

IN LEGISLATURE.

North Carolina Law Makers Are Busy.

ANTI-TRUST LEGISLATION EXPECTED.

Bill to Protect Game Will Be Considered--To Increase Attorney-General's Power--Lively Debate Over Salary of Commissioner of Labor and Printing.

Raleigh, N. C., January 19.—The North Carolina General Assembly has been in session two weeks to this date, by which time the machinery is getting limbered up, so that it soon is like the old time legislature, when it gets busy. But there has been no bill introduced, that on its face, looks like it would tear up the peaceful conditions of the State. In fact the local bill has had the right of way so far, and will have to have till the average representative gets his special laws passed, then there may be some live wires pulled.

The appropriations for the institutions and the departments for the next two years will have the honor, with the revenue bill, to be the most important legislation before the session. Demand has been made to some quarters that have had undue weight in times past, for a Trust bill with teeth, one that will bite hard enough to run octopuses out of the State. The Governor in his inaugural address said that if all the bad ones were run out, that good domestic concerns would take their places; and also that a corporation that would drive out all competition and kill the small man more right to live than did the man who took the life of another. These things go to show what there is in the minds of some people about this city at this time, and the pushing of these measures will depend upon what encouragement there is to be had.

To Increase the Attorney General Power.

Senator Manning, of Durham, has a bill in the senate to increase the powers of the attorney general, and to appoint an assistant to him. The proposed power is to allow him to get the books of any corporation, save public service, and thereby ascertain if they are working in the bounds of their charter. This is enough to see that it would give him a peep at the American Tobacco Co. through another source. Senator Lockhart has a strong anti-trust bill ready for the time to introduce it.

To Protect Game.

The disposition to protect the game birds and animals of the State has grown with the years, and the present feeling is for a law at this session of the Legislature, that will be more far-reaching than any heretofore passed. This is a place where the land owners of the State can have a say if they will get busy. At this time, there is nothing tangible in a gut, and for that reason it would be a help to the committees for the people to write to their representatives, and express themselves on the matter. All seem agreed that there is a special need at this time, when it seems that most of the birds were downed the past season, to make a law forbidding the killing of any at all for a specified time of one, two or three years, but that is not a settled policy.

After Debt Dodges.

Representative Turner of the Mountain County of Mitchell, has introduced a bill that may never come out of committee, but one that would interest many people if it did by any accident become a law and that is this: that if I tell you I will pay you for a certain thing I buy of you, when Mr. John pays me for such and such a thing, or when Mr. B. hires me to work; and I get all of each of these and do not pay, I am guilty of a misdemeanor, and can be imprisoned or fined. It is about in keeping with the board bill law now on the books and is being used every week in some place, where a rascal beats his meals. As I said this may not ever see the light again, but after all there is a principle back of it.

The Old Homestead Law.

The old graybeard gets a bump at each session of this body, and still it lives, and will live till the people vote a constitutional amendment repealing it. Senator Elliott, of Hickory, has introduced or presented a resolution from a number of

citizens asking for the repeal of that part of the constitution, but a repeal means a vote of the people. This section of the constitution has been hammered at for many years, yet it stays and a majority of the people must want it to stay. It is said that it is the salvation of the defenseless women and children, against the profligate and trifling fathers of the land who would squander all and take the shelter from their heads. With it off the books a man could get credit where he cannot now, and some man would be helped to business but this scribe does not expect a vote to come on that till there is some more to go along with it.

Penitentiary Executions

There are two bills in the committee that look to the execution of all criminals, condemned, in the state penitentiary, and hanging will be abolished for the electric chair. One bill repeals the county execution law, and the other provides for the electric chair. It looks like these or one embodying both might pass. All the states seem to be coming to it.

Touching Coca Cola

Perry, of Bladen, under the name of raising school funds, wants to tax coca cola, and other drinks supposed to contain any kind of dope \$50 per year for manufacturers, and each retailer is wanted to put in \$5 for the privilege of dealing in the stuff. That too has to run the gauntlet of committee, before anything can be done.

Another Seat Contested

It had not come up in the House Monday morning, but it is said the seat of Representative Scarborough, of Wake county, will have his seat contested, on account of his being postmaster at a Wake county office, in which case the Republican who received the next highest vote will be the contestor. He will stand a poor show ordinarily, unless it is a fact that the holding the post office and the house seat made it unconstitutional, and that plainly.

Committee Appointments

Speaker Graham threw a nice bouquet to representative Dowd, his main competitor for the speakership, when it was given him to be the head of the important committee of Finance, and it was well given, Mr. Dowd can do the work. In this connection it is interesting that the brother of the Governor was appointed to the chairmanship of the committee on Public Service Corporations. You know Mr. Kitchin was elected on the night he made a victim of the railroads, but he it said to his and ex-Gov. Glenn's honor, that they both advised moderation as to the course in regard to these useful corporations, and nothing is expected to come up that threatens them.

