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PETITIONS KEEP COMING TO THE SENATE

Many Petitions Against the Traffic in Near-Beer Presented to the Senate

HOKE COUNTY FIGHT

Large Number of Anti-Near-Beer Petitions Presented in the Senate—Resolution Thanking the State of Nevada for Turning Down the Bond Syndicate—Hoke County Fight Comes Up and the Debate of Yesterday is Continued—Amendments Offered and Many Suggestions Made—Effect it Would Have on Political Complexion of Cumberland.

The senate today by a vote of 20 to 8 passed the bill creating Hoke county out of portions of Cumberland and Robeson and it was ordered sent to the house without engrossment. This was done after an amendment offered by Senator Cobb, of Robeson, had been voted down, the amendment providing for a change of the boundary of Hoke, so as to include Lumber Bridge and Red Springs townships. Republican Senators Starbuck and Anderson resented the intimation of Senator Cobb that they voted for Hoke county for partisan reasons.

Several local bills passed their readings and seven of this character were ratified. Bills relating to judges' expenses and salary and the service of summons, were re-referred. Senator Martin, of Buncombe, offered a joint resolution thanking the state of Nevada for refusing to accept as a gift the repudiated bonds of North Carolina.

Petitions from numbers of people in all parts of the state were received protesting against near-beer and citizens of Stokes county want the shipment of liquor into the state prohibited.

SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

The senate met at 11 o'clock, President Newland presiding and Rev. Dr. T. W. O'Kelly, of the First Baptist church, offered prayer.

Petitions Offered.

Davis of Carteret: From citizens of Craven county against the sale of near-beer; also from citizens of Albemarle and from citizens of Onslow against the sale of near-beer, and keeping liquor by clubs.

Martin of Washington: From citizens of Dare county against the sale of near-beer.

Cobb of Robeson: From citizens of Robeson county against the sale of near-beer.

Carpenter of Gaston: From citizens of Gaston county against the sale of near-beer.

Haymore of Surry: From citizens

MEN TRAPPED AND DROWNED IN CAISSON

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Newark, N. J., Feb. 1—Thirteen laborers employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in constructing a bridge over the Passaic River were trapped in a caisson thirty feet below the surface of the water early today and drowned.

The victims were only known by their surnames to the contractors and when they entered on the payroll none gave his address. The men were Jackson, Bailey, Houston, McKimney, Clinton, Reed, Corbett, Stevens, R. Johnson, Clements, J. Johnson, Borden and Boyd. The men were known as "sand hogs" being employed in the dangerous occupation of advancing subway excavations ahead of the diggers.

Woman Charged With Grave Robbery

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Stanford, Ky., Feb. 1—A warrant was issued today for Mrs. F. M. Harrison, a beautiful young woman, charging her with being an accessory in the attempt to rob the grave of George B. Santley, a wealthy lawyer, who died last March. Mrs. Harrison has disappeared.



Mrs. Edward B. McLean, the latest owner of the famous Hope Diamond and the gem itself, Edward Beale McLean, of Washington, purchased the jewel as a present for his wife for the enormous price of \$300,000. The gem is believed to be "blooded," for everybody that has had it in their possession has either been killed, murdered, financially embarrassed, or has in some way met with misfortune. Mr. McLean says he will find a way to banish the "curse."

of Stokes county against the sale of near-beer and to memorialize congress to prohibit the shipment of liquor into the state.

Helden of Franklin: From citizens of Franklin against the sale of near-beer.

Fifteen bills were received in a message from the house and they were appropriately referred.

Two bills relating to the expenses and salaries by judges were reported by the committee on revisal with a request that they be referred to the committee on salaries and fees. So ordered.

The bill protecting the owners of lands in Guilford in their rights was reported unfavorably by the judiciary committee and ten bills were reported favorably by committees.

Bills and Resolutions Presented.

Carpenter of Gaston: Appoint C. W. Nipper and M. D. Friday Justices of the peace in Gaston county.

Martin of Buncombe: Joint resolution to the state of Nevada for refusing as a gift the repudiated bonds of North Carolina.

The Hoke County Fight.

The bill to establish Hoke county came up on its third reading and Senator Cobb, of Robeson, offered an amendment (by request) to change the boundary line of the proposed county by including the greater part of Lumber Bridge and Red Springs townships, and adding, as he said, 5,000 people, making the population of Hoke 14,000 instead of 9,000 and increasing its property valuation from \$3,000,000 to about \$5,000,000. He presented petitions from citizens of the two townships to be included in Hoke.

