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Some Acts of the Legislature

AN ACCURATE SUMMARY OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS DONE AT THE RECENT SESSION.

Raleigh, March 13.—At the recent session of the Legislature a great many acts and resolutions were passed that are interesting to the people of the State and below will found a summary of the most important ones:

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

The following are the most important resolutions which were adopted:

Requesting Congress to vote for the Appalachian Forest Reserve and asking the Governor to go to Washington in the interest of that measure.

Endorsing the second Hague Peace Conference.

Endorsing the Jamestown Exposition, appropriating \$20,000 more to it and allowing the North Carolina building to be sold and the proceeds used by the commission.

Making a \$500 gift to the cruiser North Carolina.

Urging Congress to improve the Upper Cape Fear river.

Congress to secure a change in the constitution so Senators will be elected by a direct vote of the people.

A BLOW AT BOOZE.

Bills were passed eliminating whiskey from the following counties: Burke, Lincoln, Catawba, McDowell, Madison, Cherokee, Macon, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Rutherford, Northampton, Stanley, Scotland, Cumberland, and Mecklenburg.

TO IMPROVE ROADS.

Thirty counties were allowed to improve their roads and very large bond issues were allowed to be voted on for this purpose in the counties of Franklin, Buncombe, Forsyth, Durham, Rowan, Wake and Granville, ranging from \$100,000 to \$300,000.

At no session of the Legislature have charters been granted to so many roads. Following is the list: North Carolina Union; Southport, Northern & Western; Raleigh & Winston-Salem; Northampton & Hertford; Western Carolina; Bladen & Northern; Rockingham & Caswell; Randolph & Cumberland; Graham county; Washington & Vandum; Mantahala, Dover & Southbound; Susekseege, Elkin & Alleghany; Virginia & Gaston Carolina; Virginia & Carolina Southern, Deer River & Famous Creek; Alleghany & Piedmont Southern; Southwestern & Greensboro; Seaboard and Great Western; Mittenuskeet; Kinston & Carolina; Monroe & Southern; Franklin, Smoky Mountain. Bills were also passed allowing Buncombe, Henderson and Rutherford counties subscribe stock for a competing railway between Asheville and Rutherford; to allow the consolidation of the Aberdeen & West End, the Asheboro & Montgomery and the Jackson Springs Railways; to allow the conversion of the Wilkesboro & Jefferson Turnpike to a steam or electric railway.

SCHOOLS.

In the way of schools and school matters, bills passed incorporating the Stonewall Jackson Training School or Reformatory; to establish a manual training school in the mountains; to establish a Teachers' Training School in the East; a school of technology at Spray; to allow elections to be held in townships or school districts on the subject of compulsory education; to require deaf mutes to attend the State School at Morganton and to limit the attendance to North Carolina children; to require 16 week attendance

each year of children between ages of 8 and 14 years; to provide a safe and adequate water supply for all schools, public and private.

RAILROAD BILLS.

A great deal of attention was given railway matters and the following are the important bills which passed to fix the maximum passenger rate at 2 1/4 cents per mile; to regulate freight rates and prevent unjust discrimination; to prevent public drinking in passenger cars; to require railways to keep passenger cars clean; to allow conductors and station agents to arrest drunk, disorderly or boisterous persons; to allow railways to construct belt lines at towns; to require one director and one incorporator of all railways to be a citizen and resident of this State; to allow the corporation commission to require union depots in towns of 2,000 persons; to require street railways to provide separate accommodations for negroes and whites; to prevent stealing of goods in transit, and also to prevent stealing of braces and other railway property; to greatly enlarge the powers of the corporation commission.

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Other important bills of a miscellaneous character are as follows:

To restore dentists to their former dignity as doctors; to allow judges and magistrates to exclude all persons except those concerned in trials for felonious assault.

To extend for two years the time for settling the State debt.

To promote public decency by punishing people for using indecent signs, writings and pictures in public.