Salary of Commissioner of Labor and Printing

Monday the Senate bill increasing the salary of the Commissioner of Labor and Printing came up in the House, and a hot fight was made on the bill, the fight being forced by the minority, but being of the majority helped. An amendment was offered by Cotten of Pitt, and adopted, reducing the increase to \$2,000 instead of \$2,500. All other amendments were voted down. Mr. Grant of Davis, wanted it re-referred to the committee on Appropriations, but that was lost and the bill was about to go upon its third reading when it was moved that it go over till Wednesday, and become the special order of the morning hour. It will probably pass, but it stands a chance to go down in defeat.

Tuesday the election of the United States Senator came off, and Hon. Lee S. Overman, of Salisbury, was re-elected over Mr. Spencer B. Adams, by a full party vote.

On Tuesday the Legislature by a special train went to Chapel Hill, by invitation, to see the State University, and to hear Woodrow Wilson, President of Princeton speak on the life of Lee and Jackson, it being the anniversary of the birth of Lee. The trip was a pleasant one, and greatly enjoyed by all that went. The University of North Carolina is doing a work about which there is no doubt, and will have the support of the Legislature in its maintenance.

Last year's advertising is as good for a store now as last year's food is for the store's owner now. Both are stronger today, for having had them. Both need today's supply today.

A CLUBBING PROPOSITION.

To All Campaign Subscribers.

With this issue there are five hundred subscribers to The Courier whose time expires. Many of them are known as campaign subscribers whose time was extended to the first of the year, and by reason of delay and the failure of some to receive their paper in the past, these extra copies have been sent.

With this issue we part company reluctantly with these friends whom we have numbered as a part of our family for the past several months. We have a most attractive clubbing proposition and any one by writing a postal card or a letter to The Courier will receive by return mail information which will tell how you can get a subscription to The Courier free for a year.

Colonel Argo Dead

Thomas M. Argo died at his home in Raleigh on Thursday, January 14th. He was one of the greatest jury advocates of this generation.

Col. Argo was born in Alabama April 20, 1841, and a few years later with his father moved to Tennessee, where he lived for many years. He was educated at the State University and graduated in 1864. After graduation he entered the Confederate army and remained until the close.

Prof. Sadler Dead.

Prof. Warren H. Sadler, head of Bryant & Stratton Business College, of Baltimore, one of the best known educators in this country, died in Baltimore January 10th. Prof. Sadler was secretary and treasurer of the Uwharrie Mining Co. and was connected with the North State Mining Co., the latter of which was largely engaged in mining in this section, several years ago.

Prof. Sadler was a good and useful man.

Fayetteville Has Murder Mystery.

The blood stained clothes of A. E. Skinner, a coal passer on the U. S. Ship Franklin, who was honorably discharged owing to deafness, were found at Fayetteville Saturday morning. The body of the man could not be found. A strange negro, Paul Vinson, is under arrest, he having been found wearing the trousers that matched the coat found and he is believed to know something of the terrible murder. Skinner was on the government pension list.

Thomasville Enterprising

A mass meeting of the citizens of Thomasville was held Monday night to discuss civic improvements. At this meeting \$1,000 was subscribed to a fund to induce the Methodist Protestant conference to establish a college there, and an invitation was extended to the Baptist State Sunday School Association to meet at Thomasville in July.

Admits Insolvency

The stockholders of the Industrial News, at their meeting in Greensboro last week, admitted the insolvency of the company and authorized a sale of the paper under the bankruptcy proceedings. It is said that E. C. Dunco and others are organizing a company to endeavor to get control of the paper when it is sold.

National Tariff Commission.

The National Tariff Commission Convention will meet in Indianapolis February 16th to 18th inclusive. The convention favors the appointment of a permanent, non-partisan semi-judicial tariff commission which shall gather and study facts in this and other countries pertinent to the tariff question.

The State Normal.

The report of the trustees of the State Normal and Industrial College, to the Legislature shows great progress of the institution for the past two years. During the time \$105,000 has been expended in improvements, erection of dormitories, etc. There is a strong demand for still larger dormitory room.

\$3000 for Death of Young Vaden.

In a suit for damages in Guilford Superior Court against the North Carolina Railroad Company by Chas. E. Vaden, Admr., asking \$10,000 damages for the killing of Jesse Vaden, a young white boy of High Point, a verdict of \$3,000 was returned Saturday.

WERE MARRIED IN NEW YORK.

Mr. R. T. Rosemond and Miss Louise Bradshaw Made Man and Wife.

Thursday at noon in New York City at the Church of Transfiguration, Mr. R. T. Rosemond and Miss Louise Bradshaw, both of Greensboro were united in marriage.

