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UTTER LONESOMENESS AT THE STATE CAPITOL

Legislators all Gone--Impressive Ceremonies Mark the Close of the General Assembly.

THE GAVELS FALL AND ALL IS OVER FOR ANOTHER TWO YEARS

Bond Issue of \$60,000 to Care for the State's Feeble Minded--Battle Royal Over Shipman's Salary Bill During Which Many Nice Things Were Said About the Commissioner of Labor and Printing--Why the Road Law Was Defeated--Senator Fisher Surprised--Gardner of the Big Brain--Ewart's Bills in the Senate--Some General Information--Republican Members Say They Were Well Treated.

Raleigh, March 14.—Ever return to a home from the cemetery where they have just taken some friend! Remember the feeling of utter lonesomeness that gets through you? Well, that's about the way it hits you to go into the state capitol with that likeable bunch of legislators gone—some of them to return two years hence and some of them never.

The ceremonies marking the close of a General Assembly are impressive and interesting, and hardly one of the 170 men who have been fighting and struggling and worrying and arguing on the floors of the two chambers but felt an odd tightening in the throat when the gavel fell at precisely the same moment, and the General Assembly of 1911 was declared adjourned. As you know, the two halls are exactly opposite, with the rotunda of the building intervening. The doors of both chambers are swung wide, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House stand, gavel in hand. The clerks call the roll, slowly and solemnly, and the answers of the members, ranged in two long lines from the presiding officers' desks to the doors, are echoed faintly in both chambers. The roll call is ended. There is an instant's silence. Then the gavels fall with a thud, the members wake up and it is all over for another two years.

as it is for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. And most of the readers of The Hustler know they are going to have a hard time of it, for that reason, in getting through the pearly gates.

The Commissioner's Friends Get Busy.

But Senator Gardner, one of the recognized leaders in the Senate, and a man whose influence and ability are too well known to require mention here, was not in the chamber when the bill was tabled during the afternoon session, and during the night session had it called up for reconsideration. And then and there things became interesting. The question developed into a battle royal, and the parliamentary sharps had their rapiers out and fought every inch of the way for an hour or more. Incidentally, during the battle, there were all sorts of nice things said about the Commissioner, personally and officially. The importance of the office over which he presides, its service to the State, its value to the people, the remarkable saving in the cost of the public printing and the economic value of the Department's annual reports, were most fully brought out and freely discussed. And all this in the face of the fact that the time allotted to the legislature was almost to a close, and not a man in the chamber but had some measure of importance, either to himself or to the State which just simply had to be discussed and acted upon.

The Impossible Accomplished.

So in face of all this, they actually took one solid hour of their limited time to find out just what was what, and the outcome of it all, in two words, was that the bill passed, on a roll call, too, with only eight votes being cast against it. It was all very interesting, for more than one reason, the principal one being that the impossible had been accomplished, and a tabled bill had been given one hour's time and passed almost unanimously—a unique record for any measure during the assembly of 1911. The bill provides for an increase in Mr. Shipman's salary or from \$2000 to \$2400 and is effective immediately. But more than the gratifying increase in salary was the interesting discussion which brought to light the remarkably increased efficiency of the Department of Labor and Printing under the administration of Commissioner M. L. Shipman—of Hendersonville, of course.

Adopt Recommendations.

Practically all of the Department's recommendations to the legislature have been enacted into law, including the ten hour labor law—certainly a most wise and humane measure. The legislature has also authorized the Department to publish an additional report, covering the salaries of the State's employees, and has enlarged its powers, most substantially, giving it the needed power to stop the unbridled printing indulged in by some of the other State Departments, and which, it is calculated, will result in a saving of not less than \$7,000 a year.

Why Road Law Was Defeated.

Judge Ewart's bills did not

\$2,000 May Be Spent To Advertise This Place

"The citizens of Hendersonville have no idea what is going on around them in the way of publicity in the South from other mountain towns," excitedly announced one of the town's best "boosters" to a Hustler reporter yesterday.

In the conversation it was learned that the pretty little town of Tryon, N. C., is spending a large sum of money every month for the next three or four months in advertising that place as a resort town, and best of all they are said to be getting direct results already. This is one of the many incidents where a mountain town has taken on new life when a strenuous advertising campaign is inaugurated.

That Hendersonville should spend \$2,000 this year, and not a cent less, on advertising the city's advantages, is the opinion of the largest number of the leading citizens.

At the last meeting of the Commercial club a committee of ten leading public spirited citizens of the town were appointed to go before the city council and ask for such an appropriation. The committee has not reported so far.

