

FIFTEEN HUNDRED NEW BILLS PRESENTED.

Boyden Bill Special Order for Friday in House—State Good Roads Bill Considered Today.

Raleigh, February 22.—The House was overwhelmed with the enormous number of new bills today, not one of general State importance. The total now nearly reaches the fifteen hundred mark.

The Boyden Senate bill for State building is set as special order for Friday in the house.

In the Senate most of the session was devoted to argument of one of the most important bills before this legislature, namely Boyden-Sikes, State highway (Good Roads) bill.

Contrary to expectations the numerous amendments suggested today on the final reading of the Revenue bill in the House committee of the whole, were lost. Bill will be adopted by committee this evening.

The Avery county bill passed third reading and North Carolina now has even one hundred counties.

LLEWXAM.

Other Important Matters Awaiting Action.

Senator Cotten's measure embodying the Torrens System of Land Titles is one of the really important bills which is scheduled to be disposed of this week. It will have its initial hearing in the Senate where the minority report of the committee (it having been reported adversely by the committee recently, much to the surprise of its friends) which incorporate the bill has been set as the special order for Wednesday.

Without any intention to criticize unjustly the members of the bar, it is understood that the unfavorable report is due to the hostility of the legal profession which is always so largely represented in every legislature. Land owners, bankers and others are hearty friends of the measure and for reasons one of which causes the lawyers to oppose it, it is said—the fact that it will relieve land owners of the expense of paying lawyers fees for examining titles every time a piece of real estate is sold or its owner finds it necessary to borrow money with land as security. But for this opposition it is believed the bill would be passed practically without opposition and its friends hope to pass it anyway, over such opposition.

The matter of good roads (State Highway Commission) is a matter that is clamoring for attention this week. The Senate has reported a committee substitute for the bills presented on the subject, but whether it will be adopted by both houses is still a question, one that will be settled probably this week or early next week.

There is a number of other important measures pending that cannot be forecasted in detail here. In order to give them even a limited consideration afternoon and night sessions as well as the more important morning sessions will be held daily from now on.

Decision of the Joint Caucus.

Much interest attaches to the action of the joint Democratic caucus which was postponed from last Friday night to Wednesday night of this week. Two of the most important of a number of questions it will be called upon to settle will be the matter of redistricting the State for congressmen and the enactment (or not) of the proposed "Legalized State Primary."

The delay in acting on the latter proposition is unquestionably due to some powerful influence or influences, else it would have been disposed of before this. While special pains appear to have been taken in some quarters to impress the newspaper men here that there is practically no opposition to it, there is undoubtedly an undercurrent of opposition that has not yet clearly revealed itself. Still, I should say with all the lights before me, that the demand for such a primary is such that it will prevail when the matter is finally acted upon, and that its friends are able to prevent it from failing by default.

Whether the plan of action with respect to the strengthening of the present anti-trust law will be discussed and acted upon in the caucus does not sufficiently appear to hazard a prediction.

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Three Splendid Premiums.

The Times and The Tribune have choice of three splendid premiums to offer to all subscribers who pay a full year in advance to either paper. They are as follows:

- 1st.—A pair of eight inch Spring Tension Shears.
- 2nd.—The Progressive Farmer one year for only 15 cents additional. This applies only to NEW subscribers to the Progressive Farmer.
- 3rd.—One year's subscription to the Southern Agriculturist.

All may have choice of any of the above premiums, but of course only one will be given.

DELEGATES TO SOUTHERN COMMERCIAL CONGRESS.

Appointed by Mayor Wagoner and Chairman Flowe Yesterday.

Mayor Wagoner and Mr. W. W. Flowe, chairman of the board of county commissioners, have appointed delegates to the Southern Commercial Congress, which meets in Atlanta March 8, 9 and 10th. The Southern Commercial Congress was organized in Washington December 8th, 1908 and maintains an office in Washington. The purpose of the Congress is to develop the South's great resources and to protect those therein established and to collect and disseminate information regarding the Southern States and the opportunities and advantages offered in them for safe and profitable investment of capital and to establish a greater nation through a greater South. The delegates are as follows:

Township No. 1.—Jno. A. Barnhardt, Jas. P. Morrison.

Township No. 2.—John W. Morris, John J. Cox.

Township No. 4.—Jno. W. Cook, Geo. W. Lee, W. S. Ritchie.

Township No. 5.—Jno. W. Cress, H. H. Blackwelder.

Township No. 6.—Geo. S. Klutz, Geo. E. Ritchie.

Township No. 7.—Geo. W. Dry, W. A. Lysterly.

