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TO BEGIN IN OUR NEXT ISSUE

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.

The Bickett House bill, for the care of the mental defectives, came up on its third reading.

Mr. Webb offered an amendment to strike out the words "such additional buildings," and insert in lieu thereof the words, "and such additional buildings and equip and furnish and provide water, heat and light and other things necessary for the comfort of the inmates."

Mr. Webb called for the ayes and noes on the bill.

Mr. McLean said he would vote for the bill but it did not suit him; however he thought it was the best thing that could now be done for the care of the unfortunates contemplated in the bill.

Mr. Blair was opposed to the bill as it was, saying the appropriations from year to year should not be made, but the entire \$500,000 should be appropriated even if it required a bond issue. He wanted the bill to pass as it originally came from the committee.

Mr. Mason favored the bill as amended, and submitted that this arrangement is better even than a bond issue.

Mr. Lovell said the bill has been considered thoroughly by both Senate and House committees, and represented the best beliefs of the members unanimously, and he thought it should pass as it was.

Mr. Hicks was opposed to any bond issue, and could see no reason in the world why bonds should be issued, replying to Senators Blair and McLean.

He answered effectively the arguments of Mr. Blair in opposition to the bill. He hoped that the bill would pass as it was; saying the provisions for immediate buildings would be sufficient for taking care of all the insane and epileptics in jails and county homes but did not know what would happen if more people were made crazy by a big bond issue.

Mr. Long favored the bill. The amendment of Mr. Webb was adopted, and the bill passed its third reading unanimously.

Winborne: Compel railroad and telegraph and telephone companies to obey the state laws and the orders of the corporation commission by imposing fines of not more than \$5,000 for failure to obey, the amount to be fixed by a jury when suits are instituted for the commission by the attorney general.

Winborne: Require railroad companies to keep passenger cars clean by imposing fine of \$20 for each day that any car is not properly cleaned and require toilet rooms for both sexes in each car, fines for failure to be recoverable by any citizen who brings and sustains a suit.

Prohibiting public drinking of whiskey on trains, this not to apply to

dining, smoking or private cars or in smoking rooms, the penalty being not less than \$10 or over \$50 and imprisonment not over 30 days.

Bill to construe certain statutes and place the burden of proof on the defendants in case of suits for delayed freight came up for final vote and was passed with an amendment excepting cases where delay is due to cause which could not have been avoided by ordinary care.

Laughlinhouse, speaking of his resolution inquiring whether any penalties were required of the Southern Railway for breaking the Selma connection for 30 days and if the State paid its attorneys \$500 out of the treasury in the recent compromise of that matter said he had been informed that in spite of the protest of Governor Glenn, the corporation commission had not only remitted the \$1,500 penalty incurred, but had actually paid the lawyers \$500 out of the treasury. He thought it fair that the act be ascertained and the Legislature enlightened as to whether Henry Miller and Col. del Andrews had more influence with the corporation commission than the Governor and council of State. The resolution was adopted, 47 to 12.

Bill to increase the number of pre-emptory challenges on the part of the state in all cases less than capital offenses and allowing two challenges for each defendant where there are more than one, passed its readings.

Bill by Pharr passed final reading to the effect that it shall be a misdemeanor for any person connected with the running of any railroad train or street car to be intoxicated while on duty.

Bill to empower conductors and station masters to arrest persons for drunkenness passed with an amendment by Buxton giving them power to arrest persons for offense committed in their presence.

Bill to restore to the citizens of Johnston county the right to make and sell cider and wine passed final reading.

The bill to authorize the corporation commission to require railroads to install and operate additional trains and make connections with other trains was passed.

Mr. Aycock offered a bill, out of order, to regulate the salaries of State officers and employees, and providing that all fees shall go into the State treasury.

Representative Douglass, of Wake, today carries out his threat to sue the editor of The Lincoln News for alleged libel. Messrs. T. M. Argo and R. N. Simms are his lawyers. The amount is not known, but it is said, that it will be \$1,000. Douglass was charged with pushing antidote bill to promote a beverage manufactured by his company.

The House judiciary committee reported unfavorably the Douglass bill to repeal the London libel law. Douglass gave notice he would fight for the bill on a minority report on the floor of the House.

A Tribute of Respect.

Death has again entered our circle and removed from us our beloved sister and faithful member, Mrs. H. H. Eatman.

Our dear sister was never very strong in body, but she was gentle and refined in her nature, and exemplary in all the relations of life. As a wife she was devoted to her husband, doing what she could to make home bright and attractive. As a mother loving and patient and prayerful, having reared her son, the only child that lived to maturity, in the fear and admiration of the Lord; and she was permitted the inestimable privilege of seeing him filling a useful and honorable station in life. From both husband and son she received the most loving care and thoughtful attention. She was a kind neighbor, a sympathizing friend.

