

LAW-MAKERS MEET.

Legislature Convened At Raleigh Tuesday.

BODY CHARACTERIZED AS AN ABLE ONE.

Something to Be Enacted During the Session—Prohibition, Railroads, Trusts, Municipal Commissions, Etc., Among Matters to Be Threshed Out.

Raleigh, N. C., January 5.—The session of the Legislature meeting here today is said by those who ought to know to be an able one, up to if not above the average assembly of the State. Talk prior to the county conventions of a likelihood of the denominating party losing some of its members, made the party more careful to put out men they thought would be elected, and if such a thing was possible made the body of the present assembly stronger thereby. At any rate the present complexion of the body is politically little different from the one that preceded it two years ago.

There is no overish dowing matter, at present that will come before the legislature for action. Someone has said that if it would meet and make the necessary appropriations and adjourn, it would do the State a favor; but the average man that is aspiring to a place as a member of this body would resent such a reflection, and it can be safely said that the session will be about the limit of such in length, and can also be depended upon to raise some matter for action that will make the whole citizenship stop to think what is best to be done. The present body will have to hear of two messages from the chief executives: Governor Glenn will have his parting say to the body, making such recommendations as he sees, and following him, Mr. Kitchin, soon to be inaugurated will have also something to say. Between the two, looking for best interests, and the members that are always with something to do, few who think will doubt that here will be plenty for the legislature and the citizens to think about for the next two months.

Railroad Rates Again.

With many there is a doubt if the matter of railroad rate legislation will be mentioned in the present meeting. The passenger rates seem to be ideal at this time, and one has heard less of the freight rate talk of late. This latter phase of the matter will be attempted, most likely; with what success remains to be seen.

Commission Government.

From the discussion going on for the past few months, in the towns and cities of the State there will be much in the way of private or semi-private bills to be handled. It seems that the Texas plan of governing cities has been tried and found such as many deem admirable, and efforts will be made to place a number of the cities and towns of the state in the hands of fewer individuals. There will not be as much fight as to the matter of doing this, as there will be as to the manner of doing.

Prohibition More Or Less.

It is most certain that there will be attempts to modify the present laws governing the sale of the ardent in drug stores as the present legal status of the matter is anything but pleasing to those who want real prohibition, and on the other hand there are those who would make it the easier to get, thus making the name of prohibition the more odious to those who want matters lax as to the fluid that so many cherish as the boon companion. The medical dispensary will be talked of in many places there being those who think that is the real way of handling the matter. Not long ago, there was a meeting of ministers in Charlotte, which announced that they were in favor of such as against the present drug store way of selling it. That, and other ways, and the matter of keeping it in private lockers at clubs will have to be talked of and the matter fought out, though there is nothing done in the end. There seems to be three parties in the state when the matter under discussion is mentioned, the one who on the face want prohibition for others but not for themselves, those who do not want any restrictions as to sales of those who are really prohibitionists, and want to get it as

near as possible to keeping it out of the borders of the State. That statement may be disputed, but if you will watch any fight that may originate in the present session, and run it down to the final analysis, it will be found close to what has been said.

DEATH OF MR. LOCKHART.

Long Illness Proves Fatal—Father of Dr. Lockhart, of Asheboro.

Mr. Levi Y. Lockhart, aged fifty-seven years, of Orange county, died Sunday night at the Watts Hospital at Durham after a long illness and a confinement of four months in the hospital.

He was the father of Mr. W. S. Lockhart, of the Trinity Park school, Dr. D. K. Lockhart, of Asheboro, Marvia Lockhart, of Hillsboro, Mr. Ernest Lockhart, of Trinity college, Mrs. Mary Browning, of Orange county, and he has two brothers, Gattis and Captain Lockhart, of Orange county. Mrs. Lockhart died two years ago.

The burial was at Pleasant Green Methodist church and Rev. G. W. Fisher, of the Durham circuit, conducted the funeral.

For Guarantee Deposit.

John W. Gullidge, of Wadesboro has prepared a bill which he will have introduced at the next session of the Legislature proposing that the State guarantee deposits in State banks.

The measure is modeled after the laws which have been adopted in other States and provides that every bank, trust company or banking company shall be assessed an amount equal to one-half of one per cent. of the daily average deposits for the preceding year, the assessment to be paid directly to the State Treasurer and set aside and known as a fund for the protection of bank deposits.

Death at Pittsboro.

Mrs. Lucy Jackson died at her home at Pittsboro Friday. She was 80 years old.

Mrs. Jackson was a daughter of the late Gov. Johnathan Worth and is survived by her five children: Mrs. Henry A. Loudon and Miss Carrie M. Jackson, of Pittsboro; Messrs. Jonathan W. Jackson and Samuel S. Jackson, of Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. J. H. Currie, of Fayetteville.

