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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS ORGANIZED FOR SESSION

**Brummitt of Granville Speaker of the House—J. Bryson, Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms After Close Race—Federal Prohibition Amendment Passed by Senate—Bryan Speaks for Prohibition and Suffrage.**

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 13.—The 1919 General Assembly of North Carolina in bi-ennial session here on Wednesday, January 8, at 12 o'clock and proceeded in the usual way of getting down to business.

The House was called to order by the Principal Clerk, Alex Lassiter, of Bertie County, after which all except three of the 120 members presented themselves or subscribed to the oath of office administered by Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the North Carolina Supreme Court. The three absentees later appeared and entered upon their duties.

The House chose for its presiding officer for the session Hon. Dennis G. Brummitt, of the county of Granville, who is admirably fitted for the strenuous work before him. The other House officers are: Principal Clerk—Alex Lassiter, of Bertie; Reading Clerk—D. P. Dellinger, of Gaston; Engrossing Clerk—O. P. Shell, of Harnett; Sergeant-at-Arms—J. H. Morring, of Wake; Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms—E. J. Jenkins, of Granville.

Lieutenant Governor O. Max Gardner called the Senate to order and will preside over the deliberations of that body during the session. Senator Lindsay Warren, of Beaufort, was unanimously elected President Protem of the Senate and his duty will be to preside in the absence of Lt. Gov. Gardner, R. O. Self, of Jackson, was re-elected Principal Clerk; I. W. Hughes, of Beaufort, Engrossing Clerk; C. C. Broughton, of Montgomery, Reading Clerk; W. D. Gaster, of Cumberland, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Joseph A. Bryson, of Henderson, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

There were no contests for positions in the open sessions of either the House or Senate, all nominations having been made in caucus on Tuesday night. In the Senate caucus J. A. Bryson, of Hendersonville, and J. S. Williams, of Watauga county, were the only participants in a real contest, all the nominees for other positions having served during previous sessions. Mr. Bryson was handicapped by the absence of his Senator from Polk county (Mr. Cloud) who was detained on business and did not arrive until "the morning after." But Hendersonville friends of Mr. Bryson took up the fight and with the timely aid of Judge Henry B. Stevens, Senator from Buncombe, O. B. Crawford, Senator from Jackson, Senator Newton, of Cleveland, Senator W. B. Cooper, of Wilmington, and others succeeded in putting the Henderson man "across" by a majority of two. The position pays \$4 per day and mile-

age. "Joe" is visibly pleased. Who can blame him?

The General Assembly appears to be composed of intelligent, conservative men, who are disposed to legislate upon a basis of "the greatest good for the greatest number." Many matters of state-wide importance will come up for consideration later on and the session bids fair to rival all immediate predecessors in providing progressive legislation for the benefit of all the people. Committees for both branches of the Assembly will be announced early in the week, when the solons are expected to get down to business in dead earnest. So far no measure of importance has run the gauntlet of either house. Both houses adjourned out of respect to the late Col. Theodore Roosevelt and sent resolutions of sympathy to the bereaved family. The Federal prohibition amendment passed the Senate on Friday by a viva voce vote, with only a few scattering nays. The House will take similar action this week.

Col. William Jennings Bryan addressed an audience numbering something like 2,000 people at the Raleigh auditorium on Friday night under the auspices of the North Carolina Equal Suffrage League and won a number of converts to the cause. The suffragettes are busy down here these days and are going to ask some big favors at the hands of the General Assembly. Mr. Bryan spoke to the members of the Assembly in joint session on Friday morning. He was in fine fettle and made the welkin ring in the old time style prevalent during the days of free silver and "the cross of gold." He is now a citizen of North Carolina for the greater portion of the time and boasts of the fact. The Colonel wants the State to get on the honor roll for prohibition and woman suffrage right away.

Master Jonathan Jackson, the bright little seven-year-old son of Representative and Mrs. Brownlow Jackson has been appointed page in the House by Speaker Brummitt and is one of the youngest boys to hold that position. He is attentive to his duties and thinks well of his work. Young Jonathan is quite a favorite with the members.

Representative Lyda, of Transylvania, wants the treasurer's office restored and has introduced a bill which will give it back to Uncle Sam Lance. The House today ratified the Federal prohibition amendment by a vote of 93 to 10. The resolution was vigorously opposed by Representative Stubbs, of Martin; Brown, of Pitt; Crisp, of Dare and Kiser, of Stokes. Proponents of the measure did no talking. It was not necessary.

### TEACHERS MUST MAKE REPORT ON SUSPECTED DISEASE.

**Measures to Combat Not Only Influenza but all Contagious Diseases—Child Must be Excluded Until Health is Regained.**

Prof. Bradshaw and the staff of teachers of the Graded School will have an added and important duty under new regulations of the state Board of Health requiring prompt report on every suspected case of contagious disease.

