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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

CLOSING UP SHOP.

Pharr-Matthews Highways Bill Insures Federal Aid.—Neal Child-Labor Bill Passes.—School Board Bill and Woman's Suffrage Defeated.—S. H. Hudgins to Replace Claude Sales on County Board.

Later: Sales Wins Out.

Raleigh, March 11, 1919.—During closing hours of the General Assembly Monday night, Raleigh friends of Mr. J. Claude Sales decided to protest the appointment of S. H. Hudgins as the successor to Mr. Sales on the county Board of Education and after a spirited contest in the House they were successful in having Mr. Sales re-elected. No effort had previously been made to displace Representative Jackson's recommendation, but when the report of Senate and House conferences disclosed the fact that the Republicans were given representation on these boards in only two counties of the State, namely, Cabarrus and Henderson, an effort was immediately launched to re-appoint Democrats in these two counties. Mr. Bryant, of Durham, Chairman of the House Committee on Education, who had introduced the bill, strenuously opposed the change asked for, and was strongly supported by Mr. Williams of Cabarrus, the Republican floor leader, but they proved no match for Payson Macon, Doughter of Alleghany and McCain of Vance, who stood by Mr. Sales and the Democrat proposed for membership on the Board of Education for Cabarrus County. It will be noted by the friends of Mr. Sales that he is to continue on the Henderson Board of Education, for he is a progressive citizen and fills the position well.

Raleigh, March 10, 1919.—The General Assembly of North Carolina has completed its work and nearly every member is now on the way back home. On the whole, it has been a progressive body, but reactionaries were by no means strangers in either branch and their presence was often felt when attempts were made to put across progressive measures of any kind. They tried to beat the income tax amendment in the Senate and failed, but did succeed in preventing the enactment of adequate child labor legislation. However, the labor bill known as the Neill substitute for the administration measure offered by the Department of Labor and Printing contains some strong features in harmony with a number of the provisions of the Connor-Saunders bill and is an improvement over the spineless makeshift now on the statute books.

Some of the legislators have gone home feeling proud of their record; others do not feel so good over the result of their activities. The representative of Henderson is not the only one who had troubles over local matters. Dozens of others kept him company until the gavel fell for the last time and they turned their faces homeward for a season of rest. The last few days were nerve-racking in the extreme for those who had to be constantly on vigil in the interest of safety for themselves and the people by blocking innocent little bills (on their faces) which are much too often loaded with dynamite. Many went home with a feeling of disgust towards all kinds of legislation and declaring they will never again return as a member of either the Senate or House.

The two branches of the Assembly finally got together on a State Highway measure by the adoption of the Pharr-Matthews road bill with some amendments offered by the Senate. The House promptly concurred in the Senate amendments and made possible enactment of a good roads law that will insure for North Carolina her quota of any Federal aid which may now or hereafter become available. The bill provides for the issuance of short-term notes by the State to the amount of something like \$10,000,000 a year, if necessary to meet Federal demands and hold safe the interests of State and counties. Neither house appears to be satisfied with the bill, but the point is made that it will answer all right as a temporary measure. An extra session of the Legislature is to be held a year hence for the purpose of adjusting the tax rates under the new valuation

SUPERIOR COURT

The March Term of Superior Court is in the second week of the criminal docket, and it is expected to clear the docket by the end of the week, and a full review of the court proceedings will be published in the next issue. In the case of Grant Kramer, charged with manslaughter, the defendant was permitted to plead guilty to an amended bill of indictment charging forcible trespass, and was taxed with the costs and required to give bond for appearance at each term of criminal court for two years to show good behavior. The case of Karl Wenz was remanded to the mayor's court, and Jeff Hill, charged with barn burning, was found guilty but has not as yet been sentenced. A large percentage of the cases presented are traceable directly to blockade whiskey.

scheme and the highway bill may also be strengthened if the necessity demands.

State Appropriations.

The State's charitable, penal and educational institutions have fared well at the hands of this General Assembly, as the following appropriations will show:

Central Hospital, Raleigh	\$292,800.00
State Hospital, Morganton	400,000.00
State Hospital, colored, Goldsboro	173,500.00
Deaf and Dumb School, Morganton	80,000.00
Caswell Training School, Kinston	125,000.00
Stonewall Jackson Training School	27,890.00
State Sanitarium for Tuberculosis, Sanatorium	99,000.00
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	235,000.00
East Carolina Teachers Training School	65,000.00
Appalachian Training School, Boone	26,000.00
Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School	16,000.00
State College for the Blind, Raleigh	87,500.00
State College of Agriculture and Engineering	150,000.00
Normal and Industrial College, Greensboro	315,000.00
Oxford Orphan Asylum, Oxford	20,000.00
Oxford Orphan Asylum, colored	11,000.00
Soldiers Home, Raleigh	45,000.00
Confederate Museum, Richmond	600.00
Confederate Cemetery, Raleigh	500.00
Cherokee Indian Normal School	4,850.00
Colored Agricultural School, Greensboro	20,000.00
State Normal Schools for Negroes, Winston	35,000.00
North Carolina State Board of Health	84,725.00
Confederate Women's Home	10,000.00
North Carolina Orthopedic Hospital	15,000.00
State Board of Charities and Public Welfare	30,000.00
State Home and Industrial Schools for Girls	40,000.00
North Carolina Economic and Geological Survey	40,000.00
Agricultural Extension work	226,061.00

No Suffrage Legislation.

