

BILLS ENACTED DURING CLOSING DAYS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LAW-MAKERS ADJOURNED MONDAY AND RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES

Speaker Dowd Gives Silver Service—Dillard, of Cherokee, The Spokesman

The General Assembly of North Carolina for 1911 has adjourned and its members gone home.

Whatever it has done, whether wise or unwise, the session just closed is part of history. It has gratified many. On the other hand the enacting or failure to enact certain legislation has been a great disappointment to many.

The Senate amending the Turlington anti-trust bill, which was enthusiastically passed by the House, is regarded as a calamity.

None the less deplorable was the fate of the Torrens land title bill, when it reached the Senate after having been passed in the house by a vote of 67 to 11.

The 60-hour labor bill has been enacted and the Pethel bill regulating the crossing of railroads and electric lines has passed with an amendment that it does not apply to towns of a population under 5,000.

The House passed bill requiring additional educational qualifications for medical licenses, which had been defeated at two previous sessions of the Legislature.

The Senate killed the Koonce insurance investigating bill.

The Governor's salary was fixed at \$5,000 instead of \$6,000 per annum.

The reapportionment in the Senate membership passed and put Edgecombe and Halifax counties in one district and Sampson county was changed from the 21st to the fourteenth district so as to make the fourteenth with Sampson county in it Democratic.

Also the bill appointing justices of the peace for North Carolina.

Other bills ratified included: To increase salary of the adjutant general; to authorize married woman to contract as if unmarried; to amend the insurance law as to classes of insurance; to prohibit sale of handling of liquor by clubs; establishing a free ferry across the Cape Fear river at Wilmington, and to protect employes and the traveling public by limiting the hours of service of employes.

Senator Hobgood's bill creating a county court empowered with civil and criminal jurisdiction in Guilford county passed both houses and was ordered enrolled.

To authorize the aldermen of Wilmington to expend annually \$10,000 for advertising.

To allow electric companies giving public service to use the highways for rights of way.

To provide for State text book commission composed of the council of State and six teachers.

The bill to amend the public school law was amended to cut the appropriation to public high schools from \$75,000 to \$50,000.

The resolution for a commission of investigation into the advisability of uniting the A. & M. College and the department of agriculture.

Despite over two hours' debate the Senate bill to amend the health laws of North Carolina passed just as it came from the House and it was ordered enrolled for ratification. The bill prescribes more stringent rules for the protection of watersheds of municipalities and enlarges the powers of the State board of health in dealing with public health problems.

Allow Stanly county to vote on bonds for roads.

Regulate the election of aldermen for the city of Raleigh at large instead of by wards. This was a concurrence in a Senate amendment.

Put Wilkes county officers on salaries. This was concurred in the Senate amendment to have salaries take effect at the expiration of the term of office of the present officers.

Provide traveling expenses of the Lieutenant Governor when on official business.

Regulate hunting quail in Guilford and Union counties.

Require registration of all deaths in towns of five hundred or more inhabitants.

CHIEF OF POLICE ARRESTED

R. E. Morris, Danville's chief of police was arrested and taken back to Georgia by two officers from that state who had the necessary requisition papers for him. Morris murdered a man in Georgia about 15 years ago for offering an insult to his sister, whereupon Morris killed him and was sentenced to life imprisonment. He began his sentence and afterwards escaped and located in Greensboro. After living there awhile he went to Danville, Va., and secured a job on the police force. His conduct had been such to entitle him to promotion to chief. A pardon will be asked the Governor of Georgia by the citizens of Danville, who held Morris in esteem.

Large Cotton Mills in Alamance Bankrupt.

Messrs B. S. Ruberson and John A. Trolinger and the Troutwood Manufacturing Co., all of New River, Alamance County have been adjudged bankrupts on their own petition. These are among the oldest mills in Alamance. The matters have been referred to G. S. Ferguson referee. J. R. Young has been appointed receiver for the Troutwood Mfg. Co. with Messrs. King & Kimball of Greensboro as attorneys for receiver.

These failures it is said are liable to carry another institution into bankruptcy at that place.

Senator Simmons Fights Canadian Reciprocity

Everyone may not agree with Senator Simmons but he is always conservative and vigorous. He studies every public question carefully and as a rule takes the correct view.

In the fight in the Senate last week we quote from the Charlotte Observer:

"To hear a Senator of the United States discuss the Canadian reciprocity treaty in the small hours of the morning between midnight and 2 o'clock, is a most unusual occurrence. It is especially unusual to hear one at this hour of the night discuss such a question with all the vigor and enthusiasm that he would use were it high noon. This was what Senator Simmons did last night while the cocks were about to crow for break of day. Mr. Simmons attacked the measure from all sides, declared the whole thing was undemocratic and full of iniquities and discriminations. It is a Republican scheme from start to finish, he declared, has been frequently endorsed by Republican platforms and is closely allied to a high protective tariff. If the bill is finally adopted to-morrow before the session ends it will be in spite of all that Senator Simmons can do to prevent it."