From a reliable source it is learned that one citizen alone, last year mailed out 1,000 Hendersonville booklets to people over the South. There are other public spirited citizens who have done like work for the advancement of the town and are ready now to aid more in the campaign for making Hendersonville the mountain resort of Western North Carolina.

BUSINESS LOOKS GOOD FROM BANK'S REPORT

Hendersonville's oldest bank, the First National has a fine statement at the close of business March 7, which has been printed in a neat little folder issued from the Hustler office lately. This bank has now on deposit about \$200,000, nearly twice its capital stock.

The surplus and undivided profits reach about \$25,000. The officers of this institution who are all wide-awake, public spirited citizens, carry out the policy of the bank which in a concise form can be found on the statement folder.

The policy of the First National Bank of Hendersonville is to be conservative, yet progressive; to grant such terms as are consistent with sound banking principles.

Keep its facilities and organization up-to-date for the conduct of all branches of domestic banking." J. Mack Rhades, the genial cashier, has been out of town for the past two weeks, undergoing medical treatment. He is expected back in a short while greatly improved from his vacation.

Mr. Geo. W. Morgan representing the Cartright Metal Roofing Co. of Philadelphia, Pa., called at the Hustler office this week. He reports a steadily increasing demand for the Cartright Metal shingles all through the Southern states. The Farmers' Supply Co., who are the local agents for the Cartright Co., have just ordered three car-loads of the Cartright shingles, which will insure prompt deliveries to their customers at right prices.

HIGHLAND LAKE STATION ON SOUTHERN RAILROAD

SUPT. HODGES DESIGNATES SITE, ONE AND HALF MILES FROM HENDERSONVILLE.

TO BE OPENED JULY, 1st

Steady Improvement Being Made—Mr. Beason, Expert Golf Player to be at Club Will Superintend Completion of an 18-Hole Golf Course.

Highland Lake is a new station on the Southern railroad one and one half miles from this city. Division superintendent C. C. Hodges of the Southern railway was in Hendersonville the other day where he came to designate the site for Highland Lake Club's new railway station. It has been definitely decided upon and work will begin in the near future on a modern station building just a mile and a half from Hendersonville for Highland Lake Club, one of Hendersonville's most fashionable colonies. The passenger shed will be one hundred feet long, including a modern waiting room with ticket office and baggage accommodations. An agent will be kept busy at this new office. This additional station near Hendersonville means a great deal for the town in the busy part of the summer season. Many of the members of the club will spend a large part of their time in the town shopping, as there will be about six trains a day going each way on the Southern railroad in the summer and with a round trip fare of about 20 cents people will be coming into Hendersonville from this station on every train.

When the 75 horse power electric plant is put in operation at Highland Lake, for which the machinery has already been ordered, wires will be run out to the new depot and it will be conveniently lighted at all hours of the night.

The force of workmen at Highland Lake Club property has been increased and strenuous efforts are being made to have the club house complete for the opening, July 1st.

Golf Links.

Too much cannot be said of the magnificent golf links which have already been laid off on the property. This week, M. Mjke Beason, an expert golfer from the Fox Hills golf club of Staten Island, New York is expected at Highland to take charge of the superintending of the completion of an

18 hole golf course at the club. He will remain at the club throughout the season, giving instructions to the members how to play golf and making it interesting for the members who are already experienced players. Mr. Beason will be closely identified with the club for some time. Mr. Holt the president has been negotiating a long time for an expert at golf and felt highly complimented that he could secure the services of such an expert as Mr. Beason.

In the past three months many important changes have taken place out at the beautiful property of the Highland Lake club. The once famous old Rhett property has been transformed into a modern club park with one of the most magnificent club houses in Western North Carolina. Today, the club house is fast nearing completion. The exterior work is practically finished, while a large force of skilled workmen are busy preparing the interior work which will allow the building to be ready for occupancy by July 1st.

The landscape engineers have made many improvements in the winding path and circling driveway. They have planted shrubbery along the way and many white pines have been set out in the already full grown grove of beautiful white pines, for which trees this immediate section of the country is noted.

Quite a number of the members of the club have begun the erection of modern cottages and bungalows on their lots. Mr. Henry King, of Charleston is having a \$2,500 residence built which is to be occupied by the summer. Mr. B. H. Owens of Charleston, who has spent many summers in Hendersonville, has given the contract for a modern bungalow on his lot. Mrs. Frank Duncan and Miss Fannie Blunt of Montgomery Ala., both are having cottages built at Highland Lake Club. Mr. Tom McManley of Union, S. C., will shortly start a modern two story structure on his lot at the club.

