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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

HAPPENING OF INTEREST IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

### TO ABOLISH DEATH PENALTY

Reasonable Argument Advanced That Lynching is Not a Proper Method of Protection to Women.

Raleigh, Jan. 11. — Standing committees of the house were announced today by Speaker Brummitt. The committees and chairmen are as follows:

Regulation of liquor traffic, Matthews of Bertie, chairman; election laws, Neal, chairman; claims, Oliver, chairman; judiciary No. 1, Daws, chairman; expenditures of the house, Taylor, chairman; courts and judicial districts, Ray, of Macon, chairman; privileges and elections, Brown, of Pitt, chairman; banks and currency, Powell, chairman; engrossed bills, Dail, chairman; manufactures and labor, Love, chairman; judiciary No. 1, Grier, chairman.

Griffin, of Union, introduced a resolution to amend the constitution and submit the question of woman suffrage to a vote of the people.

#### The Senate.

In the senate, there was announcement of a special message from Gov. Bickett relative to the ratification of the federal prohibition amendment, but since the senate has already passed the resolution and sent it to the house, the message was not read.

There was a message from the house announcing the passage of the resolution to allow Asheville to expend \$5,000 for entertainment of returned soldiers and sailors, but Senator Stevens, of Buncombe, told the senate that he had a bill pending in the senate involving the same matter and that he wanted this house bill tabled. This action was taken.

The senate adjourned to Monday noon.

Jan. 13.—Speaker Brummitt was confined to his hotel because of after-effects from taking the anti-influenza serum and Governor Doughton called the house to order at 2 o'clock. Many members who obtained leave of absence Saturday had not returned. Representative Stephenson led the house in prayer.

Appointments of sixteen additional committees was announced. The chairmen of the finance, health and education committees were announced. Col. Benahan Cameron is chairman of the roads and turnpikes committee and S. Brown Shepherd, of Wake, is chairman of the committee for the regulation of public service corporations.

The governor sent a special message to the senate and house urging the immediate appropriation of \$75,000 to be used for the purpose of rebuilding the two dormitories of the Caswell Training School at Kinston, destroyed on December 8 and 9. He called attention to the fact that the children there are now sleeping in the dining hall.

The committee on rules, after consultation with Dr. Rankin, decided that it had a rule to bar the lobbyists without making a new one and that the best preventative against a congested hall would be to enforce it strictly. Under the house rule, which has been in vogue for years, only members, judges of the supreme and superior courts, ex-members, state officers and persons especially invited by the speaker, or some member are entitled to the privileges of the floor.

#### Senate.

The senate was convened at noon by Lieut. Gov. Gardner and immediately after the invocation by Rev. Milton Barber, rector of Christ church, Raleigh committee appointments were announced.

The chairmen of some of the more important committees in the senate are: Holderness, appropriations; Scales, judiciary, No. 1; Long, of Halifax, judiciary No. 2; Davenport, agriculture; Wright, railroads; Harding, education; Gray, finance; Cowper, of

Lenoir, constitutional amendments; Glidwell, insane asylums; Pereebe, public roads; Connor, banking and currency; Stacy, military affairs; Cooper, counties, cities and towns; DeLaney, insurance.

#### New Bills Introduced.

In addition to the bill of Senator Gray providing for the appointment of a budget commission, others included one by Senator Warren amending the state-wide road law slightly so as to make it apply to local conditions in Beaufort county and one by DeLaney to co-ordinate the illuminating oil act and the gasoline act with reference to inspectors.

After hearing a strenuous speech by Representative Stubbs, of Martin, and a half dozen other speeches in opposition, the house voted to ratify prohibition amendment to the constitution, the vote being 93 to 10. It was the resolution voted upon, so that the measure is now enrolled in readiness for signatures of the president of the senate and speaker of the house in its formal ratification.

The assembly, in joint session, canvassed the vote for United States senator and state officers, a perfunctory procedure that requires only 10 minutes, showing Senator Simmons' vote to be 142,524 as compared with 93,697 for his Republican opponent, J. M. Morehead.

Senator DeLaney of Mecklenburg introduced a resolution for a special joint committee of five to prepare a bill to confer on the county authorities powers of local legislation in compliance with the constitutional amendment heretofore ratified.

Both houses passed a joint resolution paying tribute to the lamented Dr. E. K. Graham, late president of the University of North Carolina.

Senator Long, of Halifax, introduced a bill to increase the salaries of superior court judges.

The bill by Senator Long, of Halifax, to increase salaries of judges would mean that the supreme court judges would receive \$5,000 instead of \$4,000 and superior court judges \$4,500 instead of \$3,250, and would make the expense fund of each \$1,500 instead of \$750.

