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CLEARING DECKS OF MERELY LOCAL BILLS

To Get Freedom for Consideration of Matters of State Wide Importance.

Special to THE PROGRESS.

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—With the exception of the death of the bill to establish Piedmont county and the elaborate parliamentary proceedings to ensure its perfect and certain demise, little has occurred in the passing of bills during the past week to concern the state at large. Of course, a very large number of bills with merely local significance were passed and enrolled for ratification and the calendar thus cleared for the proper maneuvering to consider those matters which do have more or less significance so far as the whole state is concerned.

If the lawyers in favor can corral the lawyers not in favor perhaps the long suffering public may have the beneficial results accruing from the placing of the Torrens system for recording of and guaranteeing titles to real estate on the statute books. This system has for its most immediate effect the elimination of questionable title, the effecting of simpler transactions in real estate and giving the property a higher negotiable value on which to borrow or realize otherwise. Most of the opposition is from lawyers who see the removal of a fruitful field of operation in search of title.

To date, it is probable that the bill to establish Avery county will pass. If it does it will carry an amendment to permit citizens in Watauga to vote upon the taking of a part of that county to form the new county. This is the only new county likely to be established during this session. "Heap much" politics in these measures.

The proposed creation of a State Game and Fish Commission is a matter which is in obedience but will probably not get through as there is very decided opposition among the "fish men."

The farm life school matter continues to get favorable consideration and it is quite within possibility that a bill to establish such schools on the co-operative basis (State and county) will be passed.

The petitions against near-beer and its cousins continue to come. The bill to prohibit the sale will almost assuredly become a law as it has a majority favorable in the Senate and has passed the House. A little arrangement to exclude certain "cider products" is keeping it back at present.

New state buildings, increase of salaries for judges, the governor, and a few subordinate state officials, preparations for the funding of a bond debt due next year and to provide for the paying of the present deficit and to establish state highway commission, are among the most important matters now pending.

Night sessions for both houses is a common occurrence now and next week will have some important results.

The bills for the establishing of a new township and to protect quail in McDowell county have passed and are laws. As stated before the new township is called

Glenwood and is similar in boundary to the election district formed last year. The open season for quail is 15 days shorter now.

Senator P. H. Mashburn, of McDowell, was a guest at the banquet at Giersch's given by the Morehead-Butler clan last week in honor of the Republican members of the Assembly.

At a joint session of the Senate and House committees on Congressional apportionment held Monday night, a resolution was unanimously adopted to re-district the state. This with a view of insuring sure democratic majorities in each of the ten districts and yet not affect the present membership. It was agreed to submit the proposition and a new grouping to a caucus of the democratic members of the Assembly next Friday night, if possible to complete arrangements in time.

The Hicks bill to prohibit the dumping of sawdust in any streams of North Carolina passed the Senate Monday afternoon. Senator Mashburn, of McDowell, offered an amendment that it should not go into effect until six months after ratification. This, as was many others, was lost.

Only a Child.

Fanny Fern, in Mobile Register.

"Who is to be buried here?" said I to the sexton.

"Only a child, ma'am."

Only a child! Oh, had you ever been a mother, and you nightly pillowed that golden head; had you slept the sweeter for that little velvet hand upon your breast; had you waited for the first intelligent glance from those blue eyes; had you watched its cradle slumbers, tracing the features of him who stole your girlish heart away; had you wept a widow's tears over its unconscious head; had your desolate timid heart gained courage from that little piping voice to wrestle with the jostling crowd for daily bread; had its loving smiles and prattling words been sweet recompense for such sad exposure; had the lonely future been brightened by the hope of that young arm to lean upon, that bright eye for your guiding star; had you never framed a plan, or known a hope or fear, of which that child was not a part.

