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STATE ASSEMBLY MUST WORK NEXT WEEK

Cannot Complete the Business by March 4, the Constitutional Limit of Session.

Special to THE PROGRESS

Raleigh, March 1.—But three days remain in which to complete business if the State Assembly were to adjourn sine die next Saturday which is the constitutional limit of the session. Holding three sessions three times each day and working rapidly yet there is much to do and it is certain that the legislators will not leave this city of oaks until some day next week.

To date about 500 bills and resolutions are ratified. There are about 600 more to dispose of in some manner. In the House there are over 60 bills of general interest and almost that same number in the Senate.

The very much larger part of the work, so far as actual business accomplished is concerned, had to do with local or purely private bills of little or very inconsiderable importance.

The fact that the work of the Assembly so far or yet to be done has not caused any unrest in the State is reason for commendation and the few matters, to be passed upon, so far as the whole state is concerned, are of real importance in a conservative way and meets the quiet approval of the public.

The Revenue bill is through the House and sent to the Senate. The former are now considering the machinery act. The only really important change in this is Doughton's plan to give the corporation commission special powers as a State tax commission and further provides for an assessor for each county to be appointed by the commission.

This assessor will act with the township assessors and instruct them and advise with the county commissioners. He will be responsible only to the tax commission. On completion of the annual assessment he will make a report to the commission and all the assessors will act as a board of equalization.

It is now an assured fact that there will be a new public building. All the factions have agreed on \$250,000 as the amount to be expended now as there are so many other pressing needs.

Senator Cotten's bill to establish the Torrens system for registration of land, etc. is receiving very considerable attention in the senate. It may get through and become a law. Either way it will be very close.

A very county is created and the state now has 100. Hoke county (recently made) is asking permission to issue bonds and did ask for another slice of Robeson. What the fate of the other counties who are asking for formation will be is problematical.

All of the bills and resolutions introduced by the representatives from McDowell county are now laws. Senator Mashburn introduced two, one to establish a graded school in Old Fort and a resolution to have George Bartlett (imbecile) admitted to the Morganton Asylum. Representative Wilson's bills were to amend the Re-

visal; improve the roads of McDowell county; establish a new township and appoint a justice of the peace.

No selection is reported yet for a successor to Mr. Ledbetter, whose term as a member of the McDowell county Board of Education expires this year.

By the provisions of the apportionment bill passed by the House, the counties of Wake, Guilford and Mecklenburg will have each three representatives; the counties of Buncombe, Durham, Forsyth, Gaston, Halifax, Iredell, Nash, Johnston, Pitt, Robeson, Rockingham, Rowan, Union and Wayne will have two each. The other 83 counties in the state will content themselves with one each.

Rutherfordton News

Special to THE PROGRESS

Rutherfordton, Feb. 27.—A quiet home wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents Saturday morning when Miss Lou Emma Smith became the bride of Jerry Lipscombe, of Gaffney, S. C., Rev. R. H. Herring, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Lipscombe left in an automobile for their future home in Gaffney, S. C., where he holds a good position with the Piedmont Telephone Co.

Drs. M. H. Biggs and Henry Morris have moved into the handsome new three-story brick Rutherford Hospital building. The front is 124 feet with North and South wings and will accommodate sixty patients. The floors are maple with tiles in the bath and operating rooms. Every room will have plenty of light and fresh air and the entire ventilation to be first-class. The building is an architectural beauty and modeled after the University of Pennsylvania, the plan of which was taken from the St. Thomas Hospital of London. The cost of the building and equipment has not been given out but it will probably be about \$50,000.

The many friends of Dr. G. E. Young, of Forest City, regret his serious illness at his home. Dr. Young suffered a severe stroke of paralysis last week, his right side being affected.

In commemoration of the one hundred and seventy-ninth anniversary of George Washington and being a national holiday, Wednesday, the banks were closed and Sunday hours were observed at the postoffice and service was suspended on the rural free delivery routes.

Messrs. D. E. Hudgins and W. F. Wood, of the Marion bar, were recent Rutherfordton visitors.

Mr. Thomas Morris, Clerk of the Superior Court of McDowell county, accompanied by Mrs. Morris, visited relatives and friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Nealsville News

Nealsville, Feb. 28.—Things are so dull here it is not much to write.

Mrs. T. W. Wilson left Sunday night for Raleigh to join her husband, Representative T. W. Wilson.

Miss Sadie Poteet spent Saturday in Marion.

Mrs. Will Morris spent Friday in Marion.

J. G. Pyatt spent Monday in Marion on business.

Mary Sue Pyatt is visiting her grand parents near Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Poteet spent Monday in Burke on business.

Mrs. Lizzie Wilson of Sugar Hill is spending the week here at T. W. Wilson's.