Township No. 8.—T. A. Moser, A. W. Moore, L. J. Foil, W. A. Kindley.

Township No. 9.—Geo. C. Shinn, A. M. Cox.

Township No. 10.—C. W. Bost, W. G. Newell.

Township No. 11.—D. V. Krimminger, J. L. Hudson.

Township No. 12.—J. W. Cannon, H. S. Williams, J. Locke Erwin, Geo. L. Patterson, Dr. R. M. King, Chas. W. Widenhouse, J. L. Hartshorn, C. A. Cook, J. B. Sherrill, G. E. Kestler, A. M. Brown, W. L. Robbins, J. F. Hurley, P. M. Furr, Dr. Pemberton, J. M. Burrage, D. B. Coltrane, Geo. W. Means, Thos. Widenhouse and C. W. Swink.

If there are any other citizens of the county who care to go, they will be appointed delegates to this convention. The Southern Railway has made an extremely low rate of \$3.90 for the round trip to Atlanta. Tickets on sale March 5th, 6th and 7th with final limit March 20th. If a sufficient number will signify their intention to go by reporting to either Mr. Flowe or Mr. Wagoner, a special Pullman car can be secured for the Concord delegation.

Descriptive circulars setting forth the purposes and objects of this convention can be had from either of the above gentlemen.

Some Nice Gold Specimens.

Dr. N. J. Reed showed us today a number of fine specimens of gold recently taken from what is known as the Garmou mine, which adjoins the old Reed mine near Georgeville. The property is owned by the Joel Reed family and is being worked by Mr. A. M. Cox, of Mt. Pleasant. Mr. Cox has about a half bushel of these specimens in the quartz and they are very pretty. The vein is being worked at a depth of about 35 feet through ground that has not been worked heretofore. The vein is very promising at present and enlarges as it is followed. Topographically this property is really a part of the old Reed mine where the large nuggets were found some years ago, a history of which is generally known in our county.

Cold Wave Has Not Damaged Eastern Carolina Truck Yet.

Rocky Mount, Feb. 22.—The cold wave here has not damaged truck yet. Neither radish, peas nor lettuce are showing any bad effects. The strawberry crop will be held back from two weeks to twenty days owing to a cold wave which is considered a God-send to hold back premature budding and blooming. The run of shad has just begun, but will not be plentiful until the river becomes warmer. Then large shipments will go forward. It is thought that all peaches, plums and pears now in full bloom will be killed, also huckleberries. This will enable berry growers to get better prices.

Some Old Papers and Documents.

Mr. John A. Barnhardt, of Pioneer Mills showed us this week several papers and documents, one of which was a land grant issued by State Treasurer John S. Haywood to John Bruton 70 acres of land in Montgomery county for \$7.00 in the year 1825. In the batch of papers was also a marriage license issued in 1832 with the following salutation: "To any regular Minister of the Gospel, having the cure of souls, of whatever denomination or to any Justice of Peace of said county; you, or any of you, are hereby licensed and authorized to celebrate and solemnize the Rites of Matrimony between _____." The instrument was signed by Carl P. Harris, Clerk.

THE MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

Much Interest Aroused in an Already Strong Missionary Church.

Rev. Dr. E. H. Rawlings and Rev. H. K. Boyer conducted a missionary institute yesterday afternoon and night at Central Methodist church. The meeting yesterday afternoon was attended mostly by ladies who compose the missionary society of Central church, the banner society of the Western North Carolina Conference. Dr. Rawlings is chairman of the mission board of the M. E. church, South, and Mr. Boyer is missionary Secretary of the North Carolina Conference, and both of them are numbered among the church's strongest men and leaders in his particular branch of church work.

At the afternoon session Dr. Rawlings addressed the ladies on the mission work and Mr. Boyer also made a short talk. At the evening meeting, at 7:30 o'clock, Dr. Rawlings made a great address on missions and his earnest appeal for aid in the great work of evangelizing the world went straight to the hearts of his hearers and the strong business-like manner of presenting this cause to the laymen resulted in attracting their interest and attention. He is a speaker of wonderful directness and power. Dr. Boyer explained the great plan the churches have adopted through their laymen's movement to accomplish the evangelization of the world in this generation, after which a number of laymen were called upon to express their views as to the work, and the following responded by heartily endorsing the course as suggested by Messrs. Rawlings and Boyer. Messrs. R. S. Wheeler, A. F. Hartzell, who was recently elected lay leader, W. C. Houston, D. B. Coltrane, W. R. Odell, W. A. Stone, Rev. P. T. Durham, Rev. W. L. Hutchins and J. B. Sherrill and Messdames D. B. Coltrane and W. C. Houston.

