

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

WHAT THE LAW MAKERS ARE DOING IN RALEIGH.

A Synopsis of Some of the Bills Introduced and Passed for Benefit of our Readers.

A favorable report is made on the Senate bill making 10 years' separation a cause for absolute divorce. Several lawyers appeared in favor of the bill, which covers only a few cases, one or two being perhaps notable. Many bills of this kind have been introduced in past years to cover a particular case and only a few years ago there were some notable instances of this.

The Senate Committee on judiciary by a vote of four to two gave a favorable report to a bill making ten years consecutive separation a cause for absolute divorce to residents in North Carolina for that length of time, where no children have been born to the couple.

Among the bills of interest introduced in the Senate during the day was one by Senator Turner, which provides that the salary of the Governor of North Carolina be increased to \$5,000 a year. This would not affect Governor Glenn's salary, as the salary of a Governor cannot be raised during his term, but would apply to the salary of the next Governor of the State.

Senator Webb introduced a bill which will please all who may have to sit on juries. It provides that the County Commissioners of the various counties may, in their discretion, pay jurors not exceeding two dollars a day.

Senator Drewry, of Wake, introduced a bill providing for the issue of a half million dollars in thirty year four per cent. bonds not to sell at less than 104, the funds to be used to enlarge the Capitol for executive, judicial and legislative offices and for a State Library of Hall of Records. The matter of the enlarging and full charge of the matter is to be vested in the Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House two Senators, named by the Lieutenant Governor, and three Representatives named by the Speaker of the House.

The bill to rid Littleton of a wine shop was endorsed by Senator Daniel, of Halifax, and Senator Polk, of Warrenton, and was passed. The trouble there is that at an election for prohibition this carried, but the manufacture and sale of wine was allowed. A man there manufactures and sells while parties club in to buy a gallon, then divide it to drink. This has been a great annoyance to Littleton and the male and female schools there have been annoyed by this. The bill as passed rids Littleton of its wine shop; which is said to have sold 2,000 gallons of wine last year.

In the Senate when committee reports were called for, Senator Graham, of the committee on pensions, read the following letter from Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, regarding the purpose of the General Assembly to vote her a pension as the widow of that illustrious soldier.

"Major John W. Graham.

My dear Cousin: Yours of the 24th, apprising me of the introduction of a bill in the Legislature to allow me a pension of \$100 per month, was certainly a great surprise. I most warmly appreciate this loyal tribute to the name of my hero-husband, and tender my heartfelt thanks for the proffered honor and benefit, but I do not feel that I would be justified in accepting it. I am informed that the laws in North Carolina limit all pensions to those who have not \$500 of personal property, and as I do not come under this law, I respectfully request that the bill be withdrawn. I would also suggest that the pension which has been so magnanimously proposed in my behalf be appropriated to the relief of the destitute widows of Confederate veterans. It would also please me far more to see our honorable Assembly take measures for a reformatory for the good of the State.

"Trusting that I have not been ungracious or unappreciative, I am, with love, your affectionate cousin,

"M. A. JACKSON."

The honor of having received such a letter was feelingly referred to by Senator Lovell, of Watauga, a Confederate veteran, and on motion of Senator Webb, of Buncombe, it was ordered that the letter be made part of the journal for publication, as it breathed so noble a spirit and was a valuable contribution to history. This order was made, and this pension bill was allowed to be withdrawn in accordance with the request of Mrs. Jackson. The Senate was much affected by the letter and by the remarks which followed its reading, and there was intense interest during the entire proceedings.

Royster: To regulate the conduct of Dispensary commissioners and employers.

To prohibit the sale of liquor in two miles of Bullock church in Granville county, also to establish a dispensary at Creedmoor.

The bill in regard to the fraudulent sale of merchandise in bulk passed. It provides that such sale shall be fraudulent and void unless the seller and

purchaser make a full detailed inventory of the goods, and unless the purchaser remands and receives the names and addresses of the creditors with the amounts due them, and shall notify each one of these immediately of the proposed sale. The penalty is a fine of \$100 to \$500 or imprisonment of 60 days to two years, or both.

