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## A SYNOPSIS OF THE NEW LAWS

### Hundreds of Bills Enacted Into Law and Hundreds of Others Killed By the Recent General Assembly.

Raleigh, March 15.—The ceremonies marking the close of the General Assembly were interesting, as they most always are. Scarcely one of the 160 men and one woman who had been here for sixty-three days fighting, struggling, worrying and arguing on the floors of the two chambers but felt an odd tightening in the throat when the gavel in the two houses fell at practically the same moment and the General Assembly of 1925 was declared adjourned sine die at eleven thirty on Tuesday evening, March 16th. The two halls of the Assembly are exactly opposite with the rotunda of the building intervening. The two doors were swung wide open, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House stood gavel in hand ready for the final "drop." The reading clerks called the rolls, slowly and solemnly, the answers of the members lined along each side of the aisles in two long lines extending from the presiding officers' desks to the doors were echoed fairly in both chambers. Simultaneously with the response to the last name called the two gavels fell with a thud the members waked up, told one another goodbye and it was all over for another two years, unless an emergency shall arise which necessitates another special session.

The extenders of both houses were cleared of all important bills and the members went home with full assurance that they had completed the job. Bills were put through with surprising rapidity during the closing days of the session and state officials are busy trying to ascertain exactly what has been done to them. Some of those holding minor positions are "slightly disgraced," but still in the ring. The State and Insurance departments no longer exercise the privilege of collecting revenues, otherwise their activities will be unhampered by any act of the General Assembly, barring the transfer of the supervision of the "Blue Sky Law" from the Insurance Department to the Corporation Commission. This was recommended by commission. Wade early in the session and he is shedding no tears over the passing from his hands of an agency which has had trouble from the very beginning of its operations in the State.

Differences between the Senate and House of Representatives over the Revenue Act were adjusted late Tuesday afternoon when the House practically capitulated to the branch of the Assembly. The two branches also, finally found themselves in agreement touching the provisions of the bill carrying appropriations to the various State charitable, penal and educational institutions, but the Nettles bill providing increase in the pension fund for the benefit of ex-moderate soldiers and widows met its Waterloo in the Senate through parliamentary tactics started by Burgwyn, of Northampton, who proposed a tax of one cent on the hundred dollars worth of property, in lieu of the tax of one cent on theatre tickets provided in the Nettles bill. "Class legislation" was the cry of the opposite to the House bill and survivors of the "days which tried men's souls" will have to struggle along on the small pittance which has been doled out to them during the last biennial period. And there a reason. The line is rapidly thinning, and the influence in politics is no longer a factor to be reckoned with. The legislators say fine things about his valor and deeds of daring but vote additional appropriations to institutions the very existence of which is due to the courageous stand of these men in their early manhood and through the years that have followed the historical event at Appomattox.

Repeated attempts to put through a bill permitting State Treasurer B. R. Lacy to retire on half-pay were defeated in the House mainly on account of the precedent it would set up. And further, because this General Assembly made up its mind early in the session to "cut out non-essentials." The time-honored cus-

tom of paying janitors, firemen, watch-men and laborers connected with State departments for extra service during sessions of the previous general assemblies was not observed this time, only the Capitol telephone operator and the sub-station postmaster receiving a "bonus" at the hands of this Legislature. All other "bonus" bills presented promptly found their way to the "unfavorable calendar," or to the table. The table was literally loaded with instruments of this character when the smoke of legislative activities was finally cleared away. Employees of the General Assembly itself were provided for in a general adjustment bill during the early days of the session, when the door was shut against those regularly employed in the various State departments, although required to perform extra service.

State-owned automobiles are "in for a session of rest. Likewise public-owned machines in the counties. An act of the recent session of the General Assembly prohibits the use of any public-owned automobile by State or county officials and employees for private purposes of any character; forbids public officials and employees to use public-owned and operated garages for repairs to provide cars and makes it unlawful to use gasoline, oil, tires and accessories bought with State or county funds for private automobiles; except with the consent of the Governor or council of State, no State department, institution or agency, and no county, shall be allowed to pay more than \$1500 for purchasing an automobile with public funds. The provisions of the act make violation of the same a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1000, or by imprisonment in the discretion of the court. The act further provides that it shall be the duty of every executive head of every department of the State government, and by any county, or by any institution agency of the State, to have painted on every motor vehicle owned by the State, or by any county, or by any institution or agency of the State, a statement with letters of not less than three inches in height setting forth such ownership. The act is enforceable from and after its ratification.

