

ONLY WANT SIXTY DAYS

Legislators Don't Want to Work Overtime

IMPORTANT MEASURES ARE CALLED

The Trust Bill—Education Bill—Game Laws Again Discussed—Perplexing Revenue Bill—Auditors Hasty in Report of Insurance Commissioners Office

Raleigh, March 3, 1909.—At the time this is being written there are many things coming up for a finality, in fact, about all the matters that can be called State-wide. As an item from time to time in these columns, things of a local and semi-local nature had the right of way, and many of the things introduced as local measures have taken on a State-wide turn, in that some liberty of a citizen had been, or was about to be taken, and the long debates have taken the time due other things.

Bill after bill to regulate the affairs of some localities, and drawn to suit the affairs of some than ignorant of the principles of civil liberty, have had to be fought out on the floor (thanks to the courtesy of committees) of the legislature. Such as making a primary law so tight that a man voting for one party in the primary and another in the election would be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined fifty dollars; or the giving the Governor the right to appoint deputy sheriffs with power to arrest without warrant and lock people up; or to go into a man's place of business on information and belief and search for whiskey. These are a few and tend to show that some folks have no love for the liberty of action the government gives.

Readers of The Courier know the famous sub-section "A" of the anti-trust law, has been discussed and how the Lookhart bill to kill trusts has been up and down all the session, the friends of it holding on to the last in the hope of getting something for it; but the end had to come, and Senators Bassett & Blow framed a substitute that was adopted and one that will not, it seems, disturb business by its passage. The Senate has passed it by more than two to one, in spite of all the influences brought to bear. It will pass the house most likely when reached. Such campaign oratory has seldom been heard.

Senator Blow has a bill to amend the educational method of the State, which provides for requiring four months school in all places, and takes out the counties that elect their own boards by vote, making it alike all over the State. It causes some friction. But it will pass the house when once there.

After all the talk of protecting the quail of the State, when the Simple game bill to prohibit the selling of game in the State for two years, and limiting the amount to be killed in a day to fifteen, came up as a special order and the bill on motion of Privott, of Chowan, was laid on the table with all amendments thereto. That leaves that matter as it was, the counties having their local laws to deal with.

Mention was made in the last letter that the revenue bill, the most important of all, would take the time of the house in the day then to come, and it was opened up Monday and has taken time and time since been trying to devise ways to help the State out in finances. A few changes have been made, but the State has taxed about all there is to tax, in the way of license and franchise and privilege. If she could get some of the real estate on the books at a living price, things would be different. There is disposition in some places to be hard on all corporations but on the whole there is liberality shown such. The finance committee had a hard scuffle and its work as a whole is standing up before the house in committee of the whole.

The drainage bill has passed the house by an almost unanimous vote, and will when reached pass the Senate. It covers the whole State, and does not supersede the acts of special cases now on the books on this or any other section of the

body. It is expected to work wonders from the lowlands of the State, and there are lands in all the fupper counties that are worthless as they are now.

\$500,000 Hospital Bonds The House has passed the bill to allow the State to issue bonds for the amount of \$500,000 to cover the money borrowed on the appropriation of \$500,000 two years ago to provide for the insane of the State.

A Full Sixty Days The hope to get away and all the resolutions to the effect of getting away before the time limit have disappeared and all are bending every effort to get away in time to keep from having to work overtime.

1908 Prohibition Law to Have A Trial. Many came here with the idea that the prohibition laws would be tightened up in many places, and if none were loosened, and several bills of a tightening nature, some of them radical, have been reported favorably, and one with some objectionable features passed as to Burke county, but not till the "stinger" was taken out of it. Another, the Buncombe bill was tabled even after a part of it was taken out. These fellows wanted to search a mans premises without warrant, and make the having of a certain quantity of the "ardent" on hand, proof that you were selling it. The constitutionalists, and the stand-patters gave it out that it was the intention to try the 1908 prohibition law as a whole before the screws were put up any tighter.

