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ALMOST ONE-HALF OF PRESENT SESSION GONE

Very Few Bills of State Wide Importance Passed.

Special to THE PROGRESS.

Raleigh, Feb. 1.—At the end of this week one-half of the sixty days of the session of the General Assembly for 1911 will be completed. To date about 170 bills have passed and become laws. Very few of them have other than local import. It has seemed that, without special intent along this line, the effort was made to get all the "small fry" shaped up and acted upon, thus to a very large extent clearing decks for the taking up of those bills which are to a greater extent of more important as having a more general significance.

The legislation which falls in this class includes consideration of bills to amend the anti-trust law to provide for a rather severe penalty in event of violation proved; to establish a training school for teachers in the western part of the state; to form new counties; to investigate fire insurance companies; to erect a new fire-proof state building in Raleigh; to amend the divorce law; to effect the organization of a state highway commission; to investigate the state investments in public utilities; to prevent employment of child labor; to increase the Governor's salary; to establish the Torrens land title system, to establish and operate traveling and public libraries; to provide for a pardoning board; and to confer the veto power upon the Governor.

That there is urgent need for some of these laws and a necessity for all is evident. That many of them are favorably spoken of is a fact and that all will be given due and careful consideration seems a certainty.

The lower house utilized the bill introduced by Marshall, of Surry, to provide for free text-books in the schools, as a means of change from prosaic procedure, Friday, and enjoyed some harmless amusement considerably to this Republican member's embarrassment. He wanted to make his bill apply to all counties and the cost to be borne by the state funds. His fellow members objected but were willing to let it apply to Surry and let that county pay the bills. He was not willing and to avoid this unpleasant result he moved to postpone action indefinitely.

A bill to establish a training school for teachers of both sexes was introduced Monday, in the senate by Hon. J. C. Martin, of Buncombe. It provides for an appropriation of \$25,000 to erect buildings, etc. and an annual appropriation of \$10,000 for maintenance. The school to be located wherever an equal amount of \$25,000 is raised to erect and equip it. It seems that there is now a majority opinion favoring it.

Senator Mashburn and Representative Wilson left here Friday to visit the Insane Asylum at Morganton as members of the Senate and House committees respectively for that purpose. They will probably be at home for a day or two over Sunday.

Representative Spainhour has

introduced a resolution to provide for a committee to canvass the salaries paid to state clerical employees with a view of adjusting them to a basis more uniform with the salaries paid to teachers.

The reception at the Governor's mansion was the social event of last week here so far as the assembly is concerned. It was a splendid affair and well attended especially by the socially prominent.

Ewart, of Henderson, is the "irrepressible" member. He has introduced a bill to provide for taxing dogs, bachelors, and justices of the peace in his county.

To-day the forestry convention will be held here and on February 14, the convention to set in order the movement for a central highway from Beaufort to Marshall will be held. The North Carolina Association for Prevention of Tuberculosis began its annual deliberations, Monday.

Senator Hartsell, of Cabarrus, is the author of the bill to provide for the support and maintenance of the Stonewall Jackson Training School for Wayward Boys at Concord. He asks for \$58,000.

The Doughton bill which will make a dog's owner liable to damage in certain cases if his animal attacks his neighbor's stock or poultry has passed the Senate.

The bill to do away with the police commission in Asheville is ratified finally and is in force.

Later.

Thirteen petitions were presented yesterday in the House and three in the Senate protesting against the sale of near beer or like liquids, or liquor in clubs or associations. These petitions are from citizens, churches, societies, etc. Thus is developing a strong state wide sentiment against any and all forms of liquid intoxicants. So far McDowell has not registered.

The bill to form the new county of Hoke passed the second reading by a safe majority, over 2 to 1, in the Senate yesterday.

The bill to ratify the proposed Federal constitutional amendment to provide for an income tax passed second reading yesterday in the House by a vote of 93 to 6.

To-day a joint session of the Senate and House committees on Railroads will be held to consider the bills to require inter-changeable mileage tickets good for purchaser or his agent and to be taken as fare on the trains.