Senator Seawell did not get the desired increase in the equalization fund for public education, but secured a continuance of the present basis for the distribution of this fund. Under the scheme proposed many counties would have lost heavily. A commission is to be named by the Governor to fix the basis for the distribution of the appropriation made available by the new appropriation bill which carries a provision allowing \$250,000 for equalization purposes.

While the Senate declined to approve the House bill increasing the number of judicial districts from twenty to twenty-four that body did adopt a measure authorizing the Governor to name special judges to hold special terms of court where congestion of dockets warrant such action. The traveling allowance of judges was supplemented to the extent of \$250 annually. The House did not like the Senate bill, preferring his own, but swallowed the bill on the idea that "half a loaf is better than no bread." Governor McLean had made a plea for some plan that would relieve court congestion and the members felt impelled to do something.

The final official act of Governor McLean during the session was the announcement of nominations for State Highway Commission and members of the State Prison Board. Also members of the State Board of Agriculture. The personnel of the Highway Commission remains "in tact; slight changes in prison board and that of Agriculture were deemed advisable by the Governor, for either personnel or political reasons, and a stroke of his pen placed new faces in State administration circles. The Senate promptly confirmed his recommendations, viz: Highway com-

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## DAVID BULLIN SHOOTS HIMSELF

### Young Farmer of Meadows Section Sends Pistol Ball Into His Temple and Dies Within An Hour.

David Bullin, a young farmer of the Meadows section, four miles south of Danbury, committed suicide yesterday about 11 o'clock when he shot himself in the right temple with a pistol, dying within about one hour.

It is learned that Mr. Bullin had made other efforts to take his life during the past few days, and that his pistol had been hidden from him a time or two.

His health during the past few weeks is the only reason assigned for the rash act.

Mr. Bullin, who was aged about 35 years, is survived by a wife and several children, as well as other relatives.

## YEAR'S TOBACCO AVERAGE \$22.19

### Number of Pounds Offered Was Smaller, But the Quality of Leaf Was Better.

Winston-Salem, March 16.—The leaf tobacco market, closed Friday afternoon after one of the most successful seasons in the history of the market. The poundage was not as high as that of last season, when about forty-two million pounds were sold, but the average was so much higher that the amount in dollars was about the same.

The total sales on the market this season were 35,750,276 pounds. This brought to the farmers of this section of the country a total of \$7,933,014.62 for an average of \$22.19 per hundred.

For an entire season average this price is regarded as very good and the warehousemen and the farmers alike were delighted with the record made by the market.

All of the five warehouses, Piedmont, Gornell's, Brown's, Planter's and Popper's, enjoyed good sales during the season and all are well satisfied with the results.

## MANY SEEK JOB OF KILLING FELONS

### Position of Prison Executioner Created by Legislature Has Thirty Applicants.

Raleigh, March 16.—At least 30 North Carolinians have made application for the job of executioner at the state prison, according to announcement made today by George Ross Pou, superintendent.

The job of executioner was created by the last general assembly, and for a time it seemed as if the place would go begging. The law provides for the payment of a sum up to \$25 to a guard or other person performing the task. It is expected that the appointment will be made before March 26, the date set for the next election.

## Danville Market Led Winston-Salem

### Danville, Va., March 14.—Another tobacco selling season passed into history Friday with the Danville market second at the tape in the annual race for priority in business.

Danville edged out Winston-Salem, N. C., and is second to Wilson. Figures prepared by the Danville Tobacco association showed early expectations were eclipsed and that throughout the season, or since October 1, 36,526,629 pounds were marketed here for \$8,418,822.18 at an average of \$23.01 per hundred pounds.

Half a million pounds more tobacco was sold here this year than during the previous season and nearly 10,000,000 more than during the 1922-23 season. It is expected that more tobacco will be sold here during the next few days privately but these will not be included in the season's poundage.

## One Drawback

Musician (doing badly) — "Ah, gentlemen, if we all 'ad our rights, I should be ridin' in me own carriage as I 'ave done before."

Skeptic — "Yes, but your poor old mother couldn't push you now!" — London Humorist.

## TO AUDIT STOKES COUNTY RECORDS

### Charlotte Auditing Firm Will Begin Work Soon — Done Under Act Of Legislature.

The auditing firm of Scott & Charney in Charlotte have been engaged by the Board of Commissioners of Stokes to audit the books in the offices of the county, and will start in the near future.