Senator McLaughlin, of Cumberland, who has been leading the fight for Hoke county, declared that this amendment was simply a measure to defeat in some way the Hoke county bill, which passed second reading yesterday.

Senator Brown stated that he took no part in the debate yesterday, but he had studied the question and voted for the bill on second reading yesterday because he felt that those people were entitled to a new county. He asked Senator Cobb if he would vote for the amendment or the bill if amended, and Senator Cobb replied that he would not. Senator Brown then urged that the senate vote down the amendment.

Senator Pharr, of Mecklenburg, said if we've got to have a new county, let's have one that will be creditable in size, population and wealth. He would cast his vote in good faith for the amendment and against the bill.

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SHAKEN BY DYNAMITE

Carload of Dynamite Explodes With Serious Results

City and Suburbs Badly Shaken by Explosion in Jersey City—Many Are Reported Killed and 500 Injured—The Explosion Mysterious—Many Thought a Bomb Had Been Exploded.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Feb. 1—A mysterious explosion that broke windows throughout the financial district here, shattering several in the office of J. P. Morgan & Company and causing a report that a bomb had been exploded there, occurred on pier 10, Jersey City, at noon today when a carload of dynamite blew up.

Officials of the Central Railroad of New Jersey reported that a number of persons had been injured but they were unable to say if there had been any fatalities.

Ambulances and physicians were rushed to the scene by the railroad.

The entire downtown section of the New York south of Brooklyn bridge was shaken as though by an earthquake. So great was the confusion that it was nearly an hour before the exact location was known.

It had been reported at first that the explosion had taken place in Barclay street, where a new building was being erected and a second report to the police stated that a portion of the Standard Oil plant at Communipaw, N. J., had been blown up.

Five broke out immediately following the explosion and the firemen were compelled to battle with the flames before rescuers could begin investigating the debris.

Later a report was received from the office of Commissioner of Immigration William at Ellis Island that the explosion occurred on a schooner loaded with dynamite which was bound up the North River.

It was stated that the dynamite exploded when the schooner was off Pier 1, Jersey City, which is near Ellis Island, and there was a panic among the immigrants there.

A score or more New York ambulances were rushed to the New York ends of the Jersey ferries to be utilized in case of need.

In the intense excitement that prevailed ambulances were sent to various points where they were not needed.

Calls for ambulances immediately began to pour in from various points along the North River. Within a few minutes after the explosion was felt seven men and women patients had been brought to the hospital to be treated for cuts and other injuries caused by falling glass.

New York was shaken by the explosion and boats rocked at their moorings as though an earthquake was agitating the bottom of the harbor. The shock was also distinctly felt in Brooklyn.

The following official statement concerning the explosion was issued from Ellis Island:

"The explosion did an immense amount of damage at Ellis Island. The amount cannot be estimated.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Joint Committee Investigating Bribery Makes Report

Law Proposed That Would Impose a Prison Penalty and Heavy Fine on Legislators Who do Not Immediately Make Charges When Bribery Overtures Are Made to Them—Committee's Report.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 1—Statement of a law imposing prison penalty and heavy fine for legislators who refrain from filing charges immediately after bribery overtures are made to them, was a recommendation to the legislature today by the joint committee of the senate and assembly in connection with the legislation and the affairs of insurance companies other than life insurance companies.

The committee's report upholds all that has been said in regard to the use of a half billion dollar bribery fund in an effort to defeat the anti-race-bill of former Governor Charles E. Hughes.

The report says:

"The evidence shows that in 1908 one Frank J. Gardner was a lobbyist at Albany and that he was retained to attempt the defeat of the anti-race-track enabling bill. It further appeared that Gardner and certain other persons associated with him established themselves in a hotel in Albany, and directly or through others, approached a number of legislators with offers of large sums of money in consideration of their voting against the passage of these bills. The committee has been unable to definitely trace the amount of money at the disposal of Gardner and his associates, but it appears in the evidence that Gardner offered to one legislator as a consideration for his vote against the bill the sum of \$20,000."

The report then relates the unnumbered efforts of the committee to bring Gardner, who was formerly a senator from Brooklyn, within its jurisdiction and his punishment in New York courts.

Later Gardner voluntarily returned, was arraigned and admitted to bail. He appeared before the committee as a witness but refused to testify on the ground that "being under indictment, any evidence he might give might tend to incriminate or degrade him."

The committee's recommendation of a bill aimed at attempts of legislative bribery is based largely upon the facts it recommends that, if a member of the legislature maintains silence, following bribery overtures, a penalty of not more than ten years imprisonment and a fine of not more than \$5,000 be imposed, if it becomes known that he has kept silent following such advances.

