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THE WARD LIQUOR BILL.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a copy of the "Ward bill," passed by the recent legislature. It prohibits the manufacture of whiskey in towns of less than one thousand inhabitants...

INCOMPETENCE.

We now have some more accidental laws upon our statute books. The Code commission has discovered that a local game law intended for one township in Anson county is so worded that, under the decision of the Supreme Court in the anti-jug law case, it will apply to the whole State.

The ring Democrats of Charlotte have been trying to beat a certain Confederate veteran for the office of tax collector for several years, but could never succeed in beating him at the primaries.

RALEIGH'S NEW PRIMARY LAW.

The Democrats of Raleigh have a new law regulating the city primaries, to punish frauds. The managers of the primaries must take an oath that he will fairly, impartially and honestly discharge his duties...

THE WAIL.

Some days ago Kuropatkin, commander of the Russian forces, was retired in disgrace by the Czar. Later, at his request, he was given a command under his successor, Gen. Linievitch. This was just following the crushing defeat the Russians received at Mukden...

The Charlotte Observer regrets that the recent Legislature did not provide for a bureau of immigration and an immigration commissioner...

You helped to run labor out of the State and no doubt you feel you should do something to get more labor in its place. But we object to the tax-payers having to pay some worthless politician a big salary to try to induce toughs and bums from other countries to locate in this State.

The Norfolk Virginian Pilot says: "The North Carolina Legislature passed 1,235 acts. Unless it repeals 1,800 that State bids fair to learn a new lesson in misgovernment."

We certainly hope we have nothing new to learn in misgovernment, for we have had more than our share of misgovernment and lawlessness in this State ever since the first red-shirt campaign in 1898...

It is stated that the Governor and his staff got lost when they went to see the President inaugurated. But that isn't a circumstance to how we will lose them in this State at the next election.

Two men in Charlotte Sunday got drunk on prescription whiskey from a drug store. It seems to take a lot of whiskey to cure certain ailments.

SOME NEW LAWS.

The Ward Bill and Landlord and Tenant Act Passed by the Legislature. The "Ward bill," passed by the recent legislature, is intended to amend the "Watts law" of 1903 by stipulating that "It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firm or corporation to manufacture or rectify for gain any spirituous, vinous or malt liquors or intoxicating bitters within the State of North Carolina, except in incorporated cities and towns having not less than one thousand population, wherein the manufacture of liquor is not, or may not hereafter be prohibited by the law or regulated by special statute."

Then every city or town in which manufacturing or selling is permitted under this act shall maintain a town or city government as provided in its charter and a police force of not less than two policemen, and some member of the police force is required to visit each place where liquor is sold or manufactured in the town at least once a week to see if the laws are being obeyed and if the place is being conducted in an orderly manner...

Another section is added which makes the possession and issuance to any person of a United States license to sell, manufacture or rectify, at wholesale or retail, in any county, city or town where the manufacture, sale or rectification is forbidden by the laws of the State, prima facie evidence that the party is guilty of doing the act permitted in the license, in violation of the State law. The act is to take effect from January 1, 1906.

A special act makes it a misdemeanor for any person to allow a distillery to be operated on his land in all territory where the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors is prohibited, and sheriffs and their deputies and police officers are required to search for and seize any distillery in such territory and deliver it to the United States authorities for confiscation, and destroy any materials found at such distillery also to seize any liquor found in the possession of any person not tax paid and stamped as required by the United States government and deliver it to the United States officers.

It shall be the duty of the sheriff or his deputies or police officers, when informed of violation of this act, to arrest the offender and subpoena all persons who may have information regarding the offence charged. Any solicitor who believes that liquor has been manufactured or sold contrary to law in his district, may have summoned any persons believed to have knowledge of the offense before the grand jury.

Landlord and Tenant Act.

Two acts were passed relative to contracts between landlord and tenant for lands and crops. One makes it a misdemeanor for any tenant or cropper who procures advances from his landlord to abandon the lands rented by him without good cause and before paying for such advances; for any landlord who may contract with a tenant to furnish advances so he can take a crop to refuse to furnish the advances. And any person who employs a tenant who in his knowledge has violated this act shall be liable to the landlord for the amount of the advances made and also be guilty of a misdemeanor. Whenever any tenant shall contract for the rental of lands for the current year and fail to perform the terms of his contract he shall forfeit his right of possession and the landlord may recover possession.

This law applies to the following counties: Wayne, Lenoir, Greene, Johnston, Jones, Onslow, Craven, Cleveland, Sampson, Pitt, Duplin, Gates, Cumberland, Perquimans, Chowan, Robeson, Bladen, Nash, Harnett, Edgecombe, Hertford, Wilson, Rockingham, Pender, Currituck, Gaston, Northampton, Beaufort, Chatham, Tyrrell, Mecklenburg, Guilford, Halifax, Caswell, Camden, Cabarrus, Columbus, Martin and Montgomery.

The other act is partially the same except that in addition it makes it unlawful for anyone to entice or procure a tenant or cropper to abandon or fail to cultivate the land, or after receiving notice to harbor on his own premises or on the premises of another, another, any such tenant. This applies to the counties of Hyde, Wake, Anson, Hertford, Sampson, Franklin and Union.

