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MIGHT HAVE GIVEN EIGHTH DISTRICT TO REPUBLICANS.

"Sneak" Bill Introduced By "Radical" Representative from Wilkes is Caught.

Raleigh, Oct. 2, 1913.—A seat in Congress was possibly saved to the Democrats by the careful scrutiny of members of the judiciary committee of the North Carolina Senate yesterday afternoon, when that committee, not disposed to take things "for granted" examined carefully a bill that had passed the House and discovered that it would transfer Wilkes county from the Seventh to the Eighth Congressional district.

This "sneak" bill was introduced in the House last Saturday, September 27, by Representative Linville Bumgarner, of Wilkes county, and was passed on its second and third readings Monday, September 29, according to endorsements on the back of the cover. There is no endorsement to show that it had received the attention of any House committee.

When the bill went to the Senate, it was referred to the Judiciary Committee. When the committee yesterday went to consider the bill, it was read, and as a precaution Senator Leslie Davis took the pains to look up the references to ascertain what would be its effect, and found that it would not only do what the caption indicated, but would transfer Wilkes county from the Seventh to the Eighth Congressional district.

The Possible Effect.

As the Republican majority in Wilkes county is large and the Democratic majority in the Eighth Congressional district normally is small, the transfer would possibly have resulted in the election of a Republican to succeed Congressman R. L. Doughton in 1914. The Republican majority for Congressman in Wilkes county at the last election was 1,128. The majority received by Congressman Doughton over his Republican opponent in the election of 1912 was 3,102, which is above the normal for the district, even when it goes Democratic. This explains the purpose of the "sneak" bill.

When the Senate committee made the discovery it named Senator W. E. Daniel of draft a report, advising the Senate of the circumstances. The committee will meet this morning. The report is expected to include a scathing denunciation of such methods of legislation, and it is expected that the Senate will be asked to spread the report on the journal.

The bill is House bill 124 and Senate bill 223. Its caption reads:

The "Sneak" Bill.

"A bill to be entitled an act relative to Wilkes county, to repeal chapter 593 of Public Laws of 1913, and amend Public Laws of 1911."

The bill is neatly typewritten and covered, and reads:

"The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

"Section 1. That chapter 593 of the Public Laws of 1913 be and the same is hereby repealed.

"Sec. 2. That the word 'Wilkes' in line eighteen, chapter ninety-seven of Public Laws of 1911 be stricken out, and that the word 'Wilkes' be inserted at the end of line twenty-one of said chapter.

"Sec. 3. That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification."

Chapter 593 of the Public Laws of 1913 provides that \$300 shall be allowed one of the county officers of Wilkes for clerk hire. The first section of Representative Bumgarner's bill simply repeals this act.

Chapter, ninety-seven, Public Laws of 1911, is the chapter forming the ten Congressional districts of the State and naming the counties included in each. To strike out the word 'Wilkes' from line eighteen and insert it at the end of line twenty-one, is simply to transfer the county from the Seventh to the Eighth district.

Thus the "sneak" bill would have repealed a public local law

applying only to Wilkes county, to which the members of the General Assembly would have had no objection. It is the usual custom to pass private and local bills that are not opposed or contested without investigation, the members deeming each Representative or Senator responsible to his constituents. It is a sort of courtesy, in which the General Assembly relies upon the honor and integrity of the individual members. A betrayal of this confidence is looked upon by the legislators as base and contemptible. The discovery of the "sneak" bill created a distinct sensation yesterday afternoon in legislative circles. Members of the House were almost angry that they had been thus imposed upon, and that their confidence in Mr. Bumgarner's integrity had been used for such a purpose. The leaders of the Republicans were not inclined to any charitable view of the methods pursued.

Mt. Airy Route 2 News.

As it has been some time since we gave you any report from our section and it might be of interest to some one to write a few locals for your valuable paper. The tobacco and corn crops have all been taken care of and some are commencing to sow small grain. Work on our school building and public road is going right on.

Mr. Tobe McHone aged about 55 years died Friday night and was buried at oak grove Saturday evening. He was a quiet, industrious, hard working man. Also Mr. Abner Sutphin one of our oldest and best citizens died Friday evening at the age of 81 years and was buried at the old family burying ground known as the Sutphin grave yard.

