

House Keeps Up Its Record for Busy Sessions

Mr. Dowd amended section 14, changing penalty for violation to desertion of court, not exceeding \$25 fine. Mr. Bowie opposed the bill on general principles. Mr. Cox of Wake defended the bill. Mr. Bowie asked who was at the back of this bill. The question was called and the Dowd amendment was adopted, and the bill passed its third reading.

The third special order, the Hinsdale bill to pay the inmates of the Soldiers' Home a quarterly pension of \$2 was taken up, and passed second and third reading.

Homestead Bill is Killed. The fourth special order, the amendment to the constitution as to the homestead law, was read and the speaker put it on second reading, but was blocked by Mr. Doughton, who said the eyes and nays were necessary and three-fifths of both houses.

Mr. Barnes moved to table, and on a division was lost, 38 to 42, and the bill went on its third reading and was lost by a vote of 47 to 54, three-fifths being necessary.

Women's Contracts Killed. The fifth special order, the bill to allow married women to contract as if unmarried was laid before the house, and read, and Mr. Doughton spoke strongly for the bill, saying we may as well come to it by legislative enactment as by judicial construction, saying in answer to Mr. Grant's question that the women has as much sense as the men, and he hoped the bill would pass.

Mr. Henderson, Mr. Barnes, and Mr. Hayes spoke for it. Mr. Bowie and Mr. Rascoe opposed it. Mr. Connor spoke for it, saying before marriage a woman had sense enough to attend to her own business, but as soon as married to a man is no longer able to do so. Mr. Harshaw said the bill had the wrong title, and ought to read, "An act to entitle a wife to support her lazy husband." He took issue and showed the dangers, as it put women where by the influence of bad husbands an estate would be squandered. He thought it inconsistent to pass this after voting down the constitutional amendment. Mr. Poole wanted the bill to pass. Mr. Kitchen opposed the bill. Mr. Lee spoke for the bill. Mr. Rascoe asked if the women were asking this, or the Merchants' Association. Mr. Privott spoke for the bill. The question was put and Mr. Grant called for ayes and nays, and the bill was lost by a vote of 43 to 61.

Mileage Book Bill Thursday. The sixth special order, the Connor mileage bill and the employers' liability bill, were displaced and set for Thursday morning, and on motion the department educational bill was taken up, and the clerk read, and on request Mr. Connor re-read and explained the bill.

Mr. Haymore stated his objections plainly and fairly. Mr. Killian said he liked the bill and was an improvement.

Mr. Connor failed the previous question, but Mr. Grant wanted to speak and Mr. Connor agreed. He said he would vote against it. Mr. McCrary plead for a representation of the minority on the school boards, and get it out of politics.

Mr. Connor defended the educational system and warmed up against the tactics displayed by certain of the minority, and paid Mr. Harshaw a high tribute, when Mr. Gibbs asked if a majority of the minority had not acted fair. The answer was yes, and thanked him for it.

Mr. Grant got the floor again to say it was all politics, and proceeded to attack the democratic position in language strong and forceful. Mr. Bowie interfered, and they parried questions.

Mr. Williams of Cabarrus amended to strike out all of section 3.

Mr. McDonald sent an amendment also to strike out a part of section 4. This was lost. So was the Williams amendment. The bill passed, 9 to 99.

The senate messages were read and referred.

Mr. Hinsdale introduced a bill to supplement water supply at Soldiers' Home. To punish trespassing on In-Home Asylum grounds.

Mr. Crawford as to Hawassie Valley Railroad, in Clay county. The announcements were made and at 2:40 the house took recess till 4 p. m.

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Ormond Wants a Commission to Investigate

bill was brought up again and passed its second reading.

The Headlight Bill. Senator Dockery offered as a substitute for the Bassett substitute adopted yesterday a bill worded exactly as the original bill was worded, adding a proviso that on some of the roads the corporation commission may allow the use of other than electric headlights if in their judgment they think it best.

Bills Out of Order.

S. B. 1535 Senator Ormond. To provide plans and a system for the erection of needed public buildings. This bill was placed on the calendar. Senator Pharr objected to the bill as an entering wedge for enlarging the state capitol. He offered an amendment providing that no plans or specifications shall be drawn for an enlargement of the capitol. Mr. Ormond spoke strongly in favor of his bill, showing the need of state buildings and in this he was backed up by Senator Travis, who spoke of the lack of facilities for the proper transaction of business by legislative committees. He discussed the need of an orderly system in a sound and practical way, showing the advantages the commission would be to the legislature.

Senator Barringer opposed the bill. He followed Senator Pharr's line of reasoning, declaring that the general assembly should decide that it wants some new buildings before a commission and architects are employed to draft plans. Senator Pharr's amendment was lost. The bill failed of passage on its second reading by a vote of 19 to 14.

