

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Legislative News.

Condensed from Charlotte Observer.

This substitute bill, which passed the Senate last night, provides that no individual stockholder in the business agency or in any other business enterprise the Alliance or any of its officers... The salary of no officer or employee of the Alliance is to be increased after the passage of the act and any amendment to the Alliance constitution to increase such salaries shall work for a forfeiture of the charter. Any subscriber to the business fund now or hereafter and are not now members of the Alliance, can withdraw from the business fund, the trustee to at once refund the amount so contributed on the presentation of certificate or affidavit that the certificate has been lost. Any contributor has the right to demand of the trustee his proportionate part of the sum paid by his county or sub-Alliance, making affidavit of the number of members of the Alliance at the time of such payment. The failure by a trustee to pay such claim within sixty days work the forfeiture of the charter. The funds of the trustee and business agent are to be deposited with the clerk of the Superior Court of the respected counties. The business agent is to pay in May and November profits of the business agency. No officer of the Alliance, shall use, or permit to be used, any part of the fund, directly or indirectly, for any purpose not embraced in the act of 1889 or this act. A violation works a forfeiture of the charter which the Attorney-General is to bring suit enforce.

The special order was taken up, being the bill to regulate the public printing by allowing it to be let to the lowest responsible bidder, the Secretary of State to advertise for bids and receive sealed proposals which he and the joint committee on printing shall open and decide, each proposal to be accompanied by a \$500 check; the contract not to be let to any firm at such distance that the bills cannot be printed from day to day. The bill passed its third reading.

The revenue bill was reported by the committee of the whole on its third reading. The amendment to allow the manufacturer of fruit brandy to sell by the quart was voted down. An amendment was offered to make the school tax 16 cents. It was adopted: Ayes 54, nays 35.

Amendments were offered imposing a graduated tax on incomes, one-fifth of one percent, between \$1,000 and \$2,000, thence raising gradually on each additional thousands. The chairman of the judiciary committee said he believed it was constitutional to tax incomes derived from a combination of capital and intellect. The amendment was adopted; ayes 42, nays 23.

The bill thus amended passed its final reading. The Confederate monument bill proved the greatest attraction of the legislative session. The galleries of the House as well as the lobbies were packed with ladies, whose enthusiasm regarding the matter was unexpressed. The pupils of St. Mary's school and Peace Institute were present. Of course it was a foregone conclusion that the bill would pass. Popular interest in the monument is great all over the State.

A delegation, representing the Wilmington chamber of commerce is here in the interest of the quarantine station at Southport. What is desired is a \$30,000 appropriation for a well equipped quarantine station. Of course it will be difficult to secure so large an appropriation, but the State ought to guard its southern port thoroughly.

The railway commission bill so far this year had very few cases to dispose of excellent work in connection with the Wilmington and Weldon Railway tax matter. The success of that movement, which began over a year ago, is largely due to the commission.

Mr. T. K. Braner, of the World's Fair board is now in Chicago. He writes here that the weather there is fearfully cold. He is looking after North Carolina's space. The caucus on public printing this afternoon, though lively, did not approach in interest the one held last week. Many speeches

were made during the two and a half hour's session. On Daniel's side Messrs. Cook, Clair Allen, Robertson, Ray, Holt and Patterson were among the speakers, while on the other side remarks were made by Messrs. Day, Kitchin, Taylor, of Hertford, Watson, of Forsyth, Pettigrew, Posey, King, and Long, of Alamance.

Resolutions were offered requesting the president of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to appoint more members of the printing committee, but this was withdrawn. A resolution was then offered that this caucus ratifies and re-affirms the action of the last caucus in electing Josephus Daniels public printer. It was on this resolution that the discussion occurred. It was adopted by a vote ayes 76 to 20 nays, and again the great strength and unanimity of Daniel's friends were shown.

In the House to-night the Scotland county bill failed to pass: Ynays, 41; nays, 44.

The Senate passed on its final reading the bill appropriating \$0,000 annually to the Institute for deaf mutes and blind here, and \$500 annually for repairs.

The bill codifying the State Guard laws was discussed in the Senate. Opposition was developed. An amendment was offered by Mr. Leatherwood that the whole amount appropriated for the State Guard should not exceed \$6,000. The bill was finally tabled at the request of its friends. It made new or additional appropriations.

The bill to change the judicial, ninth, tenth and eleventh judicial districts passed its second and third readings.

The Senate by a unanimous and rising vote adopted a resolution of respect to the memory of Gen. Braner.

Employer and Employee.

Why is it that we find so many men out of employment and why is it that some find it difficult to retain a position when once secured? The reasons are many.

In the first instance there is not sufficient employment for the unemployed, and we are not overlooking the fact that a great portion of the idle class are so from preference.

In the second case, which is very important, and deserving the most careful consideration, the employee is most often at fault. It is strictly the duty of the salaried person to take the same interest in the business in which he is engaged as though it was his own, and not be afraid that he will do a little more than the amount of his wages.

