

Largest Circulation of any Paper in Eastern North Carolina.

The Sun

The Best Advertising Medium in Eastern North Carolina.

HOME: North Carolina, Her People, Their Progress and Development in Education, Happiness and Prosperity

Volume 4 No. 92

NEW BERN, N. C., TUESDAY MARCH 9, 1909.

Price Two Cent

LEGISLATURE IS CLOSING

Fights Are Hard and Tedious

Special to The Sun.

Raleigh, N. C., Mar. 9.—Owing to the fact that so many bills passed by the House last night required concurrence by the Senate...

The fight in the House over the Wilmington board of audit and finance was a hard one, and Mr. Morton was not sustained the vote this time being a decisive one, 50 to 29.

Leading the fight on the other side was Representative Paul Kitchin, of Halifax, a younger brother of Governor Kitchin, who also displayed a lot of telegrams.

Supporting Mr. Morton in speeches were Representatives Currie of Cumberland, Rascoe, of Bertie, Perry, of Bladen, Stubbs of Martin, while those who backed the governor on the floor were Messrs. Cox, of Anson, Cox, of Wake, Koonce.

The House passed the bill calling for the additional office of assistant insurance commissioner at a salary of \$1,500.

Another local fight was over a bill by Senator Means of Cabarrus for the drainage of Adams Creek, in Cabarrus county. A similar bill had been tabled some days ago by Mr. Williams of Cabarrus in the House.

The House passed the bill recognizing the association of county commissioners, but cutting out the mandatory requirement as to a county joining. Mr. Grant's bill to prevent blacklisting of employees got through also, and the one for seats for female employees.

House Night Session.

Speaker Graham, reconvened the House at 8:15 o'clock. Mr. Underwood got the floor and proceeded in a happy mood to present to Representative Morton of New Hanover, a handsome gold-headed cane as a token of appreciation from the members of the House for the able manner in which he has served to speak for the people and for the suffering poor.

Mr. Underwood also presented a bill for the purpose of amending the act relating to the election of members of the board of public works in the city of New Bern.

BRIDGE DRAW IS IN DANGER

Logs Block One of The Thoroughfares

Special to The Sun.

News reached here this morning that the new Express bridge stood in danger of being undermined—or damaged to some considerable extent—the condition spoken of having been existing since last Thursday.

A raft of timber carried through the draw, by whom it was not stated, had gotten tangled up and if left there liable to brake the pilings of the bridge.

The draw, it was explained, is provided with two passways and the rule is to go through the left-hand draw coming down and through the right going up the river.

The condition is not only complained of as an obstruction to navigation, but there is much danger of serious damage to the bridge, which is the property of the county.

Pay coroners five cents a mile for attending inquests.

Substitute for bills to put solicitors on salary.

Regulate sales of tobacco in tobacco warehouses.

Protect policy holders in assessment companies.

Regulate register of deeds to report to Secretary of State names of all representatives and senators elected in various counties.

Regulate catching of clams in Pender, Brunswick, and New Hanover.

Substitute for Senate bill as to freight rates, purpose being to give moral support to corporation commission in fight against discrimination.

To make April 12th a legal holiday in honor of Halifax resolves.

Amend law as to domestic insurance companies.

A five minutes after one o'clock Speaker Graham stated that the enrolling department was closed, the clerks there had gone home, the House clerks were exhausted, being merely human, and that the House was accomplishing nothing by acting on bills.

He consequently moved to adjourn till 9:30 Tuesday morning. The motion carried.

Senator Klutz, during the afternoon session, yesterday, made a brilliant and successful fight for his bill to create a State Highway Commission getting in a substitute resolution for his bill defeated Saturday and the resolution passed on final reading with an amendment that he accepted changing the appropriation from \$10,000 to \$5,000.

The first vote on the resolution was a tie and President Newsland voted "aye." Then a motion to table was a vote of 17 to 17, and the chair voted "no." A resolution by Senator Pharr that the appropriation be \$3,000 was defeated 17 to 15.

There were motions and counter motions with a general stir and commotion in the midst of which Senator Klutz stood his ground, combated every unfriendly move in parliamentary manipulation, forcing the bill to its final passage, after which it was sent to the House.