To allow the Governor to appoint special police for water power transportation and construction companies; to provide for the care of the mentally deficient by providing special institutions for them.

To increase the number of State challenges in all cases less than capital.

To allow the Governor traveling expenses.

To extend the crime of vagrancy so as to include keepers or inmates of disorderly houses.

To prevent and punish trusts and combines.

To authorize the State board of health to provide for preventative treatment of tuberculosis by means of a hospital in Moore county.

To require the penitentiary to pay its debt bonds of 1899, amounting to \$110,000, and to pay \$170,000 of its earnings into the treasury to go to the general fund.

To require registration of trained nurses.

To amend the law regarding removal of cloud on title.

To pay half fees officers and witnesses when no true bill is found.

To extend time for obtaining land grants.

To regulate osteopathy and create State board of examiners.

To protect hotel and boarding house keepers.

To prescribe the hours of service for railway employees operating trains.

To establish a State board of equalization for the assessment of real estate.

To regulate hours of labor of children in factories.

To amend the landlord tenant law.

To limit the poll tax to \$2 in cities and towns.

To provide for the display of the State flag on all court houses,

schools and other public buildings.

To place all telephone lines under the corporation commission.

To promote the oyster industry.

To create the office of fish commissioner.

To secure immigration in North Carolina, appropriation \$10,000, half from the State, half from the agricultural department.

To secure a statue of Vance to be placed in Statuary Hall at the capitol at Washington.

To fix the salaries of State officers and to require fees to be turned into the State treasury.

To make general election day a legal holiday.

To make the pension appropriation \$400,000, an increase of \$125,000.

There were bills of course, carrying increased appropriations for all the State institutions, some 40 in number.

A bill was passed providing for public high schools, number in each county not less than one or more than four to be prescribed by State Superintendent of public instruction.

INSURANCE BILLS.

A great many insurance bills were introduced, but only a small percentage of these passed. Those which did pass as follows:

To amend the Revisal by allowing companies having over \$100,000 capital to invest the excess in such manner as the insurance commissioner approves; to regulate the use of the reserve of life companies by allowing it to be used for re-insurance, to be available in case of the insolvency of the company, to define fraternal orders; to prohibit the application of the iron safe clause to building and fixtures; to prevent the diversion of funds in insurance companies for political purposes; to require fire insurance companies to furnish blank proofs of loss in case they demand such proof; to regulate the form of life insurance contracts by requiring the form all policies under \$500 to be submitted to and approved by the insurance commissioner before the company can issue such policies, this act to be effective July 1; to allow the insurance commission to employ an assistant and accountant to calculate and check up the books of the insurance companies; to impose a general penalty for all provisions of the insurance law for which no special penalty has been imposed; to provide for the volunteer firemen of the State in case of injury or sickness, due to service at fires, by levying a tax of 1-2 of 1 per cent upon the premiums of fire insurance companies, but in order to secure this the town must comply with the fire waste law; to declare that the agent of a life insurance company is the agent of the company and not of the policy holder.

FRANCISCO ROUTE 2.

Francisco Route 2, March 15.—

Miss Maud Flippin had a broad smile on her face last Sunday as Mr. Rector Tilley gave her a call.

Mr. Joe Tilley gave Miss Ida Smith a call Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Henry George has been looking sad since Miss Louie France returned home from her school.

Land For Sale in Southeast Missouri.

8000 acres timbered land at from \$2.00 to \$10.00 per acre; 2,000 acres of farm land at from \$5.00 to \$20.00 per acre. Good climate, good railroad facilities; from 8 to 10 months public school each year. If you want to buy, address

H. F. HUTCHENS,
Ellisnore, Mo.

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Mr. J. D. Young, of Danbury Route 1, was here Thursday.

REPLY TO REV. P. OLIVER.

Old Confederate Soldier Asks the Minister a Few Questions.

