

BILLS INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE YESTERDAY

House Bills.
 The following new bills were introduced yesterday:
 S. B. 771, To amend the public health laws of North Carolina.
 S. B. 772, To appoint Outhbert Martin, a member of the board of Education of New Hanover.
 S. B. 773, Cooper of New Hanover, to amend the charter of the city of Wilmington.
 S. B. 774, Haymore of Surry, relative to the roads of Westfield and Long Hill townships in Surry county.
 S. B. 775, McLeod of Robeson, to allow parties to contract to accept upon a rate of interest not to exceed eight per cent.
 S. B. 776, McRae of Mecklenburg, relative to depositions on the part of the defense in criminal cases.
 S. B. 777, Haymore of Surry, to authorize the commissioners of Water to issue bonds for the improvement of public roads.
 S. B. 778, Cloud of Polk, authorize the commissioners of Polk to levy a special tax.
 S. B. 779, Herbert of Clay, to provide for the payment of interest on bonds of the Hiwassee Valley Railway.
 S. B. 780, Ward of Craven, to facilitate jury trial.
 S. B. 781, White of Franklin, to authorize electric light system for Yonkersville in Franklin county.
 S. B. 782, Jones of Lincoln, to prevent the depredation of domestic fowls in Lincoln.
 S. B. 783, Gilliam of Edgecombe, to allow any public school district in Edgecombe county to issue bonds for the equipment of schools.
 S. B. 784, McCracken, to authorize the commissioners of Whiteville to appoint a constable.
 S. B. 785, Gilliam of Edgecombe, relative to school districts in Edgecombe.
 S. B. 786, Giles of McDowell, relative to the construction of a road across the Blue Ridge in McDowell.
 S. B. 787, Thompson of Onslow, to establish a fisheries and oyster commission.
 S. B. 788, Cloud of Polk, relative to the acquisition and operation of the water works of Tryon.
 S. B. 789, McRae of Mecklenburg, to provide machinery for section 1285 of the revised code of 1912, as applied to Columbus county.
 S. B. 790, Jones of Lincoln, relative to bastardy proceedings.
 S. B. 791, Ward of Craven, to provide for the holding of courts of Craven county.
 S. B. 792, Davis of Burke, relative to Lowell Creek drainage commission.
 S. B. 793, Hobgood of Guilford, relative to the dissolution of certain banking corporations.
Bills Introduced.
 Bills were introduced as follows:
 S. B. 992, Freeman of Richmond, to place Mrs. Virginia P. Godfrey on the pension list.
 S. B. 993, Freeman of Richmond, to place Mrs. Ara Strickland on the pension list.
 S. B. 994, Freeman of Richmond, to require railway companies to maintain bridges on certain streets in Hamlet.
 S. B. 995, Tucker, by request, amend public health laws of North Carolina.
 S. B. 996, Williams of Yadkin, to authorize commissioners of Yadkin to issue bonds for roads.
 S. B. 997, Winborne, amend act relative to the courts of Hertford.
 S. B. 998, Winborne, amend act relating to Liversana's mill—York, Hertford county.
 S. B. 999, Winborne, amend school law of Hertford county.
 S. B. 1000, Bryan, by request, amend charter of north Wintboro graded school district.
 S. B. 1001, Bibbs, incorporate the town of Walnut, Madison county.
 S. B. 1002, Bibbs, fixing terms of county commissioners of Madison, and appoint two additional commissioners.
 S. B. 1003, Duke, regulate fees of court stenographer in Burke.
 S. B. 1004, Hall, by request, amend revised relating to building and loan associations.
 S. B. 1005, Ehrig, for relief of inmates of the Soldiers Home in Raleigh.
 S. B. 1006, Roberts of Buncombe and Nettles, to provide provision advertising in North Carolina.
 S. B. 1007, Roberts of Buncombe and Nettles, to regulate the practice of holding of special sessions