Carolinian Murdered in Portland.

News comes from Portland Oregon, that a man by the name of Pardue of North Carolina, was recently murdered in that city and that his assailant is under sentence to be hanged. All effort to catch relatives of the murdered man has been without result. He is thought to have relatives in Wilkes, and Yadkin Counties.

Volcano in West Virginia.

Press dispatches say that in the mountains near Greenbank, W. Va., has appeared a burning crater of a volcanic nature and that smoke and flames arising from the crater is accompanied with rumbling noises.

\$300,000 for Italian Sufferers.

President Roosevelt has sent \$300,000 worth of supplies to the sufferers by the earthquakes in Italy and has put the battleship fleet at the disposal of the Italian government.

State Banks Prosperous.

The statement of the condition of the State, private and savings banks of North Carolina up to November 27th shows an aggregate of \$49,913,076 resources and deposits \$31,995,996. There are 106 banks, an increase of eight during the three months preceding.

Asbestos in Ireland.

An asbestos mine said to be 90 per cent pure asbestos is being worked by Cass, Lambert, of Pittsburg, Pa., near Statesville in Ireland county.

Whitney Plant to Be Operated.

It is reported that the Whitney plant in Stanly county will be completed during this year. The plant has already cost ten millions of dollars. Its completion will be of great benefit to this section of North Carolina.

The cotton mills at Randleman are running on full time and the managers expect a prosperous year.

PROMINENT MAN DIES IN CHATHAM.

Col. John R. Lane a Distinguished Confederate, is No More.

Col. John R. Lane died last Thursday afternoon at his country home, which is four miles from Ore Hill Chatham County. Colonel Lane has been confined to his room since October and his death was not unexpected. He was about seventy years of age. He leaves a widow, one son and one daughter. The funeral was conducted Saturday at Brush Creek Baptist church, of which Colonel Lane was a member.

As colonel of the Twenty-sixth North Carolina regiment, John R. Lane made a record for gallantry and military ability that was surpassed by few in the great struggle between the states. Since the ending of the Civil war Colonel Lane has made his home in Chatham county and was regarded as one of the county's foremost citizens.

CONVICTED OF EMBEZZLEMENT.

C. F. King Guilty on 27 Counts, Says Jury.

Guilty on 27 counts was the verdict returned by a jury in the Suffolk county Massachusetts Superior court against Cardenio F. King, formerly well known as a financial agent in Boston and New York, who has been on trial for two weeks for the alleged larceny of \$25,000 from patrons.

King is a native of North Carolina and well known in this section.

Textile Industry in North Carolina.

In the cotton, woolen and knitting mills of North Carolina there is invested in North Carolina \$54,192,300 with the employment of 3,103,075 spindles, 54,812 looms, 6,232 knitting machines with 132,961 horse-power. Employed in the cotton, woolen and silk mills there are 54,262 operatives, and dependent on the mills for support are 146,300 people. Very little, if any violation of the child labor law is shown and a large per cent. of the factory management favors a compulsory school law.

Thomasville Wants College.

Thomasville is hopeful of securing the new M. P. Conference school. A committee from the conference composed of President W. E. Swan Rev. J. F. McCulloch, R. T. Pickens, and A. M. Rankin, were in Thomasville last week looking over the old college property, which is an exceptionally good property for the institution. It is owned by O. R. Cox, of Asheboro and it is learned that Mr. Cox has made the committee a very liberal price should they decide to locate the college there.

Death of Stanly Landmark.

Capt. James R. Milton, one of Stanly county's old landmarks, died at Albemarle last Thursday. He was 88 years old. He moved to Albemarle when the County of Stanly was first formed, and saw the town develop from the Ebben Hearne plantation to a town of 6000 population. He was born in 1820 in what was then Montgomery county.

To Our Subscribers.

During the past two or three weeks many of our friends have come in and paid their subscriptions but there are many more who have not paid. We hope the latter will let us hear from them if possible, and to that end we have sent out a reminder with New Year's Greetings that our rule is cash in advance and that we wish to have this rule observed.

The State Institutions.

The insane, prisons, the charity institution and the schools of the State will have the usual attention, and will be perhaps more liberally treated than ever before for sentiment in favor of such has grown wonderfully of late. We shall see what we shall see.

Buck Shoals Out of Court.

The famous Buck Shoals suit in Buncombe county is settled. Col. McBee gives Mrs. Harriette-Eastman-Edwards quit claim deed upon receipt of \$1,500 from Mrs. Edwards. The order of the court dismisses the suit.

PROMINENT NORTH CAROLINIANS.

Distinguished Men Born Near the Randolph-Guilford County Line.

Following is an interesting letter from Mr. J. S. Morrow with reference to the birthplace of Gov. Jonathan Worth and other distinguished men, all of whom were born within a few hundred yards of the Randolph and Guilford line:

Center, N. C., Dec. 26, '08
J. C. Vancannon,
Worthville, N. C.