By this plan school work is not to be interrupted as much in the future as has been in the past for the reason that school teachers will be required by the State Board to give a stricter watch to the children's health. This new ruling has been found necessary by the State Board not only to check the spread of influenza through the schools, but all other communicable diseases. The regulation requires all teachers to report to the county quarantine officer when a pupil is found to have symptoms suggestive of chicken pox, diphtheria, measles, german measles, scarlet fever, septic sore throat, small pox and whooping cough, and furthermore, to exclude the child from school until the nature of the disease is determined, and if the disease is contagious

until the child is well.

Teachers are now being sent cards prepared for reporting all cases of communicable diseases. It is the purpose of the board to have the cards in the hands of the teachers as soon as possible that they may be prepared to handle any outbreak of influenza or other communicable disease that may occur. The cards will bear the Government frank and will require no postage.

It is thought that the teachers can render a most effective service in controlling contagious diseases by watching carefully their pupils on their returning to school and reporting and excluding all suspected cases. They are requested by the Board to keep in touch with their county quarantine officer and to call upon him when help is needed in an outbreak of any disease.

### FRUITLAND STUDENTS TO PRESENT PLAY.

On Friday evening, January 17th the young ladies of Fruitland Institute will present, as their annual play, Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night."

The play was postponed from Thanksgiving the date fixed for the performance, because of the seriousness of the influenza epidemic at the time.

The proceeds will go toward furnishing the girl's society hall.

### BOARD OF TRADE APPROVES THE NEW ROAD LAW.

The special meeting of the Hendersonville Board of Trade set for Tuesday night convened on time and proceeded to business with the newly elected president, Clarence Latham, presiding in a manner that promises well for the future of the organization. After disposing of the formal order of business, the committee on Georgia Military Academy reported satisfactory progress, and the committee on roads, through the chairman, Dr. L. B. Morse, made its report, embodying the draft of the new county road law, which after being read and discussed section by section, was approved without a dissenting vote. The essential features of the new law lie in the erection of a board of three county road commissioners, one of the road commissioners to be chosen from among the county commission members, and the other two to be citizens of the county selected by the county board. The law also makes it mandatory upon such road commission to employ a whole-time road supervisor, places violation of the law, by employees or others, directly under the jurisdiction of the superior court, changes the road labor assessment from \$2.50 to \$4.00 in lieu of the five days work; directs erection of proper road signs; and provides for a monthly meeting of the road commissioners on the Saturday preceding the first Monday in each month. Following the approval of this draft, Mr. P. F. Patton was called upon, and spoke at length, reviewing all the road work of the county and comparing costs and results with those obtained in other counties, and urging the retention of the present law. The meeting lasted until nearly midnight, but no further business was transacted after the approval of the road committee's report as stated.

### HENDERSON COUNTY LIQUOR SPELLS EIGHT MONTHS.

**Asheville Darkey Was Taking Nine Pints of Hot Water Bottles—Friend Doing Well.**

Asheville, Jan. 14.—Almost a month on the county changing for every pint of blockade whiskey which he brought into Asheville was the price which Peter Colanther has to pay, according to what Judge M. H. Justice says. Some time ago Colanther took a little trip out in the country and went into Henderson county. He came back on the Carolina Special and as soon as he alighted from the train the officers saw that something was wrong. An examination showed that he had nine pints of corn whiskey deposited on his person, which his bulging clothes gave proof of. The moonshine was in a variety of bottles which ranged from an ordinary quart bottle down to a small sized medicine bottle. Besides the bottles there were four red rubber hot water bags which were filled with the mountain dew. These hot water bags were tied by two strings so that two bags could be hung over each shoulder under his coat.

The liquor was brought in Superior court today as evidence, and the judge stated that there was no doubt about the whiskey being regular blockade, because he and the sheriff both took a "healthy whiff" of it.

The negro would not state where he got the liquor or from whom he obtained it. When questioned by the judge he stated that the man was disguised. "He had black hair and a red mustache, and you know dat don't correspond," said the darkey. The judge asked him where he was when he saw the man. "I was in the road when he tackled me," said the negro. He also stated that he had to wait till the man went into the woods for the beverage. When asked if he meant to drink all the whiskey, he said he was bringing it to town for a sick friend, but that the friend had become better and gone to work since that time, and was, therefore, not very seriously inconvenienced by the failure of Peter to show up.

The judge took the fact that Peter lost all his whiskey into consideration and let him off with a rather short sentence, giving him only eight months at hard labor on the county roads.—The Citizen.

