

### 1,000 NEW LAWS.

More Than That Number Passed Legislature.

### FEW ACTS OF GENERAL NATURE.

Brief Summary of The Acts of The State Legislature at Its Recent Session—Most Important Laws.

There were 1,319 acts and 57 resolutions passed and duly ratified by the recent general assembly of this State. No general assembly in many years has passed so few acts of a general nature as has this one.

The revenue and machinery acts, the general military bill, the Doughton illuminating oil inspection act, the election act for all death penalties to be in the State's prison by electricity, the State Highway Commission act, the statute prescribing classes of securities that insurance companies shall deposit with the State for securing policy holders, the anti-trust act embodying the Democratic platform pledge, the general appropriation bill, are about all the acts of general importance.

The new military bill carries a feature providing for every enlisted man in the service of the North Carolina Guard to receive 25 cents each for drills in which they participate, thus giving the men a regular pay roll. The bill carries \$23,000 appropriation.

Two measures involving interstate matters of considerable interest are the bills to prevent the courts of North Carolina from entertaining suits growing out of judgments obtained in other states against residents of this State involving contracts for "futures." And a bill to assure to railroad employes and others engaged in interstate service with residence in the State the rights of personal property exemption under the State constitution. Both these bills were gotten through by Senator Bassett of Edgemcombe County.

A bill which was enacted in the closing hours of the session was the one prescribing that insurance companies shall deposit with the State proper securities for the protection of policyholders in the event of their failure. The bill originally provided that the United States, State, municipal, county and other bonds could be used for such purposes. The bill was amended so that securities failed shall include real estate mortgages. This amendment was strenuously opposed but was finally adopted. The oil inspecting act prescribing test as to purity and efficiency of illuminating oils offered for sale in the State is what is known as the "Oil Inspection Act." It is modeled largely after the Tennessee law. Nearly every state in the Union has such a law. It is said that there will be a yield of revenue of \$30,000 a year over the expense of administration. There will be ten inspectors to receive a salary each of a thousand dollars. This is an important law, one of the best acts of the general assembly.

The general appropriations bill with its well nigh million and a half of funds for maintenance and some permanent improvements for the State institutions, while not anything like meeting the appeals made to the appropriations committee by many of those institutions, is generally regarded as about as adequate as the State could afford without going into a general bond issue or raising the tax rates to a degree that the people would not approve. The pensions for old soldiers were raised from an aggregate of \$400,000 to \$450,000 and the appropriations for public schools and for assuring four months schools throughout the State, from \$200,000 to \$225,000. Then there is the \$500,000 bond issue bill to carry out the purposes of the Bickett act of 1907 in the matter of the enlargement of the State Hospitals and their adequate equipment.

A change in the revenue act that promises to make its effects felt in all parts of the State is a requirement that there be one or more competent persons designated in each county to cast about at the close of tax-listing time each year and bring to light property of any and all kinds that has under the system in vogue in the past and see that it is placed on the tax books, this being far and a way the most important

### CLEANING UP DAY.

Enthusiastically Observed by The Pupils of The Graded School.

What will end in a nicely terraced graded school property for Asheboro, was begun last Friday afternoon when the pupils observed "cleaning up day." Observers were curious to know the meaning of so many children passing on the streets carrying pans, rags, wheelbarrows, picks, shovels, etc., about noon Friday. Those who witnessed the busy scene at the school grounds guessed the reason. The pupils were busily engaged, some moving the big pile of dirt to the south of the building, others digging stumps, some raking and burning trash on the grounds while still others were on the inside washing windows, dusting, etc.

It is learned that by fall, under the direction of the Woman's Betterment Association, the grounds will be put in fine shape.

Grass will be sowed, and shade trees planted on the front. The trees will be donated by Clerk of the Court, Wm. C. Hammond.

The school board expects to move the old Academy building off the grounds, giving room for the play grounds on the rear of the new building.

The pupils are to be commended for their pride in the appearance of the school and the Woman's Betterment Association deserves the aid of all public spirited citizens.

**Shuttle Block Factory Burned**

The Shuttle block factory of W. A. Grimes, at Franklinville, was burned Monday night about midnight. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is thought to have been incendiary. The fire started in the front of the plant which had been closed down for several days awaiting the arrival of a governor for the engine. This was removed and carried away by some unknown person a few days ago.

The plant was completely destroyed, together with a small quantity of timber.

**State Sunday School Convention.**

The State Sunday School Convention will be held in Concord, April 6, 7, 8, 1909, beginning on the evening of April 6th. Every Sunday School in the County should be represented, and it is especially urged that officers of Township Associations attend if possible. The program is now out, and the best one for years. Those who attended the Reidsville and Burlington Conventions will be delighted to hear that Rev. Grant C. Tullar and Mr. I. H. Meredith of New York are to attend and will have charge of the Convention music.

