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TWO MOST IMPORTANT SECTIONS ARE PASSED

House Takes Up the Task of Consideration of the Revenue Bill—Other Measures.

Special to THE PROGRESS.

Raleigh, Feb. 22.—Monday at 12:30 p. m. the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole and essayed the task of considering the Revenue Bill. Valiant effort was made to raise the levy to provide for pension and school increase but to no avail.

As a result of the long deliberation the two most important actions of the bill were passed. The committee then arose and report was made to the House which formerly adopted the three sections.

These sections are the same as in the bill of 1909. The further consideration of the Revenue bill will be a special order next Tuesday. It is expected that little trouble will be had in final passage.

The Koonce "fire insurance investigation" bill passed second reading in the House, Monday, despite unfavorable majority committee report. It was amended to the effect that the Governor shall appoint the investigators who shall investigate and report to the next Assembly.

Representative Wilson has introduced a bill to amend the law now in force so as to provide for four (4) days free labor on the public roads instead of six (6) days. This to apply to Marion Township only. It is quite probable the bill will pass.

Senator Boyden's bill to provide for new State building or buildings, amended as to amount to be expended, as to sale of bonds at par and as to location of site, was passed by a vote of 26 to 12, Tuesday. The amount of bonds will be \$500,000, the bonds not to be sold for less than par. The location of the building or buildings will be decided by the commission to be appointed by the Governor as provided by the bill. It is almost a certainty that the bill as now arranged by the Senate will go through the House with little trouble, if any.

By a vote of 73 to 9, the bill to create a new county (from parts of Cumberland and Robeson) to be called Hoke in memory of General R. F. Hoke passed the third reading last Thursday in the House. The Senate had passed it. A few amendments were made and it was sent to the Senate for concurrence. Hoke is number 99.

Ewart, ever fertile and insistent, now wants all whiskies shipped into the State inspected. Oil is inspected, why not "booze"?

Tonight the Democratic members of the assembly will caucus and consider a report to be offered by a sub-committee of the committees on congressional apportionment in both branches. This report will be prepared with a view of re-districting the congressional divisions as little as possible and yet make it as nearly certain, as at present can be done, that each of the ten districts will have safely Democratic majorities. Senators Gardner, Lemmon and Graham and Representatives Rose, Doughton, Spainhour, Weatherspoon and Turlington form the committee.

Simultaneously (in the Senate by Hobgood and in the House by Shipman) bills were introduced last Friday to provide for State primaries to be held on the same day by all parties. The primary to include the selection of state and county officials, congress, and an expression as to United States Senators. Provisions are made to prevent fraud and corruption and make it a misdemeanor for a voter to take part in the primary of one party and then vote at the election for some other party.

Senator Barham has introduced a bill to authorize any county to levy special tax to supplement the school fund and thus help to equalize the school fund in the rural districts.

A bill to make the keeping of intoxicating liquors for sale in Buncombe county a misdemeanor; the possession of more than two gallons to be evidence of the fact and the right of warrant of search to be issued by a court having criminal jurisdiction was introduced last Friday by Senator Martin.

Friday, the House received the report of the finance committee as to revenue in printed form as a bill. Few changes are made as to increase or decrease of taxes. Following are the most important in this respect, viz: the tax on horse dealers from \$25 to \$50; tax on peddlers of clocks, stoves and ranges from \$25 to \$50; tax on sewing machine manufacturers from \$450 to \$200; tax on agents from \$2 to \$10; the tax on piano and organ dealers from \$50 to \$100 and local dealers tax from \$10 to \$20; the tax on express companies for municipalities from \$25 to \$50.

The question of taking mileage on the train or at the depot may be settled finally by a law to have two ticket windows in station buildings in towns or cities where the population runs from 2000 upwards.

Saturday, a bill to provide for legalized primary nominations in Madison county for county officials, passed final reading.

The Mease bill to provide some other style of clothing than "stripes" for convicted men or boys, where the crime was a misdemeanor, was passed in the House Saturday with an amendment by Doughton to make it optional with county commissioners as to use of a distinctive style of clothing at all.

This new county idea has become chronic. Bills to establish two more were introduced last week. One to be formed from territory which is practically similar as the recently proposed Ransom county and one to be called Stonewall to be formed from part of Gaston county.

