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Needs Investigation, Anyhow.

Notwithstanding the Governor's strong recommendation that the legislature make some investigation of the conditions under which fire insurance is sold in this State, the insurance lobby has secured an unfavorable report to a bill providing for such investigation. The fire insurance companies have started the way of all such corporations. Such policy has always been to declare that there was nothing wrong and if there was, it was none of the public's business. Thus at a time when the good will of the public might have been secured by frank and open dealing, every one of these corporations have blindly pursued the policy of doing nothing until driven to it. If there is nothing dead up the insurance branch, it would hurt nobody to let a legislative committee walk up and sniff around some.

The insurance companies have had everything their own way in North Carolina; the insurance department is really a device for protecting them and not the people. They may prevent an investigation now, which, of course, only means a more stringent one at some future time.

Near Beer Going—Clubs Must Go.

Last Thursday night the House by a practically unanimous vote passed a bill knocking out near beer saloons all over North Carolina. The Senate will also promptly pass the bill. Nothing was ever more disgusting than this miserable near beer business, hence it has no friends anywhere except the lone sentinel from Wilmington, who certainly cannot represent the best sentiment of that town, though he has credentials as a member of the legislature.

A bill has also been introduced forbidding the sale or distribution of liquor by social clubs. This violation of the law by clubs was unseen when the prohibition law was enacted by the people. Since it is a mere device to evade the law, the temperance people of the State unanimously demand that this legislature will kill right now this scheme for violating the law before the State becomes honeycombed with what Chief Justice Clark described as cooperative bar rooms. There can be no doubt that the legislature will promptly meet the wishes of the people in this matter.

The Torrens Land System.

There has been a very strong demand from farmers' organizations, individuals and others that the method of registering land titles known as the Torrens system, be enacted by this legislature. However, at this time, resting under an adverse report by the judiciary committee, the measure seems to be laid out on a cooling board for this session. While we would not wrongfully raise a suspicion against our lawyer friends who composed the judiciary committee exclusively, we cannot help but think that the bill would have fared better in the hands of some other committee. It is not natural that these gentlemen would see the need of sweeping away a system that is highly promotive of litigation and fees. We say in all sincerity that these gentlemen should not be expected to see the necessity for this change, or be blamed for not seeing it. But if we are ever going to get the change, the fact still remains that we must get it from some other source than the judiciary committee.

Union Does Not Want to Change.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature to take Union county from the 7th congressional district and place it in the 8th. The eighth runs now from Stanly to the border counties of Virginia, and though it is at present Democratic, it is not safely so. The argument is that Union would make the eighth safely Democratic. Union has always been the football of manipulators, and we are tired of it. It is now in the

seventh and wishes to stay there. All who are opposed to this change should write our representatives at once.

No Constitutional Convention.

This legislature would not submit a call for a constitutional convention. This is the correct thing in the opinion of many of our wisest men. While there are some constitutional amendments needed, there is no need for revising the whole constitution of the State, and such amendments as are needed can be and should be prepared and submitted to the people one or two at a time. This is the way the suffrage amendment was submitted, and the people thoroughly understood the question and voted for what they wanted.

Appointments of Rev. J. L. Bennett

I will preach at Philadelphia Baptist church next Saturday, the 11th of February, 10 o'clock a. m.; at Mt. Moriah 2 o'clock same day. At Cross Roads, Chesterfield county, Sunday at 11 o'clock. Mt. Croghan at 2 p. m., in hall, at Ruby church at night. Thompson's Creek church Monday, 11 a. m. Tuesday at Deep Creek, Anson county, 11 a. m.

Hoping to meet many of my friends and praying that all may be reconciled to God. J. L. Bennett.

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Boys' 2.50 Knee Pants Suits at 1.89	Ladies' 3.00 Shoes at 2.48
	Ladies' 2.50 Shoes at 1.98
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