The action of the commissioners in ordering this audit of the books is in accordance with an act of the recent Legislature.

The audit will cover a period of two years, from Dec. 1, 1923, to Dec. 1, 1924.

## TO SELL \$120,000 ROAD BONDS

### County Commissioners Authorized This Amount Under Special Act Of General Assembly.

At a special meeting of the Stokes Board of Commissioners here Monday a resolution was passed authorizing the issuance of \$120,000 county bonds for road improvement in Stokes. This issue is made under a special act of the General Assembly.

The bonds will be issued in \$1,000 denominations and bids will be received for their sale up until 2 o'clock P. M., April 18, 1925. The bonds will bear 5 per cent interest, payable semi-annually.

## CO-OPS ARE PAID IN THREE STATES

### Sum of \$1,890,000 Distributed In Settlement of 2 Crops To Organized Growers.

Raleigh, March 17.—Tobacco farmers in three states shared in the payments of \$1,890,000 made from the warehouses of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association Monday of this week.

The tobacco association has now paid for the last pound of bright tobacco delivered by its members in 1922. It has completed final settlement with all of its members in South Carolina and Eastern North Carolina and has paid the Virginia and North Carolina members of the old bright tobacco held in full for 35 grades of the 1923 crop, before all of its warehouses have closed for receiving tobacco of the crop of 1924.

This week's payments by the tobacco association which extended all the way from central Virginia into South Carolina attracted crowds in all three states and brought satisfactory reports from markets in all three states.

Every member of the tobacco association who received a check this week was also handed a full statement of his account with the association which showed the amount of money which he has invested in warehouse stock and in the reserve fund of the association, in addition to the cash received from his crop. These statements show that the prices received by the organized farmers for their tobacco compare very favorably, grade by grade, with those of the auction floors and the payment of cash to the co-operative farmers at this season is a feature which is now proving very helpful to the members.

According to the present plan of financing the payment for the association warehouses, the members will hold all the stock in properties which are valued at over three million dollars, by the end of their present five year contract.

The association has received 445 million pounds of tobacco since its warehouses first opened in August 1922.

## Governor Silent On Long's Successor

Raleigh, March 17.—No announcement was forthcoming from the governor's office today as to the appointment of a successor to Judge Benjamin Franklin Long, of Statesville.

Rev. J. H. Hanes will preach Sunday morning and Sunday night, March 22nd, at Bethel Baptist church. Everybody cordially invited.

## TRIAL HERE NEXT WEDNESDAY

### Stokes Men Charged With Destroying Property and Violating Prohibition Laws.

Warrants were issued this week for Bud Fry and Bud Smith, citizens of Snow Creek township, charging them with destroying property and violating the prohibition laws. The defendants will be given a hearing next Wednesday before Justice N. A. Martin here, and are now at liberty under \$500 bonds each. The case was scheduled to come up here on Tuesday but the State was not ready for trial.

Bob Gray, the prosecuting witness who swore out the warrants, alleges that the defendants recently cut to pieces the top and tires of his automobile and also cut his wagon and buggy harness at his home in Snow Creek township.

The trial to be held here Wednesday is expected to attract a large number of citizens, there being a great many witnesses in the case.

## SAVE TROLLEY BY PATRONAGE

### Case of Greensboro Typical With Lines in Carolinas—People Raise Protest.

Do the people want to do away with the trolley car? Ask Greensboro!

Somewhat of a funny world, this! The trolley runs day in and day out and few ride. But talk about tearing up the tracks and discontinuing the service—then the fun begins.

Such a proposition was made in Greensboro; to tear up the tracks in a certain section of the city and substitute bus service. It was stated that the lines were not paying, that there was not sufficient patronage to pay operating expenses even, and that possibly busses could serve just as well. A mass meeting was held and the public voted a vociferous nay-nay!

According to The Greensboro News: "A summary of the reasons offered by those present for opposing the bus proposition is the fear that the car tracks would be torn up and in a few years the bus lines would sink into oblivion and they would be without transportation facilities of any kind; fear that removal of the car lines would cause heavy depreciation in the value of property, transportation costs would be increased 60 per cent, and fear that it would be impossible to handle traffic during the rush hours."