DROWNED NEAR NEW BERN ON SUNDAY NIGHT

New Bern, N. C., Feb. 15.—William D. Gaskins, a popular young man of New Bern, was drowned last night in Neuse river about 15 miles from New Bern below Johnson's Point.
 The body was found by searching parties about noon today and has been carried to the home of parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Gaskins at 14 Broad street.
 There were three men in the boat, young Gaskins, Lyle Smith, and Harry Spicer, the latter being captain of the barge Juanita. Mr. Smith gave an account of the affair to Chief of Police Lupton early this morning.
 According to this account Gaskins had gone forward to adjust a light. A splash was heard, and a hasty search around the boat showed that Gaskins was missing.
 The small boat which was being towed, was then, according to the story Smith told Chief Lupton, cut loose in the hope that Gaskins could reach it, while the two men turned their boat around as quickly as possible and made a search which failed to disclose traces of their companion.
 Yesterday morning Messrs. Smith and Gaskins had left to visit Oriental, about thirty miles distant down the river. On the return trip they took with them the barge captain mentioned above.
 After hearing the recital of Mr. Smith, Chief Lupton at the former's request undertook to notify the family. He declared this morning that he had never performed a task which had affected him more deeply.

NEWS NOTES FROM CAMPS AND SCHOOL

(By School Bureau.)
Elks Kappa Club.
 A very interesting program was rendered by the Elks Kappa Club Friday. All members took part in representing a book which was very popular. Such books as "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," "The Money Moon" and "The Scarlet Letter." Much movement was caused in trying to guess the names of the books. Many distinguished visitors were present, such as Mr. Campbell, Miss Kelly, Miss Griffin and the Misses Jarvis.
Cornelian Club.
 The program for the Cornelian Club on Friday was exceptionally good. Every member answered the roll call with a joke. A paper on Helen Keller was read by Blanche Allgood and Jamie Whitley read one on Maude Adams. Both were very interesting and very much enjoyed.
 The Cornelian Club had a social meeting the first of February. The Club entertained the Elks Kappas. The following program was rendered:
 Solo—By Elsie Kelly.
 Recitation—By Ava Wanner.
 Duet—By Eleanor Berry and Laurie Branch.
 Piano Solo—By Annie Thomas Archbell.
 Humorous Reading—By Reta Warren.
 After this the club girls served refreshments.
 The chapel exercises were conducted last Friday morning by the Elks Kappa Club. The president gave a brief talk on the purpose of the club, "We gave a short play on the subject of 'Study.' The program was by the club girls.
 The following poem appeared in the January issue of the Wahisco, recently out:
 Farewell,
 (Dedicated to the Class of 1915.)
 Blend harp and voice;
 Come raise the joyous song,
 To thee our hearts belong,
 To thee alone,
 While sands of life shall run,
 Come comrades, sing as one—
 Dear Washington.
 Thou cherished mother!
 In every youthful throat
 Wells up the gladdest note,
 Of praise to thee,
 From sons and daughters fair,
 Bursts on the tuneful air,
 Thy name, beyond compare—
 Dear Washington.
 We shall not leave thee,
 What matters distant clime?
 What matters fleeting time
 To loyal hearts?
 Can miles across the sea
 Steal from our love for thee
 One tender memory—
 Dear Washington?
 The above song, dedicated to the class of 1915, was written by our former principal, Mr. Paul Q. Bryan, a man beloved by us all. To him the Wahisco really owes its existence. His interest and enthusiasm in all departments of the school never flagged.
 In speaking of his departure former superintendent Newbold referred to him as the "most loved man in Washington." Mr. Bryan left us to take up his life-work, that of the legal profession. At present he is located at Moultrie, Ga., where he is recognized as a lawyer and orator of no mean merit. We deeply appreciate his lasting interest in us. With us his influence will always live, for 'twas he "who took our plastic youth and led us through those dreary paths to heights unseen—undreamed."
 The John H. Small Debating Society had a very interesting debate last Friday. The query being: Resolved, "That the United States should adopt the policy of subsidizing its merchant marine engaged in foreign commerce." It was very ably upheld by both sides, but when the judges counted the points one by one they found that the affirmative overbalanced the negative thereby resulting in the affirmative carrying off the honors of the day. The declamation contest was won by Joe Wilkinson.

