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WORK OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Search and Seizure Law Will Pass—Primary Bill to be Put in Better Shape—Tipping Bill Killed—Big Fight Over Child Labor Bill—None of the Big Measures Yet Acted Upon.

The biggest fight in the legislature so far was pulled off in the senate chamber Thursday night when the joint committee of the two houses heard arguments on both sides of the bill proposing to abolish night work in mills by women, and children under sixteen, and to appoint an inspector to see that the law was obeyed. Many manufacturers were there with their lawyers opposing the measure and many citizens were there championing it. Mr. Julian S. Carr, Jr., who is a cotton manufacturer, and some other manufacturers supported the bill. The committee adjourned without taking action.

The sentiment seems to favor the passage of the Torrens land system of registration. One bill was introduced in the house and one in the Senate. The latter provided for a special land court and the former requires that the business shall be transacted by the Superior court. This seems to be the only point of difference and when this is adjusted the bill will pass.

The House passed Wednesday the joint resolution from the Senate for the constitutional amendment commission of five from the Senate, eight from the House and five appointed by the Governor to formulate amendments to the constitution and report to an adjourned or special session next fall or winter. Mr. Doughton declared his opposition to anything but an adjourned session and gave notice that he will introduce a joint resolution to adjourn after 50 instead of 60 days and hold an adjourned session later. He is opposed to a special session.

The Stewart bill to require the pulling of mileage on trains, the families of purchasers to be allowed to use the two-cent mileage books, passed the house on second reading, after amendments had been adopted striking out the provision requiring mileage to be pulled on trains, limiting family use to wife and children and stipulating that the mileage book provided for in this act shall not displace the interchangeable mileage now in use.

A bill by Mr. Grier of Iredell would place electric light, gas, water, telephone, street railway and other public service corporations under the corporation commission. In the Senate a bill was introduced to place public utility corporations under the corporation commission.

Bills introduced in the Senate: To allow the people of Jackson county to vote on the removal of the court house from Webster to Sylvia; to allow magistrates a fee of \$1 for performing marriage ceremonies; to promote equality of tax listing property.

The House resolution to appoint three persons to investigate the Atlantic and Western railroad, which is being built by convict labor, the labor paid for in stock of the road, caused considerable discussion. Senator Hannah charged that a fraud was being perpetrated. The resolution passed second reading and was referred to a committee. The bill to allow the Supreme Court reporter \$400 for clerical assistance, which caused the clash between Council and Jones a few days ago, caused much discussion but was passed, 37 to 8. The bill requiring county officials who are paid fees to report once a year the amount of fees received, was passed after several counties had been exempted and one added.

Among the bills passed was one to authorize the A. & M. College and State Department of Agriculture to co-operate so as to prevent duplication of work and expense and provide a joint commission for the purpose.

The substitute bill to define certain employment as extra-hazardous, abrogate the common law doctrine of contributory negligence, assumed risk and fellow servant and substitute the doctrine of comparative negligence, the bill to apply to all corporations having extra-hazardous employment, was referred for specifications of extra-hazardous work.

At a night session the House considered the Justice State-wide primary bill. There was strong opposition to the bill, some who favor a legalized primary opposing the measure as too drastic. Action was postponed until next day when the bill and all amendments were referred to a select committee of five, the committee to report a measure in seven days.

The House committee on counties, cities and towns' decided at night, by a vote of 14 to 7 to favorably report the bill creating Aycock county, with High Point as the county seat.

The House voted down, 34 to 44, the bill to extend the age of consent from 14 to 16 after it had been amended so as not to apply to males under 21.

The Senate defeated the anti-tipping bill, 21 to 19.

Two sub-committees of the joint committee of Senate and House on judicial districts will work into the appointment of the State into the 20 judicial districts decided upon and the matter of the salaries to be paid the 20 solicitors. There will be three senators and three representatives on each sub-committee; one of these committees will redistrict the State and the other will determine upon the salary question.

IMPORTANT LATE NEWS.

War in Mexico — Rioting in Japan — Turks Hit Again — Explorers Perish in Cold Regions. — Mrs. Cleveland Married.

Sunday witnessed many bloody encounters in the city of Mexico between the armies of the opposing factions that have been carrying on war for several months. General and President Madero, who overthrew President Diaz, after the latter had held the government for thirty years, is besieged by an army under Felix Diaz, a nephew of the old president, and it appears that he will be able to overthrow Madero.

The war on the Turks has been renewed with great energy and severe fighting occurred yesterday when the Montenegrin army attacked Scutari.

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Criminal contempt of court proceedings against the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association and 59 individuals for alleged violations of the anti-trust decree entered Government against a "trust" for than a year ago were begun by the Federal Government. This is the first prosecution undertaken by the Government against a "trust" for the alleged disobedience of a court's mandate under the Sherman law.