### DR. MORSE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER.

At the meeting last Monday of the County Board of Health Dr. L. B. Morse was elected county health officer, succeeding Dr. A. B. Drafts, who has held the office for four years, but denies accumulating any large fortune thereby.

### BRIDEGROOM ARRESTED BRIDE TAKEN HOME.

The course of true love seems to run no more smoothly in Henderson County than in other sections. Gerlie Patterson, an employee of the Green River Manufacturing Company made a trip to Asheville last Saturday, and while there invested in a marriage license for himself and Miss Zola Jones, also an employee of the company. On Sunday the young couple got into a car, ran over to Arden, and put that license to the use for which it was intended, and were married. On Sunday afternoon the father of the young lady, Mr. A. L. Jones, also got into a car and started out in pursuit, but failed to catch up with the couple. Returning Sunday night he had a warrant issued, and it became Sheriff Case's painful duty to put at least a temporary end to love's young dream by placing the bridegroom under arrest, and returning the bride to her father's home, young Patterson being released under bond for hearing before Magistrate Hood. The father of the young lady alleges that she is only sixteen years of age, while she herself contends that she has already passed her eighteenth birthday, and it is said that this contention is borne out by the employment records of the mill, which are said to carry a statement by her father, made over a year ago, that she was seventeen at that time.

### GOVERNMENT ENGINEER VISITS HENDERSONVILLE.

**Looking Into Question of Draining Mud Creek by Blasting out Buck and Long Shoals.**

Owing to the efforts of Henderson County's Farm Demonstrator, Mr. Flemming, a government engineer has been recently sent to this County to investigate the situation at Buck and Long Shoals on the French Broad River and to advise the Government of the practicability of blasting out these shoals and whether, when removed, the lands on Mud Creek, Devils Fork and other tributary streams of the French Broad, as well as the river valley lands, will be relieved of the destructive floods which have so long been a menace or hindrance to farming development in the areas affected. It is not known what report the engineer will make, but he went over the territory extensively with a view to being able to make a comprehensive report.

This is a matter that will be of interest to all of the people of Henderson County, as the drainage of the lands affected will add much material wealth to the county at large.

### BREAK UP BLOCKADING OPERATIONS NEAR FRUITLAND.

More whiskey making has come to grief at the hands of the local officers. On last Monday evening, after dark, Sheriff Case and Capt. T. V. Lyda got out that anti-moonshine auto, and picking up Mr. J. L. Whitaker and Constable Press Garren headed for the neighborhood of Fruitland. They arrived on the scene of action just about six minutes too late for the party; finding the fire burning but the still missing. Fermenters and barrels concealed in the brush nearby were located and destroyed. One arrest was made, that of Robert King, colored who lives near the location of the still, and under whose house was found a large assortment of bottles and jugs and one keg smelling strongly of corn liquor; also about half a gallon of that brand of stimulant. Robert was unable to make bond, and he and the half-gallon were both locked up in the county jail, but in different compartments.

### LOCAL RED CROSS.

The impression has gone out that the work of the Red Cross is about over now that hostilities have ceased. On the contrary our work is increasing, the only work not being done is Surgical Dressings. The garments are badly needed and the women must feel their responsibility in this matter.

The minimum should be a garment a week for every woman worker, is there a woman in town who could not do this? In addition to the 350 boys shirts now being made the local chapter has just received an allotment of 150 Men's shirts, the acceptance of which will entirely depend on the workers. Shall Henderson county fall behind in her quota or will you do your part?

JOSEPHINE E. KIRK, D. W. W.

## WHISKEY RING COUNTING ON RETURNING SOLDIERS

**Old John Barleycorn Grasps at Straws—Spinners Legislators Poke Their Heads up to Learn if Dust Storm is passing—Dry Leaders Fighting at Every Point Along the Line.**

Washington, Jan. 11.—Much is being said about what the returning soldier boys will do to prohibition when they return to this country from France, where light wines and beer are popular. Metropolitan newspapers have started quite a movement to save old John Barleycorn. They have interviewed men who have come back from the front, and most of the talk was against prohibition.

Prohibition leaders here are nervous over the threats from the "front." They feel that efforts are being made to upset their plans to have the constitutional amendments ratified within the next few weeks and fear some change of sentiment that would result in postponement of action in some states.

### Wobblers Brace Up.

The soldiers' movement started in France among the American fighting men, has already brought about a change in the prohibition controversy. Apparent effects are that:

Weak-kneed legislators who were going with the crowd, led or driven by professional prohibitionists, have been

heartened by the voice from the boys who helped to whip the kaiser, and make the country safe for democracy. Anti-Prohibitionists in close states have commenced action in the courts to prevent the ratification of the amendment. This is notably true in Ohio, where, in the absence of the soldier vote, the state went "dry" in the last election by a small majority.

