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## IN THE LEGISLATURE

### Speculation as to the Length of the Term.

### NO INCREASE IN GOVERNOR'S SALARY.

### Bills Called From Committee Room and Defeated—Other Bills to be Considered—Increase in the Power of Magistrate.

Raleigh, January 12 1909.

The North Carolina Legislature has had five days in which to work, and in that time has straightened out the rough places, and is now ready for the work that will most surely come before it, of the general organization, most of your readers know, in a general way, and it only needs to be said that the fight for the speakership, between Dowd of Mecklenburg, Graham of Granville and Hayes of Chatham was a live one, and for the first two days the crowd began to come in. Few if any could tell which one would get the plum, even after the first ballot had been taken it was not known if the smaller vote of Hayes would go to Dowd or to Graham; but the second ballot showed the way the wind was blowing, and the third wiped out the Hayes vote, in a manner, and Judge A. W. Graham had the prize a vote of 43 to 36 and two.

In the senate there was nothing out of the usual, Whitehead Klutts of Rowan was elected president pro tem of the senate; A. J. Maxwell of Craven Chief clerk; Mark Squires of Caldwell, Reading clerk; K. M. Staley of Wiles sergeant at arms; W. E. Hooks Engraving clerk.

The first day was taken up in the formalities of the election of the parties named and the others, and the second day was given to joint session and the hearing of the Governor read his message, as was done two years ago, and this precipitated

### The First Fight

Morton of Newhanover did not want to allow the Governor to come before the body and read, and he with some help from others made a warm fight to prevent a repetition of the proceedings last year, but it was a losing fight from the start, though Morton was game to the last and filed his protest the day after and had it read upon the Journal. Mr. Morton had no fight on the Governor, personally, but that he did not think it awful, and the making of precedents as he saw it, led to other things. He mentioned this a bill was passed at the last session that no member of the house introduced, that was drawn by the Governor. Mr. Morton seemed in earnest, even though the vote was 75 to 36 in favor of the Governor appearing in person. Governor Glenn, he it said made a good impression on the body, and his message has many things to commend it to the Legislature. It has been read by all who want to read it by this time and I will not repeat, except to stress some of its recommendations.

### Possibly A Short Term

There are several things at this writing to make one say the term may be short, but it is too soon to be positive. The opposition party in caucus passed a resolution to make a short story of the work and go home in thirty days. Senator Elliott of Hickory, a mighty good business man introduced a resolution in the senate, called the "Rest and Peace" resolution asking that the body do as little as could be done and then go home for the state to do its best toward a good business year. He is right, but about the time of going home is as uncertain as the weather. No one can tell when some man will put in a bill that will make the whole state set up and take notice; or how some measure of appropriation of importance may be held up; or how the calendar may become so congested that days and days will be needed to clear it up. Aside from the many things that have been asked for by the retiring Governor, the incoming Governor-elect Kitchin, who today takes the oath, will have his recommendations to make. Thus it runs, and the man that makes the fewest predictions now may be the nearest correct.

### Changes in Certain Laws Asked

There are two things that the re-

tiring Governor asks that will create some noise; the changing of the present chaingang law, wherein the counties are now handling the convicts and making new roads, so as to give all prisoners to the state, and put them under state control, allowing the counties that want roads to hire them, paying cost and keeping them, and not allowing any one county to have more than fifty, if any other county wants them. This on its face is supposed to be for the benefit of the convict, and prevent the cruelty some have practiced, but it will in the main be the undoing of the system of holding all the convicts in such counties as want them to build roads and such counties can be depended upon to fight this provision if it comes up, as it will from some source. His side of the matter appeals to the humanitarian, but the practical side will win out in the fight sure to come.

### Kills the Governors Salary Increase

Monday at the morning session, John B. Underwood, of Cumberland county, called up the bill to increase the governors salary from \$4,000 to \$6,000, which the house committee had in hand, and asked that it be taken from the committee and put before the House on its passage, and on call for a division, standing and being counted the motion was lost by the vote of 56 to 36, which means that this bill cannot be passed so as to apply to the incoming Governor, if it passes at all. The opinion among the majority seems to be that four thousand, with three thousand for mansion expenses is a plenty for any modest man.