The report recommends that the bill specify that any legislator approached with offers of bribery shall report this information at once to either house of the legislature and to the district attorney of the county in which the offer shall have been made. If the legislature shall not be in session at the same time when the offer is made it shall be reported to the succeeding legislature. Both fine and imprisonment may be imposed.

Aide from this the enactment of the ten other laws, relating to the subject of the insurance, are recommended. All of these except the appointment of a state fire marshal at a salary of \$4,000 per annum, and a corps of assistants to investigate all fires in the state. The office would be appointive by the governor and headquarters would be at Albany. He would be given sweeping powers in the investigation of fires.

Reforms, all of them exceedingly

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PIEDMONT'S BIG FIGHT

Arguments Heard Last Night Before Committee

A Long List of Speakers on Each Side Argue Before Committee—A Stormy Session—Galleries and Floor Crowded to Its Capacity—Hon. Pete Murphy Opens Up for Piedmont.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

The joint committee on county reorganization met last night in session to hear the arguments in the Piedmont county fight. The floor of the house was crowded to the doors, while the galleries were packed with men and women. Chairman Martin asked about the time to be allotted to each side, and after much wrangling it was decided to allow the advocates of the bill two hours, and home and a half in debating and thirty minutes in closing. Confirmed county, one hour and ten minutes, Randolph, fifty minutes and Davidson, thirty minutes.

Hon. Pete Murphy.

opened the argument for Piedmont. Had the pleasure to represent about 20,000 people who are asking for a new county. Recited his experience as a member of the general assembly in the efforts to get new counties, and of them all Piedmont has more good reason.

"Will this new county be a paper or a self-sustaining county? Should it be taken its place among the states best counties?"

As to the political complexion of the new county, did not think that this should be argued, but it will come up and be proposed to show that the new county will be democratic.

"The same will be in the proposed new county. Population there about 200,000 people, one-third of every county of citizenship and progressiveness. They have risen from a small village to a tremendous city in seven months. Can take care of itself abundantly in any other way. They have \$500,000 of taxable property in this county. More than in 47 other counties in the state. It recited the change that this county is now in debt and will be a poorer county. Said High Point township itself may have a little in debt, but will pay \$100 in excess of that which they will withdraw from state treasury. What reasons can the opponents have for not wanting to see the county established, referred to the formation of Lee, Durham and other counties and cited the opposition to them. Yet not a one of them is as well suited for formation as Piedmont with its tremendous factories in High Point. Mr. Murphy brought down the galleries and floors in applause when he paid a beautiful tribute to the industrial spirit of High Point and its rapid growth. Declared that the immense crowd poured into here today from High Point were in earnest. Recited the comparison of census returns, showing High Point in 1900 approximately 200,000 people. While Greensboro, claimed 50,000 ten years ago today, she has only 80,000. Closed by declaring that the heretics of the case certainly warranted the formation of Piedmont county.

Mr. W. H. Phillips.

of Davidson began by saying that his county is not opposed to Piedmont, it takes away that section of Davidson which the remainder of the county has really no concern. The Abbott's Creek section desires to go into Piedmont and the remainder of Davidson says they grant them God speed in going into the new county. Asked the committee to give this part of the county the right to let the new county, give them local self government. It will make four democratic counties where there are now only one.

Ex-Sheriff T. J. Finch.

of Randolph said the proposed sec-



The most intimate friend and chum of Miss Helen Tait, daughter of President Tait, Miss Mary Sutherland, daughter of Rear Admiral W. H. Sutherland, U. S. N., besides being Miss Tait's chum is one of the leaders of Washington society.

tion of his county desired to go into Piedmont. Everything they get almost here comes from High Point. Real estate will advance at least 50 percent. Give us this county, let it grow, the day is not far distant when the entire state will point with pride to Piedmont county.

Mr. John Hill.

of Trinity, Randolph county, said the majority of his people wanted to go to the new county.

Fred. N. Tate.

first mover under the commission form of government in North Carolina, from High Point. For a number of years his people have been studying this question and now is the time when they can finance a new county.

F. E. Creelman.

president High Point Hardware Manufacturing Company, declared that the people have come in justice to high claims. Increased 10 years of 250 percent in population. High Point furnishes Southern Railroad more freight than any other city between Washington and Atlanta.

J. Elwood Cox.

of High Point, said he had lived there 22 years, when he was there, brown, black and grey were growing, where today is a big growing city. This is the first new county. Will not be a poorer county. Could give bond that it will not be a poorer county. He declared the tax rate will not be more than 20 cents. What Guilford is now, High Point is present suitable building for a coal house. Has been a personally represented, politically, knows every man and whatever political attitude it takes it will be in good hands.