Other bills passed: To provide for the summoning of jurors from adjoining counties or any county in the same judicial district in trials of felonious or certain civil cases; to make married women engaged in merchandising or manufacturing with knowledge and consent of husband liable for debts contracted in such business.

To authorize the town of Oxford to issue bonds for a sewerage system.

To increase pay of jurors in Rutherford county to \$2 per day.

To place the solicitors of the State on a salary of \$2,500, amended so as to make this from fees, the excess to go to the State Treasury, and when less than \$2,500 the salary should be the fees received.

The Legislature is going to be even more liberal than was expected to the Confederate veterans. The committees on pensions will, it is learned, recommend a bill carrying \$450,000 annually, this being an increase of \$175,000 over the present annual appropriation. The committees from the first manifested a very liberal spirit.

The bill in regard to taking a whet on trains provides that any person who shall drink any intoxicating liquor, in the presence of others, in any first class passenger car, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and liable to a fine of from \$10 to \$50, or 30 days' imprisonment.

Bills passed: To prevent the quashing of bills of indictment because of non-payment of taxes by a member of the grand jury, or because one of the grand jurors was a party to a suit in court; to give the State two challenges for each defendant in the trial of capital cases.

CREEDMOOR DISPENSARY.

Dr. J. F. Sanderford Puts Himself on Record Against it.

Editor of the Public Ledger: There has been right much said for and against a dispensary for Creedmoor, and I desire a little of your space to give public expression to some of my views on this important question. The only thing I can say for a dispensary is, there's money in it. Some of the things I can say against it are: It is an attempt to elevate the liquor business out of its proper sphere. If it is a bad immoral business for an individual to sell whiskey it is for the town, for the Dispensary. Whiskey bought from a Dispensary legally chartered upon request of the majority, will make men as drunk, as big fools, as that bought from an individual, therefore the sanction of town authorities nor enactments of General Assembly can't make it a moral business! But there's money in it, some one will say. Yes there always has been to the seller, but where is the money side of it to the buyer? Is there money in it to him and to his? How prone we are to look at only one side of a question, was when we claim to face the issue squarely! If it will give us great things in the way of streets, lights, water, etc., isn't there bound to be a definite ratio between profit to us and loss to some one else? Some say it removes the temptation to blockading and to the patronizing of blockaders. Is that class alone to be aided by legislation, even to the temptation and destruction of a larger class, a more susceptible class, even the youths of our county? Remove the temptation from the blocker by taking possession of his business and his profits yourself, and that to be pitied class, that you say will have it anyhow, no matter where, or how low he has to stoop to get it; you will remove a part of his evil doings in obtaining it, by legalizing it, but he can get it, more conveniently and more of it if he wants it. It will be more convenient then to get whiskey will it? Yes, and I say convenience is and always has been conducive to habit, then a Dispensary will encourage the drink habit will it? Yes, but we are in it for the money and don't want to stop to count the cost to the user, we only want funds to run our town, and if we get a Dispensary we expect to get it. Are we willing then to sell the morals of our town and the surrounding community for a few dollars comparatively to have an up-to-date town? Some will say we are not doing any such thing. I hope you are not, but you are bound to admit you are at least putting them in jeopardy, taking great risk for the profits you hope to obtain, for unless there is drinking done by someone we can't get the money hoped for and calculated for out of it. Then who have we, or do we calculate on doing our drinking and making our business profitable? The man or the boy from some other town or community, or will it be you or your boy or me or my boy? If it should be yours or mine which side will the profit be on?

As stated in the outset this is an important question and I for one, even if I were the only one, and I am glad to say I am not, having a number of

NEWSY ITEMS FROM SALEM

TERSELEY DISHED UP BY WAY OF OXFORD.

Mr. D. N. Hunt Writes of Removals, Accidents, Schools, Roads, County Commissioners, Temperance.