### Enlarging Magistrates Power

Another of the Governors ideas is to give to the magistrates or one magistrate in certain townships, and to Records in the towns jurisdiction over all misdemeanors, and by that do away with the congested conditions of the court dockets, has been talked before, and a few places have had the power given and it has done well, but there is that class that think that no man has the power to sentence his fellowmen to the prison without a jury trial, and that class, when you begin to spread it is a very large one. They say it is alright from one point of view, and little is said when the poor and defenseless fall into trouble as they often do; but when someone with the power to hire help and have influence gets in the meshes, as they sometimes do, it will appear as a different matter then; the old dove of liberty, and all the privileges the old law allows asserts itself. Something along this line really needs to be done.

From Governor Glenn there came advice to let the railroads alone as there was no trouble now, save the little matter of the mileage book and the ticket. In fact the Governor asked that the road be relieved of the workings of the penalty clause, as they were robbed every day by it, and at times it seemed as on purpose. The matter of freight rates was touched lightly. For the sake of peace and the good of the country, it is hoped such will be the case with this body now in session.

### Fine Body of Men

The writer knows something of the citizenship of the state, knows who is who in many places, and the more he sees of the body, the more he is sure of what was said in the first of these letters, that the legislature is above the average of other years. Looking the body over for subjects to write about, he finds it full of men that are at the top at home and abroad, real good men that will not do other than right as they see it. Of course there is the politician here and there, but the most of the men here have higher aspirations than personal or political preferment. They are here for the best interests of the good old North State.

### Little Done to This Date

As is known little can be done till the machinery can get to running, but the last two days of the work is bringing all the small private bills you want to hear of. The senate got busy on the Governors recommendation to raise the salary of the Governor before Mr. Kitchin was inaugurated, so as to apply to him, and has come to the house already for action, and gone to the committee for action. The increase is to \$6,000, instead of \$4,000 as some wanted. Perhaps it will go through the house, but many will want to go on record as its provisions.

To name the committee her-

## MR. TERRELL COMING.

### A Distinguished Missionary to Visit Randolph Next Week.

The Rev. J. M. Terrell, one of the most successful missionaries of the M. E. Church South, will visit Randolph county this month and make a number of speeches at the places named below. Mr. Terrell is a native of North Carolina and has been laboring in Brazil for a number of years. Our readers know that Brazil is the largest and one of the most interesting countries of South America, and with such a subject and a speaker so able as Mr. Terrell an audience cannot fail to be entertained. No doubt the people of the following communities will show their appreciation of the privilege of hearing this distinguished young missionary by attending the lectures:

Tuesday, January 19, 7:30 p. m. Ashboro.

Wednesday, January 20, 10:30 a. m. Farmer.

Wednesday, January 20, 7:30 p. m. Randleman.

Saturday, January 23, 7:30 p. m. Cedar Falls.

Sunday, January 24, 11:00 a. m. Franklinville.

Sunday, January 24, 7:30 p. m. Ramseur.

### Can Stay as Long as Democrats are in Power.

Some of our northern exchanges have evidently been taking news from Raleigh. It is announced that after an exhaustive effort to find a man to run against Senator Overman the idea has been abandoned and he will be returned. Senator Overman never did have any opposition and we doubt if a single Democratic member of the legislature ever heard of such a move. The people of North Carolina love Senator Overman and he can stay in the Senate as long as the Democratic party is in power.—Telegram.

### Worthy Introduction.

The death of the late Col. J. R. Lane calls to mind the introduction of Capt. C. F. Siler, to a party of ladies at the reunion at Winston-Salem by Col. Lane. The Colonel introduced Capt Siler as the hero of the South, expressing a regret that this hero had never been crowned for his superior war record.

### Mother Commits Suicide

Brooding over the death of her child, which occurred last year, Mrs. R. B. Beasley, of Apex, attempted to commit suicide at her home Monday. About 3 o'clock Monday morning she arose and went to a room adjoining her sleeping apartment and with a razor lashed her throat several times. She cannot survive.

### Injured by a falling Tree.

Last Wednesday Robert L. Rothrock was fatally injured by a falling tree near Thomasville. He and a negro were cutting timber when he was caught under the tree which fell across his body.

would take more space than it will allow, beside the man that would judge legislation by the complexion of the committee has already read them in the daily paper.

### Our New Governor

Today at noon Hon. W. W. Kitchin, of Halifax, took the oath of office of Governor of the great state of North Carolina, relieving Governor Glenn of four years of hard, and particularly hard work. Mr. Kitchin needs no introduction to the citizens of this land, as he has gone from one end to the other, and won his present place against great odds, and those who were his partisans are hoping that he will make even a better Governor than they thought he would.