If there was naught else on earth left for you to love; if disease came, and its eyes grew dim, and food and rest and sleep were forgotten in your anxious fears. If you paced the floor, hour by hour, with that fragile burden, when your very touch seemed to give comfort and healing to that little quivering frame. Had the star of hope set at last, had you hung over its dying pillow, when the strong breast you should have wept on was in the grave where your child was hastening. Had you caught alone its last faint cry for the "help" you could not give. Had its last fluttering sigh been breathed out on your breast—Oh, could you have said, "Tis only a child?"

Of Course Not.

Old Pete Flood was the attendant in the Franklin cemetery some years ago, and it became the custom to ask him how business was just to hear his reply. It came in a heavy bass voice: "Ain't buried a living soul today!"—Philadelphia Times.

If you haven't the time to exercise regularly, Doan's Regulets will prevent constipation. They induce a mild, easy healthful action of the bowels without griping. Ask your druggist for them, 25c

SOME IMPROVEMENTS MADE AND UNDERWAY

Seen in Rambling About Town and the Vicinity.

How very much like property that belongs to a progressive concern does the depot and freight buildings look now. Neat and attractive. Ample and suitable accommodations. Indicative of the up-to-dateness of both railroad and town. Yet a little more could be done. Two or three arc lights set along the promenade in front and one, at least, in the rear of the station building is a real necessity both for the public protection and to add to the attractiveness.

That one good move generally fetches about another or more is proved by the improvements made by the Southern railroad company at its station here. On the opposite side of the street, the two store, story-and-a-half brick building erected by Dr. M. F. Morphew is nearing completion and will soon be ready for occupancy. In the rear and to the right of the station is a single store brick building with a let-in plate glass front, erected by Buffalo & Hewitt and to be occupied by Graham Dale as a store and restaurant combined. All the unsightly frame buildings are removed and travellers passing to and fro, in and out are undoubtedly very favorably impressed with the surroundings now at this the gate way (via the railroad) to the town.

Over on Park Hill, near the Elhanan Institute, R. Sumner Clay is having the dwelling house, which he purchased from Rev. John M. Greenlee last year, remodeled to make it a commodious and attractive home. Riddle Bros. are doing the work and Mr. Clay and family expect to occupy it soon.

James Perry has recently completed a new and pretty dwelling, opposite the Elhanan Institute, in which he will reside.

It is reported that several purchasers of lots in the Wrenn addition in East Marion will erect dwellings during this spring and summer and in most instances will occupy them with their families. This will mean increased population and more home owners.

Altered almost beyond recognition is the Oak Grove cemetery. For some time now the association has had men at work making roadways and walkways; trimming the trees and shrubbery and generally "tidying" up. Yet more will be done to make it sightly as "the final resting place" and it is well thus to do as is indicated by the many expressions of commendation on the part of the public.

There is some talk of laying asphaltum pave on the street leading from the depot to Henderson thence to Main and on Main from the bridge to the Park. This would be a long step in the improvement line but it should be wisely considered and properly prepared for. Then should be done quickly, cheaply and with a view of permanency. Not always are such things usual so done.

Everywhere, almost, in and

around town, property owners are repairing or rebuilding fences; tearing down unsightly out buildings, cleaning up garden plots and in many instances repainting their residences. All this heralds the near approach of gentle spring. (Barring a few more frosts and a late cold spell or two and the Charlotte Observer has not said to "take 'em off" yet.)

H. W. Dysart (real estate and insurance) reports the sale of two houses and lots on the Crooked Creek road near the McDowell Furniture factory to Bennett and Morgan. Also one house and lot on the old Bakersville road to Rev. A. H. Hatwood (colored). These properties formerly belonged to Mrs. A. E. Elliott. Mr. Dysart has also closed a deal for the John Lytle farm of 150 acres on the road leading from Old Fort to the Crooked Creek section. The purchasers intend using it for trucking and fruit growing.

From many folks come words of approval of the suggestion made in this paper last week by a subscriber in regard to organizing a poultry association and have some Boys Corn clubs. Some fellow will have to "lead out" and get the propositions in workable shape and it is possible that there will come forth some prize-winners.