Sir:—On my return home I find your letter of inquiry, and in reply will say that Gov. Jonathan Worth, of North Carolina, was born one half mile west of Center. Gov. Gray, of Iowa, and Governor Albert G. Porter, of Indiana. Worth, Gray and Porter were born on farms that are adjoining. State Treasurer Jno. M. Worth, the founder of your town of Worthville, was a brother of Gov. Worth, Gov. Worth and Treasurer Worth were sons of Dr. David Worth, and their mother was Emma Garner. State Treasurer Wm. M. Worth was a son of Hiram Worth who was born about two hundred yards west of the church. All the Worths of North Carolina descended from Joseph, David and Zepo Worth. They came from the island of Nantucket.

Judge Polk, of Indiana, was born east of the church. He was a son of Robert Polk, and his mother was a Hodgkin.

Jonathan Parker, who represented the Senatorial District in the State lived about two hundred yards east of the church. David Hodgkin, who represented this county in the Legislature of 1868 lived north of the church three miles. He was a son of Simeon Hodgkin, and the mother of Simeon Hodgkin was a daughter of Simeon Lamb who fought at the battle of the Regulators in Alamance county, and at the battle of Guilford Court House. Nathan Hunt, a prominent minister, lived and died here. He was the first minister from this North State that Queen Victoria, of England, went to hear preach. The Rev. Edwin Glenn you asked about is the Rev. E. C. Glenn, and was a son of S. B. Glenn and a brother of Robert A. Glenn, a prominent composer of music of Evansville, Ind. His mother was a Moss and came from the Back Creek section of your county. Rev. Glenn and myself were schoolmates. U. S. Senator Joe M. Dixon, of Montana, was brought up in the limits of Center quarterly meeting.

In this connection I will mention Geo. W. Julian, of Richmond, Ind., who served so long in the Congress of the United States, and was a native of your section of Randolph. He was a great friend and supporter of President Lincoln. His ancestors belonged to Center quarter, and last and least of them all, I have the honor to have served in the Senate of 1887; was one of the founders of the A. & M. College at Raleigh.

Yours Truly
J. S. MORROW

Friend of Her Schools.

The Thomasville graded school is the pride of its people, and this year it has reached the high-water mark of its history, having nearly 100 more pupils than ever before. Another matter that makes the people of the town feel good is that by careful management enough money has been saved and is in the treasury of the town to pay half of this year's school expenses without having to collect the new taxes. The citizens of Thomasville pay but 80 cents tax on the \$100, 40 cents for general purposes and 40 cents for schools.

Reform School for State.

The Jackson Training School, an institution for the correction of youthful law-breakers will open at Concord January 12th. The State officers are urged to send to this institution all who, if trained, promise to develop into substantial citizens.

Roanoke Closes Saloons.

By a vote 85 majority Roanoke voted to close 42 saloons and six small order liquor houses at an election, held last week. It is said the "vote" will contest the election.

\$1,000,000 Mill at Spray.

The Carolina Cotton & Woolen Mills Co., has been chartered for Spray, with \$1,000,000 capital. B. Frank Mobane and others are interested.

Our Campaign Subscribers

For the past three months a number of persons have been receiving THE COURIER through our campaign offer, some sent their subscriptions direct to us, some sent through friends, while others have received the paper by the hands of friends who subscribed for them, requesting the paper sent with their compliments. These stop with this issue. We hope those on this list have been pleased with THE Courier and will at once authorize us to place their names on our regular subscription list. THE Courier has added some new feature stories for 1909, and this year promises to be one of the most interesting and instructive volumes yet issued.

Note the announcements of New Features and Premiums in this issue and subscribe at once.

ACME HOSIERY MILLS CO.

Organization Perfected Tuesday—Directors Selecting Location for New Industry.

The Stockholders in the Acme Hosiery Mill's Company, recently chartered by the State, met in the office of the McCrary-Redding Hardware Company Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of organization.

D. B. McCrary was elected president. C. C. Cranford, vice president. O. R. Cox, secretary and treasurer.

These officers with W. J. Armfield, Jr., W. F. Hughes, E. L. Auman, and E. H. Morris compose the Board of Directors.

Steps were taken looking to the immediate erection of a building and the installation of machinery for the manufacture of high grade hosiery. Modern machinery will be installed and employment given to from 60 to 100 persons, mostly ladies.

The Board of Directors was instructed to select a site for the new enterprise and yesterday was spent in looking over the town.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Marion Younts, a popular young man of Salisbury, died Friday, aged 24 years.

Mrs. Elizabeth Linn, aged 76 yrs., died at Salisbury Saturday after a brief illness.

The Bell Telephone Company has secured control of the Midway Telephone Company in Davidson county.