Nothing Crooked Whatever. The committee which had the report of the Auditors which examined the offices of the State before the meeting of this body, and which showed that there was some irregularity in the office of the Auditor and the Insurance Commissioner, have filed their report, and it is signed by all the Democrats and the Republicans of the committee and completely exonerates all the men concerned, as well as Flah Comanisioner Meekins, and makes the positive statement that there was nothing wrong in any of the work of the office, and the auditors at work on the books were unwarranted in the charges they made, and worked in two or more places on wrong premises. The report would cover a page of this paper, and covers the whole field, filling the evidence along with the other. Thus ends what was thought to be a blemish on the administration. The only changes asked were a few minor ones as to keeping of books in the Commissioner's office.

After the Solicitors Again. Early in the session the House adopted an amendment to the salary bill then under consideration, making the salary of solicitors twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars, but the bill was killed, now the Senate has taken the matter up again and has passed a bill putting the Solicitors on that salary for the time to come. It will come to the house again, but it is hard to tell what they will do there on a second round, in the face of the house having killed it once. It looks like such a bill would be popular in the State as a whole.

The Game Laws Up Again. Some of the counties are inclined to smart under the State Andub N Society, and a bill has passed the Senate taking two counties out of the working of the law, and when it came to the house it was found that twenty odd counties wanted to get on the bill and they did, killing every amendment that harmed it.

Talking Moving the Capitol. Raleigh as a whole seems to be been fighting any enlargement of the capitol building, and has worked hard to defeat the bill to spend half a million on the State-house, tho' the bill has been reported favorably and looks like it will pass the house if gotten before that body. The plans call for running the wings north and south and east, and making room for the Supreme Court and all the fire proof room the State needs. But Senator Barringer's bill which has been considered a joke, in many places and was so published in the Charlotte Observer Sunday has passed the Senate on its second reading and it has been said that it will pass the house if it comes to that body. A mighty interesting matter, this.

Mrs. Tim Ward, of Tryon, was a guest of friends in Asheboro last week.

DISTILLERY CAPTURED

Two Men in Charge Arrested—Six Hundred Gallons of Beer Destroyed

A thirty gallon distillery was captured Monday by deputy sheriffs O. H. Lucas and J. M. Luther on a branch leading into Hanner's creek, about 12 miles from Asheboro. Six stands of beer, one stand of slop and two stands of meal and one stand containing some bakings were found at the still. About 600 gallons of beer were destroyed and seven bushels of meal and malt. The still was brought to Asheboro and delivered to Sheriff Hayworth. Bettie L. Hurley and Braxton Hall were found in charge of the still and were brought to Asheboro and a warrant sworn out for them. They were tried before J. S. Ridge, who put them under a bond of \$200 each and on failing to give the same they were committed to jail. The parties who were caught at the still and in charge of the same were seen to come up to the still by the deputies and one of them had a gun and provisions enough to last two or three days and the other had two or three pieces of wagon tires which are used to hold up the still. After they were arrested they said the gun was not theirs and they did not bring it there nor did they bring the rations. They declared the still belonged to Clint S. Hurley and a negro by the name of Stephen Cagle.

DEATH AT JACKSON HILL.

Mrs. M. J. Badgett Succumbs to Lingering Illness With Rheumatism.

Mrs. M. J. Badgett, aged 61 years, died at Jackson Hill Friday morning at 2 o'clock. She was a consistent member of the Jackson Hill Methodist Episcopal Church, South and a devout Christian lady. She had been a patient sufferer from inflammatory rheumatism for twenty years and for 12 years had been an invalid. The funeral was conducted Saturday afternoon followed by the interment at the Jackson Hill cemetery. The deceased is survived by her husband one daughter, Mrs. Jas. T. Wood, of Asheboro, and three sons, S. B. and W. R. Badgett, of Jackson Hill and S. H. Badgett, who is in the U. S. navy on the battleship, Kearsarge, which has just returned from a tour of the world with the battleship fleet.

He has been with the navy for seven years, and arrived at the bedside immediately after his mother's death.