Judging from the number of plums seen in and near town there is more ground broken for early planting this year than for many previous ones. It is a good sign. It is possible for the market to be supplied at home without sending North, West or further South, and it is passing strange that it is not done.

Library Books Misplaced.

The books mentioned below belonging to the Ladies Library have been misplaced. Will any one holding these numbers kindly return same to the library on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock.

228 Daniel Deronda by George Eliot.
228 Golden Deeds, by Charlotte M. Brons.
404 At the Sign of the Jack o' Lantern by Myrtle Reed.
491 The Wheel of Life, by Ellen Glasgow.
512 New Chronicles of Rebecca by Kate D. Wiggin.

Garden City News.

Garden City, Feb. 14.—Mrs. J. P. Ray and son Van of Marion were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jimerson, Friday.

The small child of Mrs. Callie Willis who was so seriously burned a few days ago is still in a very critical condition.

W. E. Brown has returned from a trip to Rutherford county where he was looking over farming land.

Mrs. Alex Silver of Curtis Creek spent the latter part of the week with relatives on Clear Creek.

W. E. Byrd of Blantyre was a visitor on the creek Saturday and Sunday.

After a lingering illness of many weeks, Mrs. Burg Davis died at her home on upper Buck Creek, February 8.

Miss Clara Bird is visiting her aunt, Mrs. R. W. Tate, at Greenlee.

Mrs. L. A. Chapman, who has been quite sick, we are glad to know is much better.

School Entertainment.

The public school at Sugar Hill will give a closing entertainment on Saturday evening, February 18, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. A splendid program has been prepared. The public is cordially invited.

MARION MILL HOLDS ITS ANNUAL MEETING

Officers and Directors Chosen for Coming Year—A Very Successful Year.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Marion Manufacturing company of Marion was held in the company's office at Marion on February 7. The treasurer's report was satisfactory to the stockholders, considering the mill has only been in operation about six months, and commensurate with the condition which has existed in the cotton and cotton goods market for the past year.

The old board of directors was re-elected, composed of: Messrs. Augustus W. Smith, of Spartanburg, S. C.; Wm. S. Glenn, of Spartanburg, S. C.; D. D. Little, of Spartanburg, S. C.; Carroll Baldwin, of New York City; Wm. E. Wall, New York City; J. L. Morgan, Thos. J. Gibbs, Geo. I. White, and Hugh F. Little, all of Marion.

Mr. D. D. Little, of Spartanburg, S. C., was re-elected president and treasurer; Mr. Wm. E. Wall, of New York City, was re-elected vice-president, and Mr. S. L. Copeland, of Marion, was re-elected secretary.

STATE NEWS

The Burlington News says W. T. Payne, of Graham, killed the biggest hog it ever heard of. It weighed 705 pounds, and, the News remarks, "was as big as a horse."

Nearly every town and community in the State had one or more representatives at Raleigh next week to attend the good roads meeting on the 14th.

Thirty-five of the forty five applicants before the Supreme Court were announced Thursday as having passed successful examinations last Monday and licenses to practice law have been issued to them. None of the three negroes who applied were successful.

After a new census taking of Hendersonville, made by six public spirited citizens Thursday there was found to be 3,705 living there instead of 2,818 as the government census gave. Many people were found who never saw the enumerator for the government, but were eager to get on the list.

Wadesboro has not experienced so disastrous a fire in many years as the one which destroyed property to the amount of nearly \$100,000 Friday morning. One-half of one of the best business blocks is in a mass of smoldering ruins, and two of the largest business establishments lost their entire stocks, with only half insurance.

Rutherford College commencement will take place May 9-10. Rev. W. A. Lambeth, of Winston-Salem, will deliver the annual address; Dr. W. P. Few, president of Trinity College, Durham, will deliver the literary address, and Rev. L. Berge Abernethy, of Canton, will deliver the alumni address.