Charlotte Raises \$300,000 for Interurban Railroad.

With surprising promptness a small company of Charlotte's most constructive citizens Wednesday night raised the remaining \$45,000 necessary to complete the allotment of \$300,000 necessary to insure the early start upon the work of building the interurban to be built from Greenville, S. C., to Greensboro via Charlotte.

Ex-Congressman E. Spencer Blackburn, formerly republican leader in this state and twice the representative of the eighth district in congress, has located at Elizabethtown, Tenn., to practice law. Blackburn was at Tulsa, Okla., for two or three years.

THE SECOND AP- PORTIONMENT.

What McDowell and Other Counties Receive.

Raleigh Dispatch, 29th.

Sixty-five of the counties in North Carolina participate in the apportionment of the second hundred thousand dollar appropriation by the State to bring all public schools in the State up to the four months minimum term. The largest amount goes to Wilkes county which receives \$3,162 and the smallest to Graham county, \$272. The applications called for amounts aggregating \$132,980. And this had to be scaled down to the \$100,000 available. McDowell county receives \$2,000; Burke, \$1,339; Mitchell, \$1,263; Rutherford, \$1,504.

Nebo News.

Nebo, Jan. 31.—Miss Mattie Hicks and brother, Arthur, of Nebo High School spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks at Chapel Hill.

A number of the Nebo folks spent Saturday in Marion among which were, Messrs. Thad Hunter, Vance Wilson and C. M. Hemphill.

Miss Mary Hemphill of Marion, visited relatives in Nebo last week.

Messrs. Joe Giles and Billie Wilson were welcome visitors in Nebo Sunday.

W. N. Giles and son, Mark, who is now at Linville, spent Saturday and Sunday with their home folks at Nebo.

Supt. D. F. Giles, who is now at Nebo, spent a part of last week at Raleigh.

Miss Faye Conley, a student in Nebo High School, spent Saturday and Sunday at her home.

Nallie Davis, of Marion, was in Nebo Sunday on special business.

Miss Eddie Young of Bridge-water, has been absent from Nebo High School for the past week on account of sickness.

Misses Essie Hemphill and Mabel Boyd gave a party in honor of their friends Friday evening.

Miss Olivia Patton spent Saturday in Marion on business.

Vance Wilson, who has been very ill for the past few days, is improving rapidly.

Bugs.

State News.

The Lincoln County Poultry Fair was held in Lincolnton February 1 and 2.

The state convention of Christian Endeavor of North Carolina will be held in Burlington March 17-19.

Mr. Z. F. Long, for 16 years sheriff of Richmond county and for eight years clerk of the court of the same county, died last week, aged 62.

Lenoir has a population of 3,364, a gain of 2,068 in ten years, which means that the town has almost tripled its population in the decade, the population being 1,296 in 1900.

Gov. Kitchin has appointed Mr. J. W. Cannon one of the twenty influential men of North Carolina to represent the State at the meeting of the Southern Commercial Congress in Atlanta, March 8-10. Mr. J. S. Eford, of Albemarle, is also on the list.

Political News.

The dead-lock in the New York assembly is not broken. There seems no immediate likelihood of electing a senator soon.

West Virginia's assembly muddle is cleared up. The Democrats get two U. S. Senators and the Republicans will name the president of the Senate and seat the one contested member.

The House of Representative passed the bill to provide for a permanent tariff commission board of five members at a night session Monday. The democrats were divided on the proposition.

More and more insistent seems to grow the country wide demand for an extra session of Congress to consider the lowering of some certain highly obnoxious rates.

President Taft's message regarding the proposed reciprocity treaty with Canada is receiving general commendation. It carries an implied intention of getting the treaty made if it requires an extra session to do it.

Nevada will have none of the repudiated North Carolina bonds. Her assembly reconsidered former action and refuses "first aid to the injured."

