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Side Lights on Important
of Legislation and Other Things.

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Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 31.—The fifth week of the General Assembly begins with practically nothing done towards the consummation of several of the most important measures and questions which have been scheduled to claim a large share of its attention during the present sixty days' session, but no one need be surprised at this fact, for it has been the practice of nearly or quite all of the Legislatures of recent years in this State to defer till the closing days of the session most of the more important matters which they have been called upon to deal with. Why, this deponent saith naught.

The "trust busters" especially have displayed a notorious penchant for this sort of thing—those who earnestly and honestly engage the "Octopus" in battle with high motives and unselfish desire to work changes in the statutory laws which they think would accomplish good for the people and the State, and those demagogic major-dromos who pose for the political galleries and split the welkin with meaningless verbosity and vain platitudes and worse for no other purpose than to fool the people in order to possibly further some political ambition which they happen to be nursing or to accomplish some personal desire. Both classes have figured more or less successfully in several of the recent sessions of the Legislature. It is therefore both amusing and interesting to experienced persons (and especially to newspaper men of some probity and discernment that enable them to detect the true from the false) to watch the present period of incubation, which is not without the amusing features.

Since "Chief Justice Stronach," of the Raleigh Police Court, furnished last week to a waiting world his heavy written "opinion" in the case which he decided recently in favor of the Standard Oil Company, it would seem that the present alleged pink tea enactment (to which the Legislatures of 1907 and 1909 gave birth and supposed nourishment respectively) needs some more tonic if there is anything in the State legislative medicine chest at all adapted and available for the strengthening of its statutory knees. Of course there are those who claim there is nothing in stock to meet the patient's needs and requirements—that the same aching void exists in all the medicine chests of the States singly, and that Uncle Sam is the only doctor capable of writing and filling an effective prescription to reach the seat of the disease. If that is admitted why not wipe the ineffectual and useless law off the statute books, and make a more urgent demand upon Congress?

But it is not "admitted" by many, although statute after statute is enacted and amended and permitted to cumber the law books for years at the time without even so much as an honest effort to try to enforce it.

It will be readily recalled that Governor Kitchin expressed the opinion that the present statute would prove "effective." Yet his Attorney General and all the sixteen solicitors of the State let it repose peacefully in the "Public Laws of 1909" before it was given as much as one very small try to assert itself—and it is understood that even then the thing was sort of forced on the prosecution. And now Judge Stronach, of Raleigh's High Police Court, tells Governor Kitchin he was badly off his base when he made that expression of faith which we have just recalled. All of which goes to make us all appear especially anxious to see what modus operandi these new doctors of laws are going to do about it.

Important Legislation Beginning to Receive Attention.

But a number of the more important measures will receive attention and some of them enacted during the next week or two.

The Stubbs Constitutional Convention matter will be discussed at a night session Thursday of this week. It may not be concluded then. But with the lights before us it is safe to predict that it will be ultimately rejected. Not that some of the changes which the Representative from Martin advocates are not desirable, and in a few instances even urgent, but because it appears to be the consensus of opin-

ion that it will be best to secure these changes and additions by the submission of amendments to the Constitution to the voters of the State at the next regular general election. That it would be unwise (in the opinion of some) and impracticable (in the opinion of others) to call a Constitutional Convention at this time.

Two of the amendments which will be ordered submitted for ratification by the people will be to work a reform in the judicial system of the State and to relieve the Legislature of much of the minor subjects which require legislation at its hands at present. However, it is very apparent that there is not unanimity as to the scope of the things which are to be taken out of the General Assembly. For instance, there is developing considerable opposition to the large number of subjects thus recited in the bill introduced last week by Senator Sykes. It is claimed that some of the matters alleged as trivial are really among the most important, and that power to deal with them should not be relegated too hastily to less responsible and representative agencies. There is also opposition to the giving of the veto power to the Governor of North Carolina, although every other governor, save two, I believe, has that power. The proposition embodied in the Sykes bill does not actually invest the Governor with a veto power on the same plane that other states allow their Chief Executives. For the Sykes bill only allows the Governor to "disapprove" a bill. It is true that such disapproval of itself serves to send the bill back to the branch of the Legislature in which it originated "for reconsideration." But it is as plainly stated that the two branches can, upon such reconsideration, again pass the same bill, identically in the words in which it was clothed when the Governor "disapproved" it, over the governor's disapproval and by only a simple majority vote.