S. B. 1536. Senator Britt. For protection of fish in certain streams in Buncombe. Fish and Fisheries.

S. B. 1637. Senator Kluttz. Resolution for the relief of certain clerks. Calendar.

S. B. 1368. Senator Pharr. To amend law relative to fees in Mecklenburg county. Calendar.

S. B. 1629. Senator Fry. To give a laborer a lien on personal property after parting with possession in Swain county. Calendar.

S. B. 1640. Senator Pharr. To amend law relative to police and fire departments of Charlotte. Calendar.

S. B. 1641. Senator Jones. To regulate the use of traction engines in Johnston county. Calendar.

S. B. 1643. Senator Burton. To create office of auditor in Onslow. Calendar.

S. B. 1644. Senator Spence. To authorize the building of new court house and bridges in Randolph county. Calendar.

S. B. 1645. Senator Sherrill. To promote the cause of education in Caldwell county. Education.

S. B. 1646. Senator Dockery. Four bills: Relative to the compensation of clerk of superior court of Richmond; for compensation of treasurer of Richmond; for compensation of sheriff and to regulate

hunting in Steel's Creek township, Richmond county, all of which were placed on the calendar.

S. B. 1650. Senator Travis. To provide better highways for Halifax county. Calendar.

S. B. 1651. Senator Love. Relative to the game law in Gaston and Lincoln county. Calendar.

S. B. 1652. Senator Kluttz. A joint resolution relative to the making of the state capitol a safe place to work in. Placed upon its passage and passed by an enormous vote.

Passed Third Reading.

S. B. To amend section 28 of revision relative to the bonds of executors.

S. B. To amend the game law of Beaufort county. This bill was originally introduced in the senate for only one county but there was something in the nature of a stampede in the house, where sixty-four counties were added, practically abolishing the Audubon Society, exempting sixty-five counties from the provisions of the law and allowing the county commissioners of these sixty-five counties to appoint their own game wardens, protect their own game and turn over one-half of the license charges taxed against non-resident hunters for the general school fund. Senator Travis and Senator Kluttz spoke earnestly against the bill, paying high tribute to the Audubon Society and its labors. Senator Spence, Senator Latham, Senator Fry, and Senator Martin spoke in favor of concurring in the house amendment.

On motion of Senator Pharr the senate adjourned at 2:30 to meet tonight at 8 o'clock, when the discussion will be taken up again and the matter disposed of.

BAR ASSOCIATION TO MEET.

Asheville Wants Orphan Asylum—Junior Order of United American Mechanics—Special Tax Election.

(Special to The Times.) Asheville, March 3.—The North Carolina State Bar Association will meet at the Battery Park hotel June 30-July 4. The convention will be attended by hundreds of lawyers from all parts of the state and many will bring their families. It will come immediately at the close of the convention of hotel men of Virginia and the Carolinas.

Plans were yesterday set on foot to secure for Asheville the state orphan- the Jr. O. C. A. M. decided to build at their state convention at Elizabeth City last week, and for which purpose an appropriation of \$100,000 was made by the order. Members of the two local councils are looking into proposed sites near the city and intend taking the matter up with the state committee in charge of the selection of the situation.

Favorable action was taken on petitions from five school districts in Buncombe county asking authority to hold special election on the proposition of levying additional taxes to extend the school term, by the county board of education yesterday. In each case authority is asked to levy a tax of 30 cents per hundred dollars and a poll tax of ninety cents to enable the districts to hold eight months' school instead of four as at present. After approval, the petitions were sent to the county commissioners for them to order elections, as required by law.

Governor of New Mexico Dying. Santa Fe, N. M., March 3.—Miguel Antonio Otero, governor of New Mexico for nine years, is at death's door with pneumonia. The doctors have given up all hope and the end is expected momentarily. The governor has been ill but two days.

He was born in St. Louis in 1859, and was married in 1888 to Miss Caroline Emmet daughter of ex-Chief Justice Emmett, of Minnesota. For many years Governor Otero has been prominent in banking and political circles of New Mexico. He has held many public offices and has been a republican leader since 1889.

SEN. LAFOLLETTE REFUSED TO TALK

Washington, March 3.—Senator La-follette refused to make a statement this morning regarding the printed charges that improper means were used in his campaign for election to the senate. He said, however, that if expenditures in his campaign were unlawful he knew nothing of it, and if any donations to his campaign fund were misappropriated it was without his knowledge. The senator was heard to say that "a senator in Washington could not be expected to know everything that went on in his home state." It is believed the senator may bring suit for libel against newspapers who made the charge of corruption in his campaign.

Supreme Court Proceedings. The following cases were argued in the supreme court today: Archie vs. Roper Lumber Company, from Onslow.