Despite the decree, the Government declares in its petition filed in the United States District Court that the defendants have employed coercion, threats, intimidation and persuasion to prevent manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers from reducing prices. It is charged that they have sought to coerce and compel manufacturers and producers to market their products through the medium of the wholesaler and have conspired to prevent direct transaction from producer to retailer or consumer. Among the members of the Association who are included in the indictment is Mr. R. A. Morrow of Monroe, but his connection with the matter is only formal.

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The revolutionary uprising in the city of Mexico completely absorbed the attention of President Taft and the State, War and Navy Departments yesterday and at the end of a series of conferences it was determined that all this Government could do was to send a sufficient naval force to Mexican waters to afford refuge to foreigners and to observe and report upon conditions as they develop. In accordance with this decision Secretary Meyers ordered the armored cruiser Colorado now at San Diego to proceed at once to Mazatlan. Another vessel of the Pacific fleet, the armored cruiser South Dakota, also at San Diego, will be dispatched to Acapulco on the west coast of Mexico to take up a post to be vacated by the gunboat Denver, which was ordered to Central America.

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Flag Raising.

If you haven't seen a United States flag in the breeze in a long time you can enjoy that sight now by getting in sight of the city school buildings. One large one floats from the grammar school building and one from the high school. These flags were bought with money raised by the school children, as mentioned in The Journal some time ago. They were raised Wednesday morning with appropriate ceremonies. Dr. H. E. Gurney conducted the devotional exercises and Mr. J. J. Parker of the Monroe bar, made an exceedingly fine speech, his subject being "Americanism."

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BIG FIRE IN LANCASTER.

Forty Horses and Mules Burned to Death—A Veritable Holocaust of Dead Animals.

Lancaster News, 8th.

One of the most disastrous fires with which Lancaster has been visited in years occurred yesterday morning about 3:30 o'clock, when the large livery and sale stable belonging to the Jones Mercantile Co., on the north side of Graham street at the intersection of Gay and Meeting streets, was completely destroyed. In the building were perhaps forty head of horses and mules, most of which had been recently shipped in and not a single one of which were saved. All of these belonged to the Jones-Elliott Mule Co. They had in the building also a carload of new Nisson wagons, several new carriages and buggies and second-hand buggies and carriages used in connection with the livery business, also a quantity of corn, hay and fodder, which was consumed. The building, which belonged to the Jones Mercantile Co., was worth \$2,500, with insurance for only \$1,500.

The loss to the Jones-Elliott Mule Co. is estimated to be about \$12,000, which was insured from 60 to 75 per cent of its value. The origin of the fire is supposed to have been accidental. It was first discovered by Dick Varnimore and Clyde Backham at about the time above mentioned. When discovered the provender in the loft of the building was all aflame. Mr. Beckham succeeded in breaking down the door in the rear end and tried to coax one of the animals out, but all to no purpose and in an incredibly short time the roof was falling in.

It was thought at one time the large frame building belonging to Mr. W. J. Cunningham and Mrs. W. C. Hough, directly opposite would also be destroyed, but by reason of heroic work done by the local fire department under the leadership of Chief W. E. Drennan this building was saved, although the front was very badly charred and the glass broken out. The live stock were turned out of the building and some of them are still roaming at large. After this building was safe the fire department hurried to the building immediately in the rear of the burned stable, occupied by Mr. John King as a blacksmith and wood shop. When reached by the fire ladders the whole south side and top of the building was in a blaze, but was soon put out. The heat charred the front of the small stores occupied by Mr. R. M. Riddle and Mr. Jackson. The sky-light in the brick building immediately west of the burned stable, belonging to Mr. Ernest Moore and occupied by Mr. J. B. Mockerell, fell in, injuring some of the goods. This tall brick building perhaps prevented the flames being communicated to the Moore block on Main street. The wind at the time of the fire was blowing pretty stiff to the southwest, which was fortunate. Mr. C. D. Jones, president of both the Jones Mercantile Company and the Jones-Elliott Mule Company, was absent in New York at the time but Mr. J. C. Elliot, the manager of the mule company, was on the ground and did all that mortal could do to hold the fire in check and save the property of the firm. It was a fearful sight that greeted the eyes yesterday morning as groups of people viewed the charred trunks of the 40 horses and mules on the site of the burned building. Many of them were covered by the provender that fell upon them from the loft above. The two fine hearse horses and the span of bays usually driven by Mr. Elliot were burned to death, also the fine saddle usually driven by his daughter, Miss Cornelia Elliott. The town authorities are having the remains of the burned animals removed beyond the town limits as rapidly as possible. Yesterday the sickening odor from them pervaded the atmosphere everywhere.

Recorder's Court.