Prof. W. M. Wall and Miss Annie Snoddy left today to begin teaching school at Salem.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Riggs Sunday evening.

The writer and several of our people had a good old time at the Winston Fair last week.

Prof. J. H. Allen was a welcome visitor in our community a few days ago looking after public school interest. We hope to see him often.

Notice.

By virtue of an order by the Superior Court of Surry County as Commissioner, I will sell at public auction on the premises on Saturday, the 8th day of November 1913, at one o'clock, P. M., the following real estate to-wit: A tract of land lying in Surry County, N. C. adjoining the Harden Laffoon place on the North, J. A. Creed on the East, and the Peter Creed place on the South and West containing about three and three fourths acres more or less. Terms of sale cash. Sale will be made for assets to pay debts against the estate of Dudley Creed, decd.

This Oct. 7th, 1913.

J. A. Creed, Com.

30,000 VOICES.

And Many Are the Voices of Mt. Airy People.

Thirty thousand voices—What a grand chorus! And that's the number of American men and women who are publicly praising Doan's Kidney Pills for relief from backache, kidney and bladder ills. They say it to friends. They tell it in home papers. Mt. Airy people are in this chorus. Here's a Mt. Airy case.

T. D. Roberts, street commissioner, Main St., Mt. Airy, N. C., says: "Doan's Kidney Pills helped me more than anything else I ever used. My kidneys were very irregular in action. I had bad backaches and did everything I knew of to get relief. I didn't find relief until I took Doan's Kidney Pills, which I got at the Henss Drug Co. (now the People's Drug Co.) They soon made my back and kidneys strong. I use Doan's Kidney Pills once in awhile and they keep me well."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster - Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

GORED BY VICIOUS BULL.

E. S. Reece, Prominent Citizen of Rockford township nearly Killed by Angry Bull—Will Recover.

Mr. E. S. Reece, prominent farmer and merchant of Rockford was gored by an angry bull last Thursday morning about eleven o'clock and came near bleeding to death from the wound. He is now resting well and will recover if no complications develop.

The story is that he had the animal, a five-year old Jersey, on his farm a few miles in the country. He had a few days before sold him to a neighbor but he had not been moved from the farm. About the time of the accident the bull left the farm and some one caught him roaming about the neighborhood and carried him to Mr. Reece's home at Rockford. Mr. Reece tied him in the barn lot and expected his new owner to come for him at once. The animal had not been vicious up to that time and no one had any special fear of him. About eleven o'clock Mr. Reece went out into the barn lot and gave the animal some feed and while in the act of adjusting the chain by which he was tied he looked and the bull was in the act of making a lunge at him. He saw that the bull was so near him that the only chance to escape the mad rush was to jump clear over him.

Mr. Reece is a large, active man and he sprang directly at the onrushing animal and came near jumping clear over his body. As it was he was caught by a horn in the fleshy part of the right thigh about five inches below the body and an ugly wound about four inches long was made deep in the flesh. As soon as Mr. Reece had jumped over the animal and thus escaped the main force of his body he struck the ground and fell. He had presence of mind enough to know that the bull might make a second attack and so rolled over several times without taking time to get up and thus he put himself out of reach of the enraged animal. At once he saw that he was dangerously wounded and hollowed for help. Several friends rushed to him at once, but it is to the credit of his wife that she was the first one to think of some way to stop the flow of blood. The wound was bleeding in a way to cause death in a very few minutes, for the blood was running in a stream as large as ones finger. As soon as Mrs. Reece saw the situation she snatched off a new gingham apron which she was wearing and tore it in two and with the parts corded his leg above and below the wound. Thus the loss of blood was stopped but not until he had nearly bled to death. Doctors from every nearby point were phoned for but it was about two hours before a physician could reach him. Four doctors arrived and dressed the wound and Mr. Reece is now resting well and his friends have every reason for thinking he will soon be up again.

The work of getting the man ready for his exit occupied the next few minutes and at 7:38 o'clock a file of men emerging from the heading heralded the approach of the hero of the occasion. Tashesky came from the hole with a gray blanket wrapped about his shoulders. Back of him was a miner with hands upraised ready to assist if he should be needed, but Tashesky walked with astonishing agility considering his experience.