Married

Mr. W. B. Munsee, of Seagrove, was married to Miss Mary Presnell, also of Seagrove, on March 5th, at the home of Mr. Uriah Presnell in South Asheboro, J. S. Ridge officiating. Mrs. Munsee is the daughter of the late Nixon Presnell. Mr. Munsee is from Union City, Penn.; both are popular among many friends.

Important Junior Meeting.

On Saturday evening of the fourth Sunday March 26 1911 at 2:30 o'clock p. m. Cedar Council no. 310 O. U. A. M. of Cedar Falls N. C., will give a Religious Sermon at the M. F. Church Cedar Falls N. C. We will march from the Hall to Church and all of our neighboring Councils are kindly inviting to be present at our Hall and join us in this march. Rev. G. A. Langhlin will conduct the service at the church, and we expect many speeches from our neighboring brothers. The public is cordially invited to be present.

Released from Jail.

The two women of blonde complexion held in Charlotte jail for knowing something of the death of A. G. Winn, which was recorded in these columns last week have been released and investigation seems to point to Mr. Winn's death as a suicide.

TWO GUESTS PERISH IN BURNING HOTEL

The Tourist hotel at Lake View, eight miles from Carthage, was destroyed by fire at an early hour Tuesday morning.

Two guests, Mrs. Anns M. Barnes, and Mrs. G. O. Pettis, are dead as a result, the former's body not having been recovered at this writing. Mrs. Pettis sustained such injuries and fright as to cause her death. The structure was of wood and the sleeping guests had only time to get out of the burning building. The trunks, money and jewels of the guests were practically all lost.

The private homes of the little village were thrown open to the guests fleeing for their lives to places of safety.

The property loss was \$30,000.00 partly covered by insurance.

NEWS ITEMS

Mr. A. A. Spencer is making preparations to grow cotton on his farm near town.

Col. J. E. Walker is moving into his residence recently purchased by his son from Mrs. Ferree.

An unknown thief entered the depot Friday night at Pleasant Garden and secured clothing and other personal property belonging to the agent.

Governor Blesse and Chief Justice Jones are having a lively hit over the "fitness" of a Judge of a special term of court in South Carolina.

B. H. Lamb, of Siler City, who has been managing editor of the Spartanburg Journal for several months, has resigned to accept a place with the Norfolk Landmark.

The resignation of Secretary Balingier was made public this week and accepted by the President, who has appointed Walter L. Fisher, of Chicago, his successor.

Mr. U. A. Wharton, of Rock Creek township, has been appointed by the Clerk of Guilford county to succeed Mr. J. A. Davidson, who resigned as county commissioner.

The eight year old son of Samuel and Mary Adams found the bodies of his parents dangling from the attic of their home near Reading, Pa., Saturday last week. A note was left telling of their suicidal pact.

Abraham Reus, former boss of San Francisco, who has been out on bail, has been taken into custody, following a decision of the supreme court and will serve his term of 14 years in the penitentiary for bribery.

Major Stedman has appointed Elmer Long, of Graham, his private secretary. Mr. Long is a son of Mr. Jacob Long and a nephew of Judge Long, of Iredell.

The largest fire ever visiting Minneapolis was the one Saturday night which swept away the syndicate block entailing the loss of two lives and a million dollars in property.

C. M. Walker and Horace Gregg, two employes of the Champion Fiber Co., at Canton engaged in a quarrel Tuesday with the result that Gregg is at a hospital in Asheville with a bullet in his bowels from the pistol of Walker.

Mr. Clarence H. Poe's home returning from a trip around the world was greeted in New York by the sad intelligence of the death of his mother which occurred in Georgia where she was visiting. Her home was in Otham County and the funeral services will be held from Guilf, N. C.

Congressman John H. Small from North Carolina who spoke at a banquet in Trenton, N. J. Tuesday night, in alighting from an automobile which took him from railway station to the Chamber of Commerce, stopped in the way of an approaching trolley car and was dragged some fifteen feet, but without serious injury.

The Hayes murder trial is on in Whiteville this week and will probably continue all the week. The State has introduced testimony showing the close friendship between Mrs. Hayes and the man, who died with the name "Rose" on his lips, and where last summer Mrs. Hayes went to South Port and spent the night at the same hotel young Floyd was stopping at.

SIXTY-FIRST CONGRESS ADJOURNED SATURDAY

The President Calls New Congress In Extraordinary Session To Convene April 4th

The Sixty first Congress of the United States became history at noon, March 4th, when it adjourned. Within an hour President Taft had called the new Congress in extraordinary session and the date was fixed April 4th, at the request of many Democrats. This was carrying out the expressions of President Taft heretofore published that if the Canadian reciprocity bill did not pass he would do it. Now it will be considered by an overwhelming Democratic House and a small Republican majority in the Senate.

North Carolina's Senators have been very active during the session just closed, and in fact have accomplished much for our State. They have on all questions of any importance to the people been conspicuous figures for those things helpful to the people.