The ladies failed completely to persuade the members of this General Assembly that it would be the part of wisdom to give them the ballot, even in modified form. They decided to await the coming of the Federal amendment for a general campaign on the issue of equal suffrage with men in all elections and concluded to try the experiment in modified form. A bill allowing women to vote in municipal elections in cities of 5,000 population and upwards was introduced in the Senate and passed that body by a two to one vote. Elated by this initial success the "girls" stormed the House and well nigh captured it, too. The vote was 49 for, and 54 against and the bill was dead. It was argued with some force that the proposition discriminated against the country women and, furthermore, that fundamental questions should be submitted to a vote of the people. The fight in the House was fast and furious and a record attendance of members and visitors witnessed it.

School Board Bill Failed

Senator Warrens bill providing the election of school boards by the people was turned down with a whoop in the House. Ray, of Macon, Gardner, of Yancey, and other western

RED CROSS

This allotment for the local Red Cross must be finished within a month and the time is nearing for the shipment.

120 night gowns for children.

50 shawls

50 stockings

The work room is open from 10 to 1 o'clock every day. Mrs. W. R. Kirk will see that the room is open in the afternoon if there are workers who can not go in the forenoon. Please phone her. The shawls and stockings are to be knit.

NOTICE TO PHYSICIANS AND PUBLIC OF HENDERSON CO.

I have purchased from the Board of Health of North Carolina Diphtheria anti toxin in 1000, 3000, 5000 and 10,000 unit packages. These are for the poor only, the price per package being 25c each.

L. B. MORSE, M. D.

County Physician

GREEN RIVER COMPANY SURVEYS TRANSMISSION LINE.

Chief Engineer Wohlford of the Blue Ridge Power Company has finished making a survey for a transmission line from the company's development on Green River to Hendersonville. It is not known just what the company's plans are in this connection, but the fact that the survey has actually been made will be a matter of decided interest.

knocked the thing into smithereens in "less than no time." Republicans got nasty and had a few things to say about a certain brand of local self government, but their attitude only added fuel to the fire. During the debate Frank Ray called republican Leader Williams a "sap-headed whipper snapper" and told him how the republicans managed the schools when the fusionists were in power. This settled the fate of the bill. It went down by a vote of thirty to sixty-six. The House vote for a State system and adopted the primary plan of selecting nominees in all the counties, with no change in plan of election by the General Assembly.

New Members School Boards.

The omnibus bill carrying members of the new boards of education in the various counties carries the names of republicans in republican counties for the first time in many years. Democratic legislatures for the past several years have given members of the minority almost anything they have asked for in the matter of local legislation, but this is the first time representation has been allowed on school boards. It is demagoguery gone to seed. (For no such requirement is applied in democratic counties), in the view of those who believe in consistency. Henderson and Polk draw each a republican this year and if the process of evolution shall continue past the session of the General Assembly two years hence—and republicans represent them—their boards of education will consist of two republicans and one democrat. Then we shall have a "beautiful" State system. Transylvania's new board will contain the names of Edwin Poor and Fielding Paxton, in addition to the hold-over. Mr. Poor succeeds himself and Mr. Paxton continues as the successor or Mr. J. M. Southern, whose death last summer created a vacancy on the board which Mr. Paxton has been filling through appointment of the other members. Representative Lydell encountered no difficulty in getting a board composed of democrats.

Representative Jackson, of Henderson, asked that his county be exempted from the provisions of the statewide primary law in so far as it relates to nominations for county candidates. His opposition developed to his bill and it went through without a hitch. Mr. Kirk departed on Saturday when the sixty-day limit expired and left Senator Cloud to "hold the bag." Before leaving he recommended S. H. Hudgins for appointment as the republican member of the county board of education. This displaces Chairman Claude Sales upon whom no better man for the place can be found anywhere. But "local self government" has to be regarded during these days of "Liberty and Brotherly Love."

DR. MORSE ON THE STATE ROAD BILL.

Letter to Charlotte Observer Meets With Approval of That Paper.—Opposed to Any Sort of Country Unit System.