THE PUBLIC WEIGHER OF FARM PRODUCTS

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13. Mr. Editor:—I read in your paper a few days since the Chamber of Commerce were showing interest in the cotton farmer. Why are they showing so much interest in cotton when it is a "dead dog in the pit?" There are more pounds of tobacco sold on the Washington market than cotton, and at as high average price. There are many thousands of bushels of corn, soy beans, barrels of potatoes and thousands upon thousands of feet of rous and shrewd lumber also sold here and they are sold by the farmer. Why stop at cotton? Let's have a licensed and bonded man for each.
 J. J. HODGES.
 Ed.—In behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and for the benefit of the general public we wish to state that the chamber showed no more interest in cotton than any other farm product at their last meeting. We take it that the subject Mr. Hodges referred to was the appointing of an assistant public weigher. This appointee will be a bonded man, will not be a buyer of any farm produce, and will be at the service of the public to weigh any product raised on the farm.
POSED AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY WHITMAN.
 New York, Feb. 16.—Chas. R. Bradbury, an attorney and Charles Kelly and Max Bab will be examined today for representing District Attorney Whitman and other officers in putting Samuel Walk through the "third degree" and forcing him to sign papers under threats or arrest.

ENJOYABLE FEATURE AT ELKS' HOME

The men's supper given by St. Peter's Parish last night at the Elks Hall proved to be a most auspicious occasion in the cause of missions, to which interest it was given. A large body of the representative citizens of the city gathered around the festive board, at seven o'clock, and after blessing had been asked by Rev. Nathaniel Harding, partook of an excellent cold supper, which had been ably prepared and was then charmingly served by Washington's most beautiful daughters.
 Rev. Mr. Harding then introduced the speakers of the evening. First, Geo. B. Elliott, Esq., of Wilmington, general counsel of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad spoke interestingly of his experience in mission work, and outlined the plan recently followed by his home parish in forwarding this cause and giving illustrations of its great success.
 Rev. W. H. Milton, D. D. rector of St. James Parish, Wilmington, was then introduced by Rev. Mr. Harding. Rev. Dr. Milton in beginning gave an illustration and stressed that he was a long churchman. But at the end of his discourse there was no one in the vast audience who would vouchsafe that fact, for never has a finer or more able lesson on missions been heard here. He spoke in turn of four fundamental principles pertaining to his great cause, and at the conclusion his audience felt deeply grateful for the message he delivered in such an inspiring manner.
 A rising vote of thanks were extended Rev. Dr. Milton and Mr. Elliott in appreciation of their being present.
 The ladies were also extended a rising vote of thanks in appreciation of their invaluable services and honored presence.
 After the singing of the Long Meter Doxology, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Harding.
 Rev. Dr. Milton and Mr. Elliott arrived via the Coast Line in Mr. Elliott's private car, and left early this morning over the Norfolk Southern for Raleigh.

SUMMARY OF THE LATEST WAR NEWS

A note presented to the Department at Washington, commending its willingness to consider proceeding from its intention of attacking British merchantmen provided Great Britain would desist from efforts to prevent foodstuffs from reaching the civil population of Germany.
 The German plan, the note says, is in retaliation for what is termed Great Britain's violation of international law by attempting to cut off the food supplies of non-combatants.
 David Lloyd George, British chancellor of the exchequer, may estimate the cost of the war at the allies at \$10,000,000,000 during the current year. He said Great Britain could finance the war for a year out of her investments abroad.
 German troops are advancing rapidly everywhere in East Prussia, Berlin declares. In Northern Poland, too, considerable gains are reported. Petrograd military commentators assert that Russia will gain an advantage in falling back to her own territory by depriving Germany of the use of the railroads which she employed effectively in transporting troops along the front when the fighting was on German soil.
 In French Lorraine the Germans achieved a local victory occupying positions which the allies were able to recover only in part by a counter-attack. Trench warfare continues with varying degrees of intensity along the front, and both the French and the German war office in today's communications claim small victories.
 After a long period of inactivity fighting between Austria and Montenegro has been resumed. An Austrian fleet has bombarded the Montenegrin port of Antivari and two Austrian aeroplanes attacked with machine guns the palace in which were King Nicholas and the other members of the Montenegrin royal family.
 In Bukovina another important contest is in progress.
 The long drawn struggle in the Carpathians shows no signs of approaching an end. Both the Austrian and Russian war offices claim victories along this front.
 Some German newspapers commenting on the American notes, take the stand that this country's representations to Great Britain are less vigorous than those to Germany. It is asserted that the fault is England's on account of her use of the American flag.
 A Rome newspaper states that Prince von Buelow, German ambassador to Italy, shortly will make proposals for Italy's intervention in the war on the side of Germany in return for territorial concessions.