The Chronicle, Bakersville, states that the stockholders of the Mitchell County Bank held a meeting recently and approved the action of the board of directors in authorizing the increase of the capital stock to \$20,000, and the additional stock will be sold at once. The bank will be changed to a national bank as soon as the necessary details can be worked out.

COURT PROCEEDINGS

Jesse Burleson Acquitted—Vance McCurry Convicted.

Jesse Burleson who shot and killed Melvin Thomas at Camp 6, North Cove, in 1907 and made his escape to Colorado and who was captured and brought back to McDowell last October, was acquitted of the charge of murder in the second degree and consequently given his liberty yesterday.

It seems that Burleson and Thomas engaged in a brawl at Camp 6 and hot words were exchanged whereupon a fight ensued resulting in the killing of Thomas. Burleson claims that he fired in self defense, that Thomas was firing upon him.

The trial was very lengthy as well as sensational and consumed some six days. The best legal talent to be obtained in this immediate part of the state was procured by the defendant.

Solicitor A. Hall Johnston, on account of being previously employed by defendant did not prosecute in behalf of the State. The State was represented by Attorneys Carlton, Sol. pro tem, and Messrs. Morgan and Lambert.

The case of Vance McCurry who, at Old Fort, N. C., October 3rd, 1910, shot and killed Ben Turner, was taken up yesterday morning. Late yesterday evening the jury returned a verdict of guilty of manslaughter. Judge Lane will pass sentence later.

The killing it seems grew out of an old grudge existing between Bert Turner, father of the slain boy, Ben, and McCurry. The grudge is said to have arisen over an old account. During the fight between Vance McCurry and Bert Turner, blows were being passed, Vance reached for his pistol which fired, missing Bert Turner whom he was fighting, and killing Ben Turner who was standing nearby. McCurry contended that the killing of Ben Turner was accidental and that he bore Ben Turner no malice.

Honor Roll of Marion Graded School for the Month of February.

First Grade—Albert Hewitt, Shuford Godfrey, Robert Potat, Edwin Pless, Norman Leonard, Mattie Perry, Bobbie McCurry, Estelle Houck.

Second Grade—Hettie Mae Cannon, Leo Clay, Sarah Margaret Neal, Marjorie Kirby, Estelle Huffman, Annie Lee Lowdermilk, May Belle Jones, Mayo Laughridge, Albert Blanton, Willie Elliott, Edward Foy, Coy Laughridge, George Meacham, Gordon Page, Jesse Kistler, Fred Houck.

Third Grade—Sallie Houck, Ola Gibbs, Mary Sweeney, Georgia Finley, Ida Parker, Gertrude Jones, Grayson Neal, Archie Clapp, Ross Strange, Neal Morris, Roy Ellis, Maurice Atwell, William Gibbs, Kenneth Hewitt, Mallie James, Glenn McCall.

Fourth Grade—Richard Atwell, Leon Justice, Hermon Lowdermilk, Charles Laughridge, George Streetman, Robert White, Rom Houck, Josephine Bird, Louise Burgin, Mattie Gladden, Sarah Hudgins, Ruby James, Ma McGuire, Edna Rader, Sarah Silver.

Fifth Grade—Elizabeth Bobbitt, Mary Hudgins, Emma Clapp, Dewey Denton, Blanche Finley, Ruth Burgin, Katie Huffman, Mary Lowdermilk, Guy Kirby LeRoy Silver.

Sixth Grade—Alma McCurry, Mildred Page, Alice Bobbitt, Helen Strange, Maude Burgin, Edna Godfrey.

Seventh Grade—Lois Gilkey, Cora Lowdermilk, Gladys Atwell.

Eighth Grade—June Laughridge, Effie Hicks, Ammie Bomar, Mary Potat, Thelma Hicks, Will Pless.

Tenth Grade—Kate May Streetman, Myrtle Burgin, Eune Gilkey.

Mrs. Thomas Entertains.

On the afternoon of the 22nd Mrs. E. A. Thomas entertained the Bridge Club, and a few guests, at her hospitable home on Park Hill. "Old Glory" greeted the eye of the guests upon entering the hall, and in the parlor, library and dining room, garlands of red, white and blue, and numerous small flags were used in profusion, and with charming effect. The dining table was graced by a tall cut glass vase of red carnations, surrounded by standing groups of flags, and crystal candle sticks, with candles and red shades. Miniature cherry trees marked each corner, from which ribbons of red, white and blue were draped to the chandelier, where the lights were softly shaded in red. Score cards, bearing pictures of the "Father of His Country," and "Lady Washington," were passed, and sixteen ladies engaged in a most interesting game of bridge, after which Mrs. Thomas served a most delicious luncheon. The dainty favors distributed at the close of the game were of various designs—cherry trees, tiny spinning wheels, etc., each containing a diminutive copy of the famous "Liberty Bell."