Many changes have been taking place in our township of recent date, and many people have changed homes for this year. W. J. O'Brien and family are at the C. F. Crews place, J. E. Grissom at the Wilson place, Wm. Fauette at the Knott place, L. G. Blackwell at the Ellis place, C. J. Breedlove at the Blackwell place, U. J. Brooks at our place and quite a number of others at different places. To all these and others we extend best wishes. The removal of C. F. Crews and family and also of P. W. Knott is a loss to our township as they made us good neighbors. Mr. Crews was the acknowledged leader in church work, in Sunday School, in politics, in education and in other things that were for the betterment of our county. A good and true Christian man or woman is one of the greatest blessings a community can have. A bad man or a bad woman is one of the greatest curses a community can have. You can find both of these classes in almost every community and you know just as well who they are as if I were to write their names here for you, and they know who they are also.

Mr. J. H. Breedlove has had another serious accident. About a month ago a loaded wagon ran over a lower limb, and for more than a week he could not walk even with crutches, but he is better and can get about some now. Mr. J. A. Cottrell, who was seriously hurt some time ago, being run over by a wagon, can get about again, but is not well. Squire John Wilson was hurt a few days ago from lifting a log. This poor scribe had an accident also. More than a week ago we were

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men, women and children, I believe as good as there are with me, and more than they all, God, I verily believe with me. I want to put myself on record against a Dispensary. Yes against whiskey in every way, believing that prohibition as it now exists in our community, and with the laws that now exist, that it is much better than a dispensary. We had no such disturbance in Creedmoor Christmas as we read of in Louisville, a Dispensary town, even if there was 94 1/2 gallons whiskey brought here on one train by express, the large majority of it being for people off from here, nor at Benham as there is no express office or express agent there.

The question has been asked, are we better than the people of Oxford, Henderson or Raleigh as they have Dispensaries? No I don't think we are, but just as good and just as able to decide our own moral issues as they were theirs. I believe they did the best they could as they saw it, and took a step forward from open saloons to a Dispensary, not from prohibition to a Dispensary. I ask then while our neighbors go forward shall we turn backward and show ourselves to be worse than the people of Oxford, Henderson or Raleigh? Still I know that neither of these towns set themselves up to be models for us, at least I have not seen it so stated, either in the civil, moral or religious laws. It is said it will increase our business—that farmers carry their tobacco to Oxford not on account of prices, warehousemen, buyers or place, but their tobacco is their excuse to go where they can get whiskey—still it is said you can get all the whiskey you want in Creedmoor, and it's worse than if we had a Dispensary. Can you reconcile those two statements? I can't. Some that signed a petition asking for a Dispensary say "to those that signed for Dispensary are in favor of whiskey would be false."

The only definition I know for a Dispensary is a place where a municipality or town is selling whiskey. Now then if I sign a petition for the establishing and opening such a place what am I favoring? For the information of some who may not know, I will say if a Dispensary is established in Creedmoor by the Legislature, and if it is ever abolished the Legislature will have to abolish it, and if established by a vote of people of Creedmoor it can be abolished by the people the same way, but I am informed that the present bill before the Legislature is for the Legislature to establish it and not by a vote of the people. I want us all to force the issue squarely and fairly, and show our hands. That is one reason I am writing this and I want the folks to know where I stand. There are some good men on the other sides. I don't believe that all good people think the same way. I know some good Methodist, some good Baptist, some good Presbyterians, some good Christians, they don't think alike and know some good men opposed to a Dispensary, and I know some good men in favor of a Dispensary, and may God help each one in arriving at a clear conception of our duty and give us the moral courage to do it.

Yours against a Dispensary,
J. F. SANDERFORD.

coming down a steep hill, the harness broke in two places at once and I reached out with right hand and caught the hind wheel to keep buggy off the horse, this jerked me across the side of buggy and broke a rib. I have been at home for a week, but hope to be out soon.

Auctioneer R. J. Hart, who has been sick some time, is improving and he will soon be at his post again with "Uncle Zack" at the Johnson.

Mr. Clarence Breedlove is happy now as he has gone to housekeeping, and you can hear him sing "Rock-a-bye baby in the tree top." Well, such is life. "What is home without a baby?"

Mr. W. W. Fuller is with the bag factory at Oxford.