Miss Bradshaw went to New York some time ago with Miss Marie Reynolds, the two planning to spend a month there with friends of Miss Reynolds. By previous arrangement Mr. Rosemond went several days ago to claim Miss Bradshaw as his bride, it being the desire of both to avoid the usual wedding formalities.

Following the wedding the wedded couple and friends partook of a luncheon at Sherry's. They will return to Greensboro making their home with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sherrod, 306 North Elm Street.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Bradshaw and is a lovely young woman. Mr. Rosemond is chief clerk at the Guilford Hotel. He is a young man of prepossessing appearance and popular with all who know him. Many friends wish the newly married couple great happiness.

Married 70 Years.

Mrs. P. E. Jarrell, of High Point, has received the announcement that her sister, Mrs. Henry Henley, and her husband, who live in Kansas, will soon celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary. The Henleys moved from Randolph years ago. Mrs. Henley is 86 years old. Both of the old people are looking forward to the celebration of their diamond wedding.

Fooled His Bride

H. Cam Heitman, who married Miss L. Wise Campbell, of near Asheville, some ten days ago, did not keep his bride with him long. She left Heitman within three days, telling the lady with whom they boarded that Heitman had fooled her. Heitman is to be tried at Iredell court next week for securing money on worthless drafts.

Heavy Claim For Damages

W. E. Worth, of Wilmington, claims \$64,000 damages for breach of contract against the Knickerbocker Company, of New York, Hugh McRae & Co., of Wilmington, The Colonial Surety Co., the Rockingham Contract Co., and others. The suit is over the hydraulic plant at Blewitt Falls in Richmond and Anson counties.

Thumb Sawed.

On last Friday morning Charles Jarrett, an employe of the Bard Lumber Co., was painfully injured. While sawing out chairbacks his left hand slipped against the saw, which cut deeply between the thumb and first finger, almost severing the thumb from the hand.

William Jennings Bryan On Advertising.

"A fellow who tries to attract business without advertising is like the fellow who throws his sweetheart a kiss in the dark; he knows what he is doing—but nobody else does."

25,000 Workers Involved.

A hat makers strike is on in New York and New Jersey, caused by the managers in 75 factories declaring their intention to discontinue the use of the union label. The manufacturers state that a rise in the price of head gear is inevitable.

Against Filing.

Miss Nannie Crook, a handsome young woman, has been fined \$10 in the police court at Roanoke for flirting with a young man on the street corner from the window of her home.

Uncle Sam to Erect Homes in Italy.

President Roosevelt has decided to ship to Italy at once material for the construction of 2,500 or more substantial but modest houses for the relief of the earthquake sufferers.

348 Autos Burned.

Six garages, in which were stored 348 automobiles, were burned Saturday. The machines were valued at \$750,000, which the total loss is nearly \$1,000,000.

The Alaska-Yukon Exposition will be held at Seattle, Wash., from June 1st. to November 1st. North Carolina will have a valuable exhibit there and the General Assembly will be asked to appropriate \$25,000 for the purpose.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Capt. J. W. Todd, a well-known citizen of Jefferson, is reported critically ill.

R. F. Coble superintendent of the Southern Cotton Mills, at Bessemer City, will soon return to Concord as superintendent of the Locke mills.

It now seems that South Carolina is destined to swing into the prohibition column soon. A State-wide prohibition bill will probably be enacted during the present session of legislature.

The Anson county school board announces that the per capita apportionment for this year is \$1.51 against \$1.44 last year.

The Waverly Cotton Mill, of Laurinburg, with \$300,000 capital has been chartered by J. F. McNair, A. L. James and others.

In a head-on collision between a freight and passenger train near Glenwood Springs, Col., Saturday, fifty persons were killed outright and forty seriously injured.

The Thomasville Methodist church collected during last year \$10,661 for all purposes, an average of \$45 per member.

Seven former residents of Wilkes county were killed in the Lick Branch Coal Mine by an explosion last week.

S. A. Holeman, formerly a professor at Elon College, but for some time a business man of Greensboro, died Saturday. He was a native of Chatham county and near 70 years of age.

About 9 o'clock Friday night the Greenville (N. C.) Lumber & Veneering Plant was burned. The damage is estimated at \$12,000 with \$5,000 insurance.

Durham's handsome municipal building, erected a few years ago at a cost of \$50,000 was destroyed by fire Sunday morning.

W. R. Wilkins, druggist of Salisbury, will open a handsome drug store at Carthage in a short time.

The Rowan county commissioners have granted a franchise to the Piedmont Carolina Railway Co to build and operate a railroad in that county. The cars are to be running within 12 months.

