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THE COMMITTEES ARE THE REAL LABORING CLASSES OF THE LEGISLATURE WHO DO THINGS.

BIG THINGS LOOKED FOR

Judge Ewart Succeeds in Getting Road Law Changed as to Age of Young Men Working Roads From 18 to 21.

Don't ever get the idea into your head that the work of the general assembly is done while the house is actually in session. Far, far from the fatal truth would such an idea or impression be. The committees are the real incubators, so to speak, of the laws finally enacted by the legislature, and it's the committees that are the real laboring classes of that honorable body.

The house may stay in session for a couple of hours, say, just before adjournment, the list of committees scheduled to meet that afternoon is announced with place of meeting. If the committee to which a certain bill has been referred recommends its passage, it's reasonably sure to go through. If it doesn't, it won't. Some committee meetings resemble the house in session discussing a new anti-trust law, as for instance the last meeting of the insurance committee to which had been referred the Koonce bill providing for an investigation of the insurance companies of the state. There was a stenographer present, insurance men from all over the state, scores of telegrams were received and read, and some warm talks heard. All this was preliminary as to whether or not the committee should recommend the investigation.

As all of the members of the house serve on from one to many different committees it keeps the time from hanging heavily on their hands and saves them from homesickness. No, to be a member of a North Carolina legislature is not altogether a soft thing with four plunks and mileage attached, as many of the new members are discovering.

The legislature is three weeks old and there has been no important act yet passed, but they are getting in training to pass them. Of the nearly four hundred bills dropped into the hopper, forty-seven have become laws of the state. More local bills have been introduced and acted upon by one-third than at the last session, which is as it should be as it leaves the last half of the term for serious consideration of the really important measures and they are many—including the Western Training School, the establishment of which means so much to that part of the state, including a certain town known as Hendersonville.

Two years ago there were 2075 new laws placed on the book. It is believed the records of the present session will go beyond that and possibly reach the high water mark of six years ago when over three thousand were enrolled on the heavily burdened law books of the state.

Aside from the Western training school there are some heavy appropriations talked of. Maybe the appropriations will be made and then again maybe they won't be, for in dealing with a legislature you can't most always sometimes tell just what is or is not going to happen along that line. The appropriation of over half a million for the University, the proposed administration building to cost a million, the increase amounts asked by the various institutions, and again the Western Training school, all together represent a vast but absolutely necessary expenditure of the state's money—that is, if the different bills go through.

North Carolina is no longer a poor state. In educational affairs, for instance, she stands mighty close to the top, thank goodness, and she's going to stand at the very top, some day, thank goodness. The proposed administration building is clearly a necessity as is the western training school, while no man in the state would advocate anything but better and still better care of North Carolina's afflicted and incapable.

One of the happiest signs of the go ahead spirit now rampant throughout the commonwealth is the number of good roads bills introduced, one of them providing for state aid to counties expending three-fourths of the cost for that purpose, the state paying the remainder and also furnishing the necessary road machinery—a very big item indeed, as Press Patton will tell you. Davidson county, by the way, where they have been investigating the best methods of building roads, has a bill in the house authorizing a bond issue for the county for the purpose of constructing sand clay roads, having decided that method to be the best. Dr. Few has always been an earnest advocate of sand clay for Henderson county roads, as well as many others who have been giving the subject thought and attention. Hon. Logan Page, director of the Public Roads office of the United States, will address the general assembly in the hall of the house on Thursday night, January 26th.

Judge Ewart's amendment to Henderson's road law raising the age limit of those working the public roads from 15 to 21 years is a law, but none of the Judge's other measures of importance have yet emerged from the committees where they seem to be soundly slumbering. The Judge watches 'em, however, and is going to stir things up some in an effort to get his youngsters before the house, at least.