SOCIETY IS ENTERTAINED BY MRS. PAUL

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Aurora, were beautifully and delightfully entertained on the night of the 11th at the elegant home of Mrs. Till Paul on Main street.
 A very interesting program, consisting of papers read by Mrs. W. E. Troyman and Mrs. Bonner Thompson, on very interesting subjects. Music by Miss Lottie Bonner and Miss Elain Larry, who rendered several very charming selections, also a very sweet song sung by little Miss Nellie Gray Paul.
 At nine o'clock refreshments were served of a very delicious variety.
 The entire evening was delightful with social intercourse and good will, and everyone seemed to be in tune for a good time.
 Those present were: Mrs. M. B. Wilkinson, Mrs. G. I. Swindell, Mrs. W. A. Thompson, Mrs. W. H. Gaskins, Mrs. Eugene Hooker, Mrs. J. P. Hooker, Mrs. T. P. Bonner, Mrs. B. H. Thompson, Jr., Mrs. W. W. Hooker, Mrs. Redding Thompson, Mrs. Robert Bonner, Mrs. John Chaplin, Mrs. Fodis Selby, Mrs. W. E. Troyman, Mrs. O. M. Hooker, Mrs. Lillian Staley, Mrs. T. M. Beacham, Miss Evelyn Larry, Misses Lollie and Mary Bonner, Miss Nora Paul, Miss Kivitt, Miss Ballie Broom.
 Mr. G. H. Moorling of Aurora, is in the city today.
 The use of the term "attu mackerel" on labels of packages containing fish of the family of greenlings, is discontinued. This fish is not included in the mackerel family. The terms "attu fish," "attu-greenling" or "greenling" are suggested as substitute names for this product.
 The soaking of scallops in fresh water in order to increase their weight or volume is also held to be improper under section 1 of the Food and Drugs Act.
 The department holds also that No. 3 eggs, known also as blood rings, cannot be shipped in interstate commerce even if they are labeled "blood rings," unless they have been denatured and their use for human food made possible.

"PUCK" TRIES MOST UNIQUE EXPERIMENT

Of all periodicals of national influence, *Puck* has been more steadfast in its support of the cause of suffrage than *Puck*, the famous humorous weekly; and the announcement now comes that the publishers of this celebrated periodical have turned the entire direction of their issue of February 20th (on sale February 16th) over to the suffrage party.
 The number will be in charge of an editorial board of prominent suffragists composed of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, Mrs. Norman De R. Whitehouse, Mrs. Margaret Ayer Cobb, and Mrs. Alice Duer Miller. These leaders have in turn enlisted the editorial support of some of the greatest literary and artistic celebrities of the day, including George Ade, R. L. Goldberg, Richard L. Galliene, Norman Hapgood, Peter Finley Dunne, Charles Hanson Towne, Gertrude Atherton, "F. P. A." James Hunak, Irvin Cobb, John Kendrick Bangs, Wallace Irwin, Julian Street, and a host of others. Unquestionably, the number will carry contributions from the most brilliant galaxy of literary "stars" ever assembled in a single issue of an American periodical.
 Local suffrage leaders are enthusiastic over winning the support of a national periodical to the extent of controlling its editorial destinies for a special issue, and a number of comely young suffragists will sell the issue on the streets, recognizing its powerful propaganda possibilities.
 Newsdealers declare that the advance orders for the number indicate an enormous interest in the suffrage movement, and they anticipate no little difficulty in supplying the greatly increased demand for the suffrage Number of *Puck*.
 "So far as I know," writes the Editor of *Puck* to the Daily News "no other periodical of national scope has ever donated an entire edition to the cause of equal suffrage, and we are proud to say this number is the most brilliant we have ever turned out."
 Mr. J. T. Mallard of New Bern, is a visitor here today.

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