When he stepped onto the wooden platform just outside of the mouth of the narrow tunnel and was first able to stand upright he paused for an instant and looked upward, as if in greeting to the world or scanning the steep and muddy zig zag path which led to the opening of the mine branch. His miners cap was on his head when he crawled through the opening of the tunnel and greeted his rescuers. His lamp was in place upon his cap and burning.

Tashesky wore the usual rough clothing and shoes of the miner. The most noticeable thing about him was a pallor which showed through the grim face contrasting strangely with the other blackened miners, whose ruddy color showed even through the coat of dirt. Tashesky climbed the path to the rim of the pit almost unaided. A stretcher had been taken to the foot and there were plenty of willing hands to carry him but he would have none of it. His whole attitude from the time of the rescue until he disappeared beneath the blankets in his own bed at home was one of semi-stolidity.

Tashesky was glad to get out of his prison, but he acted as if it were an old story to him and nothing over which to make a great fuss.

Once before in his career as a miner he had been entombed for nearly 48 hours. Half way up the pit Tashesky was stopped and posed for a photograph, together with Dr. H. G. Fortner, who had been in almost constant touch with him since communication was established Tuesday night and to whom is largely due the good health of the man. Tashesky wore the broadest smile of any person in the vicinity when brought out.

"Hello," he greeted everybody who spoke to him. His one reply to questions as to how he felt was "Bully."

Just before the end of the tunnel was enlarged enough to permit the passage of his body the miners engaged in the work were chatting with him. One asked what he was doing. "I get ready to move," he said. "This is no hard horse, no good bed, no spring, no nice boarding mis-sus."

Tashesky wanted to walk out. He was persuaded to ride in an ambulance the first time, at which he was taken to an automobile and was driven home. Inhabitants of the town turned out to see Tashesky as he was whirled along the streets. His wife and five children waited for him at the door of his home. He got out of the car and walked up the steps to his family, embracing them all, in turn, and

Entombed in Mine for a Week, is a Free Man.

Centrafia, Pa., Oct. 4.—Thomas Tashesky, prisoner since Friday of last week in an abandoned chamber of the Continental mine of the Lehigh Valley Coal company walked into the open air a free and comparatively well man at 22 minutes before 8 o'clock this morning. He was taken to his home in Centrafia three miles away from his underground prison, and at once put to bed, apparently none the worse for his remarkable experience.

It was 7:15 o'clock when the last barrier of coal was driven away and Tashesky crawled through the opening from his prison chamber into the tunnel which had been steadily driven toward him by eager willing rescuers. Seven minutes after the first intimation was given to the outside world that the big task was completed and the prisoner was free. This was when a miner crawled to the mouth of the tunnel and called to the top of the pit for blankets and hot water to be sent down.

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Six Ohio Young Women Kiss 10,000 Ohio Men.

Salem, Ohio, Oct. 4.—Twenty thousand masculine lips pressed those of six fair members of ordinary well-to-do and locally prominent families, in a unique scheme whereby \$10,000 was raised toward a fund to endow Salem hospital through the dispensing of women's kisses at \$1 each.

Men, young and old, stood in line to enjoy the osculatory performance. All the women were single. One married woman, seeking to do her part, compromised by shaking hands with all comers at 25 cents a shake. One of the victims, her husband, she charged \$2 for the privilege publicly of closing his fingers over hers.

In all \$31,232 was raised, and with another campaign conducted two years ago makes \$100,000 the town has raised to build the hospital, which has just been completed.

Kansas Convicts are Dwindling in Number.

Lansing, Kan., Oct. 4.—There are fewer prisoners in the Kansas penitentiary now than there have been at any other time in the last 20 years. The total number now is 782. For two years there has been a steady decrease in the number, without any increase in the number of men on parole, and there has been a steady decrease in the number of counties sending prisoners to the penitentiary.

Prison officials say the only way they can account for the decrease is the strict enforcement of the prohibitory law passed two years ago, which stopped the sale of alcohol and other intoxicants by drug stores.

