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THE LEGISLATURE.

If the Democratic Legislature, which has just adjourned, has carried out a single campaign promise, or has done a single thing for the State, we would thank some reader of this paper or some citizen of this commonwealth, to point us to that fact.

In fact, the Legislature was so reckless in ignoring its campaign promises for economy, and in creating new offices and voting appropriations of money, which they did not have to appropriate, that the Governor of the State felt forced to send a special message to that body before its adjournment, protesting against its course, in which he said:

"The policy of blindly appropriating money, when there is no money in the treasury, and none in sight, will not do."

What the Governor said was so wise and simple, that every man in the State knew the fact before the Governor stated it; but what is the Governor and the State going to do about it? The State treasury had already been bankrupted by the extravagance and incompetency for many years, which had created nearly a million dollar deficit in the treasury.

THE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT WAS SMOTHERED BY THE LEGISLATURE.

The Australian ballot law is necessary to get a free and full expression of the people at an election. The Legislature has just smothered this proposed law. The Charlotte Observer, in advocacy of the passage of such a law, says:

"It contemplates a reform which all except half a dozen States already have. Nearly every one of these few exceptions is notoriously backward in its public life, suffering from crude politics and politicians, wholesale lynchings, and conditions like that. North Carolina, we believe, belongs in better political company. We can conceive of no motives making against the adoption of the Australian ballot except those which actuate the politicians there."

"What, in fact, can be said against assuring every voter the right to cast his ballot under conditions where bribery and undue influence are as effectually as possible banned? To let him make his own vote his own business and nobody else's business in the matter of knowledge or otherwise, when actually casting that vote. We can understand very well how those who cherish such reliance as corruption or the party lash, who want to intimidate the voting of any but one party ticket, might entertain objections enough. In North Carolina, we have outgrown all colorable excuse for these motives and opponents of the Australian ballot will hardly avow the reasons—the only reasons—which could be influential with them."

The editor of the Shelby Highlander came to Raleigh just before the Legislature adjourned to urge the passage of this vitally important reform law. In a letter to his paper, written from here, he says:

"The proposed Australian ballot law is the magnet that drew me to the Big Dome."

"I have been lobbying for this bill day and night since my arrival. I have stirred up some sentiment for it. However, I have lost hope of seeing it pass this session."

"It has slept in the committee too long—since early in January. The session is now too nearly over—this is the excuse given by most of its opponents for desiring to let it sleep."

"It would be a good thing if every voter in the State could occasionally drop in on our legislators and see them at work. The plain citizen could then see by what dark and devious ways

his will is often thwarted and good bills defeated. All good bills have a thorny road to travel."

The trusts and the corporations, to whom Senator Simmons has mortgaged the State, evidently do not want honest and free elections any more than do the ballot box stuffing politicians.

PIE COUNTER BOTHERS WILSON.

Yesterday President Wilson gave a practical demonstration of the application of his new patronage rule to Senators Bryan and Fletcher of Florida, who called at the White House to discuss appointments of a district judge and a United States attorney in the southern district of Florida. The President received them courteously but asked them to make their recommendations to the Attorney General,—Statesville Landmark.

Following the election of Mr. Wilson to the Presidency he announced that his administration would be very Democratic and that there would be no red tape about gaining entrance to the White House while he was the occupant, but that the doors would stand wide open. The day after Mr. Wilson took the oath of office as President he announced to the waiting public, which was composed largely of Democratic office seekers, that no applicant for office would be allowed to go to the White House unless he sent for him. This created great consternation among the Democratic committeemen, Senators and Congressmen. In order to quell the wrath of the mob to some extent the President has made a later statement to the effect that he will see the Senators and Congressmen about matters of patronage, but still maintains that all others must stay away. Either President Wilson changes his mind very often about certain matters, or some of the Washington newspaper correspondents should be sent to a reformatory.

THE LEGISLATURE A BIG LEMON. The Asheville Citizen, a Democratic paper, has a very poor opinion of the present Legislature. The Citizen says:

"The Legislature which expires today or tomorrow, it doesn't matter when, will go down in history as one of the biggest lemons that North Carolina ever bought."

