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FIREMEN PROTEST.

The Legislature Strikes a Blow at the Volunteer Firemen of the State by a Bill to Stop the Appropriation.

The Wilmington Messenger very ably defends the volunteer firemen of the State in the following comment upon the bill introduced by some heartless member of the Legislature:

"It is announced in our Raleigh dispatches that a bill has been introduced in the House for the repeal of the act of 1891 establishing the firemen's relief fund.

It is to be hoped the member on second thought will withdraw his bill. To repeal the act which gives the volunteer firemen the only benefit they receive for gratuitous services would be thankless, ungenerous, ungrateful and uncalled for.

The act which it is sought to repeal provides "a fund for the relief (only) of firemen who may be injured or rendered sick by disease contracted in the actual discharge of their duty and sworn to by the attending physician." The fund set aside annually for this purpose is only \$2,500 and does not come from taxes on the citizens of the State, but from the tax levied on and collected from foreign insurance companies doing business in the State. Three-fourths of the fund goes to the white firemen who constitute about three-fourths of the firemen, and one-fourth to the colored firemen who constitute the other fourth.

These volunteer firemen get no remuneration for their services. They risk their lives and health to save the lives and property of the citizens of the State, and all they ask is a small benefit when they are killed, injured or made sick, as is sometimes the case. To refuse them this small pittance, on the contingency that they must suffer first, is beneath the consideration of a reasonable man.

The firemen are organized into the "North Carolina State Firemen's Association," composed of whites, and the "State Volunteer Firemen's Association," colored, and they act in perfect harmony. No politics, no color, or sect is known in the ranks. They work together as one at fires. No discrimination is made between them at fires, and no discrimination is made in the distribution of the fund. In Wilmington we had 140 alarms of fire last year, and the work and efficiency of the firemen has been greatly appreciated. They saved a great deal of property and got nothing for it, and now if they are made sick or injured there is one member of the Legislature who wants to say they cannot receive a benefit. What is said of Wilmington can no doubt be said of every city where there is an organized fire department.

Captain James D McNeil, of Fayetteville, president; Chief Martin Newman, of Wilmington, chairman of the legislative committee, of the North Carolina Firemen's Association, and President Valentine Howe, of the colored association, will no doubt go to Raleigh to oppose the bill."

Every newspaper and every citizen of the State should be interested in this matter and try to prevent any measure to stop such an appropriation. Men who compose the fire companies of our town are not property owners, and in case a member is injured at a fire while risking his own life and heroically laboring for the welfare of others—this appropriation is only a just means of support for his family during his inability to work for their maintenance. It is a very serious thing, and in case the bill is carried through it will mean the abandonment of the volunteer ser-

vice the firemen render in all sections of the State, and will necessitate the levying of taxes sufficient to meet expenses of a hired fire department in all towns and cities where they are not now paid.

Chief of Fire Department J L Boger has written to our representatives at Raleigh, imploring them for humanity's sake and for the welfare of the people and their business interests, to fight the bill, and we feel sure that the Hon. Speaker, Mr. Hileman, and Senator O D Barringer will act with discretion in this matter.

Chief Boger is a member of the Legislative committee of the Firemen's Association and will hold himself in readiness to go to Raleigh if called there by President McNeil, with whom he is in correspondence.

The firemen justly protest against any change.

Electric Bitters.

Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed, when the languid exhausted feeling prevails, when the liver is torpid and sluggish and the need of a tonic and alterative is felt. A prompt use of this medicine has often averted long and perhaps fatal bilious fevers. No medicine will act more surely in counteracting and freeing the system from the malarial poison. Headache, indigestion, constipation, dizziness yields to Electric Bitters. 50c and \$1.00 per bottle at Fetzer's Drug Store.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Cases Disposed of and Sentences Passed.

State vs. Will Malone, charged with stealing a hat from K L Craven; not guilty.

State vs. John Grier, stealing coat from Will Mabrey, guilty. Sentenced to chain gang for six months.

State vs. Gus Gibson, charged with incest, was laid over till next court.

State vs. Frank Reed, assault with deadly weapon, submitted. Sentenced to chain gang for six months.

State vs. Hattie Hagar, assault with deadly weapon, guilty. To be imprisoned 90 days.

State vs. David A Evans, accused of selling whiskey, pleads guilty in two cases, 6 months imprisonment.

State vs. Furr & Widenhouse and Jason Furr, nol prossed.

State vs. Harry Hall, charged with stealing three chickens from C W Rummage, not guilty.

State vs. Dan Morris and Will Smith, charged with retailing without license. Morris plead guilty; sentenced to chain gang four months. There were three cases against Will Smith, who plead guilty. Judgment was suspended in one case, but he was sentenced to 12 months on chain gang—6 months each for the other two charges.

