

LEGISLATIVE NEWS.

Many Bills Presented and Fights Were Frequent.

CONSERVATISM IS THE WORD.

A Double Acting Penalty Law—Governor's Message Referred to Judiciary Committee to be Drafted into a Bill—Light Still Expected on Anti-Trust Laws—As to New Counties.

Raleigh, Feb. 16, 1909. This is the thirty sixth day of the legislative session, and the fortieth since the members came to the capitol. As intimated in these letters from time to time, the matters of real state importance have been far and few between, and nothing has come on passage that all the state felt special interest in. Not so with the committee work, as there are some measures there that are enough important to make the whole state take notice for instance the trust busting bills, and the message of the Governor as mentioned under a different head of the letter. The legislature is slow to act, except on private bills.

Conservative is the Word.

This body may get wild in the end, but left to its own war up to now, there will be no radical legislation.

A Double Acting Penalty Law

Mr. Gavin has had passed the House bill so amending the railway penalty law that it makes a penalty of \$50 flat, and allows the consignee or the consignee to bring the suit, and uses words; "party aggrieved", by which the man at either end of the line can get to work on the roads. When it came up in the House for action, Mr. Morton of New Hanover raised a fight, and single handed held it up for nearly an hour, in an effort to get the penalty so collected into the school fund instead of going to the party suing. But the house thought that Mr. Morton was working a trick, and voted down his amendment with all who voted save Mr. Morton. This gave the galleries a chance to enjoy a real live debate at night when those who have to work can attend. This bill is designed to help the truckers of the east and the produce dealers of the west in protecting shipments.

The First Real Partisan Day.

Wednesday of last week was the first real day of partisan politics, and the house got its fill from the standpoint of both parties and the fellow who does not like either had to sit and hear both. The occasion was the minority report on the bill of Marshall and others to allow the counties to elect their own educational boards. The Democrats claim that they cannot give the republicans a chance to elect such and make partisan politics play in the educational system of the state. The Republicans reply that the democrats in charge in the counties are often so partisan as to get into rows with the county commissioners to the spending of the school money, and besides they are not consistent in that they allow some counties to elect and others they will not. It was a hot debate and both sides got out of staff they would be ashamed of on the journal of the house and they are glad no doubt such is not written down save as the limited reporters write. The ill of Mr. Marshall was dead to begin with, but the capital wanted was created on both sides. All the other counties that want to be allowed to elect will be denied this privilege.

Appointment of Magistrates.

At each session of the legislature there are rafta of magistrates that have failed of election or illegally elected that they have to be appointed by the legislature and hardly a day passes that some is not put up to appoint magistrates.

The Medical Bill Again.

The bill defining the educational qualifications of young men taking up medicine was hard fought Saturday, and killed for the time. The fight led by Mr. Dowd was on the clause of the law requiring applicants of high schools, or fit for freshman at the university. That clause it is thought. It will come up again this week.

A Struggle To Issue Bonds.

It there ever was such a rush to issue bonds as there is at this time,

the writer does not recall it. Township, school districts, city, town, drainage districts; all anxious to better their present state by the issuance of bonds for paying off debts or to make things better.

Williams Holds His Seat.

As stated before the committee having the contest in charge, of Stringfield against Williams, filed the report some weeks ago, in favor of Williams, but the minority wanted to throw it out on the floor and was granted that privilege. When up to a vote the parties lined up politically, says three or four republicans who voted for Williams.

Resurrected The Child Labor Bill.

The adverse report on the bill of Hinedale as to labor of children in the mills came up as a substitute bill, taking out all that the mill men seriously objected to but Mr. Hinedale came in with amendments that were adopted and put the bill in as good shape from his standpoint as it was first; and then Williams of Cabarrus landed an amendment that said no minor female or boy under sixteen years of age could work in a mill at night. That was the limit, and the friends of the mills, and there are many, got busy and after a fight had the bill laid over to another day, in the house where it has only been considered.

Wants Strong Trust Law.

If any had hoped that the Governor would be still and not get after them as claimed were fighting him in the summer campaign of two years and less ago, they can abandon that hope, for in a message to the legislature he comes out for law that will effectively handle them. It had been said that it would show the size of the man if he would let the matter alone now; but the lion of the party who so effectively walked from about the city of Raleigh or a well defined motive has brought the Governor out in an uncertain way. Mr. Connor's motion to refer it to the committee on Propositions and Grievances was overruled by Mr. Doughton's to send it to the judiciary to draw a bill. So now we have sub section A or F, the Koonce Texas bill and the desire of the Governor all to consider.