Glenn traveled and did things the people seemed to like. Mr. Kitchin has not laid down his policy as to that, except to do best he knows how, and be the Governor of all. His coming was a great event in the capitol, such always is, and the committee of the city with those of the house and senate worked in harmony for a great social occasion, there being a reception at night as well as an inaugural ball tonight, at which the best of Raleigh's social side was present, wishing the new Governor success.

## KITCHIN'S INAUGURATION

### Raleigh Gay in Decoration Welcomed Within its Gates the New Governor.

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—It is Governor Kitchin now. Never perhaps in the history of North Carolina were inauguration day ceremonies surpassed in point of brilliancy, crowds and weather.

The day has been practically perfect. The city has been full of the uniformed citizen soldiers all the day, except during the parade, when they were all on duty, and a lively lot they have been, but well-behaved withal.

The inauguration proper took place on a great grand-stand built for the purpose at the east front of the capitol. The ceremonies began at 1 o'clock. The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the North Carolina Supreme Court and immediately thereafter Governor Kitchin began his inaugural address. He was in excellent voice and was frequently interrupted by enthusiastic and prolonged applause.

As soon as the address was concluded and those near enough had congratulated the new Governor, he proceeded at once to the reviewing stand. Tonight two notable social functions closed inauguration day of 1909. Governor and Mrs. Kitchin received at the Mansion from eight until half past ten and the great house was thronged. The Governor and Mrs. Kitchin were assisted in the reviewing line by the state officers with their wives, and Brig-Gen. J. F. Armfield, commander of the troops here for the occasion. After the inaugural reception the ball was danced at the big Pullen auditorium at the A. & M. College.

### The New Baptist Church

The building committee of the Asheboro Baptist church is actively engaged in preparing for the erection of a new house of worship on their lot on Church street. The plans for the new edifice are in the hands of contractors and work is expected to begin in a few weeks. The plans show a large auditorium with choir, loft and baptistry, and five Sunday school rooms. Rev. Mr. Bowen, the pastor, is working energetically for the advancement of the church, and is encouraged with the outlook. Services are being held every first and third Sunday in the old academy, awaiting the erection of the new church. The congregation is growing and the membership is enthusiastic.

### Moved to Rowan

On account of the absence of the State's witnesses which would delay the trial of Henry Young, negro charged with assault on Mrs. J. R. Moas, of Stanley county, an order was made at Albemarle Tuesday by Judge Jones removing the case to Rowan county for trial.

### Banks Will Merge

It is rumored that the First National Bank, of High Point, will soon be merged with the N. C. Savings and Trust Co., of that city. A committee is investigating the affairs of the bank.

### Was Short in Accounts

Thos. J. Canler, secretary and treasurer of the Selma cotton mills disappeared from his home a few days ago. In a letter from Montgomery, Ala., Mr. Canler confesses to a friend that he is \$10,000 short in his accounts.

### Eastern Judgethip.

From all indications H. F. Seawell, of Moore county, will be named by the president to succeed the late Judge Purnell. The appointment is believed to have been made yesterday.

If you have anything to sell put in the "want" columns of The Courier. People read the advertisements in this paper. You can put any ad. in the paper in the "want" or business local column at one cent a word. No ad for less than 25 cents taken.

Allen Steed, of Maxton, was in town Saturday night, the guest of W. W. Jones. Mr. Steed was on his way to Randleman to see his brother, A. A. Steed, who is critically ill.

## NEWS IN BRIEF.

Robert M. Phillips, the versatile editor of the Lee County News, has been elected reading clerk of the House.

B. B. Miller has been elected president of the Old Hickory Club of Salisbury.

China G. Ove, Rowan County, is to have a newspaper edited by Mr. J. H. Ragan, of Concord.

The Venezuelan government has asked Gen. Manuel Matos, of Paris, to settle its controversies with France and Holland.

Mrs. R. M. Kendall, mother of C. B. Kendall, of Greensboro, died at New Smyrna, Fla., Friday.

An ancient church near Berne, Switzerland, collapsed Sunday during a religious service. Sixty persons were killed outright and forty more badly injured.

Miss Leslie Graves, of Lurhage, and W. G. Brown, of Lexington, were married at Carthage Tuesday.

N. A. Cornatzer, of Iredell county, died Tuesday at his home in Cool Springs township. He was 55 years old.

### Friends Sabbath School

The Friends Sabbath School organized two weeks ago is growing rapidly. Last Sunday there was an enrollment of 35 and the members feel encouraged by the apparent necessity of larger quarters at an early date. Miss Nannie Ballinger is superintendent. The teachers are Misses Daisy Osborne, Annie Blair and Mesas S. W. Laughlin and Cephus Bowman.