Senator O Max Gardner's bill increasing the governor's salary to six thousand will become a law. The increase becomes effective at the expiration of Governor Kitchin's term. The Torren's land title system stands an excellent chance at the hands of the law makers. It will make the transfer of land, or the borrowing of money with lands security, as simple as the present method of giving a note. It may be a little bit hard on the lawyers but certainly will benefit all others. One representative has a liquor bill all ready to be introduced to the members of the assembly, but that is as far as it will get—and it's going to get a real cold reception. It is very likely that near beer will get a severe slap which will put it out of business in North Carolina. Petitions and memorials to that effect are introduced almost every day.

The social features of the past week have been the smother given by the exclusive Capital Club to the general assembly, where there was everything needed to make the occasion a strictly memorable one: the celebration of Lee's birthday, when Representative Ewart of Henderson and Representative Williams of Buncombe made the principal addresses, and the entertainment given by the inmates of the Asylum for the Blind.

The Governor's reception, on the 25th, to the members of the legislature, will be the red letter social event of the present week. The reception will be held at the executive mansion, the Governor and Mrs. Kitchin, assisted by other state officers, and their wives, will receive the representatives of the people. Beautifully engraved invitations to the function have been received by the members of both houses, by the principal clerks and their assistants. Governor Kitchin looks older, more tired than when he spoke in Hendersonville over two

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HOW MUCH IS IT?

SPECULATION RELATIVE TO THIS TOWN'S POPULATION.

FROM ONE WHO KNOWS

Says That the Figures Will Hardly Reach Over 3,000—Other Real Live Facts.

When the last town in North Carolina above the 5000 population mark was heard from there were some in Hendersonville who felt a little disappointed. The majority of the citizens however never dreamed of such a gain. Many of them have placed Hendersonville in the 4,000 class.

The most conservative estimates have been made upon the percent of gain over the population of 1900. Hendersonville has grown perhaps more than any other mountain town, persistent advertising and wide awake citizens has caused the "lake city of the south" to open her gates to the flow of health seekers and pleasure goers, thus giving the town a welcome spirit that has brought more than a few people to live here the year round.

A man who is in a position to know fairly well what the exact population of the town is stated that the population was over 60 per cent increase from last census figures. The population of Hendersonville in 1900 was 1816. Sixty per cent gain would make nearly 3,000. This figure is around in the neighborhood of a great many guesses made upon the town's population in the past few months.

There is one thing sure and this cannot be disputed that Hendersonville's population (whatever it is) is more than double, yes, more in the summer season.

The Commercial Club has begun work on getting a sufficient fund to carry on successfully a judicial advertising campaign for Hendersonville, as resort town. Indications look as if even more will be spent this year than never before. Improvements out at Laurel park are only beginning to show bare outlines of the proposed plans of the wonderful developments of the most beautiful work of nature in the mountains of western North Carolina.

Within the past week two handsome summer bungalows have been started out at Laurel Park on the gradual slope of the hill side facing the new lake and with a clear view of the city of Hendersonville. The contract for building was placed with J. H. Jordan. H. C. Meyer prepared the plans, which shows the diagram for a beautiful little twin bungalow. The owners of the cottages, T. B. Kirneagham of Batesburg and J. P. Mathews, Columbia, were here several weeks ago for a days visit. They desired to have plans drawn and specifications made immediately. Mr. Meyers has the distinction of making sketches and plans for the cottage in one day.

Italian Boys.

Elbert Foland and the Italian boys gave a very pleasing entertainment in the court house last Tuesday evening as the second number of the Lyceum course.

The boys could make more music from four pieces than an ordinary band could from ten instruments. The crowd was thoroughly pleased with the program and many encores were made for the young lads.

Mr. Foland is a talented elocutionist and brought laughter from the audience more than once while in the midst of one of his readings.

The crowd attending the performance Tuesday night was larger than ever before. The Young Men's Christian Club are doing much to establish a Lyceum course in Hendersonville. Mr. Meyer, the manager deserves credit in the manner in which he conducts the Lyceum.