Congressmen opposed to prohibition will urge members of the senate subcommittee of the judiciary committee, investigating the brewers to inquire into the methods and practices of the Anti-Saloon league, which organized the nation-wide campaign for prohibition.

### Say it is Too Late.

The prohibition leaders claim that it is too late for their opponents to make any headway now. While they are shaky over the attitude of the returning soldiers they see no way their proposition can be defeated. They are planning to have Congress pass strict enforcement laws to stop bootlegging.

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### TWO LOCAL CONCERNS MAKE IMPROVEMENTS.

Carpenters are busy making alterations in the Main street property formerly occupied by the Citizens Bank and later by Alderman's Grocery, and preparing it for new tenants. The former banking office will be divided by a partition running from front to back, thus making two large roomy offices, each with a big window on Main street. One of these offices will be occupied by Ewbank, Ewbank and Company, and the other will be fitted out as the up-town office and agency of the Hendersonville Laundry Ice & Fuel Company. The room immediately to the rear will be used as the law office of E. W. Ewbank.

The firm of Ewbank, Ewbank and Company has come to be one of the largest and best known insurance agencies in this section of the state. Representing a line of fire and accident companies known as standard all over the world, they have handled their business in such a manner that they now cover a wide territory, much of their business coming from distant points, while their uniform and unflinching regard for the interests of their policy holders as well as of the companies represented has given them a firm grip on local patronage. The present change in their office arrangement simply marks a forward step in the growth of the concern.

The other tenant of the premises, the Hendersonville Laundry Ice and Fuel Company, is one of the best known and most prosperous of the local industries, and one which by continual addition to plant and facilities has kept well abreast of the growth of the town. This new feature of the business, an up-town office for handling business in all of the company's lines, will add much to the convenience of its patrons, who in the summer season are numbered up in the thousands. The up-town office will be in charge of Miss Edith Blythe, while Mr. Latham, the president of the company, will also have a desk there, and will probably spend no small part of his time in his new Main street quarters. Edgar Latham will be in active charge of the plant.

### LOUIS HESTERLY TRANSFERRED TO FORT McPHERSON HOSPITAL.

Louis Hesterly, who recently graduated from the Non-Commissioned Officers School at Camp Greenleaf and promoted to sergeant has been transferred to General Hospital N. 6, Fort McPherson, Georgia, and is now on duty there. Hesterly's induction into general military service was one of several surprises coming to the Henderson County Local Board during the course of its labors. The department issued a call for one "limited service" man from nearly every local board in the state, to report at Camp Green for a few days instruction, and then to be sent back to their respective boards

### "C" FEW ILL IN BASE HOSPITAL IN FRANCE.

Many friends of Columbus Few, Jr., will regret to learn that he is ill with pneumonia in the base hospital at Brest, France. His organization, the 6th motor battalion, sailed from Brest for Newport News, Virginia, the day after Christmas, and reached Newport News last Wednesday. Not hearing from his son on the arrival of the transport, Dr. Few wired Major Robertson, the commanding officer of the battalion and received telegraphic reply that "C" as he is generally known, had been left behind in France with pneumonia. Major Schenck has endeavored to have an inquiry cabled by the War Department, as all private business is being refused owing to the over-burdened condition of the Atlantic cables, but so far has not been successful. Under a special call for motor machinists, "C" volunteered last July, and took a course of preparatory training at Clemson College before sailing for France in October. His friends are encouraged to think that he is on the road to recovery, as the illness had evidently fully developed by Christmas, and the crisis of the disease must have been reached very shortly thereafter, so that if the outcome had been fatal word would have been received here before this time.

Later: Mrs. Sam Hodges received a telegram from Mr. Hodges Monday afternoon, stating that he had just gotten in touch with Major Robertson at Newport News, and that Major Robertson stated that he visited "C" in the hospital in Brest about half an hour before the transport sailed, and that he found him convalescent, and expecting to be invalided home in the course of the next few weeks.

### WOMAN'S CLUB.

Hereafter the Woman's Club will hold their regular meetings in the Mayor's Office in the City Hall, every second and fourth Wednesday at 3:30 o'clock.

MRS. J. F. BROOKS, Sec.

to assist in the clerical work of the board. Under this call Hesterly was sent to Camp Greene, and his return looked forward to with some degree of pleasure by the board members. Some days later they learned, unofficially, that the camp authorities had accepted him for general military service and lifted him out of the board's jurisdiction. Dr. Hesterly, who needs him badly, has made a strenuous effort to obtain a discharge in this instance, but so far without success. In a letter to a Hendersonville friend shortly after going in general service Louis remarked with some force and no doubt with some truth that "It's all right to have Sam for your uncle; but when he gets to be your daddy it's hell."