CONTRIBUTION OF THE CITY GRADED SCHOOLS.

To the Bill Nye Memorial Fund Amounts to \$65.15.

Wednesday morning the children of the public schools of the city made their contributions to the fund to erect the Bill Nye Memorial building at the Jackson Training School, and the following shows the amount contributed by each room:

Central School.	
First Grade—Miss Harris	\$ 5.13
First Grade—Miss King	1.15
Second Grade—Miss Patterson	1.00
Second Grade—Miss Harris	2.38
Third Grade—Miss Caldwell	4.70
Third Grade—Miss Phifer	1.75
Fourth Grade—Miss Gibson	1.08
Fourth Grade—Miss Means	3.17
Fifth Grade—Miss Grier	3.70
Fifth Grade—Miss Hill	1.60
Sixth Grade—Miss Dumville	3.03
Sixth Grade—Miss White	1.41
Seventh Grade—Miss Austin	2.10
Seventh Grade—Miss Gressitt	3.35
Eighth Grade—Miss Foster	3.35
Ninth Grade—Miss Stevens	4.25
Tenth Grade—Mr. McLean	3.55
Total	\$46.72

School No. 2.

First Grade—Miss White, Miss Patterson, Miss Archibald	\$ 3.18
Second Grade—Miss Hoover, Miss Barrier	2.00
Third Grade—Miss Means, Miss Sherrill	2.55
Fourth Grade	2.05
Fifth and Sixth—Mr. Long	8.62
Total	\$18.40
Total in both schools	\$65.15

Death of Mrs. Ephraim Eudy.

Mr. W. L. Widenhouse this morning received a message announcing the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Ephraim Eudy, which occurred at Millington last night at 9:30 o'clock, of pneumonia, after a few days' illness. Mrs. Widenhouse was at her mother's bedside at the time of her death, and Mr. Widenhouse left this afternoon to attend the funeral, which will be held at Salem church tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Mrs. Eudy had been for many years a consistent member of the Methodist church.

The Sorois Book Club.

The Sorois Book Club had a very pleasant meeting on Saturday afternoon with Miss Mary Lewis Harris. The program was as follows:

Roll Call Responses—Social Customs of Holland.
Reading—Holland's Greatest Artist—Miss Montgomery.
Paper—The Period of the Crusades—Miss Sample.
Reading—The Millet of Holland—Mrs. S. J. Ervin.

Rev. Edward L. Ritchie, who has been in Cabarrus for two or three weeks visiting the family of his father, Mr. Geo. E. Ritchie, of No. 6 township, left Tuesday for his home at Burke's Garden, Va., where he is pastor of the Lutheran church.

ANOTHER TEN DOLLARS.

Added to Our Bill Nye Fund—Mr. P. B. Fetzer the Contributor.

Mr. P. B. Fetzer, who is now in New York, yesterday telegraphed Mr. Walter Thompson, superintendent of the Training School as follows: "Add ten dollars to Bill Nye Memorial for me."

This amount, added to our fund already announced, makes it stand at \$184.18. The fund now is as follows:

Mr. J. W. Cannon	\$ 25.00
J. W. Cannon	25.00
J. Locke Erwin	25.00
Cash	25.00
Frank L. Smith	15.00
Arthur B. Pounds	10.00
C. E. Ritchie	10.00
P. B. Fetzer	10.00
Boys at Training School	9.18
Times	5.00
Tribune	5.00
C. W. Swink	5.00
J. F. Honeycutt	5.00
Total	\$184.18

TRAIN ROBBERS CAUGHT.

Bandits Who Held up Southern's No. 36 Arrested in Georgia.

Gainesville, Ga., Feb. 22.—Three men have been arrested and more than \$2,000 in money and jewelry has been recovered as a result of three days' search for the gang of bandits who held up and robbed the Southern Railway fast mail train, No. 36, at White Sulphur Springs, last Saturday morning. It is the belief of the officers of the express and railway companies that the entire gang has been rounded up, but the identity of the suspects still is unknown.

Following the capture of one of the robbers about four miles from Dahlonega early yesterday, two other members of the gang were arrested this morning by a posse headed by Sheriff Edwards, of Lumpkin county. The men were surprised on a public road about fourteen miles from Dahlonega and offered no resistance. They were placed in jail at Dahlonega tonight and will be brought to Gainesville tomorrow.