**Farmers Aroused.**

Hertford County held a "Corn-Judging Day" last week. The meeting was arranged by Congressman Small with the help of the State Agriculture Department. Addresses on the selection of seeds, use of fertilizers, cultivation, etc with practical demonstrative work composed the program. Thousands of farmers attended and exhibited many varieties of seeds. The instruction was both interesting and of great value to the Hertford farmer.

**Blood Shed In Pitt.**

Pitt County had three homicides last week. All three of the murderers were negroes. Two negroes and one white man were the victims. The quarrels were over frivolous affairs, one of them over the possession of a pair of kid gloves.

**High Point Civic Improvement League.**

High Point has fallen into line and has a civic improvement league which is striving hard to accomplish for that city what it has done for so many other cities.

The wireless telegraphy station at Cape Henry has been moved to Beaufort, N. C.

change made in the revenue system of the State.

There is a change in the machinery act that takes the work of assessing the capital stock and other taxable features of banks and corporations generally from the department of the State auditor and transfer it to the Corporation Commission.

### A DUTY AND A BLESSING.

The Sunday School Times believes in life insurance. It counts the carrying of life insurance a duty and a blessing. The editors and publishers of the paper, past and present, for two generations at least, have acted upon what they held to be their own duty by carrying personal life to the full extent of their means.

Life insurance offers us the opportunity of caring for those who are dependent upon us, by our making a moderate expenditure during the years when we are able to do so, the rate of this expenditure being determined, not by chance or guess work, but by accurate study of known facts. When the time comes for the life insurance to be paid to the beneficiary expense falls upon no one person, but is divided among a great number of persons who have combined their money, or "premiums," for exactly this purpose,—to help each other.

In other words, the buying of life insurance is, in principle, like the buying of any other provision for the needs of the future which God has placed in our care. As one reader suggests, if a man who is going on a journey counts it a duty to provide in advance for food and clothing and other necessities for his family during the time of his absence, in order that they shall not be a burden to others, he must properly count it a duty to provide against those same needs of his dear ones, if he has the means and the opportunity to do so, in preparation for that anxiety which will leave them for the last time on earth. Life insurance gives him this opportunity. Duty doing here, as in all things, indicates more faith in God, rather than less.—Sunday School Times, Feb 28 1909.

### SUPERIOR COURT.

Record of Proceedings—Criminal Docket at Flathead Wednesday.

Randolph Superior Court convened Monday morning with Judge E. B. Jones, presiding. After the usual preliminaries the following gentlemen were selected and sworn as members of the Grand Jury: J. W. Hadley, foreman; Isham Jones, J. J. Welch, M. V. Brooks, W. R. Julian, A. C. Harris, J. G. Coward, J. W. Birkhead, C. S. Redding, Monroe D. Gray, J. W. Richardson, Allison McNeil, J. G. Henson, W. H. Lineberry, Harris Sanders, J. S. Coole, A. E. Hardin, J. L. Swain. C. L. Coble was appointed officer to the Grand Jury.

This is the first term of Randolph court at which Judge Jones has presided and his charge to the grand jury was heard with interest by a crowded court room. His charge was not long, but thorough and comprehensive. He dealt at length on the greater crimes, and the effect upon the social life of a community, especially the slandering of innocent women. He charged the jury to be especially careful in protecting the character of our women from the slimy tongue of the slanderer.

His Honor was also broad in his charge referring to embezzlement, carrying concealed weapons, enforcement of prohibition laws, lynching, gambling, etc.

Judge Jones referred in complimentary terms to the erection of a new courthouse in Randolph.

The following were sworn as Petit Jurors:—S. W. Moon, S. W. Lanier, J. A. Burgess, Sam'l Davis, C. M. Spencer, J. D. Brower, T. L. Jurors: J. M. Hinchaw, C. R. Curtis, S. E. Lowdermilk, C. E. Kearns, E. M. Cagle.

The following cases were tried: State vs. Garney Millikan, disturbing religious worship, verdict guilty.

State vs. Clayton Hunt, larceny, continued.

State vs. Garney Millikan, disturbing congregation, verdict guilty. Defendant fined \$20 and cost.

State vs. Jno. Wesley Foust, forgery, verdict guilty.

State vs. Wm. Haddock, a. w. d. w. plead guilty.

State vs. Geo. Isley, Cooper Moffitt, Team Tompkins, a. w. d. w. Isley, plead guilty and judgment was continued upon payment of costs.

State vs. Robt. L. Steed, rude conduct at church, verdict guilty.

State vs. O. A. Campbell, failing to list poll tax, plead guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of costs and taxes.

State vs. Bad Foster and Daniel Wilkerson, rude conduct at church, plead guilty. Judgment continued upon payment of costs.