In order to aid farmers desiring to hold their cotton for higher prices an act was passed extending the act of 1901, chapter 678, by reducing the bond required of warehousemen from \$25,000 to \$10,000 and providing also that if any warehouse company has a capital stock of not less than \$5,000, it shall not be required to give the bond. The act also makes all warehouse receipts issued by warehousemen complying with the law valid and binding in the hands of all bona fide holders for value without registration. This of course means that farmers can obtain money on their warehouse receipts as if they were checks, or use them in trading as money.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

Some Squibs of Interest We Have Gathered With Our Paste-Pot and Shears.

At Darlington, S. C., a white man has been convicted and sentenced to hang for killing a negro. The millennium will soon be due.—Raleigh Enterprise.

Some of the members of the Legislature remained over in the city a few days after the adjournment. The trouble seems to have been neuralgia or snake-bite.—Re, abelian Journal.

It's a wonder some tariff ripping Democrat don't bob up and swear that the tariff is the mammy of the Standard Oil Trust, notwithstanding the fact that petroleum is on the free list.—Yellow Jacket.

District Attorney Jerome seems to be another prominent citizen who doesn't mind dining at a table where a negro is the guest of honor. Somehow or other, this is somewhat surprising when the fact that he has posed as a Democrat is considered—but every man to his taste.—Charlotte Observer.

Some counties last fall elected Republican members of the House, yet these members were not allowed to name the members of the Board of Education of their respective counties. Is this "government by the people"—a former Democratic slogan?—Shelby Aurora.

After all the criticism heaped on Wake county's representatives in the Legislature it is finally discovered that they did have one bill passed, and this act creates two offices for Raleigh in the shape of cotton weighers. So our representative did not do so bad after all.—State Republican Journal.

This is from the Morehead City Coaster: "A Washington county, Me., editor writes: "One of our newly married young ladies kneads bread with her gloves on." The editor of this paper needs bread with his pants on, and unless the delinquent readers of this old rag of freedom pays us upon we will need bread with nothing on."

The Legislature that died by reason of expiration and exhaustion, the other day, cost the tax-payers \$70,000, and with the exception of over 1,000 county local bills, like hogs and goats sleeping under churches, etc., what have they got for the \$70,000? The lawyers revised the Code to suit their practice and appropriated between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 more money for expenses than there will be revenue at the valuation of property last year.—Oh! yes, they have the Watts law, the Ward bill and the jug law thrown in as a whiskey sop to the old soakers, to catch voters.—Davis Record.

A bill was introduced in the North Carolina Legislature allowing Peter Spoonpindike, a well-known local character, the right to hold earth-worm bait in his mouth while fishing. Owing to the unusual importance of the bill, all the little frivolous matters such as pertinent to the general welfare of the State were set aside and several long and philosophical speeches were made, both for and against. It was finally decided that Pete had a right to hold earth-worms in his mouth, and to eat them, too, if his stomach craved them. We are glad this great question has been so satisfactorily settled.—Yellow Jacket.

OVER 150 PEOPLE BURNED TO DEATH.

Loss of Life Caused by Explosion of Boiler in a Shoe Factory—Only Fifty Bodies Recovered so far.

Brockton, Mass., March 20.—This city is in mourning tonight for at least three score people whose lives were blotted out early today by the explosion of a boiler in a large shoe manufacturing establishment in the Campello district, conducted by the R. B. Grover & Co.

The explosion was immediately followed by a flash of flame, which consumed the factory, a long four-story structure. More than half a hundred of the employees in the building were maimed, burned or bruised by the time they reached safe ground. Some had jumped from the roof, some from windows and others had been injured in the mad rush to escape from the doomed factory, which from all parts emitted the intense, awful heat of an inferno, driving back the band of heroic rescuers who, in a few brief moments had performed gallant service.

It may never be known just how many persons perished in the wreckage. No one knew exactly how many persons were in the factory. The number has been estimated 400, but Treasurer Charles O. Emerson said tonight he doubted whether there were so many at work. Two hundred and fifty survivors have been accounted for and at midnight tonight the remains of fifty bodies had been recovered from the ruins, the search being continued all night. Fragments of human frames which possibly might belong to bodies other than those enumerated, have been found. Few of the remains have been identified. The hand in nearly every case is missing and except in rare instances, it was impossible even to distinguish the sex.

Statistics show startling mortality, from appendicitis and peritonitis. To prevent and cure these awful diseases, there is just one reliable remedy, Dr. King's New Life Pills. M. Flannery, of 14 Custom House Place, Chicago, says: "They have no equal for Constipation and Biliousness." 25c at all druggists.

The Supreme Court Tuesday handed down opinions in several cases, among them being the cases of Dan Teasby, of Duplin, and Will Exam, of Lenoir. The lower court was affirmed, the two men must hang for committing murder.

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It would have been incredible brutality if Chas. F. Lemberger, of Syracuse, N. Y., had not done the best he could for his suffering son. "My boy," he says "cut a fearful gash over his eye, so I applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve, which quickly healed it and saved his eye. Good for burns and ulcers, too. Only 25c at all druggists.

The People's Paper doesn't want the State records put in the penitentiary for fear the Governor would pardon them out.

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Stop-overs will be allowed south of Jacksonville, which governs the stop-over of regular Winter Tourist tickets. As the excursion is limited to 150 people, parties should advise at once relative to securing their full-man accommodations, as no one will be permitted on same without first having made reservations. For time-tables, rates and reservations, apply to CHAS. H. GATTIS, Trav. Pas. Agt., Raleigh, N. C. H. W. MORSON, O. P. and T. A., Raleigh, N. C.

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