The Wilmington Star, another Democratic paper, hasn't a very exalted opinion of the deeds, or misdeeds of this Legislature. The Star says:

"The Legislature did not give us any State-wide primary law, it did not give us any State-wide stock law, it did not give us a dog law for the encouragement of the sheep industry, and it did not give us many things that mean progress for North Carolina. The next campaign in North Carolina ought to be a campaign of issues, and politicians ought to be given to understand that they will have to toe the mark or get off the perch for men with progressive ideas."

The Star says that the law-makers have done nothing that means progress for North Carolina. But that isn't the worst of it, they have done much to impede the progress of North Carolina, and there is where the real rub comes. They have had a good time and voted away the taxpayers money for many years to come. That's the record in a nutshell.

The new member of the new Cabinet position is losing some sleepless nights wondering how and when he is to get his salary, or a salary for the job he is trying to hold down. When Congress voted in favor of creating the new Cabinet office of Secretary of labor, the matter of appropriating a salary fund was overlooked. Of course, Democrats love to serve their country, but they want good pay for doing so, and the matter of pay is now uppermost in the mind of Mr. W. B. Wilson, the Secretary of Labor.

The Winston-Salem Journal says that a million dollar bond issue will put North Carolina squarely on her feet again. We fail to see the point. It strikes us it will put the State just \$250,000 deeper in the hole. It is claimed the present deficit is \$750,000, and a million is just \$250,000 more in debt.

William F. McCombs, Chairman of the National Democratic Executive Committee, says he has run across only one man who does not want an office. That particular Democrat is considered a curiosity in New York and he may be taken to Washington and placed in the National Museum.

WITH THE EDITORS.

The law-makers have not cut down expenses or taxes—Hickory Mercury.

Before the State promises to give us a six months' school, it ought to have given us a four months' term.—Hickory Mercury.

If the extra session of the Legislature don't accomplish more than the regular one, it will hardly pay to call it.—Mount Airy Leader.

President Wilson says that neither himself or the Vice-President have had much experience at Washington. May the country not have to pay too dear for his instruction.—Union Republican.

Those who sit in high places should set good examples. The State Legislature passes a search and seizure law to aid prohibition, and yet in one night's sweeping a bucket of whiskey bottles were picked up in the Capitol building. Just last Sunday Congress was at work finishing up its business. And this is a prohibition State and a Christian nation!—Union Republican.

WITH THE LAW-MAKERS.

(Continued from page 1.) tives in Congress to assist in securing an international agreement on the cotton tare question.

Another Senate bill passed was one allowing sheriffs and other officers to sue for rewards for capture of criminals. This was amended so as not to apply to crimes committed in the county of such sheriff of officer.

Tuesday's Proceedings.

President Daughtridge also announces the names of the members from the Senate on the joint commission to report on the advisability of the State selling its stock in the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad. They are Senator Pearsons, Gilliam and Weaver. The House passed a resolution to pay these A. & N. C. commissioners expenses for fourteen days.

The bills for twenty judicial districts and fixing terms of courts completed consideration in both houses and is enrolled for ratification. The Senate concurred in the new machinery bill, after it was scathingly denounced by Chairman Cook of the Senate Finance Committee, and then passed bills directing sheriffs and other tax-collecting agencies to collect arrears in Schedule B and C taxes and inheritance taxes in the counties for four years back, insisting that several hundred thousand dollars can be raised in this way.

Revenue Bill "Rankly Unjust."

The House passed the revenue bill on second reading with minor changes, Chairman Williams, of the Conference Committee, declaring that it is rankly unjust and crying to high heaven with discrimination against the poor man and in favor of the rich and big corporations. The increased tax rate and the Senate increasing many license taxes and reducing franchise taxes on corporation he had in mind especially, he said.

The House had a warm contest over the Senate bill to allow women on school boards, committees and as members of textbook commissions and passed the bill by ten majority.

The Senate spent an hour on the machinery act as it came from the House. Chairman Cook, of the Finance Committee, complained bitterly of the treatment the Finance Committee had received, in that interests had been allowed to get the upper hand and procure the defeat of important measures for the financial betterment of the State. He had received anonymous letters, and been otherwise impeded in his work.

Criticises Corporation Commission.

He criticised the Corporation Commission as inefficient as a State Tax Commission, and regretted that the provision for a separate State Tax Commission had been defeated.