Under a heading of "Asleep on the Job" the Charlotte Observer of March 1st makes the following editorial comment:

The legislature appears to have gone to sleep on the good roads' question. So far there has been no progress for any bill which has been introduced toward securing Federal aid in constructing a system of State highways, and enthusiasm evidently is at a low ebb. At last reports the Legislature was faced with a proposition that would bring the road-building system back to section-hand days, leaving it to the counties to do their part in any manner that best suited their pleasure. The Observer is printing an article today from an authority on good road which goes to emphasize the drawbacks that are in the way of the latest proposition. Doctor Morse is the builder of the highway to the top of Chimney Rock. He has given much study to the subject of highway construction, and he is an authority entirely competent to speak. He relates certain local conditions which will be recognized as the bane of past highway undertakings in the State. There is no road connecting any two important points in North Carolina that does not afford visible evidence to the force of his argument. The Observer does not believe that a law providing for such a haphazard manner of investing road money would meet the approval of the Government. System and concentrated authority are the prime objects to be sought in any form of good roads legislation, and any bill from which these essentials are lacking would fall below requirements. The Legislature cannot afford to fail the State in its expectations of the enactment of an intelligently drawn and satisfactory road-building law, and as the days speed by the concern of the people that the General Assembly should get together on the enactment of a road law which will meet the requirements of the Federal Government is growing manifestly uneasy.—Charlotte Observer.

Dr. Morse's letter was as follows: To the Editor of The Observer.

I have observed with profound regret the latest phase of the road matter in Raleigh by which they contemplate returning in part at least to the county unit system. I confess that I thought that we had gotten away from any smaller area than the state as a whole as to a money raising unit. While I was in Raleigh I only heard the county unit mentioned to be condemned; and to see it again crop out at this late hour is to say the least disheartening.

I know how you, like so many, have opposed anything less than a statewide program. To depend upon county initiative and the reactionary attitude which is all too commonly characteristic of the smaller counties will block continuity of highway construction. It simply means that there will be an extensive road development in the wealthier and more progressive counties—where better roads are inevitable under any circumstances—leaving the poorer counties to constitute the weak link in the chain.

Just this, you so full well appreciate is what we most strenuously try to avoid. It matters not how good a road may be in part, if its construction is not relatively uniform, its usefulness as a cross-state or inter-county highway is materially damaged. Not only this but whole sections of country will become "held up," as it were, because of any such plan which will be sure to bring about a lack of uniformity.

There are instances all over the state of North Carolina as everyone knows where certain counties have blocked the development of cross-state highways. It has not alone been lack of initiative or indeed a tendency to reaction, but in many cases counties as a result of special legislation have not had it in their power to raise the necessary money even to comply with the lesser demands put upon them by the older federal aid law. This being the case, what indeed can we expect to accomplish in an effort to bring about state highways! A peculiar case in point too is where the Charlotte-Ashville high-

\$25,000 BOND ISSUE CUT OUT OF ROAD BILL.

Authoritative advice has been received from Raleigh that an amendment to the Henderson County road bill has been passed, eliminating the section which provided for a bond issue of \$25,000 for surfacing. As a matter of fact the framers of the road bill had never intended to authorize these bonds. The new bill was drawn by amending certain sections of the old act, all unamended sections of the old bill being included in the new bill and reenacted. Through oversight this section authorizing a bond issue was not stricken out, and was consequently re-enacted along with the other unamended sections, and incorporated into the new bill, the county commissioners being thus directed to issue the bonds. As stated, the error has been corrected by amendment and no bond will be issued.

EXAMINATION FOR POSTMASTER AT PISGAH FOREST.

An examination will be held at the local postoffice on April 12th to fill the position of Fourth Class Postmaster at Pisgah Forest. Any person desiring to enter the examination may obtain the proper blanks either at Pisgah Forest or from the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

MAUDE GETS LOCKED UP.

The city is in possession of a dependent looking mare mule of uncertain age and still more uncertain value, which was found roaming the streets and locked up in the city stables for safe keeping. When taken up the animal was apparently suffering from a well-developed case of melancholia with suicidal tendencies, but has cheered up wonderfully since being given a ration of grain and hay from the city supplies. The owner is invited to get into communication with Street Superintendent McCall and take Maude back home.

FASSIFERN NEWS

(By Miss Evelyn Byrd Graham) The Pageant given by the Methodist girls Saturday, March 1st, under the management of Misses Maude Chambers and Lucy Bomar was a great success. The costumes were of a gorgeous color and were cleverly gotten up. A brilliant ball followed the Pageant. An ice course was served during a short intermission. The sum cleared was more than enough to support a French orphan, which the Methodists in school have undertaken for a year.

The Episcopal girls are divided into groups and are doing various things for entertainment to make their Lenten money.