The resignation of Senator Bailey, of Texas, added to the exciting moments of the closing Congress. Mr. Bailey misjudged his Democratic colleagues' action on the Arizona statehood bill. The Speaker and Governor of Texas both refusing to accept the resignation gave time for reconsideration on the part of the Texas senator and he withdrew his resignation.

Poultry Show.

From the Montgomerian we learn that a Poultry Show will be given in December and the merchants of Troy are to give the premiums. Deep interest is shown by their action. No doubt that the association of that county and the association of this, both in their infancy, can be and as a matter of fact should be of mutual aid one to the other.

Joining the Corn Club.

Sixty-two boys have joined the Union County Boys' Corn Club. Last year thirty-two boys joined the club and contested for prizes. This year Boys' Corn Club is spoiling many a ten-bushel-per-acre farmer and is making 50, 75 and 100 bushel per acre men.—Monroe Enquirer.

Col. Joe Bese in speaking of the debate at Spencer on baptism sums it up by the following characteristic way:

A Presbyterian and a Baptist minister at Spencer are to have a debate on baptism. And all the while the devil is laughing in his sleeve. Lunatic asylums are needed in this country. But this proposed debate is not all the foolish things some preachers indulge in. Some of them preach sermons that have the effect of mixing up a poor devil who sometimes thinks he ought to be a better man. He hears these kind of sermons and gets addled. Why don't all the preachers preach salvation in plain words?

The Asheboro Postmaster

Confirmation of J. M. Barrow has been refused Senator Simmons stating that he would not allow confirmation until the charges which are filed and said to have been lost, were found.

Party at Worthville

On next Saturday night there will be a box party and old maid sale at Worthville. Prof. Roberson, of Randleman, will make an address and a good time is expected for all.

Married

Mr. Ed Baily formerly of Trinity township was married this week to Miss Darville an actress in Brooklyn New York. The ceremony was performed on the stage at the conclusion of the regular performance of the company of which they were both members.

Died

Miss Cary Phillips, sister of the late E. C. Phillips, died Monday of paralysis at the home of Frank Phillips on North Fayetteville Street. She was buried at Union Grove Church Tuesday.

Officers for Avery County.

Governor Kitchin announced Saturday the appointment of the officers for the new county of Avery formed out of portions of Watauga, Mitchell and McDowell by the Legislature. They are commissioners Brown, Hughes, Ralph Young and J. H. Heaton; clerk of the court, J. L. Janner; register of deeds, J. M. Pritchard; sheriff, Ed. S. Levin; treasurer, H. T. Norman; surveyor, J. M. Hodges; board of education, M. W. Oay, Robert Lewis, J. P. Hall.

No county seat was named in the bill creating Avery county, this being left to a vote of the people. The county officers appointed are to qualify March 15. At least three towns will compete for county seat.

The Randolph Poultry Association

At a meeting held in the office of Mr. J. T. Winslow last Monday the following officers were elected:

President, W. H. Pickard, Randleman; Secretary and Treasurer, A. E. Burns, Asheboro; First Assistant Secretary, S. T. Lassiter, Second Assistant, D. M. Sharpe and W. A. Coffin Third Assistant, The Vice Presidents, which number four, are as follows: B. A. Routh, Randleman Route 1; Steve Moffitt, Asheboro, R. F. B.; O. R. Curtis, Liberty, and N. P. Nelson, Spero.

F. G. Fish was elected Superintendent, with Seth W. Laughlin, J. B. Robbins and John Hammer Assistants.

A Committee was appointed to draft by-laws and regulations and when completed to report and have the President call another meeting at which time plans will be set in motion for the premium lists and show for this fall. It was an enthusiastic meeting. All parties interested in chickens in the county, who have not done so, should at once write the Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. A. E. Burns, at Asheboro, enclosing the membership fee of \$1.00 for one year.

Old Man Died.

Eli Cranford, aged 90 years, died at his home in New Hope township on Tuesday of this week. He served bravely and honorably throughout the Confederate army, although at the beginning of the war he was too old to go, but went from choice. The deceased was a strict member of the Methodist church and was noted for his piety.

He leaves surviving several children, among whom are W. T. Cranford, John M. Cranford and Pinkney Cranford.

Box Party at Why Not Academy

The school and community of Why Not Academy will give a box party at the Academy on Friday night, March 17th, opening at 7:30 p. m. The young ladies are respectfully requested to come and bring well-filled boxes. The public is cordially invited to come and enjoy the occasion. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school, to increase the school library. G. F. Garner, Prin.

Mr. Ben Royals, of Thomasville, and Miss Nonah Kennedy, of High Point were married last Thursday March 2nd.

W. L. Heaton at Staley is among the fourth class postmaster's appointed for North Carolina this week.

Lynchburg has been excited over the contested local option election and the victory of the "wets" this week will for awhile stop the suit as it is hardly probable it will be carried further.

The Supreme Court has decided that West Virginia shall pay its proportionate part of bonds owed by Virginia when West Virginia became a state, the amount being over \$7,000,000.