A so-called "veto" like that would not be much of an asset for any governor to attempt to prevent the enactment of any measure. The ten days at the ending of the sixty days' session which is allowed the governor to act on a measure, in signing bills, would invest him with an absolute veto power, however, as the Sykes bill reads at present. For under it the governor could withhold action on any bill passed during all the last ten days and after the legislators had gone home refuse his signature to any or all of them, if he so pleased. Under the rule the governor would probably become the only real thing as a "trust buster" or vice versa, as the trust bills are always the last thing to go through the legislative hopper. Ditto with many other of the more important subjects of legislation.

So it is not improbable that when this pregnant fortification of the proposed Sykes amendments is discovered by or pointed out to some of the law-makers there will be a motion or two to "amend" that instrument.

Important Committees Wrestling With Big Problems.

The revenue bill is now getting serious attention at the hands of the joint committee. Its proportion is an even harder job than usual this year. The opponents of all bond issues might as well prepare to take their medicine as pacifically as possible. The thing can't be did any other way.

That legalized State primary proposition is keeping some folks here awake o' nights and there is going to be a hot time in caucus when the time comes to settle it. As to the redistricting of the State it will be one of the last things of the session and the Congressmen will just about have time to get here from Washington after adjournment of Uncle Sam's legislature to raise the rucus that is said to be cooking for them.

Several seats have been vacant because of the ravages of blind tigers recently, but they are showing signs of life again this week.

Citizens of Guilford Meet

An enthusiastic meeting was held in the court house in Greensboro last Saturday by the citizens of Guilford and from every section of Guilford. They came opposing the formation of Piedmont county and speeches and resolutions were made to that effect.

Honor Roll for Liberty Graded School

The following pupils have neither been absent nor tardy for the month ending January 20, 1911:

- First Grade—Virginia Cole, Gertrude Cole, Mary Curtis, Mary Amick, Cora Wheeler, Gordon McPherson, Vestal Cook.
- Second Grade—Myrtle York, Annie Louis Smith, Alma Stuart, Louis Lindley, Johnnie Albright, Floyd York, Pate Overman, Allie Cook, Verne Amick, Robert Reitzel Theyer, Martin, George Ellis, Charlie Frazier.
- Third Grade—Rena Clapp, Irene Clapp, Mary Lee Smith, Martha Caudle, Jaunita Reese, Lucile Kime, Eula Wheeler, Lila McMaisters, Altie Hudson, John Wesley Frazier, Elven Frazier, Worth Frazier, Willie Ellis, Rossie Kivett.
- Fourth Grade—Earl Frazier, Boyd Reitzel, Glenn Caudle, Lydia Pickett, May Shepherd, Clara Hinshaw, Linnie McMaisters.
- Fifth Grade—Brower York.
- Sixth Grade—Howard McPherson, Allene Curtis, Emma Reese, Bland Trogdon, Lyster Frazier.
- Seventh Grade—Parks Pickett, Bonnie Hatch, Bernice Pike.
- Eighth Grade—Eva Swain, Paul Staley, Wade York, Paul McPherson.
- Ninth Grade—Violet Teague, Blanche Welch, John Harley.
- Tenth Grade—Ora Brower, Mabel Pickett.

Farmer High School Honor Roll.