State vs. Henry Rich, Carl Jarrell, a. w. d. w. plead guilty. Judgment \$5 and cost.

State vs. Henry Pressnell, forcible trespass, plead guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs. Emer Cox, Walter Tyssinger and Melon Lambert, larceny, Cox and Tyssinger plead guilty. Judgment \$10 and costs.

State vs. Wm. Haddock, a. w. d. w. Judgment \$10 fine and costs.

State vs. Fred Baldwin, a. w. d. w. verdict guilty. Judgment six months on county roads.

State vs. Dillard Gatlin and Kelly Boggs, a. w. d. w.; Gatlin plead

guilty and began plead not guilty. Verdict guilty as to Gatlin and not guilty as to Boggs. Judgment that Gatlin serve 90 days on county roads.

State vs. Will Franks, injury to building. Verdict, not guilty.

State vs. Geo. Tucker, larceny and receiving. Verdict not guilty.

State vs. Elmore Luterloh, c. c. w. plead guilty. Judgment suspended.

State vs. Clyde Snow, verdict guilty of simple assault. Judgment 30 days on county roads.

State vs. Arch Winlow and Graham Osborn, a. w. d. w. Verdict guilty as to Winslow. Judgment \$25.00 and costs.

State vs. Rollin Pierce and Dewitt Robbins, a. w. d. w. verdict guilty. Judgment suspended.

State vs. John Bray, plead guilty of forcible trespass. Judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs. Bettle Harley and Braxton Hall, manufacturing liquor, verdict guilty. Defendants to serve 4 months on public roads of Randolph.

There were few cases on the criminal docket at this term.

The grand jury finished its work yesterday afternoon at which time the court received its report and ordered them discharged.

The criminal docket was virtually finished yesterday at noon.

On the civil docket there are more than 100 cases which, if tried, will continue the term near the end of next week.

In the case of W. N. Elder vs. Kennedy Table Co., Receiver J. Parkin was ordered by the court to pay all claims against the bankrupt company at the rate of 12 1/2 cents on the dollar, and to make final report as receiver, and be discharged.

As we close our forms the evidence in the case T. W. Craven, by his next friend, A. S. Craven, vs. Worth Mfg. Co., of Worthville, is being heard.

**Wreck Near Hickory.**

On last Friday morning, seven miles above Hickory, a wreck occurred by the flange on the front wheel of a coal car heavily loaded, bursting, causing the wheel to give way and hurling four car loads of live stock down a steep embankment. One of the cars was loaded with 26 horses and mules belonging to R. R. Reg. of Asheboro, 15 of which were killed and the remainder sold by the railroad authorities without notifying Mr. Ross until Saturday evening when he received a telegram about five o'clock. The loss to Mr. Ross is about four thousand dollars.

**Buys Interest In Chair Factory.**

C. C. Cranford, who recently sold the Crown Roller Mills to a new company, has purchased a controlling interest in the Randolph Chair Company, securing the stock of G. G. Hendricks in the chair factory property and the store house and a lot now occupied by G. G. Hendricks' store.

Mr. Cranford will take charge of the factory succeeding Mr. Hendricks as manager April 1st.

**Flood at Montgomery.**

The greatest flood in the history of Montgomery, Ala., is threatened on account of a 50 foot rise in the Alabama river. The flood has blocked traffic to a considerable extent and families are moving away from North Montgomery to places of safety.

### NEWS IN BRIEF.

Rev. A. H. Wynkoop, of Morgantown, has accepted pastoral work with the Albemarle Baptist Church.

The S. A. L. depot at Youngville, Wake County, was burned last Friday.

Mrs. Walter G. Newman lost a hand bag containing \$6,000 worth of jewelry between Gold Hill and Salisbury Friday.

Mrs. Gay Kearsy died in Salisbury on March 9th. Death was due to typhoid fever. She leaves a husband and two little children.

Rich Wilson, a negro, who shot policeman Livingston at that place last November was arrested at Salisbury last week.

A new court house is being talked for Stanley county. The commissioners empowered to sell the old building and issue bonds if necessary.

The whole State is interested in the recovery of Editor J. P. Caldwell of the Charlotte Observer, whose paralytic stroke of some ten days ago does not seem to be of a permanent nature.

Gov. Kitchin has instructed the attorney general to institute suit against the State of Tennessee to establish the boundary line between the States. The strip of land in question is 15 miles long and 4 miles wide.

Capt. W. K. G. Vanderford, of New York, aged 69 years, died at Salisbury Monday. Capt. Vanderford was a Confederate veteran of Co. H., 23d North Carolina Regiment.

P. W. Danford, of New York, arrested as aide at Wadesboro Sunday, but will recover. Low spirited over a love affair he attempted to destroy himself.