Three New Counties Killed.

A proposed county that has not been named here was that of Mosely, with LaGrange as the county seat, and it met death the very first day. The county of Avery still has a fighting chance, as it made will be entirely of Mitchell.

Friday Was Fish Day.

The date set for the hearing by the house of the discussion as to the proposed new law as to the fish industry of the state, and it was a live affair. It can be of little interest to those counties, in the interior, but the law applies to all the State. To show how unpopular the bill is, all but three of the coastal counties have asked to be exempted from its provisions.

Being Adjudged Insane.

Henry Young, alias Henry Ewing, of Stanly county, who made a criminal assault on Mrs. J. R. Moss, near New London, on the 8th of last December, was tried in Rowan county last week and was adjudged insane. He was sent to the criminal insane department of the penitentiary to remain until his mental condition is such that he can be tried for the offence.

The Jig Is Up.

It is said that Seawell hasn't 50 endorsements and only 30 of the lawyers in the entire district of the Eastern states have endorsed him as judge. As was announced in last week's issue of The Courier the jig is up with him for the present at least.

York-Williams

Curtis York was married to Miss Louie Williams on last Sunday at Stanley, R. F. D., by E. A. McMaster, J. P., in the presence of the family and intimate friends.

Miss Clara Boren entertained a number of her friends on last Saturday afternoon at her beautiful home at Pomona in honor of Misses Moring and Coffin, of Asheboro. Among the guests that were present were Miss Annie Moring and Mrs. B. F. Page, of Greensboro.

HOME COURSE IN MODERN AGRICULTURE.

By C. V. GREGORY.

Of the Agricultural Division of the Iowa State College

FARMERS and others are becoming more deeply interested every year in the science of agriculture as taught in the special courses provided in many colleges. It is not only a subject of fascinating interest but means largely increased profits to the farmer. Those who cannot go to college can get the information in the above new feature to be published each week in The Courier.

The Home Course in Modern Agriculture will run for eighteen weeks in The Courier—nearly five months; and will be sent to any address for only 25 cents.

The Second Feature We Offer

Is of the greatest interest and value to every lover of Music. A series of Talks on Singing by Tetraxini and Caruso, two of the world's most famous singers, will run for 12 issues in THE COURIER. Every man, woman, boy and girl will be interested in these plain, simple talks on the secrets of successful singers. Send Fifteen Cents for this series.

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FIDDLERS' CONVENTION

The Talk of the Town and County—Great Event of Funmaking

The Fiddlers' Convention to be held in the Town Hall on the evening of Friday, February 26th, promises to be one of the most amusing and entertaining events that has yet occurred in Asheboro. The promoters of the convention are making plans on an elaborate scale and from indications the large hall, which will accommodate about 1,000 people, will not contain the crowd.

The convention will be under the direction of Prof. W. E. Johns, the well known fiddler of Hi H Point, and W. N. Elder, of Trinity. The gentlemen have had experience in conducting such conventions and know how to produce merriment.

The management of the convention has arranged many special features which will be worth traveling to see and everybody should arrange to attend.

The most skillful lady banjo pickers in this section and probably in the State will attend and take part in the program of specialties. A piano played by electricity—a wonder within itself—will furnish additional music.

A stage 20x40 feet has been constructed for those who take part in the convention and chairs will be provided for the comfort of the audience.

You will miss the treat of your life if you miss this convention.

Fiddlers who desire to become members of the convention are requested to write "The Manager Fiddlers' Convention," Asheboro, N. C.

Committee Sulfide.

Pearl Faggart, of Cabarrus county, committed suicide by cutting her throat with a razor on last Friday afternoon.

Pearl Faggart was a noted beauty and was known throughout the county, she having been held under serious suspicion several years ago, and it is thought that, brooding over her unhappy life, the woman was driven to despair and death. The parents of the woman are among the county's best families and much sympathy is felt for them.

Death of Mr. Black

J. W. Black died at his home at Ramour, Tuesday. He had suffered several days with pneumonia. The deceased was 50 years of age and is survived by a widow, Mrs. Emma Yow-Black, a daughter of the late A. J. Yow, and two children, Miss Annie and Sam Black. He was also a brother of Geo. H. Black of Franklinville. The funeral was conducted at Pleasant Ridge Christian Church yesterday morning at 11 o'clock.

