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LEGISLATURE IS

(Continued from Page Oue.) for Swain stood by his ruling and the motion to table was put and carried. Senator Mendenhall gave notice that this morning he will carry the partiamentary point to Lientenant Governor

The House today passed the bill giving the Secretary of State authority to employ special detectives to ferret out drivers of automobiles who are violating the license tax law. The Department has been sur for the past year that thousands of people in the State have been driving their automobiles under fictitious numbers and are thereby evading the license law. Sate banks will have to undergo

two examinations yearly by the banking department, according to an amendment to the 1921 banking law passed at the last general session. The amendment to the bill was put through the House by Representative Connor and others who pointed out the need for more frequent examinations as evidenced by the fact that large numbers of banks have failed during the past year. Some of these failures might have been prevented, in their opinion, by more adequate supervision by the

The House amendment which is giving the trouble was introduced by Representative Hendrix, of Madison, and provides that Madison county towns will not have to submit the proposition of a bond issue to the vote of the people before the bonds may be issued. Mr. Hendrix and Senator Ramsey, who also lives in Madison, are at variance on the amendment Senator Ramsey the Hendrix amendment. The commit- without ported the House bill as amended.

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tative of the wishes of the people of docket. the towns in Madison county, Senator Ramsey told the Senate that he real-ized that the time was drawing near granting the extra pay to clerks and when the time was drawing near granting the extra pay to clerks and when the Lagislature wanted to ad- to the other employes of the General journ. He did not want to keep them Assembly during the period of the exaway from home one day longer than tra session. was absolutely necessary, and while Discussion in the House at Thursday's he believed the amendment wholly session centered on the amended bank wrong and not in accordance with the bill which provides among other things wishes of his people, in the interest of that there shall be two examination time se was willing to withdraw his ob- yearly of all State banks and makes jections in the form of an amendment, other changes in the banking law of the and allow the bill to go on its three State which was passed at the regular readings just as it came from the session of 1921. House. He believed that possibly the courts and other laws would protect Connor of Wilson championed the cause the people of the county from the ex- of the amendment which was opposed emption thrown into the bill by the by Ross of Moore, who thought its adop-Representativef rom Madison.

are Republicans, so the majority is not for double inspection. In addition to the confronted with a partisan issue on the question, which is purely local in its department of the State Corporation application, but which affects the

In the interest of time Senator Ramsey said he would withdrew his amendment to kill the Hendrix amendment. But Sol Gallert and some of the other members of the Senate were of the opinion that the exception of the towns of any particular section from the operation of the bill would render it unconstitutional, and therefore invalid. There was a good deal of discussion on this point, which finally resulted in a resolution offered by Lunsford Long calling on the Supreme Court for information as to the valid-

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An hour of the Senate's time was sel by the State banking department in does not believe the Hendrix amend- taken up on Thursday with reading cases where it is apparent that officers ment represents the sentiment of the the hundred or more bills sent over of a State bank have been guilty of people of Madison county. He does from the House. Practically all of not think that they would be willing these went to committees, for the to have bonds put on them without Senate is making an effort to examine a vote of the people and he offered an every bill that comes up unless there mendinent in committee to strike out is request that they go on the calendar Consequently reference, tee stood with Senator Ramsey and re- while Wednesday night the calendar o the Senate was clear, the House mes-Desoite the fact that he believed the sage containing bills introduced early

Hendrix amendment was not represent in the session has again clogged the

The Senate passed the joint resolu-

Representative Austin of Guilford and tion would place too great a burden Both the Representative and Senator upon the banks in standing the expense two yearly examinations the banking Commission is authorized to examine any State bank as often as it is deemed

necessary. The amendment sponsored by Austin and Connor was carried after considerable debate and after both Representatives had quizzed Representative Ross, who alone opposed the change. "The fact that there have been so many bank failures in North Carolina in recent months," said Mr. Connor, "indicate that there has been too few inspections in the past. If that is true, then let's

examine the State banks oftener." An amendment overed by Representative Matthews or Bertie seeking to strike from the bill the provision providing for employment of special counmisappropriation of funds and in other cases wherein the banks have been sin-

ned against was voted down. The amended bill was finally passed on its third reading and enrolled for rati-

The House concurred in the Senate amendment to the Murphy bill which authorizes the refund of taxes erroneouscollected and paid into the State Itreasury by the counties. The senate amendment reduced the time of refundng the taxes, from five years as was riginally proposed to two years. Better enforcement of the State automobile law is provided for in a bill

which passed third reading in the House

This bill authorizes the employment five or six special officers by the Secretary of State to curb violations of he automobile law, such as operating cars without the proper license, operating cars with mutilated and fictitious numbers, etc. Minority Leader Williams sought to defeat the measure but failed to obtain any support, the bill passing vithout a roll call.

Proposal contained in a bill to grant divorce after the wife or husband had been confined in an insane hospital for a period of five years was rejected. the measure lying upon the table upon the motion of Representative Townsend

The House made good progress clearing its calendars at Thursday's session. ing several score local bills.

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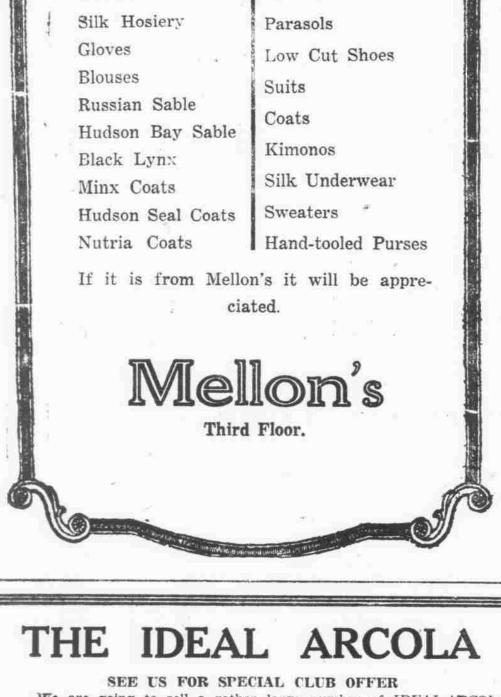
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