening of school.

Third. Pupils above the first grade will be accepted at any time provided they can be properly graded.

Fourth. Pupils entering the kindergarten will be accepted at the same time and under the same conditions as beginners in the first grade, except as to age. Those entering must be five years of age before the opening of school in September or before the first of the following November.

Fifth. No beginners or kindergartners can be taken at the beginning of the second term.

A CORRECTION.
In the report of the meeting of the O. Henry Book Club, which appeared in yesterday's issue a mistake occurred. Mrs. H. W. Carter is the vice-president of this organization and prepared the paper which was read by Mrs. W. H. Williams in copying this for the press, the typist omitted a line, hence the error. We are glad to make this correction.

PART OF MR. SMALL'S VERSION
In regard to woman suffrage, Hon. John H. Small says: "Many of us say that it is a matter for the state."

YOUR TOWN AND HOME MERCHANTS

The following from the Rock Hill Record is well worth the study of all good citizens:

"Duty is a power that rises with us in the morning and goes to rest with us at night. It is coextensive with the action of our intelligence. It is the shadow which cleaves to us, wherever we will.

"Light our duty in our shop or office, in our school, the street, the home. Just as long as we stand in the front ranks of some great battle and know that victory for mankind depended upon our bravery, strength and skill.

"When we do that the very humbleness of us will be serving in the great army which achieves the welfare of the world.

"It should be the slogan of every own consumer never to spend away for goods that he can just as well buy at home. Every time you send a dollar to a mail order house the dollar, as far as you and your community are concerned, is practically out of circulation.

"Your own home merchant is the one who helps to keep up your schools, your churches and your town. He is the one who deserves your trade and not some catalogue house in Chicago or elsewhere.

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"Do you not always find your home merchant ready and willing to let his goods go on promises, not guaranteed notes, but verbal promises, trusting your honesty and good luck in meeting the obligation later?"

"How many farms have been paid for by your merchant advancing you the goods necessary to keep life in the body and cash to meet that treaded interest on the mortgage?"

"Under the same conditions would the farmer trust the merchant for months and months with the produce of his farm, or would he ask for cash or its equivalent upon delivery of the goods?"

"We know that the average consumer does not feel that his local merchant is a robber or a cheat; but like all humankind, the catalogues and prices of mail order houses appeal to him, and he forwards his order and cash without considering the injustice he is doing himself, his merchant and his home town.

"The catalogues of the mail order houses are illuminated with pictures to catch the eye of the unwary. They range in complexion from a runette banana to a blonde canary bird. They offer to sell you anything from a philosopher's stone to a cypress shingle sawed out of a sunbeam.

"It seems unbelievable but it is nevertheless a fact, showing the entire lack of any sense of justice that many people regard their local stores as merely institutions of accommodation. When these people have cash to spend it goes to the far-away mail order houses, but when times are dull, when they are sick or out of work, during the season when farmers are not turning their produce into cash, what do they do? Do they write to the catalogue house and ask for credit?"

"If they did do you think they would get it? Not on your life. Those concerns must have cash, must have it in advance, must have it before you can even see the goods you buy. The consumer sends his money and then sits down and waits until the mail order house gets paid and ready to fill his order.

"But when home phone's want credit or favors of any kind they call off to their home merchant, they obligingly order what they want and tell him to charge it, expecting him to wait at least from one to six months for his pay.

"In buying from your home merchant you deal with neighbors, you buy with goods before you. Pay when you get the goods if you so feel. Have goods delivered free return goods. If not satisfactory, return your goods before you.

"In building up your home town, you make yourself worthy of your day and time. Every man should take pride in being a good American citizen, and we believe more so, at least desire to be, but what kind of citizen is the man who sur-

BILLS INTRODUCED YESTERDAY IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE

Bills Introduced.
New bills were introduced in the House yesterday as follows:

- H. B. 231, Benton, repealing the road commission of Columbus county.
- H. B. 232, Scott, to appoint a justice of the peace for Pender county.
- H. B. 233, Bennett, relative to hunting game in Montgomery county.
- H. B. 234, Bennett, repealing the act taxing dogs in Montgomery county.
- H. B. 235, Mauney, for the relief of John P. Huffstetter, a Confederate soldier of Gaston county.
- H. B. 236, Harrison, to appoint a justice of the peace for New Light township, Wake county.
- H. B. 237, Shepherd, to protect fish in Robeson, Columbus, Hoke and Scotland counties.
- H. B. 238, Seawell, amend act of revival relating to loans by insurance companies.
- H. B. 239, Walden, to authorize commissioners of Alexander county to use excess railroad tax for other purposes.
- H. B. 240, Bynum, to provide 3 judicial circuits or ridings in the state each year.
- H. B. 241, Bowie, relating to pay of finance committee of Ashe county.
- H. B. 242, Bowie, to incorporate the town of West Jefferson.
- H. B. 243, Noland, for relief of W. A. Palmer, tax collector of Haywood county.
- H. B. 244, Thomas, amend section 27, article 4, of the constitution making uniform civil jurisdictions of justice of the peace.
- H. B. 245, Ebbs, amend and consolidate laws relating to recorder's court of Madison county.
- H. B. 246, Ebbs, relative to compensation of board of education of Madison county.
- H. B. 247, Doughton, changing the age limit of road workers in Alleghany.
- H. B. 248, Stacy, regarding free carriage of persons by transportation companies.
- H. B. 249, Stacy, to include meals and lodging of jurors as part of costs in civil actions.
- H. B. 250, Stacy, to amend the good moral law of Guilford county so as to apply to New Hanover county.
- H. B. 251, Stacy, regarding the collection of fees by register of deeds of New Hanover.
- H. B. 252, Stacy, amend to hold elections in New Hanover county.