Pausing for a little while to greet a former representative in the person of Dr. Baird, of Asheville, who in 1859 and again in 1889, sat in the House for Buncombe, the members of the House accorded the venerable doctor the signal honor of permitting him the occupancy of his old seat now used by Representative Dillard, of Guilford. Also they listened to the reading of a message of greeting from him wherein he referred to brilliant men who were members then and to the two other surviving members of the assembly of 1859. Beautifully expressive and

McDOWELL SUPERIOR COURT PROCEEDINGS

List of Cases on Criminal Docket That Have Been Disposed of—Murder Trial To-day.

The February term of McDowell Superior court convened Monday morning at 10 o'clock with Judge Henry P. Lape, of Reidsville, presiding. Solicitor A. Hall Johnston is in charge of the State's interests before the court. C. C. Burgin is foreman of the grand jury and T. L. Eppley, officer.

The most important case on the criminal docket is a murder case and will consume several days. This is the one in which Jesse Burlison is charged with the killing of a Mr. Thomas in North Cove about three years ago. The case is set for trial to-day. The defendant will be represented by Hudgins, Watson & Johnston and W. C. Newland, while D. L. Carlton, who was appointed Solicitor for this case, will be assisted in the prosecution by W. L. Lambert and W. T. Morgan.

The following cases of the criminal docket have been disposed of:

State vs R. A. Gaither, cutting and removing timber, nol pros.

State vs Ambrose Arrowood and Jim Bailey. Arrowood plead guilty to affray and was fined \$10.00 and costs; nol pros as to Bailey.

Will Extine and Floyd Boyce, assault, Extine fined \$40.00 and half cost, Boyce \$20.00 and half cost.

State vs Scott Lucky, setting fire in woods, not guilty.

State vs Edgar Morgan, affray, guilty, fined \$5 and costs.

State vs Jim Stacy, forgery, guilty, no sentence.

State vs Jesse Morris and A. E. Reid, retailing, fined \$20 each.

State vs Floyd Owenby, a. d. w., fined \$5 and costs.

State vs James Carry, escaped from chaingang, 30 days on roads.

State vs Will D. Mashburn, c. c. w., fined \$5 and cost.

State vs McKoy Wilson, forgery, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

State vs Tice Waddell and Buck Corpening, affray, Waddell fined \$5 and Corpening \$15.

State vs Frank Moore, a. d. w., judgment suspended on payment of cost.

State vs Nathan Chambers, a. d. w., judgment suspended on payment of cost.

State vs Willie Barber, breaking in store, two years on roads.

State vs Horace Smalley, c. c. w., fined \$10 and cost.

State vs Charles Carr, breaking in pool room, not a true bill.

There have been made thirty-one changes in this state in appointments of postmasters recently by the President. Among them are two in Mitchell county, viz: at Red Hill, Charles C. Renfro, vice T. B. Garland, resigned; and at Valley, Roby T. Lewis, vice E. E. McKinney, resigned.

deeply touching in sentiment was the message and it was ordered spread upon the journal by a rising unanimous vote.

The Mashburn bill to establish a graded school in Old Fort was ratified Tuesday.

The resolution introduced by Senator Mashburn to authorize the superintendent at the Morganton asylum to admit George Bartlett (imbecile), of McDowell county, was passed by the Senate, Tuesday, and sent to the House.

Nebo News.

Miss Cecelia Kirksey, music teacher at Nebo School, visited friends in Morganton Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Lula Kincaid of Nebo High School spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks at Bridgewater.

Miss Mamie Stacy, who has been teaching school near Marion, is now at home.

Miss Bertha Giles, who has been ill for the past few days, is now beginning to improve.

Vance Wilson spent Sunday in Bridgewater.

A large number of the Nebo folks attended the closing exercise of the school at Sorrel's Spring, Wednesday night. Everybody seemed to enjoy the exercises.

Miss Lou Giles gave a party in honor of her friends Friday night. Those present were Misses Essie Hemphill, Mabel Boyd, Estelle Wilson, Neta Sigmon, and Messrs. Vance Wilson, Raymond Hemphill, Thad, Harry and Vander Hunter.

Walter Cuthbertson, after spending the past two weeks at home, returned to his work Sunday.

Roby Conley and sister, Miss Faye, who were absent from school on account of the illness of their father, have returned.

William Nanney spent Saturday in Marion on business.

Miss Lizzy Cobb returned to her work in Marion, Saturday.

A. B. Cuthbertson of Richmond, who has been visiting home folks at Nebo, returned to his home Friday.

The teachers and students of Nebo High School are busy preparing for their commencement.