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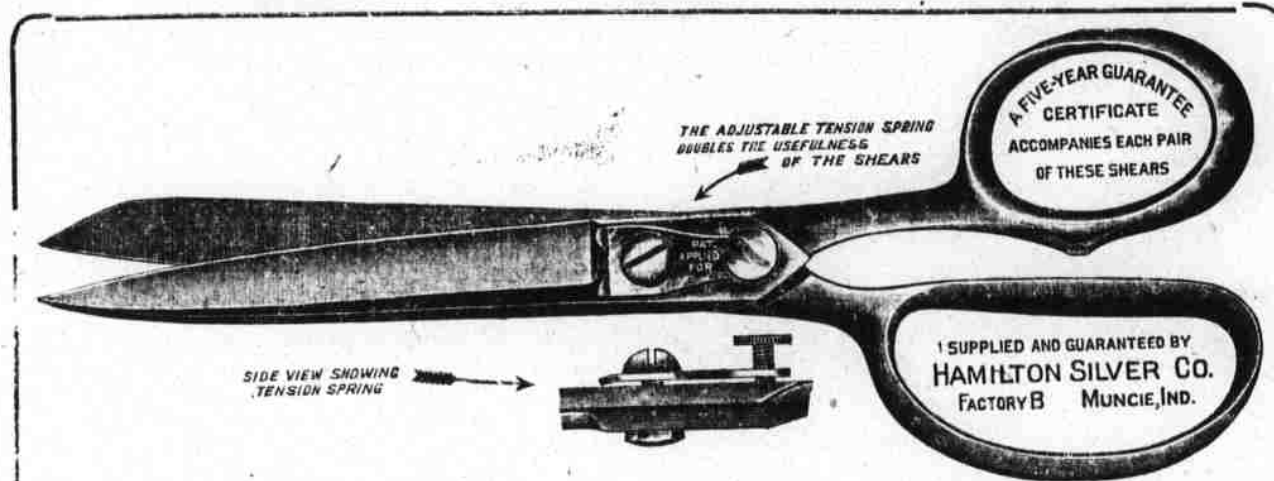
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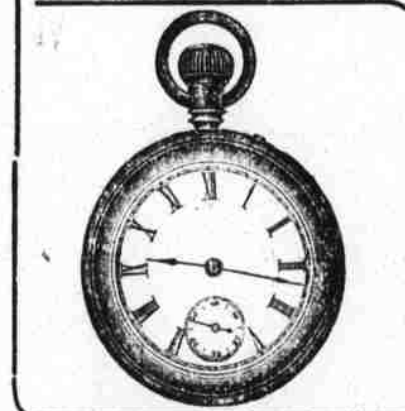


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Wilmington, N. C., March 3.—The long fight over municipal ownership of waterworks has at last been settled and on April 1st the city of Wilmington will take over the plant of the Clarendon Waterworks Company, for which the city is to pay the sum of \$145,000, but of this amount \$55,000 is to be held back until certain suits now pending against the company are settled. These suits aggregate in the neighborhood of \$70,000 and were brought against the company for failure to keep the proper water pressure during fires, being similar to the suits brought against the Greensboro Waterworks Company several years ago.

It has been more than two years since the fight for municipal ownership of the waterworks was begun and time and again it has seemed that the city and company were almost together, when some technical point would arise and the deal would be off. Bonds have already been sold aggregating \$400,000 for the purchase of the waterworks and sewerage plants.

The report of Chief of Police N. J. Williams for the month of February shows a most wonderful difference in the percentage of crime as compared with last year. Total number of arrests during the month just ended was 43 against 129 last year, exactly one-third of the number. During February, 1908, there were 31 arrests for drunkenness and this year 12, and for disorderly conduct last February there were 45 arrests, while during the past month there were only 9 arrests for this offense.

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A NEW LINCOLN STORY.

Log Found With War President's Name Cut on It.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Decatur, Ill., March 3.—While cleaning drift-wood out of the Sangamon river at the site of the old Lincoln home, west of the city, D. Cochran dragged from the water an elm log in which was cut with a knife "A. Lincoln, March 7, 1832". Abraham Lincoln and his father made their first home in Illinois at the spot where the log was found.

SERIOUS INSECT PEST. The Brown-tail Moth Has Been Recently Discovered in North Carolina.

The brown-tail moth, a serious insect pest which has done much damage in Massachusetts and other New England states, where large amounts of money have been expended in combating it, has been recently discovered in North Carolina. This insect is a native of Europe, but this winter it has been found in many states on young nursery stock imported from France.

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture has taken immediate steps to have all French stock coming into the state inspected, and while only a part of the stock ordered has yet arrived, one nest of the insect containing many living young caterpillars has been found and probably others will be found as the inspection is continued.

Any web-nest the size of a man's hand or smaller, attached to the limbs of twigs of trees should be sent to the department for examination. During the summer close watch should be kept for any kind of caterpillar which is defoliating fruit, shade or forest trees, and specimens should be sent for examination. It is more likely to become a pest in western and Piedmont North Carolina than in the east.

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