A good road meeting is called by representative B. S. Royster and Senator A. A. Hicks for the farmers and others to meet at court house in Oxford February 5, at 1 o'clock to discuss road building and the issuing of bonds. This is a meeting of great importance so let us turn out in great numbers and use our influence and put forth every effort to begin at once to build good roads in Granville county. The issuing bonds, nor is getting the money so much to do, but let us see that the money is properly used and equally divided in every township, and let's get right at it for the time of some of us will have expired before very long. There may be other important things beside roads discussed at this meeting.

Our public schools are in good condition, and our faithful teachers doing good work. District No. 1 is being taught by Miss Ethel Breedlove; No. 2 by Miss A. Daniel Marrow and No. 3 by Miss Kate Parham. The colored teachers are also doing good work. Salem Township furnishes fifteen pupils for the Oxford Graded School to wit: C. F. Crews 3, Mrs. Irene Day 3, C. R. Hester 3, R. J. Hart 1, G. W. Hart 1, D. N. Hunt 4. Among these the Hester children are some of the leaders of the school, as they get close to the highest mark and get on the honor roll most every time.

In conclusion we wish to thank the county officers who have just retired from office for their faithfulness in the discharge of their duty. As to the County Commissioners no one who is honest can say you have filled your pockets with the people's money. You have been honest, faithful and true. The rich and the poor alike have been treated with courtesy and given a hearing before your court. "Well done thy good and faithful servants. To the new Board we congratulate you, and ourselves, "go and do likewise."


Let your great mission be to build good roads all over Granville county and let the main roads be built as rapidly as possible. Give James B. Elliott a force with implements and put him on the roads in Northern Granville and then send him to Salem. Have the road machine, the scraper, run over all the worked roads in the county the first of May by all means. One other word, Brother Commissioner, as I cannot meet with or meet you. It has been said that advice that does not cost anything is not worth anything, but this is not true. The best advice you ever had was from a true friend who charged you nothing. Now, when distribution or election comes up before your body such as road superintendent, road foreman, bridge builders, rock hauler, janitor, or taxlisters in every instance, if there is a consistent church member, a worthy christian, give him the preference every time. I think this is your duty.

As to the noble Royster and Hicks, who are now at Raleigh representing us, we shall expect much of them, as they are capable of doing much. Let them stand strong for temperance and give whiskey a black eye every time it comes up. Let them make it hot for cigarette sellers and cigarette smokers. It is an easy matter to decide the right from the wrong in almost anything.

The good people, the christian people, are usually on the right side of any question; the bad, the wicked people are usually on the wrong side of any question. The man who loves whiskey wants its even, in his coffee and in his lemonade. The man who does not like it knows the evil and sees what it is doing for others and he wants it no where. The point is simply this, we, as law makers and as executors of the law must strive for divine aid to know and to find out what right is and what our duty is and then we must have backbone enough to carry these convictions out.

Our friends and relatives will be interested to know that our second son, William Gibbs, who spent last year in Texas is now in New Mexico buying and taking up Government land—he is 50 miles from his post office, Texico, and it takes two days to make the trip. He lives in a tent and writes that there are wolves, panther and deer around him, but no dears. He says the land is rich and the people are coming there in great numbers.

As to another dispensary for any point in Granville county we say down with it. One is enough for us for the next 100 years. If there is nothing more worthy of our people to boast of than the amount of whiskey they drink let their deeds be unknown to the world.
D. N. HUNT.



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Loans and discounts,	\$210,089.02	Capital stock	\$ 60,000.00
Overdrafts secured,	2,210.12	Undivided profits,	22,900.85
Bonds and securities,	3,021.91	Deposits,	191,047.70
Office furniture,	1,848.68	Rediscouunts,	
Cash and due from banks,	56,778.82	Bills payable none,	
OXFORD SAVINGS BANK.		OXFORD SAVINGS BANK.	
Loans and discounts,	\$157,716.94	Capital stock,	\$ 16,300.00
Office furniture,	380.62	Undivided profits,	4,077.40
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Total,	\$466,927.56	Total,	\$466,927.56

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