The coroner's jury inquiring into the explosion at Lick Branch Coal mine in W. Va., in which sixty persons were killed, has exonerated the coal company from the blame for the disaster.

A. F. Moses, trustee of the Wade Mecum Springs Co., which was several weeks ago declared bankrupt, announces that the Springs will be opened again next summer.

Chas. Brown, a negro, has entered suit against the Southern at Winston-Salem, claiming \$3000 damages because one of the clerks in the baggage department trespassed on him in the presence of his women friends. The clerk says he whipped the negro for his impudence.

Clarence H. Poe, state chairman of the A. U. Saloon League, suggests that all sheriffs be paid \$25 for each distillery seized by them under the State Prohibition laws.

Siler City is preparing to issue \$5,000 in bonds for school purposes.

C. F. King financier, who has begun his sentence in the Boston prison, is operating a knitting machine in the hosiery department of the prison.

The Greater Charlotte Club is agitating the construction of 20 miles of railroad from Taylorville to Wilkesboro and thence to Jefferson, Ashe county. The Club thinks Charlotte's commercial advantages would be greatly increased.

Mr. C. B. Webb has moved from Salisbury to Greensboro. He is Past State Councillor of the Junior Order and is well known in the state. He formerly lived in Statesville.

Mrs. Shields, wife of Dr. H. B. Shields, of Carthage, died recently.

Mrs. J. Webb White, wife of a well known citizen of Spencer, died Tuesday of this week.

Dr. Allen E. Frazier, of High Point, and Miss Lula O. Whitaker, of Rockingham, were married yesterday. They will be at home at High Point after February 1st.

NEWS IN RANDOLPH

Interesting Items from All Over the County

Ramsur Will Vote Five Thousand Dollars Bonds.

New Roller Mill for Asheboro--The Auman House--Voluntary Petition in Bankruptcy at Randleman--Other News.

W. F. Redding has purchased the Smith property, adjoining the Asheboro Furniture plant upon which he proposes at an early date to erect a new roller mill. It is proposed to organize a company for the operation of a mill of a 75 barrel capacity installing modern machinery. The details of organization are not ready for publication but Mr. Redding informs The Courier that application for a charter authorizing \$10,000 capital will be made at once and when the organization of the company is perfected the erection of a building on the new site will be begun.

Town Fire Limit.

The Board of Commissioners of Asheboro has recently extended the fire limits of the town as follows:

Beginning at a point even with the west side of the new court house lot and south side of W. H. Moring's residence and running thence north 82 degrees west to Church street, thence in a northern direction along Church street to a point .60 feet north of Depot street, thence east to a point 100 feet from the Sou. Ry. track, thence northwardly keeping 100 feet distant from said Railway track to a point west of the southwest corner of T. H. Redding's lot, thence east crossing North Street to T. H. Redding's southwest corner, thence eastwardly with said T. H. Redding's line to Fayetteville street, thence south along Fayetteville street to a point directly west of the north end of the new court house, thence east to the court house lot, thence in a southern direction to the beginning.

Death of Mrs. J. Ed. Cole.

Mrs. J. Ed. Cole, of Liberty, died at Greensboro Sunday afternoon after a lingering illness. Mr. and Mrs. Cole had been guests at the Clegg Hotel for several weeks, stopping there enroute to Texas. Mrs. Cole was unable to continue the journey on account of rapidly declining health.

The deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Reitzell, of Liberty, and is survived by her husband and three small children. Mrs. Cole was 30 years old.

The funeral was conducted at Liberty Monday afternoon.

The Auman House

The Auman House, a new hostelry for Asheboro, was opened to the public last week, and is being accorded good patronage in the building formerly known as the Holladay-Poo. Hardware building which has been renovated, and has eight sleeping apartments on the second floor. A neatly furnished lobby is arranged in the front of the 1st floor, lack of which is the diningroom. Mr. D. Auman, the proprietor, has equipped the hostelry in first-class shape and deserves a liberal patronage.

L. M. Caudle Bankrupt.

L. M. Caudle, grocery-man of Randleman, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the office of U. S. Court Clerk Trogdon, at Greensboro Saturday. The case was referred to G. S. Ferguson, referee.

He gives his liabilities at \$3,958.77 and assets \$4,039.72.

Ramsur has decided to ask Legislature for a permission to vote \$5000 in bonds for Street, sidewalk and other improvements.

Died

Dr. W. S. Edwards died at his home just across the Chatham line near Stacy on Friday of last week. He leaves four sons, Drs. J. D. and S. R. Edwards and Mr. W. S. Edwards, Jr., of Siler City, and Mr. Robt. Edwards, of Florida, and three daughters. The funeral was at Rocky River church.

The Davidson Hardware Co., of Lexington, has been incorporated by J. W. Noel, Dermont Sienewell and S. L. Owen.