The vote by which the bill involving railroad penalties passed some days ago was reconsidered on motion of Senator Mills and the bill tabled.

Bills passed final reading prevent blacklisting employees provide servant hire for the governor's mansion; amend charter 37, section 4584 and 4585 revisal relating to control of that hospitals for the insane and the control of employees by the agricultural department.

Wheatley forecast for North Carolina—rain tonight and Wednesday; colder Wednesday.

Laugh and the crowd will laugh with you, at Annesa.

LOWEST BIDS GET CONTRACT

The Aldermen Awarded Contract Last Night

Special to The Sun.

The Board of Aldermen met last night in special session to let the contract for the street paving in the city to the lowest bidder. Immediately upon calling the meeting to order Alderman Wolfenden moved that the board hold a private session of fifteen minutes, but it was found necessary to remain out nearly an hour.

Upon the return to the hall of the board, the mayor asked if the successful bidder would be willing to furnish the city with a "rattler," an instrument used for testing the quality of brick.

Three representatives of bidders informed the board that they would be willing to furnish the instrument desired, and among them were the successful bidders—Messrs. Bowe & Page, of Charleston, S. C.

Immediately after the assurances made by the bidders, Alderman Wolfenden moved that Messrs. Bowe & Page, the lowest bidders, be awarded the contract and the board voted unanimously for the motion.

Alderman McCarthy moved that the report of the committee which explained the reason why the board had selected this contract, be spread on the minutes and the motion was carried.

In the report made by Alderman McCarthy, a number of letters from various cities having tested the various bricks by years of experience were included. These letters came from out of the State as well as from around in the State.

However, a letter from Baltimore carried a little advice conveying the idea that the brand was not so much to be considered as was the testing.

Each car load, read the letter, received here (Baltimore) is tested, it is found not to come up to the standard it is condemned, if found to be up to requirements it is accepted.

Mr. McCarthy's report also covered the ground designated to him in his tour of inspection. The cities he had visited in which brick had been used for paving purposes mostly consisted of the Mack block, Peoples and Carlyle brick.

Before adjourning the Board granted the privilege of New Bern Cotton Oil Mills and Norfolk and Southern Railway to run a track across Dunn and Windley streets, subject to the reservations made in other such permits.

WHOLE TOWN SWEEPED AWAY

Tornado and Fire Brings Awful Distress

By Wire to The Sun.

Little Rock, Mar. 9.—The town of Brinkley, which was swept by a tornado last night, is today a mass of flames. Eight persons are dead and several scores are injured.

The reflection from the burning town could be seen from Forest City, 20 miles away, and many other places were seriously damaged by the storm.

A cotton belt train due in Little Rock at 6:30 o'clock last night, is lost near Bascum is reported to have been swept off the track.

A Quiet Marriage.

Yesterday afternoon about 6 o'clock Mr. Thos. J. Mitchell, Jr., son of Mr. Thos. J. Mitchell, a prominent livery man in this city, and Miss Mary, the young and popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whitty, with a few of their intimate friends, wended their way up to the Methodist parsonage, and requested Dr. R. C. Beaman to read to them those vows, that they might accept them and happily become man and wife.

It was not exactly a run-away marriage, but a very quiet, unexpected and surprise wedding to the community and friends.

The popular young couple had pre-arranged for the simple wedding. The friends of the couple who witnessed the ceremony showered them with congratulations and sincere wishes, a long and prosperous journey through life.

The bride and groom for the present are making their home with the brother of the bride, Mr. Fred Whitty, on Craven street.

Crowds Hear The Plea.

Nashville, Tenn., Mar. 9.—Another great crush was in evidence this morning and the wild rush on the part of spectators to get seats in the court room so as to hear speeches in the Cooper-Sharp case. The crowd began gathering as early as four o'clock this morning. General Meeks spoke at the morning session for the defense and General Garner in the afternoon for the prosecution.

DEAD WITH POCKETS EMPTY.

Elmer Kann, of Greencastle, Believed To Have Been Murdered.