D. & C. Bridge Rebuilt.

The bridge of the Durham and Charlotte Railway, which spans Deep River below Glendon, has been completed and trains are now crossing. Trains have not crossed the river since the great freshet of last August when the bridge was carried away. Trains would have been crossing the new bridge weeks ago, but for the fact the high water washed out the new structure before it was completed and much of the work had to be done over again. —Sanford Express.

DR. LONG GETS A LEMON.

Prominent Surgeon Was Too Astonished To Be Hacked.

When Dr. Long reached home last evening his wife presented him with a lemon that fairly took his breath away. He looked at the lemon, looked at his wife and taking off his glasses, and wiping them carefully he adjusted them and looked once more, the lemon was certainly a reality.

This lemon was sufficient to astonish the doctor for 13 inches one way and 14 1-2 the other was the actual measurement and it was grown in the Long home, where it had been carefully watched and tended by Mrs. Long. This climate may not be able to produce a large crop of lemons, but the size will make up the deficiency in numbers. —Greensboro Telegram.

To Navigate Pee Dee.

There is some prospect of the Pee Dee River being made deep enough for small boats to run from Blawitt Falls to Cheraw from which point the river is navigable to the sea, says the Wadesboro Ansonian. Congressman Page has secured the passage of a bill which provides for the inspection of the river between these points, and if the report is favorable, an appropriation will be made for the work.

Girl Fearfully Burned.

Miss Lina Sykes, of Elizabeth City, aged 23 years, was fearfully burned one day last week. She was heating a pot of tar on the cooking stove and when she lifted the pot the bottom fell out, spilling the contents of the tar all over the stove. Immediately the room was filled with fire and smoke and the young woman's clothes were all e. The injuries are so severe that it is thought they will be fatal.

For The Benefit of Farmers.

Much interest is shown in the publication of the lessons in Modern Agriculture, now appearing weekly in The Courier. These articles are copyrighted and The Courier has obtained the exclusive right to publish these lessons in this County.

The Courier is largely dependent upon the rural population for its patronage and it is for the benefit of this class of our subscribers that these articles are published.

Conductor Killed.

On Thursday of last week John W. Wall, formerly of Greensboro, now living in Bluefield, W. Va., aged 39 years, was struck by a shifting engine and the wheels passed over him, severing his body above the waist.

The Lexington Post Office.

More than a week ago the post-office department notified Mrs. Adderton at Lexington that her lot had been decided upon as the lot on which to build the new post-office. This is known as the "down town" lot.

George Murphy Convicted.

George Murphy, charged with conspiracy to blow open the safe of the Wachovia Loan and Trust Co. at Spencer last September, was convicted last week and sentenced to the penitentiary for 12 months.

J. M. Griffin of Davie county, is overseer of the finishing room of the Wicousett Mills at Albemarle.

Nine blind salesmen were convicted and sentenced to the State Prison at Danville last week.

Chas. Fordrell was convicted at Winston-Salem recently for the murder of his wife, and is sentenced to be hanged on April 30, next.

W. L. Harrelson recovered \$9,000 in a damage suit against the Southern Railway Company in Greensboro court last week.

J. T. Norris has accepted a position as traveling salesman for Stonor-Rankin Company of High Point, and has already gone on the road.

Congressman R. N. Page will speak before the Greensboro City schools, by invitation, on the 25th of May.

A feature of the parade at the inauguration of President Taft will be the appearance of several companies of Confederate Veterans wearing their uniforms of gray.

Henry Sharp, a farmer, was found dead in the woods near his home in Iredell County on the morning of Feb. 11th. He had cut his throat with a razor.

Gen. J. S. Carr and his two sons and W. F. Carr have purchased another cotton mill and a hosiery mill at Durham.

Will S. Biggers, who shot and killed J. G. Hood over a business matter on Tuesday of last week, is said to be insane. It is said that he has not had a lucid interval since the killing.

C. M. Miller, civil engineer, of Salisbury, is making a survey of Stanley county for a new map. It will show all roads, churches, schools, creeks, water-powers, mines, bridges, etc.

A package containing \$3,000 worth of diamonds was looted in the express office at Pinchurst one night last week. It is believed a professional burglar committed the theft.

If the commissioners of Yadkin county had the right to give a man license to ship whiskey to other towns in the state, wonder didn't they have the right to give him license to retail it in that county? —Durham Herald.

Fred Perry, 19 years old, was killed in a cotton seed mill at Mooresville on Feb. 11. He was caught in a belt and was whirled around the shafting a hundred times his head and body being terribly mutilated.