Mr. Editor:

I notice in the last issue of your newspaper an article from the pen of Rev. P. Oliver in regard to the bill recently introduced in the General Assembly by Senator Buxton providing for the appointment of a number of new magistrates for Stokes county with certain duties, etc., also the law allowing the taxes derived from the railroads to be expended for public improvements in certain townships. Now, I do not desire to notice the views of the Rev. Mr. Oliver expressed with reference to the magistrate bill, as it was not even reported favorably, and is therefore a closed incident. Neither do I care to notice his comments with reference to the railroad tax law, further than to express surprise that our friend, who is such a loyal (?) Democrat, did not bestow upon this measure the ginger of his displeasure when it was twice introduced and twice passed at the instigation of Republican Representative Petree, but must withhold his condemnation until it is resurrected by Democrats.

But, Mr. Editor, what struck me so forcibly in the article of Mr. Oliver was his gratuitous confession of Democratic principles. He was, he says, "born a Democrat—rocked in an old fashioned Democratic cradle and has all his life loved what he understood to be Democratic principles." If this be so, Brother Oliver, if you have been rocked in an old fashioned Democratic cradle, why have you allowed a Republican flag to dangle from the corner post. Tell us now, honestly, if you haven't been voting with the Republicans for the past twenty years, and have therefore deserted the principles which according to your own statement you love. If you, as you assert, are in love with Democratic principles, why were you, when the invader set foot on our sacred soil, taking our property and driving us into a pinching poverty from which we have not even to this day recovered—why were you a sympathizer with unionism and against the rights of our beloved South. And I ask you if you are not today anti-Southern, anti-Old Confederatism, and in sympathy with every other State and National policy that is un-Democratic. And yet you would have the Stokes Democrats believe that you have stood by them, when your neighbors testify that you have been on the other side.

Really, brother Oliver, don't you think that the effect of your divine mission—that of leading souls to the Master—would be considerably less impaired if you would leave county politics to county politicians and preach the pure gospel.

1861.

The deposits in the Bank of Stokes County now reach nearly \$60,000. Hardly a day passes but that some new depositor is not added to the ledger. Many farmers, ladies, widows, boys and girls are among the Bank's patrons.

HOW TO REMAIN YOUNG.

To continue young in health and strength, do as Mrs. N. F. Rowan, McDonough, Ga., did. She says: "Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured me of chronic, liver and stomach trouble, complicated with such an unhealthy condition of the blood that my skin turned red as flannel. I am now practically 20 years younger than before I took Electric Bitters. I can now do all my work with ease and assist in my husband's store." Guaranteed at all druggists. Price 50c.

Little Girl Burned to Death

HORRIBLE FATE OF THE TWIN-DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. J. M. TAYLOR, OF STONEVILLE.

Stoneville, March 15.

The heart-rending occurrence in this place Saturday afternoon which terminated in the death of the precious little 4-year-old twin child of Mr. Jas. M. Taylor, as told in the following note handed to us since our return from Intelligence, is the saddest affair we have been called on to record in a long time:

We were greatly shocked Saturday afternoon to hear that little Vesta, one of the twins of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor had been badly burned. The mother had gone out of the house a few minutes when little Nesta ran to her in the yard screaming and in flames.

The mother frantically used every effort to extinguish the flames, thereby burning her hands very severely.

The doctors did all that could be done to relieve the little sufferer, but after lingering a few hours she was released from her suffering, God transplanting the little flower to His heavenly garden above. A short while before her death she said to her father "that her little twin brother must go to Sunday School with Marion," realizing, though so young, that she was nearing the Border Land.

Just before breathing her last she raised her arms, exclaiming, "I am dying!"

Our hearts go out in sympathy to the bereaved family, and we trust that the father and mother, brothers and sisters may bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

May God sanctify this affliction to their good—that they may meet this dear little one on the Shining Shore.

Thus a little child shall lead them.

He shall gather the lambs with His arms and carry them in His bosom.

The funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock Monday at the Methodist church by Rev. A. Gregson in the presence of a very large congregation. The services were impressive, and there were few dry eyes in that vast audience during the sermon by the good minister.—Farmer and Co-Operator.

To Plant An Orchard And Operate Cannery.

Messrs. J. J. Norman, R. I. Dalton and J. A. Ashburn have closed a deal for a tract of land on the top of Brown Mountain, in this county, on which they expect to plant a large peach orchard and operate a cannery.

This property is very desirable as it is above the frost line and peaches are never killed in this section by cold. Mr. Ashburn and Mr. Wm. Martin have been growing extra fine peaches on this noted knob for years. The promoters of the industry expect to raise the finest peaches in the State.

Messrs. Gid Tuttle, of Walnut Cove Route 1, and L. B. Boles, of Germanton Route 1, were here on business a short while Thursday.

Mr. J. E. Simmons, of Vade Mecum, was here a short while Thursday.

WORKED LIKE A CHARM.

Mr. D. N. Walker, editor of that spicy journal, the Enterprise, Louisa, Va., says: "I ran a nail in my foot last week and at once applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve. No inflammation followed; the salve simply healed the wound." Heals every sore, burn and skin disease. Guaranteed at all druggists, 25c.

THE NEWS OF SMITH.

Miss Lula Stone's School Closes—Personal Notes.

Smith, March 16.—The weather is so bad the farmers in this section are doing but little work.

The school here taught by Miss Lula Stone closed Saturday. All had a nice time. Mr. Percy Martin was at the exhibition and enjoyed himself so well he has been back every day since. Percy, what can be attracting your attention down that way?

Messrs. Matt Moore and Percy Martin gave Miss Maud Payne a call Sunday evening. Hurrah boys, the school is only a few days longer and then she will go back to Westfield, where Mr. J. P. will take the day.

Mr. Lee Tilley calls on Miss G. right often. Hurrah little ones, I think you are getting on fine.

Mr. Robt. Morsfield gave Miss Alice a call Sunday. Lookout, Robert, there's another boy eyeing your girl.

Mr. Binam Bryant called on Miss Alpha Sunday.

Miss Rachel Moore left Saturday for Mt. Airy where she will spend a few days with her friends and relatives.

GUESS WHO.

Deeter From Stokes Man In Colorado.

Rocky Ford, Colo., Route 1.

Mr. Editor: I am liking my new home in Colorado O. K. It is the nicest country I ever saw. We are having fine weather since I have been here. The roads are dry and dusty. 26 degrees is the lowest the thermometer has been since I have been here. I arrived here on the 10th of February, 1907.

Land is high here and runs from \$75.00 to \$100.00 per acre. Our moneyed crop is sugar beets. People make \$75.00 to \$125.00 on an acre. I shall put in about 32 acres in sugar beets this year. People are plowing right along now, the land is not frozen at all. I have seen the nicest apple orchards in this county I ever saw.

If a man works here I don't see why he should not make money. Wages are good, \$30.00 to \$35.00 per month, and nice dry weather to work in. The thermometer stands from 26 to 70 degrees and most days stands at 50 to 70. Pretty weather for work. Corn here is worth 85 cents per hundred lbs., hay good at \$8.00 per ton; good flour \$2.15 per hundred. I live 2 1/2 miles west of Rocky Ford. I have bought 3 1/2 acres of land, well improved at \$8,000. I have met with several of Stokes county people since I have been here.

JNO. R. LACKEY.

A Girl's Essay On Boys.

Boys are men that have not got as big as their papas, and girls are women that will be ladies by-and-by. Man was made before woman. When God looked at Adam He said to Himself: "Well, I think I can do better if I try again." And He made Eve. God liked Eve so much better than Adam that their has been more women than men.

Boys are trouble. They wear out everything but soap. If had my way half the world would be girls and the rest dolls. My papa is so nice that I think he must have been a little girl when he was a little boy.

Man was made, and on the seventh day he rested. Woman was then made, and she has never rested since.