O. B. Deaton Register of Deeds of Montgomery County, issued 108 marriage licenses during 1908.

T. F. Petty, of near Burlington, died Tuesday after a protracted illness.

Miss Bessie Loy, who was seriously burned last week at Burlington, died Friday from her injuries.

The Armour Packing Company, with headquarters at Chicago has given notice that it will close all of its branches in North Carolina, withdrawing entirely from the State.

An attempt to assassinate Attorney General Caldwell, of Tennessee, Saturday night at Union City, where Mr. Caldwell is engaged in prosecuting the "Night Riders." His assailant escaped.

The Piedmont Milling and Development Company, of Yadkinville, has been chartered with \$5000 paid in capital. The company owns extensive mining properties in Yadkin and Davie counties.

Hay Carter and Ed Mitchell are in Wake county jail charged with the murder of Buck Mitchell a few days ago. They claim they did not know the pistol used was loaded. Both were drinking.

Republican Chairman J. T. Bengow, of Forsyth County is making a fight to oust Ex-Lieut. Gov. Charles Reynolds from the postmastership at Winston-Salem, favoring himself.

T. M. Montgomery, Proprietor of the Empire Cafe, of High Point, was adjudged bankrupt last week. Liabilities \$6,000; Assets \$4,000. Mr. Montgomery operated a skating rink in Asheboro last year.

A. H. Price, special master in the Whitney Power Company case, has gone to New York where a hearing of the interests concerned is in progress. Mr. Price looks for an early resumption of work at Whitney.

JUDGE GRAHAM ELECTED SPEAKER

Wins Out in Caucus Over Dowd and Hayes.

CHOICE IN THE THIRD BALLOT

Dowd, of Charlotte Led on First Ballot on the Second Ballot—Hayes Went for Graham—R. M. Phillips Reading Clerk

Raleigh, January 6.—Ex-Judge Augustus W. Graham, of Granville, was selected for speaker of the House in the Democratic caucus last night on the third ballot, receiving 43 votes to Dowd 30 and Hayes 2. On the first ballot Dowd received 28, Graham 21, Hayes 19; second, Dowd 33, Graham 36, Hayes 11.

Other officers were selected as follows: T. G. Cobb, Morganton, principal clerk; reading clerk, R. M. Phillips, of Lee county; engrossing clerk, M. D. Kinsland, Waynesville, sergeant-at-arms, Geo. L. Kilpatrick, Lenoir.

The Senate caucus resulted: Whitehead Klutz, president pro tem; principal clerk, A. J. Maxwell, Graven; reading clerk, Mark Squires, Lenoir; engrossing clerk, W. E. Hooks, Greenville; sergeant-at-arms, H. M. Staley, Wilkesboro; assistant, Nick DeBoy, Raleigh.

COUNTY SCHOOLS.

Board of Education Meets—County School Improvements

The County Board of Education met at the courthouse Monday. The board has at its disposal for the year 1909 about \$20,000. Of this \$2,000 has been set aside for building purposes and \$2,000 for incidental expenses. The balance of \$16,000 will be used in operating the schools. This with the appropriation from the State guarantees a full four months term for all schools, and the teachers are requested not to close their schools without instructions from the Board.

Chairman W. N. Elder, who is looking after the office of Superintendent will begin his visits to the schools next week and after this week will be in his office to sign vouchers and attend to other duties of the office on Saturdays only. He notifies all teachers that no vouchers will be signed unless the monthly reports have been filed by the teacher as required by law.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS.

The Board has ordered a new school building erected in Pleasant Grove township and the site will be selected next week.

A new building has just been completed in the Hopewell district which is a credit to the county.

Another school for the colored people has just been completed at Liberty. The term began Monday, also in Cedar Square district in New Market township.

ITALIAN SUFFERERS.

Stories of Suffering in Southern Italy Grow in Horror Each Day.

Dispatches from Rome continue to increase the horrors of the earthquake disaster in Italy. The death list has far exceeded 200,000 and it seems that it is impossible to exaggerate the suffering in the afflicted district. Scores of towns are totally destroyed, and all over the district starvation and disease abound.

The nations of the world have relief committees at work and the fleets are engaged in transporting refugees and provisions.

While the work of rescue is well in hand and relief is being given systematically it is almost impossible to relieve the suffering on account of intense cold weather and the frequency of slight earthquakes and distant rumblings which keep the populace in a state of panic.

The Stromboli Volcano became active again Sunday.

With the closing of the saloons at Salisbury many of the saloon men announce their intention to remain in Salisbury and engage in other business. Among them are John Moyle, James Moyle, J. R. Beas, Capt. H. C. Troit, and B. Clay Grubb. The latter will also operate a distillery in Florida.

Claude Hussey and bride left yesterday for Panama.