San Francisco, asking no Federal financial aid, won her fight to have the Panama opening exposition held there in 1915 in the House of Representatives, Monday with a vote of 259 to 43. Several southern representatives including John G. Grant of the Tenth North Carolina district voted for this point.

The Senate on Monday confirmed the President's appointments of W. H. Hunt, Montana; Robert W. Archibald, Pennsylvania; Julian W. Mack, Illinois and John Emmet Carland, South Dakota as additional Judges of the new Commerce Court. Martin A. Knapp, who will preside over the court, was confirmed before the holiday recess.

Court Adjourns.

Court adjourned Wednesday night. Cases disposed of since the report in last week's paper are as follows:

J. W. Reid vs Hans Reese Co., judgment for defendant.

Gibbs vs Winkler, judgment for plaintiff for \$285.95.

Luther Elliott vs Southern Railway, judgment for defendant.

Geo. H. Gardin vs Brackett & Co., compromised.

Ed. Cannon vs W. B. Craig, judgment for defendant.

Lonnie Sherrill vs Telegraph Co., judgment for plaintiff for \$250.

O. S. Howard vs Paxton Lumber Co., judgment for plaintiff for \$103.

Eb. Fox vs C. C. & O. Ry. Co., mistrial.

O. C. Berry vs C. C. & O. Ry. Co., judgment for plaintiff for \$850.

It is rumored that we will have some cold weather soon.

See St. Elmo at the opera house Thursday night, Feb. 9th.

Real Estate Transfers.

Moses Hall, has removed from the Woods property in East Marion to the Grayson Lewis farm which he recently purchased from T. C. Mergan, the real estate man. This farm comprises about 60 acres and is situated about 1 1/2 miles northwest of town on the new Bakersville road.

Word was received here this week that George E. Woods, who formerly resided here, will remove to Marion within the next few weeks from Sumter, S. C. and will occupy his property near the Elhanan Institute. He will immediately erect three cottages on his property for renting.

H. W. Dysart's real estate agency has an application for a manufacturing site of 50 to 75 acres. The desired location is on the C. C. & O. railway somewhere near Marion.

Fixing Date of Millennium at 1915 Causes a Row.

Washington Dispatch, 29th.

When Pastor G. T. Russell, of Brooklyn tabernacle, Brooklyn, N. Y., speaking today at Convention hall on the millennium, announced that Christ would return to earth in 1915, he was dramatically challenged by W. A. Cuddy, an evangelist of Atlanta, Ga. In the rapid-fire exchange of words that followed, the crowd became excited and a panic was averted only by the suppression of Cuddy, who was led aside by friends.

More than 1,000 people hissed and hooted when Cuddy interrupted Russell and declared that 1915 was altogether too soon for the millennium.

"Put him out," shouted several in the auditorium. "Let him stay, he's all right," cried others.

When Pastor Russell was able to proceed, he declared that the Bible supported his contention that the millennium was due soon. Cuddy burst forth again, charging Russell with "rank heresy" and with attempting to foist his views on weak-minded and ignorant people who never read the Bible. The crowd resented this and Cuddy was jostled about in the hall until he was out of hearing range.

When the meeting was concluded, however, Cuddy stationed himself outside the hall near the entrance and resumed his refutation of Pastor Russell's remarks. The police threatened arrest but Cuddy defied them. Finally the police decided another way to accomplish their end would be to disperse the crowd, and Cuddy walked angrily away.

Sugar Hill News.

Sugar Hill, Jan. 30.—A good many of our people went to the Fifth Sunday meeting at Glenwood last Sunday.

Jay Matlowe of Spartanburg, S. C. was in our midst last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Harris of Forest City attended the burial of the latter's father, I. J. Mariowa, last Tuesday.

Karl Crawford was a business visitor to Marion last Saturday.

Next Sunday is Rev. J. E. Womack's regular appointment at Pleasant Grove, 11 a. m.

KNOWBALL.

LOST or misplaced at some business house on Main street, a light weight black overcoat. Finder will please return to this office.