LARGEST REAL ESTATE DEAL OF THE YEAR NOW PENDING

Rumors Say That The Town Will Soon Have Thousands of Dollars from Out Side Capital

Rumors on the streets are to the effect that one of the largest real estate deals in the city during the present year is about to be consummated. If this transaction takes place the town will be largely benefited by considerable outside capital. A company of men were in town last week looking at various properties and from a reliable source it is learned that they have practically decided upon an investment of between \$50,000 and \$100,000. Next week's Hustler will probably tell of this deal having gone through successfully.

HUSTLER'S TREAT A KITCHEN SET

Never before has the Hustler Company had an opportunity to treat their subscribers in such a royal manner as now. This week the Company received a shipment of handsome kitchen sets which are being displayed in this office. These sets are guaranteed by the Hustler Company backed by the same from the concern that manufactures them, thus making you double sure of getting satisfactory articles from us.

Drop in at the office and let us show you what we are talking about. We mean business and will stand by every word in this article and in our large ad in this issue. Read the advertisement and then come to see us. We have the very thing you have been in need of for some time and will give it to you for only a small cost.

This set cannot be bought at a store. In fact they cannot be bought out right. We do not sell them, but simply give them away to our subscribers who pay us \$1.85 for a years subscription to the French Broad Hustler.

Make up your mind now and come in to see us or mail a money order to the Manager and let us express this valuable kitchen set to you. It is one of the necessities of a kitchen and will save you time and labor in your household duties.

Barrows Still in Raleigh.

Mr. T. R. Barrows, who was expected to return home last week, has decided to prolong his stay in Raleigh. He is assisting the News and Observer in the preparation of matter for a mammoth legislative edition. Mr. Barrows has been assigned the responsible duty of preparing a digest of all the important acts of the recent General Assembly, and will do it well. It is expected that the edition will appear within two weeks after the legislature adjourned. Mr. Barrows will never "let up" until his task is done.

The Margaret Davis Hayes Chapter, of U. D. C., of Hendersonville, N. C., have heard with deep regret and sorrow, the invasion of death into the homes of two of our members, viz: Miss Susan B. Farmer and Mrs. Lila Ripley Barnwell, who have each suffered the loss of a dear sister. We deeply sympathize with them in their irreparable loss. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we express to them, and their families, our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement and we pray God may strengthen and comfort them. Further be it Resolved, That resolutions be sent to each family and spread upon the minutes of our chapter, and be published in our local papers.

Miss Josephine Lane.
Mrs. Ethel Harris Fisher.
Mrs. Mary Geog Hudgens.
Committee.

The Poultry Committee.

The committee recently appointed at the joint meeting of the Merchants Association and the Commercial Club to look after the poultry department of the fair that is to be held in Hendersonville next October, have organized by electing Dr. C. Few as chairman and Mr. J. F. Brooks secretary and treasurer. The other members of the committee are Messrs. F. Z. Morris, Bonnie Brooks and W. F. Wetmur. The chairman of the committee requests us to say that they are now ready for business and will be glad to hear from any and all who may be in any way interested in poultry, and that any one of the committee will take pleasure in giving any information that may be desired.

This feature of the fair should, and no doubt will, prove one of the best drawing cards of the fair. The poultry business is becoming one of the greatest and most successful industries of the state, and poultry shows are being held each year from one end of the state to the other, and in every place has been the means of drawing large and enthusiastic crowds.

We feel safe in saying that if all other departments of the fair is looked after with the same interest that the poultry department will be by the gentlemen above named, the fair will be a great BIG Success.

Mrs. Abert Williams is quite sick at her home on Main street.

Court Adjourns.

After one week's session the March term of the superior court for Henderson county came to an end last Saturday afternoon. There were not a great many cases tried at this term owing to the fact that most of the court's time was taken up with two or three cases, almost three days having been consumed in the case of Joseph Cairnes, charged with the killing of Clett Davis last fall. The case was given to the jury Friday night and after about twelve hours deliberation they returned a verdict of not guilty. The jury that rendered this verdict were as follows: J. D. Johnson, F. C. Justus, W. S. Wall, Erwin Maxwell, Mack Bryson, LaFayette Brown, G. G. Brown, D. W. McCall, Jake Merrell, J. R. Hood, Chas. Fisher and J. P. Capps.

Another case of some interest was that of State vs. Ott Johnson, road overseer, who was indicted for not working the roads. The verdict of the jury was not guilty.

Rape Lyda and Fred Benison were sent to the roads for six months each for larceny.

Appreciation.

Mr. Nimrod Buckner wishes to express through these columns, for himself and family, their grateful appreciation of the many acts of kindness received from their numerous friends during the recent illness, death and burial of the beloved wife and mother.

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