As a Christian she was humble and devout, and her place at church was seldom vacant.

Especially do we know that as a member of this Society she was faithful both in her attendance, and in response to any demands made upon her service.

We deplore our loss, will cherish her memory and strive to emulate her many virtues. To her loved ones we extend our heartfelt sympathies. We believe she has gone to receive the blessing promised to the pure in heart.

We, the Women of the Missionary Society of the Oxford Baptist church make this simple tribute to our sister's memory, resolving, that it be placed upon our records, and that copies be sent to the Public Ledger and the Biblical Recorder for publication.

MRS. F. P. HOBGOOD.
MRS. M. A. LACY.
MRS. B. S. ROYSTER.

Not a Vote Against It.

The special school tax election in the Washington District that runs right up to Stem, was carried Monday by a unanimous vote. Every time a special tax election was called for the original Stem district it was voted down, so a new one was formed leaving Stem out, called Washington District and the promoters of better educational advantages won out unanimously.

It's a good old world after all;
If you have no friends or money,
In the river you can fall;
Marriages are quite common and,
More people there would be,
Provided you take Rocky Mountain Tea.

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Like Twin Brothers.

Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, and Senator Taliaferro, of Florida, look enough alike to be twin brothers. They are about the same size and build; each about the same colored hair, which is kept closely trimmed, and their short, stubby mustaches are much alike. Both have dark eyes, and there is probably not two pounds difference in their respective weights.
—Exchange.

\$5,000 Fire at Durham.

Durham, Feb. 16.—Late this afternoon, fire destroyed the old fertilizer factory belonging to the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, causing a loss of \$4,000 and \$5,000. The fire originated from a passing locomotive, which fired the dry grass, and this communicated with the large wooden structure before it could be stopped. The building has not been used as a factory in a number of years, but was used as a storage warehouse a portion of the time. It was unoccupied recently. It is a very large structure dry, and burned rapidly.

The Commonwealth Cotton Mills, within 60 feet of the fierce fire, was not damaged.

Letter to J. S. Brown, Oxford, N. C.

Dear Sir: It is a great thing for a merchant to have the exclusive sale (in his region, of course) of anything wanted by everybody.

There are two ways to treat such goods. One is: put the price up and make big profit. The other way is: be fair and make more.

Devoe is the paint that takes least gallons and costs least money a house, a job, a year, a lifetime—no matter how you reckon your costs, except by gallon—Devoe is the best care-taker and costs least money.

Don't forget that the principal part of the cost of paint is putting it on. Less gallons, less cost. Don't forget that another principal part of economy is long wear; less gallons, less cost and long wear.

It is a great thing to have the exclusive sale of popular goods, of goods that make friends, of goods that enrich both buyer and seller. Devoe is perhaps only ten per cent better than one or two others; but ten is a plenty—it's 200 or 300 better than many.

There's many a merchant who hasn't found-out his goods. It doesn't take a man long to find-out that Devoe is the least-money paint and why, no matter which side he is on.

Yours truly

F. W. DEVOE & CO.

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When you grow wiser
And learn to use
An "Early Riser,"
DeWitt's Little Early Risers safe, sure pills

Dr. S. Rapport will be at the Exchange Hotel Tuesday, March 5th, for the purpose of examining and fitting glasses. Bear in mind the day and date.

In Numbers Is Strength.

"Wonder why it is that other people's faults seem so much more annoying than our own."
"Probably because other people have so many more than we do."

Seems So.

It seems to be utterly hopeless
To try to be sweet as a rose
When out in the far, dismal hallway
You've barked both your skins and your toes.

With the Ice-man.

"If you have money to burn this season I can tell you a pleasant way to send it up in smoke."
"Well?"
"Put it on ice."

Hit It.

"She's a wise girl."
"As how?"
"She never knows too much."

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

Imparting information that he does not know is the delight of Mr. Know-it-all.

A bluff in the hand is better than a compromise in the air.

A barber's errors are mistakes of the head and not of the heart.

You can't tell anything about the works by the engraving on the case.

Some people have a knack that amounts to genius for doing the right thing at the wrong time.

Ever notice how many men there are married to women named "Say?"

A man isn't compelled by law to knock because he didn't make good, but then—

No man is hopeless who combs his hair three times a day.

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Have stepped to the foreground and this is going to be a "White Season" and our line is going to be sold at not what they are worth to day but at our usual small profits on what we bought them for. The variety of bold embraces about everything you could expect to see for the coming season.

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If you are in need of hat, ribbons, feathers, or anything in the Millinery line we are offering special prices and as to hats you can get them now at half price. As to Cloaks we have a few left on hand in both ladies, misses and children, and you can buy them now for less than they cost us as we do not want to carry a single garment over.

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