In the counties bordering on Missouri and Nebraska, where liquor is obtainable there has been no decrease in the number of convicts, and on this the prison officials base their belief that the prohibitory law has lessened crime.

Wilson the Greatest Since Jefferson, says Mr. McKesson.

Norfolk, Va., Dispatch, 25th. Notwithstanding the fact that only a few scattering Democrats are sitting in the joint convention of the Virginia and North Carolina Postmasters' Association, which convened here in annual session today, the postmasters applauded with great enthusiasm a notable tribute paid to President Woodrow Wilson by C. F. McKesson, Republican postmaster at Morgantown, N. C.

Mr. McKesson said while he was not swerving in the least in his loyalty to the Republican party he wished to say there is now occupying the presidential chair at Washington the greatest chieftain the nation has ever had since the days of Thomas Jefferson.

Executor's Notice.

Having qualified as executor of the last will and testament of Willis Ferguson deceased, notice is hereby given to all parties owing the estate to make prompt payment and save cost. And all parties holding any collections against the estate to present them within the time prescribed by law or this notice will be plead in bar of their collection.

Sept. 19, 1913.
John Early Ferguson, Exr.

Fine Carroll County Fruit Farm for Sale. \$6,000.00.

This farm contains 200 acres of land, 100 of which is in cultivation, 50 in orchard now bearing the finest varieties of fruit. 30 acres of good bottom land, soil well adapted to wheat, corn and grass. The remainder in good timber. Located on Wards Gap road, 10 miles North of Mt. Airy. The improvements consist of a fine new barn 46x56; 3 dwelling houses etc. And a good water power, has many good springs. Church, school house, and store within one quarter mile. Also free delivery at door. This is one of the best fruit farms and in a good neighborhood. For further information call or write me.

H. M. McMillan,
Cana Va.

Mt. Airy Route 1, News.

There was quite a large crowd present at Holly Springs Sunday to hear the ordination sermon delivered by Rev. C. C. Haymore of Mt. Airy, N. C. which he delivered in an appropriate manner, after which Rev. Julius Boyles a resident of this Route was ordained as a minister of the Gospel. Rev. J. H. Haynes pastor at this place acted as chairman of the Presbytery and Rev. Will Chilton as Secretary.

Mr. Boyles has the prayers of all Christian people who know him for great success in his life as a minister of the Gospel.

Mrs. Sarah A. Howard will leave for her home in Utah Thursday after spending about five weeks with relatives and friends in this county, who regret very much to see her leave.

Mr. H. F. Gwyn and wife happened to a very serious accident on last Sunday morning, while driving across the Chestnut Ridge enroute to visit one of their daughters. The mule which they were driving to a buggy became frightened or at least got to traveling too fast down the Ridge and the buggy struck the end of a log on one side of the road and threw Mrs. Gwyn violently to the ground her head striking a stump. She was unconscious for sometime and it is not known at this time just how serious her injuries may prove to be. Mr. Gwyn remained in the buggy a short distance and he was hurled to the ground receiving some painful injuries. We hope they will soon recover.

Mr. Luther Haymore is very low with Typhoid fever at this writing, we are sorry to say.

Mr. James Boyles and wife of Pilot Mtn. spent Saturday and Sunday with their son Mr. J. Boyles on this Route.

Mrs. J. T. Parker, B. E. Haynes, C. D. Reeves and D. C. McCreary went over to D. C. McCreary's on Sunday.

A few days ago a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Simmons on this Route.

Oct. 7, 1913. A Reader.

Reduction in State Liquor Supply and Saving.

Speaking in Winston-Salem a few days ago Rev. O. L. Stringfield, assistant superintendent of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, said that before the State prohibition election in 1908, 24,000,000 gallons of malt and spirituous liquors were sold in North Carolina, four millions of which were manufactured in the State. This information, he said, was obtained from the express and freight reports. Since then, the information being gained from the same source, about three million gallons are being shipped into the State annually instead of twenty million as before prohibition went into effect. This, at a rate of \$2 a gallon, means a saving to North Carolinians of \$34,000,000. Mr. Stringfield said that where \$21 was once spent for alcoholic drinks, only one dollar is spent now.