Nearly one thousand dollars in cash and jewelry valued at between \$500 and \$600 was found on the two robbers. They refused to give any names, but their talk indicated that they were Westerners. While they kept their own identity secret, they stated that the man arrested earlier near Dahlonega was one of the ring-leaders of the gang and was known as John D. Anderson.

He is said to be an old hand at the game. When handcuffed the robbers broke down and admitted their participation in the express car hold-up. They refused, however, to give any details further than to implicate the man who was arrested near Dahlonega.

Death of Miss Lula Davis.

Miss Lula Davis died yesterday morning at the Presbyterian hospital in Charlotte, where she had been for the past six weeks for treatment. Miss Davis was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Davis, of Rocky River, and was 38 years of age. For the past 10 years she had been living in Florida where she taught school. She went to Florida last fall but only stayed a few weeks and returned to her home at Rocky River on account of ill health. She went to the hospital in Charlotte about six weeks ago for treatment but her condition grew gradually worse until her death. The funeral was held at Rocky River church this morning, conducted by Rev. James Lapsley, and the following were the pall bearers: Messrs. John and Clifford Porter, Carl and Hampton Spears and Nat and Albert White, of Charlotte.

Another Concord Man Gets a Patent.

Mr. Nevin A. Archibald has received notice from C. A. Snow & Co., his attorneys in Washington, that a patent will be issued March 14 for the rein-holder he recently devised and for which he made application for patent. The device is made of a steel spring and consists of a small piece of steel and two bands that can be fastened to a whip, whip socket or dashboard. The spring rests against the part of the buggy it is attached to and the lines can be placed in the small crevice and held securely by the force of the spring against them.

The device is practical, convenient and useful and Mr. Archibald has already received several attractive propositions concerning the sale of it.

Rev. and Mrs. Noaker, who have been visiting Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Causey, have returned to their home in China Grove.

Mr. R. H. DeButts, traveling passenger agent of the Southern Railway, is a Concord visitor today.

MR. ODELL APPOINTED.

Formal Announcement Made of His Appointment as Special Agent to Study Cotton Goods Markets Abroad.

Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel has made a formal announcement of the appointment of Mr. Ralph Milton Odell, of this city, as special agent of the United States to study the markets for cotton goods. In the issue of February 13 The Tribune announced that Mr. Odell would be appointed and his friends were highly gratified that this popular and capable young man would receive such a high office from the government, and since that time he has been the recipient of countless expressions of congratulations and good wishes, and friends are more than pleased over the announcement that he has been formally appointed.

On every hand with those familiar with the peculiar fitness and ability of Mr. Odell have been heard the expressions of confidence that he would fill the position with credit and distinction to himself and to the government. In a letter to Secretary Nagel President Feiwel, of Trinity College, from which institution Mr. Odell is an honor graduate, stated that no young man in North Carolina was better fitted for such a position than Mr. Odell. Endorsements of such character from leaders in various lines of industry were received by him.

Mr. Odell will enter upon his new work with the strong assurances of the best wishes from a large circle of friends here and throughout the State.

Secretary Nagel also announces the appointment of Mr. J. G. House, of Greensboro, as a special agent to perform the same work Mr. Odell is appointed to do.

Railroad Meeting at Clarksville.

Mr. Editor:—Some of the promoters in the interest of the Salisbury and Monroe railroad spoke to a large crowd at Clark's store last Saturday at 2 p. m. Quite a number from Cabarrus and adjoining townships were present, and after the plans were fully laid before the people of the proposed railroad, quite a number pledged themselves to support and work for the interest of the road which will bring thousands of dollars within our reach. Some capitalists are already peeping at our fine quality of granite, and on the 14th day of March, 1911, we will give a large majority in favor of the road then we will only begin to realize just how Rip Van Winkle felt when he awoke from his long nap to find everything changed and in such a flourishing condition.

Master Guy Yost, son of Mr. Paul Yost, is suffering from a slight attack of appendicitis.

Messrs. W. C. Troutman and Edmond Deal have completed their phone line to Faith, and have their phones now in use.

On account of the serious illness of her mother, Miss Mabel Kimmons has closed school at the Sloop school house for a few days.

Home Mission and Aid Society of Central Church.

At the meeting of the Home Mission and Aid Society of Central Methodist church held Monday afternoon the following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. Plato Durham.
First Vice-President—Mrs. J. B. Sherrill.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. G. C. Love.

Third Vice-President—Miss Ida May King.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. J. E. Smoot.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. F. J. Haywood.

Treasurer Home Mission Society—Miss Joe Smith.

Treasurer Aid Society—Mrs. J. F. Dayvaunt.

Colored Man Sells First Bale of Long Staple Cotton Here.