John C. Lunsden, the Raleigh man who killed Harry Suidam, broker, in New York, was sentenced to 19 years and six months in Sing Sing penitentiary.

The evidence in the Cooper-Jarmack case at Nashville is now with the jury. The last speaker closed Monday and Tuesday the judge delivered his charge.

The superintendent of the Southern railway has consented to cooperate with the Thomasville authorities and the civic league in helping to beautify the Commons along the railroad throughout that town, and work will begin in a short time.

The Alamance Gleaner says Mr. and Mrs. Jas. J. White are selling their property at Graham and will make their home with their son, W. P. White, at Ramoth. Mr. White has held a number of offices at the hands of the people of Alamance and is a popular gentleman.

A small wreck on the S. A. L. near Aberdeen Saturday, caused by the engineer misreading his orders, resulted in the death of Hassey Lindsay, colored fireman, and injury to three members of the train crew and two passengers.

The governments of Mexico and the United States will make an effort to settle the differences which caused a clash between the Central American governments last week. War has been declared between Nicaragua and Salvador.

A negro entered the store of J. A. Coltrane near the Fair grounds at Greensboro Monday morning and demanded with drawn knife that Mr. Coltrane deliver to him a roll of money which he had in his hand. Mr. Coltrane refused and the negro snatched the money and escaped.

Hook & Rodgers, architects, of Charlotte, have been authorized to prepare plans for the Methodist Children's Home at Winston-Salem. The field secretary has secured \$19,000 for the institution and work will begin when this amount is increased to \$13,000.

John R. Ireland, a well-to-do farmer, of Alamance county, died Sunday at his home near Burlington. J. A. Ireland, of Burlington, St. Clair Ireland, of Muncie, Ind., Miss Etta Ireland, of Burlington and Mrs. Herndon, of High Point, are the surviving children.

### HELPER A SUICIDE.

Native of Davie County Takes His Own Life.

### COULD NOT FACE FAILURE IN RAILROAD PROJECT.

Hinton R. Helper was a well known author, native of North Carolina—A Story of His Life—Lived at Salisbury.

Hinton Rowan Helper, for years a resident of Salisbury and a man of considerable native ability, committed suicide in Washington City March 9th.

A nephew of the suicide, Daniel H. Helper, and a niece, Mrs. E. W. Stoughton, live in Mechanicsville, N. C., the site of the old Helper estate.

Mr. Helper lived in Salisbury at one time and just before the war he wrote a book, "The Impending Crisis," in which he predicted the Civil War. This was known as the Helper Book. The people of Salisbury were so outraged by the views of the author that he was compelled to leave the town. While in Salisbury he lived on East Innis Street in the house now occupied by Capt. Richard Eames.

The Charlotte Observer gives the following account of the tragic act which was committed in a room at 628 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, in which the body was found with a towel about his neck with the gas turned on.

The body was discovered lying across the cot, partially dressed; the coroner examined the body and gave a certificate of suicide by asphyxiation. The body was removed to the morgue.

Helper was last seen alive Wednesday evening. He appeared despondent, declaring "There is no justice in this world," and that he "was tired of living, anyway." Nothing more was seen of him until the body was found.

At the rooming house today it was said that the old gentleman had been in low spirits for some time.

He engaged the room March 18, 1908, a little less than a year ago. Previously he had a room at 806 Twelfth street. His financial affairs it is stated, had apparently been in a bad state of late.

Papers and letters found in the room where Helper took his life revealed the fact that he was evidently deeply interested in only one matter, the project to build a great international railway, to extend through North, Central and South America. Copies of letters were found addressed principally to George R. Starkweather and to the Treasurer of the United States which he had written at various dates.

That he had told out little of his affairs, further than he had a claim which he was seeking to get before Congress, is apparent. It is asserted that he became more despondent recently, when the Representative who had been working on his case failed of reelection to the coming session of Congress.

Those who had come in contact with Helper said they believed the railway idea had affected his mind. He was constantly trying to borrow large sums of money, for which he claimed the lenders would receive tremendous returns.

Hinton Rowan Helper was born in North Carolina December 27, 1829. In 1863 he married Maria Rodriguez at Buenos Ayres. He received an academic education and was United States consul at Buenos Ayres from 1862 to 1866. Since that time he devoted himself to the promotion of his projected three American railways to eventually run from Behring Strait to the Straits of Magellan.

Mr. Helper was the author of "The Impending Crisis of the South," published in 1857; the "Three American Railways," "No-Joke," "The negroes in Negro-land," "The Land of Gold," "Oddments of Andean Diplomacy" and other works. He was a familiar figure in Washington and especially about the halls of Congress during its sessions. He was a man of great ability and had as sincere friends many of the leading thinkers of this and the past century.

It was learned late Tuesday that Helper's wife, who was a Spanish woman, is now blind and living in Buenos Ayres.