Miss Cora Wilson of North Cove was a welcome visitor in Nebo, Wednesday.

C. M. Hemphill is now building a new residence on South Main street.

James Hemphill spent the first part of last week in Charlotte on business.

Miss Ada Brown of Rocky Pass is now at Nebo attending the normal course in the school.

CASSIE JONES.

Sugar Hill News.

Sugar Hill, Feb. 20.—Well! "Cupid" another Valentine day has come and gone, and no other prospects but that I will live and die a bachelor. You must be lazy, you probably won't have warm weather another time. You certainly missed a chance in a thousand.

A very large crowd was present to hear a well arranged programme displayed by the public school Saturday night. It was a "howling success." A close observer could but give the teachers unwanted praise.

Miss Cordelia Camp, principal of the school here, was called home Saturday night to the bedside of her brother, who is very low with pneumonia.

Miss Katherine Greene, the teacher of the primary department, returned home to Marion last week. We are sorry to lose our teachers but hope they will be back next year.

Johnny Parker, of Otter Creek, has moved into our settlement.

Quite a crowd of our people was at Marion last Tuesday to hear Creator's Band.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Miller and sons, Claud and Burrough, of Old Fort, visited relatives here last week.

Prof. J. W. McCall, of Old Fort was welcome visitor last Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Maggie and Mabel Hensley and Ethel Nichols of Old Fort were in our midst last week.

Mr. Parks and Miss Clara Morris of Nealsville were pleasant visitors last Saturday and Sunday.

SNOWBALL.

ORCHARD DEMONSTRATION INSTITUTE

Practical Demonstration of Pruning and Spraying Will be Given at Marion, March 13.

The Orchard Demonstration Institute, which will be held in Marion on March 13th by experts from the Department of Agriculture at Raleigh, should interest every person in the county. Practical demonstration of pruning and spraying will be given, with suitable apparatus and tools. There is no section where better and finer fruit can be raised than in McDowell county; and, with proper attention it can be made most profitable. But, owing to the prevalence of San Jose scale and other pests, it requires more attention than formerly to obtain profitable results.

There was sold in the county last season, by one agent, nearly six thousand dollars worth of fruit trees. If those who purchased those trees reap the full benefit of their expectations, it is absolutely essential that they begin now to learn the most approved methods of pruning and preventing the numerous pests from destroying their orchards. This is the object of these Institutes, which are being held from time to time, throughout the State.

It is hoped that a large number of our people will avail themselves of the opportunity to learn how to make their orchards profitable.

Bridgewater News.

Bridgewater, Feb. 20.—Miss Carrie Tate has returned from a visit to her brother J. M. Tate near Nebo.

Miss Sadie Seals and little nephew, Benjamin Hildebrand, have gone on a visit to Ben Seals and the latter's father, M. L. Hildebrand and Mrs. Hildebrand at Church Hill, Tenn.

B. Martin, who has been with home folks in Marion for the past few weeks, has returned and resumed his duties as clerk for Abernethy Co. store.

Mrs. S. P. Tate has returned home after several days visit with relatives in Marion.

Misses Eva Logan, Annie Lewis, Julia Rust, and Fulton Gibbs attended a box supper and valentine drawing at Obeth Wednesday night.

Helen Sorrells who belongs to the U. S. Navy, and who is off on a month's furlough, visited at his uncle's J. N. Yelton's here last week.

W. C. Tate spent Sunday with friends near Nebo.

M. F. Tate was in Marion Wednesday.

Mrs. G. C. Conley of near Marion has returned home after several days visit at the home of her uncles, S. P. and M. F. Tate.

Miss Lella Morris, of Union Mills visited Miss Pink Tate the latter part of last week.

Miss Annie Lewis spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks in Union Mills.

Mrs. J. B. Riddle, and sister Miss Essie Ray, of Morganton, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Tate the latter part of last week.

Mrs. I. A. Rust celebrated her twentieth birthday Sunday. A number of her near relatives were present.

Mrs. C. D. Hemphill and her father J. Morrison spent Saturday in Morganton on business.

JACK and JILL.

It is hoped that Congress will finish its business before March 4 so an extra session will not be necessary. If there is anything that is harmful to business, it is "an extra session" of Congress.

"Walk a mile before breakfast and you'll have an appetite," advises a doctor. Many a man has to walk farther than that before he can scare up the price.