Greencastle, Md., Mar. 9.—Elmer Kann, aged 47 years, of Greencastle, was found dead yesterday near Mount Holly with a long scar on the left side of his face. He left home with about \$300. When his body was found his pockets were empty.

It is believed he was killed and robbed.

The dead man's mother is very ill at her home. Kann is survived by his wife and seven children.

PATRICK PREPARING A BRIEF.

Relieved of Prison Work, His Cell Looks Like a Library.

Oasining, N. Y., Mar. 9.—By direction of the court, Warden Frost has relieved Albert T. Patrick from routine work as a life prisoner in the State prison at present.

The prisoner is allowed to obtain books from the law library, and his cell looks like a law office.

The appellate division in Brooklyn before which he made a dramatic argument Friday for his liberty, gave him two weeks in which to file a brief, pending the decision of the court on his motion.

MORGAN BUYS \$19,000 VOLUME.

Famous "Black Book" of the Revelations is Banker's Prize.

Vienna, Mar. 9.—An agent acting for J. P. Morgan bought at a sale here a few days ago the famous "black book" of the Revelations of St. John, paying \$19,000 for the historic relic.

It belonged to the late Prof. Schrieber, whose library was sold by auction.

CRAVEN BILLS ARE RATIFIED

Adjournment Taken at 2 O'clock

Special to The Sun.

Raleigh, N. C., March 9.—Both the representative and the senators from Craven have gone home. No Craven bills up in either branch today except the Recorder's Court bill and County Officers' salary bills, as passed last night, which were duly ratified today with the proviso that they be left to a vote of the people.

Final adjournment took place at 2 o'clock.

The bill to provide for State recognition of the State Association of County Commissioners precipitated a considerable discussion. A number of amendments proposed exempting counties were voted down and an amendment by Mr. Perry, of Vance, that membership in the association be optional instead of mandatory was adopted. In this form the bill passed and was sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

Mr. Green, of Craven, in advocating the bill declared that the meeting of the commissioners of the State at Morehead last summer has saved Craven county alone at least \$5,000 by exposing the methods of certain contractors who go about the State contracting for bridges and other construction work.

Establish criminal court for New Bern and Seventh and Eighth townships, Craven county.

The news last night that these bills would be passed during this session of the General Assembly came as a surprise to those most interested in them. It had been stated about town on good authority that these bills would not be acted upon this time, and since it became known that they were sure to come up and go through much speculation has been rife as to why and what the object was.

It was thought that sufficient pressure had been brought to bear to divert the efforts that were being made to carry them through after it was found that there was considerable sentiment here against the propositions.

It was stated that there was every assurance for the last few days that these bills would not go through.

The matter was receiving some consideration on the streets today, one man declaring that the campaign against the ratification of these bills by a vote of the people would begin at once feeling sure they would be defeated. On the other hand there were some supporters of the provisions and they are just as earnest in their arguments in support of the provisions.

FARMER BLOWS OUT BRAINS.

Despondent Because of Paralysis, He Shoots Himself During Wife's Absence.

Chilcotteague, Va., Mar. 9.—Daniel Bowden, 44 years of age, a respectable farmer near here, committed suicide at his home last night by blowing out his brains during his wife's absence from the room.

Bowden had been paralyzed for six months, and had become very despondent.

Before committing the rash act he told his wife not to be surprised if she received news of him passing away mysteriously.

Meeting of Furniture and Chair Manufacturers in High Point.

High Point, Mar. 6.—There was an important meeting of the furniture and chair manufacturers held in the Manufacturers' Club this morning with the officials of the Southern Railway in regard to the method of packing furniture and chairs. In addition to the High Point manufacturers present at the meeting a number visiting manufacturers and railroad officials were in attendance.

At this meeting the manufacturers submitted to Mr. Clifton a method of packing as an improvement over the present method of packing, which the manufacturers will agree to adopt provided the Southern classification would adopt same, as this question of packing is quite an item with the furniture manufacturers. The following committees were appointed to go before the Southern classification committee, which meets in Mobile, Ala., March 8th, and submit that which was agreed upon as a uniform method of packing; C. J. Field, and S. L. Davie, representing the chair manufacturers; interests; C. J. Field, and B. F. Huntley, of Winston-Salem, and Mr. R. A. McNaughton, of Morganton, will represent the furniture manufacturers' interests.