Contributions to Monument Fund Received to Date.

Table listing names and amounts contributed to the Monument Fund, including W. O. Hammer (50.00), Wm. P. Wood (50.00), R. R. Bess (25.00), A. C. McAllister (25.00), U. R. Preshaw (20.00), J. W. Jolly (15.00), Z. F. Rush (10.00), Z. A. Cranford (5.00), John Hancock (5.00), Dougan Brower (5.00), A. J. Rush (5.00), E. J. Coltrane (5.00), Wm. H. Glasgow (5.00), C. A. Hayworth (2.50), John Winslow (1.00), W. O. Wright (1.00), O. M. Henry (1.00), J. T. Penn (2.50), S. M. Chrisco (1.00), S. L. Hayworth (10.00), N. M. Lowe (1.00), N. T. Hineshaw (5.00), W. M. Parrish (3.50), I. H. Spencer (2.50), Mrs. E. E. Moffitt (5.00).

Blows Off Head With Gun.

I. T. Burgess, a prosperous farmer, of Battleboro, Nash county, N. C., blew off the top of his head on last Thursday. He fired the gun by using one of his toes. The cause of the shooting is unknown. It is thought it was because of thirst for liquor, as he had up till recently been a hard drinker.

30 miners were killed in a terrific explosion near Pittston, Pa., on Tuesday of this week.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Greensboro is to have a Record-er's Court.

Richard L. Hall, superintendent of the Lillian Knitting Mill, will be married in May to Miss Rebeckah Sanford, at Covington, Tenn.

A Lodge of Elks will soon be instituted at High Point. The charter membership has been secured.

The Senate has confirmed the appointment of C. A. Reynolds and R. T. Joyce as postmaster at Winston-Salem and Mt Airy respectively.

Paul Milner Hankins, son of J. J. Hankins, of Lexington, died at Dawson, Ga., last Thursday. He was 22 years old and a bright young business man.

Brake on J. W. Nunn was fatally injured on Tuesday night of this week, while assisting in switching a passenger train in the railroad yards at Greensboro.

Senator Simmons has selected Capt. S. A. Aune and appointed him to the committee clerkship of the Democratic Senate Caucus, of which Senator Simmons is the Chairman, succeeding Teller.

The negro arrested at Clinton, Tenn., supposed to be John Jackson, murderer of policeman Monroe, of Salisbury, has been released. The prisoner was not the murderer. Rewards aggregating \$300 are offered for the arrest of Jackson.

G. C. Bodenhamer, of Kernersville, who is charged with robbing the vaults of the Forsyth Bank & Trust Co., at that place, has confessed the crime and the money which was buried under his home has been recovered. He was arrested in Washington last week.

Shemwell Convicted.

In Guilford Superior court last week Baxter Shemwell, of Lexington, was given a sentence of five months in prison, for assaulting Conductor Smithers, of the Southern railroad, and he was required to give a bond in the sum of \$2500 to keep the peace with Smithers and others concerned in the case for three years. An appeal to a higher court was taken.

Last Saturday the case was reopened and the attorneys for Shemwell made a motion to release the defendant upon a fine as he wanted to leave the State and locate at Birmingham, Ala. This Judge Long declined to do.

Notice Stock Law.

All of Randolph county is now under stock law. The general assembly has passed a law that will put the small portion of Brower and Richland townships in the stock law territory, to go into effect on the first day of April. That is the same day that the Moore county stock law will go into effect. The Courier has been requested to publish this fact by those who are interested in the matter. The bill recites that a majority of the qualified voters of the territory have signed a petition declaring that they favored stock law, and for this reason the new law was enacted.

For the Junior Orphanage.

At the recent meeting of the Juniors held at Elizabeth City it was decided to establish an orphanage to be supported by the Order. B. McCrary is appointed a member of the committee to select a site and several towns are preparing to offer inducements to secure the institution. Asheboro could secure the orphanage if some one would take the matter in hand. It is believed that sufficient interest could be aroused in Asheboro to offer a flattering inducement to the committee.