Report of Literary Society.

The Philopolimic Literary Society met Friday, February 24th. Old and new business was at first attended to, after which the program was rendered. The query debated was, Resolved, that the manufacture of cigarettes should be prohibited. The affirmative was represented by Will Pless and Grafton Bird; the negative, by Eccles Gray and Winfield Keeter. The judges appointed were J. W. Streetman, Clinton Landis and Ed Taylor. Their decision was in favor of the negative. The judges also decided that Grafton Bird and Eccles Gray made the best speeches. As the debate occupied more time than expected, the rest of the program was dispensed with. Society then adjourned.

Dysartsville Dots.

Dysartsville, Feb. 27.—Prof. Steppe and Miss Annie Fordham were married at Spencer on the 18th inst., and arrived here on 18th and are at home to their friends at Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor's.

Mr. and Mrs. John Foster and children attended a birthday reunion last Saturday at Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Foster's. It is reported that there were about 75 persons present and a table was made in proportion.

W. A. Laughridge and W. H. Taylor attended the special meeting of Masons in Marion last Friday night.

There was a house full of persons at the Washington entertainment. Prof. Gruber and son Will, furnished music in part. Prof. Gruber made a talk and among other things told how old his fiddle was and how much he had been offered for it. But a more pleasing feature of the entertainment was the children's own programme which they rendered with much credit, both to themselves and their teachers.

Mrs. J. Y. Taylor and the new boy, and daughter, Bertie, spent the week end here with parents and relatives.

Miss Mary Daves has returned home after spending several days with her uncle, Odias Daves, at Glen Alpine.

Mrs. Emma Spratt and husband visited her parent Saturday.

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The Great Davis Sale at Sumner Sons & Company's store at Asheville commences to-day, March 2. The page advertisement in this paper will interest bargain seekers.

NEBO NEWS

Local and Personal Items of General Interest by "Casey Jones."

Nebo, Feb. 28.—Miss Mabel Boyd, who has been sick for a few days, is able to be in school again.

Little Benjamin Hilderbrand of Bridgewater visited his father in Nebo, Saturday and Sunday.

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

Prof. J. H. Nanney's mother and brother, Richard, visited him the latter part of last week.

Prof. and Mrs. D. F. Giles gave a reception at the Dormitory, Friday night, in honor of the students of the normal course.

Misses Lou Giles and Mabel Boyd gave a party Friday evening at the residence of W. N. Giles, in honor of Misses Elsie Stacy and Leona Cuthbertson.

Misses Maude Elliott and Rosa Stacy visited relatives on Buck Creek, Saturday and Sunday.

Roby Conley, a student of Nebo High School, visited home folks Saturday and Sunday.

Vander Hunter, a great favorite of the students at Nebo, entered school at Morganton. He will be greatly missed.

Messrs. Robert Seals and Jay Ballew were visitors in Nebo, Sunday.

A number of the Nebo folks spent Saturday in Marion. Those going were Misses Nannie McCall, Lula Kincaid, Edith Lonon, Eddie Young, Vera Corpening, Margaret Steppe and Mary Greenlee; Messrs. Ed Tate, Arthur Hicks, C. M. Hemphill, Thad Hunter and Floyd Cuthbertson.

Rev. G. H. Weaver preached at Chapel Hill, Sunday.

Mrs. G. H. Weaver, a teacher of Nebo High School, was unable to be at school Monday, on account of illness.

Rev. R. T. Bailey of Asheville, visited friends on Red Hill street, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hilderbrand, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Annis and Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Annis, who have been in Churchill, Tenn., for a while, have returned to Nebo.

Master Mark Giles visited home-folks at Nebo the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Green Stacy visited her daughter, Mrs. G. G. Annis, Sunday.

Miss Essie Hemphill visited her grandfather Monday and Tuesday. Mrs. T. C. Cuthbertson was shopping in Marion Thursday and Friday.

Miss Estelle Wilson and Thad Hunter visited friends at Hunter's Pool, Sunday.

J. W. Bowman, who is at work in Nebo, was called home Saturday and Sunday on account of sickness. He returned Monday and resumed his work.

Festus Sigmon, of Hickory, visited his brother, John Sigmon, here Friday and Saturday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pyatt, Tuesday, a baby girl.

Casey Jones expects to be away this week to spend the summer in another state. Hope some other will write the news from Nebo. Our little town is of too much importance to be forgotten.

CASEY JONES.

NOTICE!

The firm of P. A. Reid & Company, heretofore engaged in the mercantile business in Marion, North Carolina, has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. All debts due the said firm should be paid to P. A. Reid; and all liabilities of the said firm has been assumed by and will be paid by P. A. Reid, who will continue the business.

This 19th day of January, A. D. 1911.

P. A. REID,
ALDA MOTE BIRD.