Rev. J. S. Cox, of Greensboro is expected to visit the school next Sunday. The school opens at 10 o'clock.

### Negro Shot to Death.

Arthur Davis, a young negro, was taken from his home in Florence county S. C., Friday, by a mob of masked men and after brutally whipping him shot him to death. Disagreement between the negro and certain white men is believed to be the cause. The people of Florence County are incensed over the crime.

### Mad Dog Scare.

Esquire McMasters, of Farmer, reports quite a mad dog scare in his community. On Monday of last week a dog belonging to H. Saunders, of below New Hope went mad, biting every dog with which he came in contact between New Hope and Mechanic, where it was killed a day or two later. Mr. McMasters reports that he has heard of 27 dogs that were bitten and later killed.

### Lexington Mill Improvement.

The new Dacotah Mill at Lexington has placed a contract with the Mason Machine Works for 8,640 spindles and its complement of cards. Also with the Providence Machine Company for roving machinery and Kitson Machine Company for lappers.

### 100 Killed in Mine

Over a hundred lives were lost in an explosion in Luck Branch mine Wednesday. In this same mine two weeks ago over fifty people met death in the same manner.

### Six Night Riders to Hang

Six members of the Union City, Tenn., band of Night Riders have been sentenced to hang on February 19th. They were convicted of the murder of Capt. Q. Rankin.

What is supposed to have been a water spout performed a remarkable feat on the side of Sunny mountain in Concord township recently. The spout washed a hole in the mountain three feet deep, 15 feet wide and 50 or more feet long. Trees 2 feet in diameter were carried 100 feet down the mountain. Above the washout the leaves on the ground were not disturbed by the water.

Senator Spence is on the following important committees in the State Senate:

Constitutional Amendments; Counties, Cities and Towns; Federal Relations; Revisal of Laws; Institution for Insane Asylums; Mining; Trustees of the University, and Judiciary.

## THE ACME MILLS

### Erection of New Buildings Soon to Begin

### SITE LOCATED ON SALISBURY STREET

### Three Brick Buildings to be Erected—Expect to be Ready to Install Machinery Early in April—Company Received Report of Committee on Location Tuesday Night.

At a meeting of the stockholders in the new Acme Hosiery Mills held Tuesday night, the purchase of the old Bobbin Works property for the site of the mill was confirmed and arrangements made to proceed at once with the erection of new brick buildings for the mill.

The Bobbin Works building will be torn away. The main building will be two stories high and 60 by 100 feet. In this will be the machines on the second floor, while the first floor will be used as a stock and shipping room, with the office of the company in the front. Another building 40 x 60 feet and one story high, also of brick, will be erected for a dye house. A boiler and engine room will also be erected.

The site of the new mill includes the Ingold property adjoining the hobbins plant on Salisbury street and contains about an acre. Mr. O. R. Cox, secretary and treasurer of the company has opened a temporary office in the Ingold residence on Salisbury street and is pushing matters as rapidly as possible.

Just what equipment the mill will have has not been fully determined but the capacity will certainly not be less than 400 dozen pairs of hosen a day.

## ASHEBORO INDUSTRIES

### This a Week of Annual Meetings in our Life

This is a week of annual meetings in the industrial life of Asheboro. Almost every enterprise in the city holds its annual meeting of stockholders this week. Without an exception all report a good year, in spite of the panic which swept the nation during the fall of 1907 and during 1908.

One of the first to hold its meetings was the Home Building and Material Co. During last year several thousand dollars was spent in improving the plant and increasing its facilities for handling the business. W. J. Miller was re-elected president and Arthur Ross, secretary and treasurer.

The meeting of the two banks was also held this week and a most creditable showing is made by both. Other meetings held, at which most encouraging reports for the past year are the Asheboro Wheelbarrow & Mfg. Co., Asheboro Chair Co., and the Asheboro Roller Mills.

While definite reports have not been received from other enterprises, it is understood that all did a good year's work, and while the panic was felt the showing is very satisfactory.

## 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.

### An Early Morning Marriage.

At the home of the brides mother in Ramseur, at 8 o'clock a. m. January 10, Edgar Allred and Miss Alice Chrisko, in presence of a few relatives and friends, were united in holy wedlock. Y. M. C. Johnson, officiating.

### Suicide in Rowan

Miss Mary Josey, aged 65 years was drowned in a creek near Faith in Rowan county, Sunday morning. She had been in ill health for several months and it is believed that while enroute to a friend's home her mind became unbalanced and she threw herself in the creek.