We once knew a cotton mill superintendent who seemed to have an easy time of it. A woolen mill superintendent who envied him his position asked him what was the most difficult thing about cotton mill superintending, when he dryly answered, "Getting the position."

From our observation we should say that keeping a position after it was obtained was the most difficult part of the undertaking. Few people deliver in the shape of service what they bargained to deliver when they year or two, and then lose them. They were not discharged and they did not leave. "Big heads" is sometimes the cause; big head seldom gives one dollar's worth for one dollar, hence dissatisfaction follows; big head gets so important that he thinks time tables were not made for him. In fact, he sometimes gets more important than his employer; when he gets to this stage he is ripe, and should quit and get a position as an oil drummer.

There is another class of men who are smart enough, but they have always some business outside of the mill to attend to. In fact, they are trying to serve two masters equally well, and no one has yet succeeded in doing it. The result is, the time table is neglected and pay day looked for as if it was the most important thing in life, all of which is noticed by the employer, and the employe is put in the balance and found wanting, and a change in position is the result, bringing a loss to both parties.

A great many good men lose positions because they do not give a dollar's worth for a dollar. This may come about in many different ways, but no matter what the cause employer and employe suffer alike both in mind and finances, and there is a breaking up of homes and changes to new localities, all of which could be avoided by a proper understanding of what constitutes time and mine.—Northern Journal.

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Adjournment Monday at Noon.

Special to the Observer. RALEIGH, N. C., March 3.—Governor Carr did not, after all, leave Washington last night, and at the executive department to-day it was said the would not go at all. Some of the staff officers went. The military of Raleigh left on a special train, and made a handsome appearance. Detachments from Durham and Louisbourg accompanied them. The Governor's Guard are quartered in the armory of the Washington Light Infantry.

The Senate and House have not worked together harmoniously this session. This has been a matter of comment nearly ever since the session began. It is impossible to give a reason for this.

The insurance bill has become a law. It appears to give general satisfaction.

Mr. Benj. R. Lacy, of this city, who was yesterday elected Commissioner of Labor Statistics, is a native of this city, and is a son of the late Drury Lacy, and a brother of Rev. William S. Lacy. He has for many years been a valued engineer on passenger trains of the Seaboard Air Line, and has a reputation for rapid running. Much interest is felt in his appointment. He succeeds Capt. William S. Harris, who was not long since appointed by Gov. Holt as Labor Commissioner. Mr. Lacy is a prominent member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Mr. Cook's "arbor day" became a law. It allows the Governor to designate the day. It is not to be a public holiday. The Populists of the Republicans and Populists to the State Guard was again forcibly illustrated today in the House.

Good For The House:

Bravo! Mr. Watson's bill, leveled at Cigarette Trust, passed the lower house of the Legislature yesterday by a handsome majority. It was conceded that it was a meritorious measure, but the tobacco men who were in Raleigh opposing it confessed that the tobacco interests of the State were in the hands of the trusts and argued that it is good policy to submit. What a humiliating confession, and what a lame and impotent conclusion! If we have come to this, that a private corporation with its headquarters in New York and a branch and buyers in North Carolina, is to be great to be attacked by the State, it is time for us to put up the shutters and go out of business. It is tame submission as this to the tribute levied by an overshadowing industry that makes men slaves.

It is to the credit of the House of Representatives that it is inclined to be influenced by the argument of cowardice. This conscienceless monopoly will never grow smaller nor weaker by being left alone. The State must take it by the throat and choke it or it will dominate the State. The fear that it has inspired, as evidenced by the arguments against the bill of Mr. Watson, prove that it has too long already been allowed to run its free course.—Charlotte Observer.

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The Democrats have a majority in the Montana legislature and will eventually elect a senator. The Republicans control the Washington legislature, so that the senate after these two states make their choice, will stand; Democrats 46, Republican 38, Populist 4. Thus the Democrats will have a clear majority over all of 4. But it is probable that the Populists will vote with the Democrats on nearly every question, thus making an antirepublican majority of twelve.

For the first time in twelve years the Democrats will on next Monday have control of the senate and for the first time in thirty two years they will be in control of both the legislative and executive departments of the government.

If the party is true to itself it will be a many a year before it loses it power.—Atlanta Journal.

Senator Ransom.

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun pays a high compliment to Senator Ransom in the following paragraphs:

The Democratic President pro tem, of the Senate will be the best parliamentarian in the body and one who, as a presiding officer, has no superior. Senator Harris, of Tennessee, is to be the man. No wiser selection could be made. Under the rule of senatorial etiquette General Ransom, of North Carolina, who is wondrously well versed in all the duties of a legislator, would have the preference, but, it is understood, Senator Ransom, of his own motion, suggested the Tennessee Senator for the place. General Ransom is one of the ablest of all the able men on the Democratic side, and in all probability his counsel and his services on the floor will be more valuable than in the chamber.

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