#### The House.

Jan. 15.—Speaker Brummitt convened the house at 11 o'clock. The prayer was said by Rev. Mr. McFarland, of the Methodist church.

New bills were introduced as follows:

Shepherd—Amend the law as to the taking of oaths by the corporation commission.

Shepherd—Provide for the erection of a suitable building for the state department of agriculture, by authorizing the expenditure of \$250,000 receipts of the department, when available for the purpose.

#### The Senate.

The senate convened at noon with President Gardner in the chair. The oath of office was administered to Senator Haymore, of Surry, who has been detained at home by sickness until this time.

The senate spent the morning thrashing out rules to govern this session and rounded out a schedule of them patterned largely after those of the last session. New features exclude from the lobbies all persons except legislators and state officers, not even the president of the senate having the power to invite visitors into the lobbies, this being to safeguard the health of the legislators in these epidemic times.

#### The House.

Jan. 16.—The house met at 11 o'clock and prayer was offered by Rev. D. N. Caviness, pastor of Central Methodist church.

In lieu of punishment by death for capital offenses committed in this state, Representative Saunders would have imprisonment for life in the state prison substituted. Soon after he was elected last November he announced through his paper that he would introduce the measure at this session and it is the first move toward state-wide reformation to hit the hopper.

The senate was convened at 11 o'clock by Lieutenant-Governor Gardner, prayer being offered by Representative J. B. Stephenson, of Northampton.

While the session of the senate wasn't "Much Ado About Nothing," it was devoted for the most part to an animated discussion as to when a bill, after being passed upon favorably by one, two or three committees should be sent to the appropriations committee, if the expenditure of money is involved.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

### HARMONY GROVE.

Harmony Grove, Jan. 15.—The school has closed for a while on account of the influenza situation.

I. C. Crawley of this vicinity recently killed two 7-months-pigs which weighed 222 and 212 pounds respectively. Very good porkers.

Mrs. A. E. Rowe has been on the sick list for the past few days.

Mrs. H. B. Crawley has been ill for a month or more.

James Pyatt killed a 7-months-old pig weighing 225 lbs.

### WOODLAWN

Woodlawn, Jan. 20.—With the exception of one day's rain the weather for the past week has been springlike.

M. L. Good has been quite ill at his home with influenza, but is on the road to recovery. This is the only case reported at Woodlawn.

Malcom Sinclair and Bill Lonon of Marion visited relatives here during the week.

Joe McNeely made a business trip to Woodlawn last week.

C. M. Corpening, Jr., upon his return from camp remained for the holidays with his relatives, but recently returned to his business in the west.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Hicks have moved from our neighborhood. It is useless to say how we miss them and regret their leaving this community. They lived at Woodlawn for many years and never failed in kindness or help to friend or stranger.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hensley, a son.

C. J. H. Terry has accepted a position in Miami, Fla., where he will spend the rest of the winter with his brother.

### Get Ready to Spray the Orchard.

Raleigh, Jan. 20.—There is no more important work on the farm than that of keeping the orchard sprayed properly. According to Entomologist, Franklin Sherman, of the Agricultural Experiment Station and Extension Service, it is now time to prepare for this work, and many of the leading orchardists of the State are writing in for information about spraying their fruit trees.

Many of the county agents have requested from 50 to 100 copies of Extension Circular 66 on Orchard Spraying, and similar requests have come from the large nurserymen and implement dealers who are anxious to serve their customers.

Indications also point to the fact that there will be a larger number of retail merchants in the State who will carry spraying materials in stock than at any previous year. This interest in spraying is a good sign, says Mr. Sherman, for the benefits to be derived from its proper use have been demonstrated time after time in the orchards of the State.

### Mrs. Cuthbertson Dies of Influenza.

The funeral of Mrs. T. W. Cuthbertson, who died Wednesday, the 15th, at the Meriwether hospital of influenza, was held Thursday at Nebo, her former home. The deceased was a daughter of Mr. J. L. Wilson and had a wide circle of friends in the county who will be grieved to learn of her death.

Mrs. Cuthbertson was a member of the Ladies auxiliary to the Order of Railroad Conductors of Asheville and members of the organization attended the funeral. Mr. Cuthbertson has also been ill with influenza, but it is reported that he is improving.

### \$100,000 Involved in Sale of Timber Rights on Tract.

A deal involving \$100,000 consideration has been consummated in the awarding to the Union Tanning company of Old Fort, rights to cut and remove timber from a 5,000 acre tract on the Mount Mitchell section of the Pisgah National forest.