Miss Nowell has moved in the Carson cottage on sixth avenue and is conducting a boarding house.

Hunter's Pharmacy will shortly issue a seed catalog from the press of the Hustler Print shop. Dr. Hunter is a great believer in printers ink.

The work on Harry Cramer's large machine shop building in front of Hamilton & Bryson company is progressing rapidly.

The choir of the First Baptist church is now the largest in town. With an orchestra of several pieces the music rendered by the choir gives a wonderful example of local talents.

Vernon Few has received official notice that his lot has been selected by the postoffice department in Washington and he has filled the necessary papers, including an abstract of the deed to the officials.

There is to be an exchange of pulpits among the pastors of Hendersonville this month. Every Sunday two of the ministers will exchange pulpits until every pastor has preached in each church in town.

The Law and Order League will hold a very important session Monday night at 8 o'clock. There is some pressing business that the organization must act upon and an urgent call is made to the members to attend.

Rev. L. L. Wagon of Union, S. C., will preach for the Knights of Pythias of Flat Rock next Sunday morning, January 29th, at 11 o'clock. All Knights of Pythias are cordially invited to attend the services, which will be held in the East Methodist Church at East Flat Rock.

News was received here by relatives of the death of Mrs. Laura Wilson of Oklaoma. Mrs. Wilson was Miss Laura Connor before her marriage and for a number of years lived in Henderson county. She was a sister of the efficient deputy sheriff T. B. Connor.

The mass meeting which was held last week in the court house passed resolution thanking the present representative in Congress for the work he has done in working for Hendersonville's new postoffice. The resolution contained a request to the newly elected congressman, Hon. J. M. Gidger to get a speedy appropriation for the new building for this town at the next session of Congress. A copy of this resolution was sent to the two congressmen and one to the authorities in Washington.

A Methodist Layman's meeting was held at the Methodist church last Sunday night. Quite a number of men were present to hear the short addresses delivered on timely subjects. Dr. J. G. Waldrop spoke on "Church Going." Dr. C. Few gave a very entertaining discourse on "Prayer." Dr. F. V. Hunter's subject was the Permanent worker. H. C. Meyer was called upon to give some words about the work among young men. The meeting was instructive and enjoyed by all present.

J. W. McIntyre has just completed installing a Pierce Butler & Pierce hot water system in the handsome new residence of C. R. Whitaker on 5th avenue, west.

Heavy solid leather shoes for \$1.00. They must go. Glazener cuts the price and sells the shoes.

Watch your lable and see if you are not due the Hustler shoe money. It will be appreciated.

CITIZENS WILL WORK HARD TO GET NORMAL SCHOOL HERE

COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY COMMERCIAL CLUB TO ACT AT ONCE.

COUNTY FAIR AGGITATED

Prominent Citizens Will Work For Popular Interests of Hendersonville.

That Hendersonville wants and will make efforts to get the Normal School, which will very likely be established in Western North Carolina by the legislature now in session at Raleigh, was the sentiment of the members of the Commercial club at its regular meeting last week.

A committee of five prominent citizens were appointed to take the matter up and secure the necessary requirement for the school to be located in this city. Messrs. M. L. Shipman, W. A. Smith, C. E. Brooks, K. G. Morris and Dr. R. A. Childs compose the committee on the Normal school proposition.

The committee on public roads selected at the meeting were A. W. Calhoun, F. S. Wetmur, and F. Z. Morris. On Town Hall were Dr. A. H. Morey, Dr. C. Few, J. Williams, A. F. King and F. B. Durfee.

These committees are to get together and make a report for the next meeting of the commercial club.

Launching the movement for a permanent county fair for Henderson county to be held every fall in Hendersonville, was the subject of a discussion made at the last meeting of Commercial club, held last week. A committee composing of the following gentlemen were appointed to make the necessary preliminary arrangements:

K. G. Morris, chairman, J. O. Williams, M. M. Shepherd, P. F. Patton, T. B. Carson, F. S. Wetmur, J. C. Morrow, and W. A. Smith.