J. R. Long, violating ordinance 80; costs.
R. W. Frazer, colored, violating ordinance 80; costs.
Pomeroy Johnson, colored, incest; 8 months on roads.
Charles Scott, assault and battery, costs and peace bond of \$100; forcible trespass, costs.
Will Scott, assault and battery, costs and peace bond of \$100; forcible trespass, costs.
Kid Mungo, colored, selling whiskey; 4 months on roads or \$50 and costs.
Henry Blount, colored, affray; \$4 and costs.
Vern Starnes, colored, affray; \$2 and costs.
Mark Blakeney, colored, violating ordinance 80; costs.

Card From Mr. Sikes.

I will be in Monroe Saturday, February 15th, 1913, at 11 o'clock. I would be glad for all parties interested in the salary bill and auditor for Union county, to meet me in the Court Room and I will explain the bill, give my reasons for establishing an Auditor's office and hear any and all objections to the bill. I request the Board of County Commissioners, Board of Education and all officers of the county to meet with me.

JOHN C. SIKES.

Our friends, the lawyers, multiply rapidly. At the examination for licenses last week, 53 of the 62 applicants were successful.

The Great Corn Show Another Week

Messrs. J. D. McRae, M. H. Richardson, S. E. Belk, and perhaps others from here, attended the corn show at Columbia last week. It is not only a corn show but a marvelous exhibition of all kinds of agricultural products, methods, etc. These gentlemen say that it would pay any farmer in Union county to take the time and expense to go this week. The Columbia State yesterday said: "Come to the National Corn Exposition."

This message will be conveyed today to every citizen of South Carolina and it is expected that thousands of persons from every county in the State will attend the greatest agricultural exposition ever held before the doors are officially closed Friday afternoon at 6 o'clock.

The decision to hold the exposition open one more week was reached following what might be termed a nationwide call.

All of the exhibits from 24 states will remain intact and not one feature will be taken away. Nearly 100 agricultural experts will be in charge of these exhibits to answer all questions and give such information as may be desired. These exhibits show in a clear manner what has been accomplished in the United States during the past 50 years, and are the last word in agricultural progress and should be studied and not inspected.

The people of South Carolina are beginning to realize the importance of the National Corn show. The visitors who have attended the show during the past two weeks are spreading its fame. Those who have inspected the exhibits were surprised and almost every one is urging his friends to come to Columbia, before the show is closed Friday afternoon.

Marriage of Mr. Marsh and Miss Price.

Mr. F. A. Marsh, son of the late J. A. Marsh, of Marshville township, and Miss Bessie Price, daughter of Mr. Alexander Price of Unionville, were married by Rev. A. Marsh at the home of Mr. William Morgan in Marshville township Saturday at 10 o'clock.

The wedding was a quiet one, only a few relatives and friends of the young couple being present to witness the ceremony.

Mrs. Marsh is teaching at the Oakland school. She is a young lady of refinement and culture. Mr. Marsh is an energetic and successful young farmer. Both are popular in their respective communities and have friends by the score to wish them success and happiness.

Thank You, Gentlemen.

The Monroe Journal has entered upon its twentieth year of publication. It is a capital newspaper and its editor is one of the very ablest writers on the State press. Long life and prosperity for the Journal.—Statesville Landmark.
The Gazette congratulates its valued contemporary. The Monroe Journal, upon the completion of its nineteenth year. The Journal is an excellent paper and deserves hearty support from the people of Union county. We wish for the Brothers Beasley "many happy returns" of the birthday anniversary of their paper.—Gaston Gazette.

Patterson Springs Leased by Mr. and Mrs. Archer.

Mr. and Mrs. William Archer of Shelby have leased for three years from the owners, Messrs. Jenkins and Joseph Harrill of Charlotte, the famous Patterson Springs Hotel. They will move there March 1, and will conduct an up-to-date, all-the-year-round resort hotel. The hotel and grounds have recently been remodeled and new conveniences added, making it one of the complete hotels in this section. The water from the Springs is of great value and is widely known. Shelby friends of Mr. and Mrs. Archer wish them great success as proprietors.

Officers of Camp Waukup.

With the exception of Mr. M. F. Boyte, who has died since the election, the following are officers of Camp Waukup: R. V. Houston, commander; B. H. Benton, lieutenant commander; P. C. Stinson, second lieutenant commander; J. F. Gordon, adjutant; A. W. McManus, quartermaster; W. G. Long, commissary; Dr. J. E. Ashcraft, surgeon; Rev. M. T. Steele, chaplain; Andy Presley, color bearer; M. F. Boyte, drum major; B. C. Ashcraft, secretary and treasurer; Miss Bright Richardson and Clara Stinson, sponsors. Messrs. W. A. Love, T. M. Winchester, J. F. Gordon, B. H. Benton and Joseph Brown were appointed delegates to the annual reunion to be held on May 27, 28 and 29 in Chattanooga, and W. C. Steele, Jesse D. Helms and W. C. Coan alternates.