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New bills were introduced in the Senate yesterday as follows:

- H. B. 253, Williams of Yadkin, for relief of former sheriff W. T. Fletcher of Yadkin.
- H. B. 254, Sellers, authorizing city of Lumberton to issue bonds to pay indebtedness.
- H. B. 255, Doughton, providing for final adjournment of the General Assembly forty days from date of meeting.
- H. B. 256, S. B. 62, authorizing Greensboro to issue bonds.
- H. B. 257, S. B. 27, allowing women to serve as notaries of the public.
- H. B. 258, S. B. 31, creating highway commission for Pasquotank county.

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New bills were introduced in the Senate yesterday as follows:

- S. B. 120, Gardner, to authorize the commissioners of Rutherford to levy a special tax for beautifying the court house and the square at Rutherfordton.
- S. B. 121, Ward of Craven, relative to the riding of the Supreme court judges in the twenty judicial districts of North Carolina.
- S. B. 122, Ward of Craven, joint resolution relative to the final adjournment of the session.
- S. B. 123, McCracken, of Columbus, to prohibit the manufacture and the sale of wine within three miles of the Porter Swamp Baptist church in Columbus county.
- S. B. 124, Cooper of New Hanover to amend chapter 555, public laws 1913, relative to the use of packages containing meal.
- S. B. 125, Malette, of Tyrrell, relative to the celebration of Lee's birthday.
- S. B. 126, Fisher of Sampson, to provide for the appointment of a justice of the peace of Lee county.
- S. B. 127, Speight of Bertie, regarding the pay of the Board of Education of Bertie county.
- S. B. 128, Polk of Warren, to create a recorder's court for Warren county and define the jurisdiction of the same.
- S. B. 129, Stevens of Wayne, to amend section 77, revision 1905, relative to weights and measures.
- S. B. 130, Snow of Wake, to appoint justice of the peace of Wake.
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- S. B. 132, Johnson of Duplin, to amend section 4131, revision of 1905, relative to the condemnation of land for public school sites.
- S. B. 133, Bumsarner of Wilkes, to incorporate the Wilkesboro, West Jefferson and Northern Railroad.

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MEETING OF BASEBALL ENTHUSIASTS

Whether or not there may be a revival of the old Eastern Carolina baseball league probably rests on the outcome of a meeting which is called for Wilmington on Tuesday next, January 28, and the enthusiasm that may be shown at this meeting. For upwards of a month there has emanated from Wilmington with a dogged persistence urgent appeals to the baseball enthusiasts in upwards of a dozen towns geographically located in this section that may be considered available for placing a franchise. Such a request for local clubs that might take over franchises in any of the following towns: Wilmington, New Bern, Kinston, Fayetteville, Rocky Mount, Greenville, Wilson, Tarboro and Washington. It is hoped that from the mission work done in these towns there may be a revival of the desire for the game, and that six franchisees may be placed. The terms of course, to be worked out by the majority.

It appears from the newspaper articles at this time that while Wilmington is ready as to Goldsboro

there is a mediocre response from New Bern and Fayetteville, and they may be placed in the uncertain class. Rocky Mount is planning to have its former local association's president present at the meeting and this town may enter if there is assurance given that there will be enough permanency to the circuit to assure the outlay of leasing property and building a ball park. From Wilson comes the report that only a semi-professional club with veritable expense attached thereto could be made a go. While the points have expressed a desire for baseball that have failed yet to take further steps in the matter, so far as can be learned, and who may or may not be represented at the meeting in Wilmington, are Kinston, Greenville, and Washington, while nothing has been heard from Tarboro whose franchise holding dates back to when they disrupted the league for a season in 1907.

Even specifications charging the members of the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission with "inefficiency, neglect of duty and misconduct in office" in the matter of recent passenger rate increase hearings, have been lodged with the Pennsylvania State authorities.

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