Several years ago Henderson county held a fair which was a credit to the county. Members of the Commercial club believe that much good can be derived from a clean, well organized county fair. The main object will be to promote Henderson county and its products. Prizes will be offered by nearly every business house in Hendersonville, efforts will be made to interest out of town people both in attending and contributing exhibits.

Barrows "On the Fly"

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 24.—Mr. T. E. Barrows, assistant Journal clerk of the house, and special correspondent of the Hendersonville Hustler left last night for Winston-Salem, where he will attend the mid-winter meeting of the North Carolina Press Association, which meets there today. The editorial party will enjoy an excursion over the new South-bound railroad to Florence and Charleston, South Carolina, and Mr. Barrows is to go along as representative of the Hendersonville paper he has been serving, from Raleigh, since the opening of the Legislature.

Peanuts in Henderson.

The farmers of Henderson county are not all aware of the fact that peanuts can be raised here with the least expense. The demands for peanuts are growing and some of Henderson county farmers take up the work of experimenting with this product they would find that this prophecy is correct. The soil in this county is suited for shallow planting and the large or small size peanut can be grown in just such lands with good advantages. Take one acre or less and try the plan.

SCHOOL CLOSING AT BALFOUR.

Quite a number of Hendersonville people will journey out to Balfour to the school commencement to be held there Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

During the evening a beautiful hand made quilt will be sold to the highest bidder. The proceeds will be given the Balfour church. The program follows:

- Song by the school—America.
- Prayer.
- Song—"Old North State."
- Words on Welcome by Edith Holbert.
- Recitation by 6 boys—"Choice of occupation."
- Recitation by Homer Newman.
- Cap drill.
- Recitation by Charles Newman.
- Days of the week.
- Song by seven boys and girls—"Washington."
- Recitation by Lucy Burger.
- Dialogue—"Failed" by Grace Allen and Volie Bagwell.
- Recitation by Albert Dixon.
- Flag drill by advanced boys.
- Recitation by Edith Holbert—"Life is what we make it."
- Recitation by Louis Bowin.
- Song by seven girls.
- Recitation by Lorey Rhodes.
- Tom Thumb's wedding.
- Recitation by May Allen.
- Song by Edith Jamison.
- Recitation by Homer Bagwell.
- Wand drill.
- Recitation by Josie Allen.
- Recitation by Lee Allen.
- Pantomime by girls.
- Recitation by Margarette Dwyer.
- Song by little folks.
- Presentation of Prizes.
- Recitation by Langdon Christy.
- Remarks by Patrons and others.
- Song—"Happy School Days now are ended."
- Benediction.

Token of Esteem.

The Retail Merchants Association has sent Mr. T. E. Barrows, who is now in Raleigh, a beautiful gold ring, with the symbol of the Knights of Pythias engraved, which order he has long been a member of, as a token for the high esteem in which the association holds for his work in the past years "boosting" Hendersonville, through the columns of this paper. A letter was received from Mr. Barrows in which he states that he was very proud of the little present and would always carry a warm spot in his heart for the merchants in Hendersonville. Resolutions were passed for this presentation to Mr. Barrows at the meeting held just after Xmas in the dining hall of the Kentucky Home.

The Young Men's Christian club will hold a meeting in the Ladies Parlor of the Presbyterian church next Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All the pastors of the various churches are urged to meet with the boys. The officers of the club will be elected at the meeting and a board of governors will be appointed. The new by-laws and regulations will be adopted. All members and those interested are urged to attend the meeting.

All wool sweaters from 50c to \$1.75, a sweater opportunity. Glazener cuts the price.

The Daughters of the Confederacy will hold a regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Lila R. Barnard next Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Some very important subjects will be discussed and a full meeting is hoped.

See the watches and clocks for 75c. Glazener cuts the price.

First class sewing machines to sell for half price. I am going out the business. G. M. Glazener.