And there you are; the trolley offers regular and reliable service; the trolley enhances the value of real estate; the trolley is the only means by which mass transportation can be handled.

It was suggested at the Greensboro meeting that "if cars were run more frequently patronage of the trolley cars PROBABLY would grow."

That seems to be asking a great deal of a public service company. Take any electric street railway, for instance, which has been operating for years at a loss; the people have preferred riding to town in their comfortable autos, using the main streets for storage purposes, and have let the trolley pursue its empty way. The trolley has continued all these years offering its services. A point is reached when losses seem to demand its discontinuance. Then the people ask that the company double its operating costs with the PROBABILITY that patronage will increase.

Maybe it will; maybe it won't. It may be fair to ask such an increase in outlay from the company; it may not be fair.

But—there is one sure way to keep the trolley and help it expand and improve its service, and that is by patronizing it now—N-O-W.

Greensboro's is not an isolated case; the same conditions prevail all through the Carolinas. Some fine day the people may wake up to learn that the trolleys simply cannot run and to force them to run would amount to confiscation.

## Sam L. Childs Dead

New York, March 17.—Samuel L. Childs, president of the Childs Company, operators of a chain of restaurants, died today in a local sanitarium.

## JUSTICES FOR STOKES COUNTY

### Appointed By Last Legislature —Members of School Board Named, Each For Two Years.

The last legislature appointed the following named Justices of the Peace in the several townships of Stokes county:

Beaver Island Township.—R. N. Wall, G. L. Eggleston, W. J. Adkins.

Big Creek.—S. M. Walker, J. T. Nunn.

Danbury.—N. A. Martin, C. F. Reid.

Meadows.—J. B. Alley, S. L. Holland, J. W. Fowler.

Peters Creek.—W. P. Ray, P. A. Sheppard, W. D. Nelson.

Quaker Gap.—P. O. Fry, W. C. Martin.

Snow Creek.—J. Moir Hawkins, C. M. Hennis.

Sauratown.—S. C. Rierson, Thos. H. Gerry, J. A. Newsam.

Yadkin.—W. A. Sullivan, D. E. Gordon, J. Wilson Mitchell.

Board Education. J. R. Forrest, W. S. Steele, J. L. Christian, each term two years.

## TOBACCO MARKET CLOSED FRIDAY

### Season Just Closed Was Best in History of Local Market; 36,000,000 Pounds Sold.

Winston-Salem, March 14.—The sale of leaf tobacco was brought to a close Friday after what has been declared the most successful year in the history of the local tobacco market.

Since the market season opened last fall approximately 36,000,000 pounds of tobacco have been sold at an average price of about 20 cents a pound. The exact amount of pounds or dollars could not be learned last night.

Some of the very best golden leaf tobacco ever placed on the market was sold during the season that has just closed. The tobacco raised in the Piedmont section is considered of the best grade. This fact was clearly proven by the high prices that were brought for the best tobacco. During the past few days the sales have been small, but the prices during last week were unusually good considering the fact that most of the tobacco sold was scraps.

## Officers Raided 40 Distilleries In the State Last Month

Salisbury, March 14.—Officers operating under A. B. Coltrane, of this city, federal prohibition director for North Carolina, had a very busy month during February according to reports just forwarded to Washington.

Forty distilleries and 114 stills were taken and 1,678 gallons of liquors, along with much other material and equipment for the manufacture of liquor.

Twenty-nine automobiles were taken and 12 arrests made with 192 indictments. Value of property seized and destroyed was \$61,452 and that taken and not destroyed was valued at \$7,655.

## Reidsville Market Sold 2,501,750 Pounds

Reidsville, March 14.—The Reidsville auction warehouses closed for the 1924-25 season Wednesday of this week. Notwithstanding a much smaller crop in 1924 than was the 1923 crop, total sales on this market showed an increase of more than 15 per cent over the previous year.

Total sales for 1924-25 were 2,501,750 pounds; sold for \$560,225; average \$22.40 per hundred.

Total sales for 1923-24 were 2,179,000 pounds; sold for \$435,800.00; average \$20.00.

The total amount paid for tobacco on this market the past year was \$124,424.00 more than was disbursed the year before—an increase of about 26 per cent.

## Asheville To Have New \$500,000 Hotel

Asheville, March 17.—Work on a new \$500,000 hotel, to be located at the corner of Market and Woodfin streets, Asheville, has begun. The new hostelry will contain 125 rooms.