Saw Mill Explosion.

The saw mill belonging to Andrew Beck, five miles South of Thomasville on the Fisher Ferry road running from Thomasville to Denton and Jackson Hill, was blown up by an explosion from a boiler on Monday of this week. A son of Mr. Beck was blown to pieces and two or three others were injured.

Greensboro Hardwood Plant Burned.

The Hardwood Manufacturing Co.'s plant on East Washington Street in Greensboro, was destroyed by fire on last Saturday morning. The loss was \$40,000, covered by \$21,000 insurance. W. O. Reddick is secretary and treasurer and O. C. Banbow is the Superintendent of the company.

COMMENCEMENT SEASON.

Graded School Will Close April 25th—Graduating Exercises Tuesday Morning April 26.

The commencement season of the Asheboro Graded Schools will open in a few days. The first event of the season will be an entertainment by the pupils of the first, second and third grades. They are now having very successful rehearsals and an interesting program promised.

Following this there will be entertainments by the higher grades. The spring term will close Friday, April 25th.

On the Sunday following the commencement sermon will be preached in the auditorium.

Monday evening, April 27th an entertainment will be given by the pupils of the fifth, sixth and seventh grades.

It has been decided to hold the graduating exercises Tuesday morning, April 28th at 11 o'clock. Just who will deliver the address is not known.

Tuesday night the annual closing concert will be given the details of which will be announced later. A small admission fee will be charged at this entertainment and the proceeds will be expended in purchasing new books for the graded school library.

THE NEW STATION.

Railway Officials Conferred in Asheboro Monday.

G. P. Walton, Superintendent of the Danville Division and H. P. Knight, Roadmaster of the Southern Railway and J. R. Page, Superintendent of the A. & A. Railway were in Asheboro Monday conferring in regard to the proposed new union station for Asheboro and the improvement of the yard facilities.

The business men are encouraged by the outlook and the assurance given by these gentlemen that the erection of a new station here is only a question of a short time. They are going over the details thoroughly and it is believed that a new station will be provided soon.

The Southern is arranging to lay team tracks near the Asheboro furniture factory at once.

State Junior Officers.

At the meeting of the State Council Jr. O. U. A. M., held at Elizabeth City last week the following officers were elected:

State councillor, J. F. Reynolds, of Winston-Salem; vice State councillor, W. Ben Goodwin, Elizabeth City; State Council secretary, Sam F. Vance, Winston-Salem; State Council secretary, R. F. Fulghum, Wilson; State Council treasurer, C. V. Fulch, Kernersville; State Council conductor, D. R. Harris, Tarboro; State Council warden, J. R. Baggett, Belew Creek; State Council inside sentinel, R. H. Plyler, Gaston; State Council outside sentinel, Adolphus Cheek, Burlington.

The following named prominent Juniors was elected to eight as representatives to the national council, one more representative to be elected later:

Charles E. Brewer, Wake Forest; Z. P. Smith, Raleigh; C. B. Webb, Salisbury.

Presiding Elder's Appointments.

The following are the quarterly meeting appointments in Randolph county for Rev. W. R. Ware, Presiding Elder of the Greensboro District of the M. E. Church, South:

Liberty Circuit, Old Randolph, April 2d, 3d.

Asheboro Circuit, Cedar Falls, April 3d, 4th.

Ramsey and Franklinville, Franklinville, April 4th, 5th.

Randleman and Naomi, April 10th.

Asheboro Station, April 11th, 12th.

Coleridge Circuit, Mount Olive, April 17th, 18th.

Randolph Circuit, Hopewell, May 8th, 9th.

Uwharrie Circuit, May 29th 30th.

Denton Circuit, May 31st.

Success of the evening and especially upon the perfect order preserved during the entire performance. All who attended were glad and those who did not attend and have since heard the many complimentary expressions regret that they were not present. It was one of the cleanest performances ever presented in Asheboro. The music was fine and the order was simply perfect.

THE FIDDLERS' CONVENTION.