Albert Reed was given a nol pros. for failing to return taxes.

Dan Klutz was given a nol pros. for a misdemeanor.

State vs. Fred Ford and Noah Ford, affray; Fred Ford not guilty; Noah Ford guilty; sentenced to six months on chain gang.

The following are the jury for the trial of Sam Hood, accused of the murder of Will Honeycutt: Hope Barrier, H A Eddleman, S M Shinn, John E Bost, J C Cochrane, W C Eddleman, M R Bost, T L Bost, W Morrison, D C Furr, T B Barnhardt, J M Shuping.

AT THE CAPITAL.

Proceedings of the General Assembly in Brief. SENATE.

RALEIGH, Jan 21.—Mr. Mitchell of Franklin introduced a petition asking for a dispensary law for Louisburg and the township of Louisburg.

After the reports of the standing committees, bills and resolutions were introduced and referred as follows:

Mr. Mitchell—A bill to provide for a dispensary in Louisburg and the township.

Mr. Ashburn—Resolution to investigate the use of the several histories in North Carolina public schools.

Mr. Alexander—To prevent the forfeiture of goods sold on the installment plan.

Mr. Ray—In regard to competition in the sale of certain articles.

Mr. Ray moved to have 500 copies printed. Mr. McCaskey moved to have the reformatory bill for young criminals also printed. Adopted.

Mr. Abell—That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be instructed to vote for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1.

Mr. Butler—To prevent discrimination in the currency of the country.

Mr. Anderson—To re-organize all standing committees.

Mr. Ashburn moved to suspend the rules and put it on its several readings. The president suggested that the bill would come up on the calendar and Mr. Ashburn withdrew his motion.

The calendar was then taken up and the following bills and resolutions were disposed of:

Bill for the relief of L M Morrison, ex-sheriff of Cabarrus county. Passed second and third readings.

Bill to pay J M Early's expenses as contesting Senator in 1895. Passed second and third readings.

Bill instructing Senators and Representatives to vote for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1. Mr. Grant moved to make this bill the special order for Tuesday next at 12 o'clock.

The motion of Grant was adopted. Bill to amend the charter of the Drummers' Depot Bank of Wilkesboro and change its name to the Wilkes County Bank. There was much discussion on this bill and the bill was finally re-referred to the judiciary committee.

Mr. Grant, by unanimous consent, introduced a joint resolution that the president of the Senate appoint five Senators and the Speaker of the House appoint eight to consider the election law and the subject of county government. The bill passed second and third readings.

The Senate then adjourned to 12 o'clock to-morrow.

Senator Shore, of Yadkin county, was by error omitted in the vote for Senator yesterday in all the papers. He requests that he be reported as having voted for and supported Pritchard.

HOUSE.

At 11 o'clock the House met and prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Glenn. The attendance of members was quite light.

Many bills were introduced nearly

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SPECIAL SALE,

—OF—

Some Odds and Ends at such a small part of the cost as to make it funny for everybody but ourselves.

This week and next week, the last two weeks of January, beginning with this day, Tuesday, January 19th, we will give our customers and patrons the chance to buy any of the following:

About 50 boys' coats at 35 cents. The lining and thread and buttons would cost about that much.

About 40 men's coats at 75 cents. It's worth that much to make them if somebody gave you the cloth.

About 100 pairs of Men's pants at 75 cents. This is less than half price.

Then if you want a vest you can have your choice of about 50 vests at 35 cents. Whole suit \$1.85. Not to be sneezed at without snuff, or grinned at without teeth.

A SMALL LOT OF LADIES FINE SHOES!

at 50 cents. Not a third of the average cost.

About 100 pairs of Ladies fine shoes in button and lace, of Zeigler's, Reed's and Padan Brothers make, to go at 75 cents, not over a hard of the average cost.

Also a small line of Eastern-made fine shoes at 75 cents. None in the lot but cost over \$1. Don't miss this lot. They won't be here many days.

A small lot of men's Heavy English ties, and high cut brogans, working shoes at 50c. A better lot at 75c. These are regular \$1.25 shoes. Boys work shoes at 50 and 65 cents.

A small lot of men's suits, good and serviceable, but not guaranteed all wool at \$2. Plenty places where they will ask you \$2.50 for a single coat not any better.

To close our boys knee pants suits, in fine goods, we give you choice for \$2. This line includes all we have that cost over \$2.

All the foregoing stuff is in favor of the buyer. FUN FOR BOYS, BUT DEATH TO FROGS! You are the boys, we are the frogs.

NOW FOR A FEW THINGS IN FRESH NEW GOODS.

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