The high grade of work done by some of the students during the month of January requires an even greater distinction than the Honor Roll, therefore, the following should have their names placed on the High Honor Roll:

- First grade—Vernon Nance.
 - Third grade—Tom Kearns.
 - Eighth grade—Moleta Macon, Effie Pressnell.
 - Tenth grade—Kate Dorsett, Walter Kearns and Hope Hubbard.
- Honor Roll.
- First grade—Bernice Kearns.
 - Second grade—Sid Kearns and Lewis Kearns.
 - Third grade—Etta Pierce.
 - Fourth grade—Neal Kearns and Janie Elliott.
 - Fifth grade—Lucile Kearns.
 - Sixth grade—Elmer Birkhead.
 - Eighth grade—Claude Burkhead, Dorothy Hubbard, Roy Cox, Clarence Macon.
 - Ninth grade—Gartrude Ridge.
 - Tenth grade—Rosa Barnes.

Splendid Work Being Done By Thomasville Baraca Class.

The Baraca class of the Thomasville Main Street M. E. church, since its organization two years ago, has done splendid work. The visit of Field Secretary Luther M. Tesh recently has been an inspiration to better things. The president, teachers, committees and members alike are thoroughly interested and at work, as shown by the new members added each Sunday. The class hopes to interest and win to the work not only every young man in Thomasville, but those who may come as strangers to the town.

The class supports one child in the children's home.

In Memory.

The spirit of Carrie Rush returned to the Father who gave it, Jan. 13th 1911. The body was laid to rest in the Concord cemetery, the burial services being conducted by Rev. Stover.

Carrie was the four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mint Rush. She was the pet of parents and grand parents. She was singing her favorite song, "Oh, How I Love Jesus" when she was taken ill, dying suddenly. She seemed some rare exotic transplanted for a season to gladden the home. Carrie is safe with Him who said, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." The grief stricken parents have the sympathy of their many friends. L. T.

Died.

Mr. Tyrell S. Smith, of Grant township, died last week, being 86 years, 5 months and 12 days of age. Deceased leaves a widow, one son and four grandchildren, who feel deeply the loss of their departed loved one.

Gossip and Yellow Journals form some characters.

FINE CHICKENS.

New Breeds in This Section Doing Well.

Mr. F. G. Fish has established a poultry farm in the northern part of Asheboro and has a fine lot of White Wyandottes and Plymouth Rocks.

He has a large flock of Anconas, an Italian breed, which originated many years ago in Ancona, Italy. They have been bred in England for half a century. The Anconas were brought to America fifteen years ago by H. Cecil Shepherd, of Ohio. In the West and in the Middle West and many breeders in the East are realizing profits from this popular strain of useful birds.

The Anconas originated from the Leghorn and Minorca, and are mottled with white and black. The Anconas hold the world's record for egg production.

Mr. Fish has spared neither time nor money in getting the best and finest strains of birds. All the birds he has purchased were selected from prize pens.

Mr. Fish offers settings of these popular breeds at a lower price to the readers of The Courier than he charges in his advertisements in the poultry journals.

How to Fix Up the Front Yard.

The key to beautiful home grounds is the lawn. Any smooth, grassy surface suitably bounded is an object to be admired. A house is made important not only by its own size, but by the size of the lawn in front of it. The beauty of the lawn is its unbroken character, and anything that destroys this destroys the lawn. The rule is to keep the center absolutely clear with the exception possibly of trees.

A common belief prevails that grass will not flourish in the shade of large trees, and so people often excuse the barren wind swept lawn by saying that grass and trees will not flourish on the same space, and that they prefer trees. Now, the facts are that practically the only place that the beautiful blue grass does flourish in the South is in the shaded lawn. Trees with surface root offer rather serious obstacles to the growing of grass but as successful lawn grass as I have ever seen has been cultivated on a lawn thickly studded with maples. The trouble with the lawn is that the seed bed is too shallow. A first class lawn can not be made without 6 or 8 inches of good soil. With the yard well drained, 3 to 6 inches of clay, over which there is at least four inches of soil made rich by cowpans and good stable manure, no good reason exists for the presence of the broomswept, cheerless front yards so common among us.—Mrs. F. L. Stevens, in Progressive Farmer.

The Fisher Shipp Company Tuesday Night.