Mr. N. A. Archibald, buyer for J. A. Skipwith & Co., cotton buyers, purchased a bale of long staple cotton on the local market Tuesday from A. W. Houston, colored, of No. 11 township. The staple measured 1 3/16 inches and the bale weighed 455 pounds, bringing 5 1/2 cents, 1 1/2 cents above the market price. So far as is known this is the first bale of long staple cotton ever sold on the local market or grown in Cabarrus county, and it is receiving no little attention from the local cotton men and the cotton growers of the county.

The Westminster League of the First Presbyterian church is planning to hold a week's service late in March. Two years ago this League held a similar service which was greatly enjoyed by the people of Concord. The event now being arranged will be of increased interest. The speakers will be selected from among the most prominent men of the Southern Presbyterian Church composed of ministerial and lay members. This list, as soon as arranged, will be made known.

Rev. W. H. Ball, of Monroe, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Locke Erwin. Mr. Ball is a native of England and spent nineteen years in the mission field of South Africa. He will preach at All Saints' Episcopal church Sunday.

Mr. M. E. Nathan, of Charlotte, is here today.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

Fox Hunters Galore—Death of Little Boy—Kicked by a Horse—Recital at the Seminary—Illness of Miss Matthews.

Fox chasing has been a favorite pastime for quite a while. Promising amateurs have rapidly developed into professionals in the sport. This is true of men, boys and dogs. The fox hunters here is a familiar sound on every plantation. Nightly the music of the dogs has been the sweet refrain by which those in the country have sought their peaceful slumbers. But lately the chase has come within the limits of the incorporated municipality of Mt. Pleasant itself. Every dog in town is a fox chaser. The daring fox came near running down a few of our citizens, but he proved just a bit too speedy for the dogs, until last night when he took too great a risk and the dogs caught one of the finest specimens of a yellow tom cat ever placed on exhibition on a telephone pole in Mt. Pleasant. There are those, however, who declare it is only a degenerated specimen of a red fox.

Julian, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Dry, died last Friday after a lingering illness, aged almost three years. Mr. and Mrs. Dry have the sincere sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

Rev. Paul Barringer and Dr. A. W. Moore are attending a call meeting of the North Carolina Classis in Salisbury today.

Miss Viola Matthews has been right seriously sick the past week. Her sister, Mrs. J. J. Irvin, of Cameron, and her brothers, Dr. M. L. Matthews, of Vass, are at her bedside. Her condition is reported better at this time.

Mr. Luther Lentz was badly hurt last week by a horse kicking him on the knee.

W. M. Axley, Esq., of Murphy, spent Sunday here.

The recital given by the young ladies of the Seminary last Friday night was one of the real treats of the season. A large audience was thoroughly delighted with the various instrumental and vocal numbers on the altogether splendidly selected program.

Rev. W. L. Sherrill, associate editor of the N.-C. Advocate, is spending a few days here in the interest of his paper.

Every preparation has been completed for the annual debate of the Gerhardt society tomorrow night. The outlook is for a full house and a strong debate as to whether United States Senators should be elected by direct vote or according to present methods.

Miss Annie Dry, assistant superintendent of University hospital, Baltimore, is home for a few days.

Misses Maggie Efrid and Lurline Graham, of China Grove, spent a few days with Miss Lillian Cline last week.

Mrs. H. B. Stack, of Greensboro, is visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. N. R. Richardson.

Mt. Pleasant, February 21, 1911.

Long-Neisler.

On Sunday, February 19th, just as the evening shades were lengthening and twilight was casting its fanciful halos over the departing day, a quiet though pretty wedding was being solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Neisler, when their daughter, Miss Lizzie Neisler, and Mr. G. C. Long pledged their troth in the presence of the immediate family of the contracting parties.

The bride, who is an attractive young lady, wore a stylish suit of brown with hat and gloves to match. The groom is a member of the well known Long family of Cabarrus county and one of No. 5 most prosperous farmers.

After the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. C. R. Pless, pastor of St. Andrews Lutheran church, the happy couple drove to the home of the groom's mother, where they will be at home to their many friends, all of whom wish them every species of happiness and prosperity in their new relation.

Mr. Odell's Appointment.

The salary of Mr. Ralph Odell, who has been appointed special agent of the Department of Labor to exploit our cotton goods abroad, will be \$4,000 a year and expenses. The appointment is made solely on point of ability and not as a political position. A great effort is to be made this year to bring about an extension of southern cotton goods trade in foreign markets. Three agents will be appointed under the Overman amendment and North Carolina gets two of these.

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