SEEKING GRAFT IN CHICAGO.

J. P. Morgan, Mayor, and a Board Delving in City Railway Accounts.

Chicago, Mar. 9.—Three separate investigations to find big graft in the expenditure of the \$26,000,000 for the rehabilitation of Chicago's car lines have been undertaken.

The first was conducted by J. Pierpont Morgan, but has disclosed no irregularities in the affairs of the Chicago City Railway Company, of which he is a large stockholder. The second inquiry was started by the board of supervising engineers.

Now Mayor Busse has started a third investigation, on the theory that rebates had been given in the purchase of cars and other material which have not been credited so that the city can get its per cent. of benefits as required by law.

BIG MILLS TO START WORK.

Pittsburg, Mar. 9.—The American Bridge Company, a subsidiary company of the United States Steel Corporation, today sent word to 2,000 of its workmen at Ambridge, Pa., that they would go on full time by the middle of the week.

LEAPS FROM FIRE TO DEATH.

Blazing Furniture in Bedroom Cut Off Escape to Stairway.

Special to The Sun.

New York, Mar. 9.—Choosing between death by fire, which had driven him out of his blazing room and on the narrow ledge of his window, and a jump of three stories to the sidewalk, Dennis Redmond, jumped and was almost instantly killed today. He struck headfirst on an iron railing which shut off the basement stairs from the street.

Redmond had accidentally set fire to his bed, and had shut off escape for himself through the building by piling up a quantity of blazing furniture between himself and the door, in a vain endeavor to extinguish the flames.

MANAGER BISHOP AUTO VICTIM.

Former Owner of the "Black Crook" Dies of Injuries in New York.

New York, Mar. 9.—William H. Bishop, well-known in theatrical circles as manager and owner of such old-time stage successes as "The Black Crook," "What Happened to Jones," and "The County Fair," died here today.

His death was due to internal injuries sustained three weeks ago, when he was struck by a heavy automobile truck. Mr. Bishop was 64 years old.

TO SPEAK IN WASHINGTON.

Virginian Who Supported Taft Will Address Republican League.

Richmond, Va., Mar. 9.—Wyndham Meredith, ex-president of the Virginia Bar Association, who bolted the Democratic party to support Taft, and who probably will be an independent candidate for governor of Virginia, will speak with Vice-President Sherman and Speaker Cannon before the League of Republican Clubs in Washington.

Mr. Meredith's subject will be "The Need of an Opposition Party in the South."

DEMENTED WOMAN A SUICIDE.

Mrs. Jane Graham Shoots Herself at Cumberland, Md.

Cumberland, Md., Mar. 9.—Mrs. Jane Graham, 34 years old, of Barton, this county, committed suicide this morning by shooting herself in the forehead with her husband's revolver. She had been suffering from dementia, but after four months' treatment at Catonsville, returned home apparently cured.

Nothing out of the ordinary had been noticed in her demeanor since her return. After breakfast this morning she obtained the revolver and started the family by firing the fatal shot.

Her husband, James Graham, is a prominent merchant of Barton. She is survived by three children, the eldest being a girl of 10.

LITTLE HOPE FOR MISS JEWETT.

Celebrated Author, in Precarious Condition, Doctors Say.

Boston, Mass., Mar. 9.—Some improvement was shown today in the condition of Sarah Orne Jewett, the author, who is critically ill at her home in this city.

Dr. James M. Jackson, her physician, stated, however, that the condition of Miss Jewett was still precarious, and her recovery doubtful.

Last of Naps Have Gone South.

Cleveland, Mar. 9.—Eight members of the Cleveland club left yesterday for Mobile, Ala., where they have joined those who went South earlier. The squad is headed by Manager LaJole, and arrived at Mobile Sunday night.

SEEKING GRAFT IN CHICAGO.

J. P. Morgan, Mayor, and a Board Delving in City Railway Accounts.

Chicago, Mar. 9.—Three separate investigations to find big graft in the expenditure of the \$26,000,000 for the rehabilitation of Chicago's car lines have been undertaken.