Rudolph Dffenbach, supervising forester of the Pisgah preserve, returned to Asheville last evening and announced the award of the contract. Several timber firms competed in the bidding, but the Old Fort company made the best offer to the government.

A force of 150 to 200 men will be placed at work immediately and it is stated that plans of the company are to increase this force to 500 men by summer. At this rate from five to seven years will be required to complete the clearing of the big tract.

Timber included in the contract is estimated to embrace the following: 30,000 feet of ash, cherry, and walnut; 450,000 feet of poplar, and cucumber; 900,000 feet of red oak, and bass wood; 1,900,000 feet of oak other than red oak; 700,000 feet of hickory, beech, birch, maple, buckeye, hemlock, pine and spruce 33,000 cords of chestnut acid; 500,000 cords of pulp wood; 2,000 tons of chestnut, oak, and hemlock bark.

Clearing of the section will be under specifications set by the government, which provide for a regrowth of timber on the land. All seed timber will be left standing, and from the stumps of trees removed it will be arranged to let a natural regrowth take place. No artificial reforestation will be necessary in the method to be employed in removing the timber. Within a few years, the government expert stated, the tract will be recovered with regrowth, which then will be regulated so as to produce a healthy stand of timber.

The flume system will be adopted for removing the timber, and as no railway will be laid, dangers of forest fires will be practically eliminated. A saw mill is being installed and soon will be in operation.

Wide interest is attached to the timber deal, which is the largest involving a tract of timber in the east section of the country since the establishment of the government preserves. The government's plan to clear the big tract and arrange for a regrowth under scientific supervision is regarded by local timber men as a gigantic project and one that brooks big results for the timber industry. The tract lies along the west fork of Cartis creek, and is about five miles from Old Fort.

The interracial council of the United States, formed to educate immigrants in the language and ideals of the country, to bring about co-operation between employers and foreign-born labor and to encourage closer relationship of the various racial groups in the country, was organized in New York last week.

Dr. W. H. Wakefield of Charlotte, the eye, ear, nose and throat specialist who visits this town frequently, is spending some time in New York, visiting the clinics and hospitals; picking up useful information, and at the same time taking a much needed rest.

## STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Robert N. Page, former Congressman from the seventh district, has announced his candidacy for Governor in 1920.

Ex President Taft will speak in Charlotte soon. He will speak throughout the country in behalf of the League to Enforce Peace.

The Asheville-Charlotte highway is again open to travel after being closed for three months, the small iron bridge at Uree, between Bat Cave and Rutherfordton, having finally been replaced.

The Daily Tribune Publishing Company, Asheville, has been incorporated with authorized capital of \$100,000, \$4,650 being paid in. It is understood that James J. Britt, former Congressman, will edit the paper.

Marvin H. Stacy, dean of the faculty of the University of North Carolina, who had been acting president of that institution since the death several months ago of Edward K. Graham, died Tuesday morning at his home at Chapel Hill from influenza. Mr. Stacy is a native of Cleveland county and was 41 years of age.

### Pinned Under Auto Man Drowns in Creek.

Asheville, Jan. 17.—L. W. Morgan, a prominent merchant of Black Mountain, former mayor of the town and candidate for sheriff at the last Democratic primary was drowned beneath his Ford in Flat Creek at 5 o'clock this afternoon. His little son, Lonnie, who was with him at the time, escaped unhurt.

Mr. Morgan, who had a contract to carry the mail to Blue Ridge, was on his way to that place and in making a sharp turn at the bridge over Flat creek something went wrong with the radius rod controlling the steering of the machine and it ran into the creek. Although the water is but three feet deep at this point Mr. Morgan was pinned beneath the machine and drowned before his little son could summon aid. Deceased is survived by a wife and six children.

### Five Base Hospitals in North Carolina Have 4,235 Beds.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Taking inventory of its hospital facilities in North Carolina, the office of the surgeon general of the War Department announces that the five base hospitals in the Tar Heel State have a combined capacity of 4,235 beds. The infirmary at Charlotte has the largest capacity with 1,584 beds.

The respective capacities of the four other hospitals in western North Carolina are thus distributed: Hospital No. 12, at Biltmore, 451 beds; Waynesville Hospital, 600 beds; Azalea Hospital, 1,000 beds; Hot Springs Hospital, 600 beds.

Surgeon General Ireland announces that soldiers affected with serious bronchial troubles and respiratory diseases will be sent to western North Carolina and over southern hospitals. He is of the opinion that the warm climate will hasten the restoration of these cases.