On next Tuesday night February 7th, the Fisher Shipp Co., will appear in the graded school auditorium the same being one of the lycum numbers scheduled for the season. This company comes to us well recommended by the press and public.

We feel safe in saying that all who avail themselves of this opportunity to witness this entertainment will be highly pleased with every number on the program.

Cross Roads School Honor Roll.

The following pupils of Cross Roads School, having made 90 per cent in attendance and in all their studies are entitled to be placed on the Honor Roll for the second month.

- First grade—William Comer, Chas. Comer.
- Second grade—Beets Puntney, Harvey Yow.
- Third grade—Wesley Davis, Ola Davis, Robert Wilson.
- Fourth grade—Homer Brown, Raphael Richardson.
- Fifth grade—Walter Brown, Wendell Richardson, Robert Yow, Mildard Lowdermilk, Lillie Davis, Treva Richardson.
- Sixth grade—Floyd Davis, Earl Lowdermilk, Girard Richardson, Dena Yow, Heppie Wilson, Stacy Lowdermilk.

The Daughters of the Confederacy are working on the play, "Bachelors Congress," which will be given about the middle of February.

Encouragement Given to Merging Plans at a Joint Meeting

The movement to federate or consolidate the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and the Methodist Protestant Church had its inception nearly ten years ago, it is said, and has progressed steadily, though slowly. The sub committee at its meeting in Cincinnati drew up plans as a basis for the consolidation of the different bodies and will submit them to a meeting of the commission of twenty-seven to be held in Chattanooga, May 17.

The subcommittee is composed of Bishop Earl Cranston, of Washington; Bishop John M. Walden, of Cincinnati, and R. P. Miller, L. L. D., of Cincinnati, representing the Methodist Episcopal Church; the Rev. Dr. T. H. Lewis, of Westminster, Md.; the Rev. Dr. M. L. Jennings, of Pittsburg, and S. R. Harris, of Henderson, N. C., representing the Methodist Protestant Church; and Bishop E. E. Ross, of Nashville; the Rev. Frank M. Thomas, D. D., of Louisville, and W. G. M. Thomas, of Chattanooga, representing the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The three churches involved have communicants numbering more than 6,000,000 persons.

NEWS BRIEFS.

April 30th has been set aside this year as "Tuberculosis Day" and will be observed in 200,000 churches in the country in a similar manner to that of "Tuberculosis Sunday" in 1910 when over 40,000 sermons were preached on the prevention of tuberculosis.

William Sizemore, of Winston, while in an intoxicated condition sat down upon the railroad track near Rural Hall and fell asleep and was struck and killed by a train Friday night.

Hon. Z. V. Walsler, of Lexington, and others will address the Good Roads meeting in the court house Monday, February 6th. Let everybody come. There is no question of more importance to Randolph citizens than the question of road improvement.

The retiring Sheriff, S. L. Hayworth, has completed his rounds collecting the taxes for 1910 and those who have not paid their taxes are urged to call on him at his office in the court house and do so at once as he is compelled to make immediate settlement for these taxes.

The body of Editor Cromortie, of Soperton, Ga., was found by hunters in the swamps near Hamlet this week. He mysteriously disappeared some months ago from the Hamlet hotel. His possessions, money, etc., were unmolested when found.

Tilmon Caylor, a wealthy Atlantian, who had wired his attorney to meet him in Shelby, has created some excitement. It is in jumping from a Seaboard train before reaching his destination. The injuries he sustained were slight. His mind is unbalanced.

The town of Mexicali, on the western coast of Mexico, was captured by the insurgents. The insurrection goes on without abatement.

Much interest is being aroused in Randolph over the road question and it is gratifying.

The Womens' College at Lutherville, Md., was burned Tuesday. It was a total loss entailing about \$100,000.

A bill increasing the Governor's salary from \$4,000 to \$6,000 has passed both houses.

W. I. Linkshaw's sales stables were burned in Lumberton Monday night of this week, resulting in loss of buildings, ten mules and one horse.