A. E. Tate.

president Tate Furniture Company, has been manufacturing furniture for 19 years and knows business conditions of the new county. Only asking for a chance to do greater things in the future.

S. J. Davis.

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W. H. Ragan.

for 10 years chairman of county commissioners, of Guilford county, said he had been living since 1885 around High Point and today was proud of the new county.

Rev. J. M. Billiard.

of Wake county, but of Randolph and Guilford for a number of years. Has lived all around where the new county will be. Impulsive people, self-sustaining, business people.

Frank Lambeth.

of Thomasville, said the line can be corporate limits of Thomasville and wished it would take in his town. Was strongly in favor of Piedmont.

Mr. E. W. Cates.

manufacturer and business man of Thomasville, endorsed all that has been said in favor of new county.

John Lambeth.

manufacturer of Thomasville, said he wanted to be in new county. Is democratic.

Dr. Burroughs.

member of medical profession, declared frankly it will do more and make people more progressive.

J. A. Graves said we want new county from business standpoint, is just. Will be proud of the new county.

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BILL TO TAX DOGS, J. P.'S. BACHELORS

The Henderson County Bill Receives Favorable Report at Hands of the Committee

MORE ANTI PETITIONS

Bill to Tax Dogs, Justices of Peace, and Bachelors Reported Favorably. Means of Economy in Public Printing—Another Opossum Bill Introduced—Local Option Bill For New Hanover—Bill to Amend Health Laws of the State—To Amend License Law Regarding Practicing Medicine—Petition For More Help Refused by the Speaker—New Committees.

Speaker Dowd convened the house at 11 o'clock, prayer being offered by Rev. Mr. White, of Raleigh. The journal committee, Hampton, chairman, reported the proceedings of Tuesday's session correctly recorded.

Petitions.

The following petitions were presented and referred by the speaker to appropriate committees.

Patel: From 550 citizens of Spencer asking that relief associations be prohibited.

Petitions against sale of near-beer and the sale of intoxicating liquor in clubs were presented by representatives from New Hanover, Vance, Durham, Anson, Caldwell, Wake, Beaufort, Mecklenburg, Davidson, Yancey, Rutherford, Cleveland, Scotland, Union, Richmond, Forsyth, Bertie, Duplin, Randolph, Harnett, Pamlico, Pitt, and Henderson counties.

Richardson: From citizens of Rutherford and Cleveland counties to make the possession of more than a quart of liquor by any citizen of those counties a misdemeanor.

Favorable Committee Reports.

(Except as otherwise noted.)

Liquor Traffic: To amend the charter of Prospect Graded School in Union county; to regulate the delivery of milk in North Carolina (to be referred to judiciary No. 2.)

Propositions and Grievances: To tax dogs, justices of the peace, and bachelors in Henderson county; to prevent saw-dust in streams of Faldin and Rockingham counties; to prevent the sale of food products, or other merchandise, by false weight (unfavorable).

Health: For relief of Dr. J. H. Reynolds; to protect the public from infectious diseases at barber shops; to protect the public against contagious diseases.

Bills and Resolutions Introduced.

Taylor of Brunswick: To appoint a joint committee to report means of economy in public printing.

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WEALTHY MAN CHASED THROUGH MOUNTAINS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 1—Hurt by a fall from a fast moving Southern Railway train, his mind probably affected by recent financial losses and believing detectives are after him, Telamon Smith Cuyler of New York and Atlanta, authority on fashions and literature, is tugging a stern chase through North Carolina with his friends in pursuit. Last Saturday night Mr. Cuyler left New York bound for Atlanta with a bundle of Rock Island bonds worth \$22,000 in his possession. A few miles from Kings Mountain, N. C., he leaped from the train while it was traveling at a rapid rate and was arrested as a suspicious character but was released.

New York Supreme Court Justice Dead.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Utica, N. Y., Feb. 1—Supreme Court Justice Watson M. Rogers died at 9:30 this morning at his home in Watertown. His death was the result of a fall he sustained two weeks ago.

SMASHING RECORDS

One of the wise men said: "A paper in the home is worth a thousand on the highway". That probably accounts for the wonderful growth of our advertising patronage. The advertisers are learning that The Times

"GOES HOME,"

For the month of January, we carried 222,544 Agate Lines of Paid Advertising. This means that we carried a total of 15,896 column inches of paid advertising, or reducing it still lower it means that The Times during the month of January smashed all records for this section of the country and carried

795 Columns of Paid Advertising