The date of the Fair at Winston this year is Oct. 4-9. At Greensboro, Oct. 11-15; Raleigh, Oct. 18-22; Charlotte, Oct. 25-29. These fairs are in a circuit with other fairs in Virginia and South Carolina.

The Moffitt Furniture of High Point, has been organized with an authorized capital of \$25,000 and paid in capital of \$1,800. The purpose of the corporation is to do a general ladies' furnishing business. The incorporators are A. Moffitt, H. B. Bradner and M. J. Wrenn.

The McAlister Company is the name of a new cotton mill at Lakeville, to manufacture yarns, cloths, etc. The authorized capital stock is \$125,000. The incorporators are T. G. McAlister, E. A. Wiley and D. N. Deshazo.

Norman H. Johnson, who has for several years been the editor of the Merchants' Journal, published in Charlotte, has sold the publication to the Post Newspaper Association of New York City, one of the largest news journal corporations in the country, for the sum of \$150,000. The paper will probably be continued to be published in Charlotte.

Another Suicide.

Mrs. Susan H. Yount, an employe of the Agricultural Department at Washington, committed suicide by inhaling illuminating gas last Thursday.

She left a note asking that Senator Simmons and Representative Small and her two brothers at Washington, N. C., be notified.

J. A. Withers, of Worthville, spent Sunday in Charlotte.

THE NEW DEPOT.

Visit of Southern Railway Officials to Asheboro.

FINAL ARRANGEMENT EXPECTED THIS WEEK.

General Superintendent Westfall and Division Superintendent Walton Spent Friday Night Looking Over the Site—Additional Track to be Laid.

That the railroad facilities of Asheboro will be improved at once was assured by General Superintendent Westfall and Division Superintendent P. G. Walton, of the Southern railway, during their visit to Asheboro last Friday night. They arrived on their private car Friday afternoon and remained until Saturday morning.

The object of their visit was to look over the proposed site for a new Union Station for Asheboro and also to arrange for enlarging the yard. To meet the demand for more room on the yard it is learned that work of laying additional track will begin in a few days.

Superintendent Walton says the officials of his road have decided to erect a Union Station here as soon as an agreement can be reached with the Asheboro & Aberdeen Railway Company. It is learned that Messrs. Page are ready to fill their part of the contract and it is understood that a meeting of the officials of the two roads will be held in Asheboro at an early date for the purpose of making final arrangements.

The need of a new station in Asheboro is keenly felt not only by the agents and their assistants employed in the offices here but by the public generally. The business men of Asheboro appreciate the promptness with which the railroad companies have acted upon their request for improvements. The rapidity with which Asheboro is advancing, and the equally rapid development of the entire County is assurance that whatever investment is made to meet the future requirements of the town by the railroads will be money well expended.

No town in the state has made greater strides than Asheboro, and from the many rumors of new residences, new business houses and new enterprises, and the agitation of improved streets, water system, etc., it is evident that twelve months hence will witness the greatest progress of her history.

Death of Mrs. Ingram.

Eva Ethel Ingram, daughter of Dr. F. E. Asbury and wife of S. T. Ingram, died at Salisbury Feb. 11, 1909 after a brief illness in the Sanitarium. She was a young Christian woman of most excellent traits, cultured, amiable, kind and generous, converted and uniting with the Methodist Church in the tender years of girlhood, she developed into a useful worker for the cause of Christ in all the spheres of life and conduct. In the home of the suffering and needy, she rendered helpful service like a angel of mercy. A devoted daughter, an affectionate wife, a devoted Christian worker has been removed from earth to her eternal home beyond, where she will meet her mother and mother-in-law, who have preceded her. Conscious of her condition, she expressed entire willingness and readiness to be released from suffering and to be at rest. Bidding her father and husband good bye, she peacefully fell asleep in Jesus.

The remains were taken to Star Friday, 12th inst. for interment. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved in their time of deep sorrow.

Mothers Meeting.

The Mothers Meeting at the Graded School Friday afternoon was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. About fifty mothers visited the school in response to an invitation from the teachers and pupils of the first, second and third grades. Besides the regular class work a program of song and recitation including the regular recreation work was presented. The mothers visited the grades in the school and were highly pleased with the work. The meetings not only arouse greater interest among the patrons in the success of the school, but inspire the pupils to greater effort. Other meetings will be held from time to time during the spring term.