A Pittsburg Trust Company has purchased the entire issue of four per cent bonds of the Southbound Railway, amounting to five million dollars.

Bust of Chief Justice Ruffin to be Placed in the Capital in Raleigh

The bust of Chief Justice Ruffin, which is to be placed in the Capital in Raleigh, will have the following inscription: "Presented by the lawyers of North Carolina." There are 1,500 practicing lawyers in the State and they expect to raise \$1,000 without difficulty for this bust which will honor the memory of Judge Ruffin.

The Pros and Cons of Piedmont

Are Heard by the Committee—No Report Has Been Made—Randolph and Others Ably Represented.

The hearing before the Committee on Cities, Towns and Counties, was begun Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. Pete Murray, of Salisbury, an attorney employed to represent High Point, began the argument for the new county. He was followed by Wade H. Phillips, another lawyer for the proposition. F. J. Finch, whose interests in High Point and Thomasville financially are large, also said he favored the new county. Elwood Cox, Thos. Gold, Representative Kirkman, Prescott Robinson and others from High Point spoke for the proposition. Ex-Governor Aycock closed in a thirty minutes speech for High Pointers.

Col. Morehead, Dr. Gordon, Prof. T. A. Foust, John Wilson and others represented the county of Guilford.

Randolph citizens who have opposed the movement from the beginning were represented by Messrs. J. A. Spence, Henry Robins, J. T. Brittain, Eugene Coltrane, W. N. Elder and Wm. C. Hammer. These gentlemen laid before the committee Randolph's disapproval in a strong and convincing manner.

Z. V. Walsler and Capt. Williams, of Davidson, representing the citizens of the county, were opposed and made strong speeches.

As we have said before, no reason has yet been given for the formation of Piedmont more than to gratify the hopes and ambitions of some High Point citizens. It is a fact that no reason was presented to the committee that would justify them in reporting favorably.

It will be several days before the committee reports and should the proposition receive any favorable consideration at the hands of the committee then a minority report would be made in opposition, and then the measure to create the new county would have to pass three readings in both houses.

Little uneasiness on the part of the citizens of Davidson, Guilford and Randolph is felt and less hope is entertained by those who have so enthusiastically been clamoring for the county seat.

Delegation Goes to Raleigh.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Randolph Club held in the rooms Saturday night named the following gentlemen as a committee to go to Raleigh to appear before the committee opposing the formation of Piedmont county. The gentlemen left Monday afternoon, except Mr. W. H. Watkins, who had gone from Rameur Saturday, and Solicitor Hamner, who went from his court at Statesville.

Arthur Ross, R. R. Ross, Geo. T. Murdock, ex-Sheriff H. Syworth, J. A. Spence, W. C. Hammond, Seth W. Laughlin, D. B. McCrary, J. O. Redding, J. D. Ross, H. M. Robins, E. C. Pearce, M. W. Parrish, Dr. H. B. Hiatt, W. J. Scarborough, W. N. Elder, L. C. Phillips, J. D. Dorsett, Frank Cameron, W. H. Watkins, Hugh Parks, T. J. Redding, C. C. Cranford, P. H. Morris, R. L. White, R. C. Palmer, J. E. Walker.

Miss Batie Harris Dead.

On last Friday morning at 3:30 o'clock, Miss Batie Harris, of High Point, died and was buried near her old home a few miles from Lexington, Saturday. For some time Miss Harris was employed as a stenographer in Asheboro. About three months ago she was stricken with typhoid fever and was taken to a hospital in High Point, where she died.

Miss Harris was the daughter of Mr. Thos. Harris, of High Point, formerly of this county and was a young lady much loved by all who knew her. She was a true hearted Christiana, and delighted in rendering deeds of kindness to those with whom she was associated.

Thirty Years in Pen.

The old German proverb that the only good mother-in-law was the one upon which the geese feed on her gown, cost Herbert Moring, of Goldsboro thirty years in the penitentiary.