The House, he said, sent as a machinery bill a mongrel product with which he was unfamiliar. The Senate voted down the Carson bill for cutting out the annual appropriation of \$1,500 to the State Fair. The compulsory school attendance bill, as it came from the House putting the ages of eight to twelve and requiring attendance for four months was passed.

After a hot fight the Senate defeated the uniform examination and certification bill for teachers of the State by a vote of 19 to 21.

The special committee on the machinery act reported recommending, in the first place, the passage of a bill introduced during the afternoon by Senator McLeod providing for the collection of privilege and license taxes and corporate excess unpaid for the last four years, giving the sheriff the same power to collect these arrears as he has for the collection of other taxes. The bill was passed at once and sent to the House.

Midnight Session.

At nine minutes past midnight the House opened a formal session for Wednesday morning, sixty-fourth day of the session, to put the revenue bill through final reading. The Senate then adopted the report.

The Finish.

All except salary bills fared bad in the Legislature yesterday. There were a large number of bills to be act-

ed upon, but the most of them, good, bad and indifferent, were killed with very little ceremony. Senator Gilliam's bill amending the search and seizure act was amended and finally he agreed for it to be tabled. He said the people in some of the western counties were out of liquor and the express companies would not ship them any. His bill was for their relief. The bill to provide a pension clerk for the State Auditor was passed. Another salary bill was passed appropriating a thousand dollars more for the clerks in Insurance Commissioner's department. Another bill at the State's Treasury was to pay laborers of the House and Senate \$10 extra and their traveling expenses home.

Another was the House bill increasing appropriation from \$1,500 to \$3,000 for the traveling rural libraries.

After many solos and duets were sung and the bills signed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, the Legislature adjourned yesterday afternoon, to meet at the call of the Governor.

Felix Diaz Running for President of Mexico.

Mexico City, March 6.—Francisco de La Barra, minister of foreign relations, accepted tonight the candidacy for vice-president on the ticket with General Felix Diaz. His decision not to be a presidential candidate is regarded as significant.

B. F. Wooten, of Wilson, N. C., died this morning from the effects of a pistol shot inflicted by unknown parties Saturday night. Mr. Wooten came here recently from High Point and was employed as night watchman at the plant of the Southern Cotton Oil Mill. While making his rounds Saturday night he was shot but did not think he was seriously injured. Two bullets struck him, one passing through the intestines. He continued on his rounds, and finally telephoned the police station. He was taken to the sanitarium and death resulted Tuesday morning. No cause has been assigned for the shooting, and there are no clues as to the murderer.

Killed the Goose.

Durham Herald.] When the Legislature passed the law providing that the names of those paying taxes on their incomes should not be made public. Right there is where it killed the goose that was to lay the golden egg.

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PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS.

North Carolina—Wake County. In the Superior Court, Before Millard Mial, Clerk. J. P. Glover and Rosa Glover, His Wife, vs. D. W. Glover and Others. To Martha Pope and E. L. Pope, her Husband.

You are notified that a special proceeding has been brought in this court against yourself as herein entitled, as heirs-at-law of J. G. Glover, for the partition of land of said J. H. Glover, and the summons issued for yourself has been returned by the sheriff of Wake County with this endorsement thereon: After exercising due diligence, Martha Pope and E. L. Pope, her husband, are not to be found in this county." You both are therefore, notified to appear before the Clerk of Wake Superior Court at his office in the city of Raleigh on Saturday, the 12th day of April, 1913, at 12 o'clock, M., and then and there answer, demur or plead to the partition of the plaintiffs which is now on file in my office, otherwise, the plaintiffs will have judgment according to their partition and as they may be advised.

This March 12th, 1913. MILLARD MIAL, Clerk of the Superior Court. J. C. L. HARRIS, Attorney of the Plaintiffs.

The New York Herald was the enterprising newspaper that sent Henry M. Stanley to Africa in search of Livingstone.

THE CAUSE OF RHEUMATISM.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Willis H. Whitaker, deceased, late of Wake County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at his office in the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, on or before the first day of March, 1914, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

JOEL WHITAKER, Administrator of Willis H. Whitaker. February 24, 1913.

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