Mr. Farnum held services at the school on Ash Wednesday.

PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

The Parent-Teachers Association of Flat Rock will have a window sale in the Morey Building, Saturday, March 15th. The proceeds will be used to make the final payment on the school piano. Everyone is urged to come and buy.

way for a distance of eight miles (from Bat Cave to the Buncombe county line) actually lies in Henderson county but is of no usefulness whatsoever to the county in which it is situated, crossing as it does the extreme northeastern corner and leading not to the county seat of Henderson county, but to the county seat of Buncombe county. In this particular case it is inconceivable that Henderson county could or should expend many thousands of dollars when there are five radiating highways from our county seat which are of direct benefit to our people.

Similar instances of this character must exist all over the state. I repeat—it seems peculiarly a lamentable fact that at this late hour the county unit should be injected into the efforts of our state to secure a state highway system that will be worthy of the name.

It is inconceivable that if this matter were tested out by the vote of the people that there is a county in the state which would approve of such a reactionary step. I hope very much that even at this eleven hour hour that this legislative body at Raleigh can correct this vital mistake.

LUCIUS B. MORSE.
Hendersonville, Feb., 27.

DR. COLUMBUS FEW HAS AN ACCIDENT.

While testing a spraying outfit at the Bly Hardware Company Monday afternoon Dr. C. Few had a very narrow escape from serious, possibly fatal, injury. A high pressure had been pumped up on the machine in order to demonstrate its spraying possibilities, and after this had been shown to Dr. Few's satisfaction the salesman released the catch which holds the cap on top of the reservoir, in order to release the air pressure. It released it all right. The instant the catch was thrown off there was a report like unto that of a small sized cannon and the cap and entire pump were ejected from the cylinder and landed with a bang against the ceiling of the store. Finding progress blocked in that direction it took the downward course and landed with another bang squarely on top of Dr. Few's head, where it also found progress blocked. Dr. Few announced quietly but firmly that death had found him prepared to go. The matter was reconsidered, however, and after a visit to Dr. Hicks Justus the victim came off with nothing more serious than a headache and a neat little patch of antiseptic plaster. As a matter of fact the accident might easily have proved fatal, and the doctor's friends are congratulating him on his escape from more serious injury.

LOCAL BOARD TO CLOSE

The Local Board of Henderson County, in common with all local boards of the state, has received notice from the office of the Adjutant General to make preparation to ship all records at once, to sell board property not later than March 27th, and to be in readiness to close the board office finally by March 31st. No doubt the final release from all responsibility in connection with the draft will come as a very welcome relief to the members of the board. The board work has entailed a tremendous responsibility and a vast amount of hard work upon three men who were already busy citizens. The work of the Henderson County Board has been handled with justice, energy and care, and has been fortunate enough to receive special commendation from headquarters. The members of the board are: C. E. Brooks, Chairman; J. Mack Rhodes, Secretary; Dr. J. S. Brown, Examining Physician; Chief Clerk, C. N. Wrenshall.

MR. BLAND ENTERTAINS

The Young Men's Fellowship class, which numbers 20 and is taught by C. F. Bland, had 15 present on Sunday, March 2. Mr. Bland had promised to give the class a social meeting at his home if that number was present. On Thursday evening of last week, these young men enjoyed an evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bland, Kenneth Best, William Penny, Robert Gilreath, Fred English, Glennard Harris, Norris Cannon, Lee Allen, James Reese, Ralph Parrent, Houston Kincaid, Donald and Harold Patterson, Allan and Gaither Rhodes. The invited guests were Rev. and Mrs. M. F. Moores, F. E. Durtse and Miss Lallah Wynne.

Mrs. S. A. Ballinger presided at the piano and the young men sang several of the popular songs. Mesdames Moores, Ballinger and Miss Lallah Wynne assisted Mrs. Bland in serving ice cream and cake. After the social hour there was a brief business meeting and these officers were elected for the ensuing year, Allan Rhodes, president, Fred English, vice-president, Robert Gilreath, secretary and treasurer.

HONOR ROLL FOR BALFOUR SCHOOL.

First Grade:—Amelia Dickens, Anna Lou Odum.
Second Grade:—Ted Newman, Henry Odum.
Third Grade:—Aberra Newman.
Fourth Grade:—Iren Odum, Clara Edwards, Ransome Newman.
Fifth Grade:—Brooks Drake, Paul Dunlap, Olive Odum.
Seventh Grade:—Elizabeth Israel, Vera Dixon, Pearl Whitaker, Louise Newman, Louise Dunlap, Dewey Newman, Josephine Rhodes.
Eighth Grade:—Homer Newman, Eugene Parkinson.
Tenth Grade:—Jaxie Coadrey.