Mormons Opposed to Booze.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 6.—Officials of the Anti-Saloon League of America, who are advocating passage of bills pending in Congress to prohibit the shipment of liquor into "dry" territory, announced tonight that the following telegram had been received from Joseph L. Smith, head of the Mormon church: "The Church of Latter Day Saints is positively and unalterably opposed to shipment of liquor into dry territory and to all unlawful traffic in intoxicants, and favors the entire suppression of all liquor traffic."

It has been reported that the Mormon church was using its influence against the pending legislation.

ROCKEFELLER BREAKS DOWN

Aged Oil Magnate Who Has Been Wanted by the House Money Investigating Committee for Some Time to Testify, Breaks Down While Testifying Before Committee Friday.

Jekyl Island, Ga., Feb. 7. — A spasmodic of the throat that left William Rockefeller a strangling, trembling old man, on the verge of nervous collapse, abruptly terminated his examination by Chairman Pujio and counsel, Samuel Untermeyer, of the House Money Trust Committee here today.

Mr. Rockefeller was asked just four questions, all practically immaterial, before the attack forced the conclusion of the hearing. The aged Standard Oil magnate was closeted with the committee just 12 minutes. At the end of the time he was assisted to his couch by Dr. Walter F. Chappell, his physician, who declared his patient exhausted.

In a plainly, but elegantly furnished room, in Rockefeller's apartment in the Summer apartment house, Sans Souci, on the isolated island that forms the estate of the exclusive millionaire's club of Jekyl Island, the 72-year-old Standard Oil magnate submitted to the questions of the money trust inquisition. There ended the six months hunt of the government process servers, who bounded the reluctant witness from New York to the Bahamas and who lay siege to the New York town-house. The net result of the examination, so far as the money trust investigation was concerned, added practically nothing of value to the record. It did demonstrate to the satisfaction of Mr. Untermeyer and Mr. Pujio that Mr. Rockefeller was hardly a fit subject physically for grueling cross-examination on the detail of his financial career. Members of the Jekyl Island club and Dr. Walter Chappell tonight shook their heads doubtfully when asked about Mr. Rockefeller's physical condition.

"Mr. Rockefeller is in a very serious state," said Dr. Chappell. He said that a new growth of a malignant nature had recently formed in Mr. Rockefeller's throat and that serious developments were to be expected at any time.

Contrary to expectations, the exclusive Jekyl Island club interposed no objections to the invasion of its private domain by the Congressional inquisitors. The club launch met Mr. Pujio and Mr. Untermeyer at the Brunswick dock and carried them with their retinue of clerks and stenographers to Mr. Rockefeller's apartment, which is in the same building with those of James J. Hill and J. P. Morgan. A footman on guard at a locked door greeted them, but they were admitted accompanied by John A. Garver and A. J. Cravatt, counsel for Mr. Rockefeller, and Dr. Chappell. In the apartment were Mrs. Rockefeller and Mr. Rockefeller's two sons and his daughter, Mrs. McAlpine.

The examination was delayed for a time by a conference between counsel for the prospective witness and Mr. Untermeyer, but the inquisitors were finally ushered into a large drawing room, where Mr. Rockefeller, bent and shuffling with the palsy, sat in a large arm chair beside a glass topped table.

The trembling hands of the once active head of the powerful Standard Oil group of bankers, settled on the arms of his chair as he arose to greet his visitors. He did not remain standing for long, however, and his whispered word of greeting was inaudible to even the ones nearest him.

THE BEACH CASE CLOSED.

New York Millionaire Adjudged Not Guilty Friday.

Frederick O. Beach, New York millionaire who was accused of cutting his wife's throat at their home in Aiken, S. C., several months ago, was declared not guilty Friday afternoon. The jury had been out an hour when three raps were heard on the door of the jury room. The jury then filed out of the room and declared Beach not guilty.

The case has created a sensation in Aiken, all of the society colony turning out in the court room. Mrs. Beach has sat by her husband day by day declaring that her husband was not the guilty one; that it was a negro who did the cutting.

BEACH'S STORY OF THE CUTTING.

Beach explained that his wife had left him in the room where they had been sitting to go out and give her dogs an airing. A few minutes later he heard her scream. Rushing out he found her the victim of a negro assailant. Beach gave chase to the negro, but was unsuccessful in finding him. He then summoned doctors who sewed up his wife's throat. The story of Beach and his wife did not vary in the least.

Evidence was produced to try to prove that Beach cut his wife with a pen-knife. Several experts testified for and against the theory that there were blood corpuscles on the pen-knife.

Freight Train Wrecked at Durham.

Durham, Feb. 5.—A head-on collision between a freight train and a shifting engine in the yards of the Norfolk and Western road here this morning resulted in the injury of four men, members of the crew, and had it not been for the fact that the crew jumped from the trains some of the men would have in all probability been killed.