Over A Thousand People Attended.

ONE OF THE BEST EVER.

The Program Interesting Throughout—Perfect Order Preserved—Many Interesting Features—Good Specialties—The Geography Chant.

As was prophesied in these columns the Fiddlers Convention held at the New Town Hall last Friday night was a grand success. The attendance was probably the largest assembled for any amusement in Asheboro and every attendant was delighted with the program.

The crowd began to gather early and when the convention was called to order by Directors W. N. Elder of Trinity, and Capt. W. C. Johns, of High Point, the house was well filled. One thousand and eighteen people were a mitted by actual count. As the crowd gathered music was furnished by the electric piano.

On the platform were seated about sixty fiddlers, guitar, banjo, dulcimer players who in contesting for the prizes played all ye Old Tyme Tunes, as Old Mollie Hare, Whistling Rufus, Mississippi Sawyer, Alleluiah Side, Turkey in the Straw, Home Sweet Home, etc.

The contestants all of whom deserve mention for their excellent work were; Fiddlers—A. O. Bonkemeyer, Randleman; Everet M. Daniel, Julian; John Bray, Randleman; J. J. Miller, Asheboro; W. N. Elder, Trinity; C. J. Pool, Troy; W. E. Johns, High Point; Henry Smith, Millboro; O. A. Spencer, Edges; John W. Elder, Trinity.

Banjo—Tony Johnson, Fol; B. H. Sawyer, Trinity; W. C. Routh, Randleman; Miss Lula Lowe, Asheboro; R. F. D.; B. H. Hill, Progress; G. W. Saunders, Randleman; J. B. Wingham Randleman; H. H. Dougan, Asheboro; R. F. D. Guitar—C. J. Pool, Troy; Pard e Robbins Asheboro; J. A. Davis, Progress;

Dulcimer—S. T. Hill, Progress; W. H. Jennings, Cedar Falls; Harp—W. C. Richardson, Seagrove. Specialties—S. T. Hill, Progress; W. C. Routh, Randleman; Wm M. Stevens Randleman, R. F. D.; Capt. W. E. Johns, High Point; E. Whalley, Seagrove and "The Boys of Asheboro"; Mr. Stanley, Greensboro.

Besides these there were many others who assisted the contestants in presenting their numbers.

J. G. Miller, of Asheboro, Dr. F. E. Asbury, of Asbury, acted as Judges and awarded the prizes as follows:

Best Lead Fiddle—W. N. Elder, Trinity, \$5.00 Second best; J. J. Miller, Asheboro, 2.50, Best Guitar, C. J. Pool, Troy, \$2.50.

Best Banjo, Gentleman, Tony Johnson, Sol, \$5.00.

Best Banjo, lady, Miss Lula Lowe, Asheboro, K. F. D., \$5.00

Best Dulcimer, S. C. Hill, Progress, 2.50.

Best specialty, Mr. Stanley, Greensboro, \$2.50.

Messrs Pool and Stanley, deserve special mention in their specialties, and responded to encores from the audience by singing popular songs in the most pleasing manner.

While the judges were out Mr. Pool was called by the audience which was captivated by the "Laughing Song" and "Piggie".

Another most interesting feature was the "Geography Chant," by Prof. Wm. M. Stevenson, of Randleman, presenting the most remarkable study in geography of sixty years ago. Mr. Stevenson chanted the names of the continents, oceans, nations with their capitals, provinces and States, with their capitals, rivers mountains etc., etc. Mr. Stevenson on who was introduced by Col. W. P. Wood, is 78 years old.

Mr. Stevenson is one of the oldest school teachers in the county, having taught in the county continuously for 63 years. He is a cousin of Adlai A. Stevenson, who was democratic vice president, under Cleveland with whom he corresponds regularly. Mr. Stevenson for three years followed Lee and Jackson during the struggle between the States and was one of the South's brave heroes. He is in excellent health and possesses a most remarkable memory.

Messrs E. G. Morris and O. O. Cranford, managers of the town hall are to be congratulated upon the