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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 bill to repeal the newspaper libel law was discussed and tabled, 47 to 21.

Joint resolution for statue of Vance in statutory hall, Washington, cost to be about \$12,000. This is the Dowd bill in the house and the Buxton bill in the senate.

Chairman Blount of the education committee submitted the reports of the senate and house committees on the bill appointing boards of education in every county. Bill passed final reading.

Bill to prescribe the hours of service of railway employees engaged in operation of trains; that to provide that the state flag shall be displayed on county court houses during superior court sessions.

Providing pensions for confederate veterans. The bill increases present appropriation of \$275,000 to \$400,000. It passed by unanimous vote, after speeches by Capt. Swift Galloway, of Greene; Major Neal, of Halifax; Gen. B. S. Royster, of Granville; Messrs. Owens, of Sampson; Harshaw, of Caldwell, and Gibbs, of Swain.

The bill making it unlawful for insurance or benefit policies of less than \$500 to be issued except upon forms approved by the commissioner was explained by Gallert and Manning as a protection to small insurance industrial and otherwise from imposition by irresponsible agents, and instances were given where people who paid weekly or monthly installments on small benefit policies found the policies were worthless. The bill passed almost unanimously.

The bill also passed to protect primaries and political parties in the state by making certain rules for the government of primaries and political conventions, applying to a large number of counties.

The bill passed authorizing the corporation commission to require railways to erect and maintain union depots in towns of over 2,000 population.

ANTI TRUST BILL.

Reid referred to Hick's statement that if the American Tobacco Company helped to elect Overman to the senate, it helped in the performance of a good job. Klutz pronounced unqualifiedly false, any statement that the American Tobacco Company had in any way contributed to the election of Overman to the senate.

Mr. Hicks said he had been amused by the oratory in the discussion on the bill. He said the question was a serious matter and he asked the Senate to consider the matter seriously before it passed a bill that might blast the business of Oxford and Granville county and that might run the farmers of his district into Virginia. There had not been a market crop produced in his county in sixty years, he said except tobacco. He endorsed the way in which Mr. Graham had laid the matter before the Senate. If it had been in his power he declared, he would have destroyed the American Tobacco Company long ago. His county was slaughtered by the tobacco trust in 1888 and 1889, he said, but the wounds have healed, and in this year the Japanese Tobacco Company has found that it set the prices too low last fall, and has raised the prices this year. He stated that he would vote for the Graham amendment, and he hoped the Senate would vote for it. He urged the Senate not to run the American Tobacco Company off the markets of the State.

Mr. Daniel asked Mr. Hicks if he would show how the bill would run the Tobacco Company out of the State.

Mr. Hicks said it would prevent that company from lowering prices.

Mr. Daniel asked if this were right.

Mr. Hicks said "yes," but queried further by Mr. Daniel he said he did not mean to say that it was right for the trust to lower prices, but the State could not help itself. He said the State's arms were not long enough, the statutes could not reach to New Jersey and he wanted the General Assembly to memorialize the national Congress in regard to the tobacco trust. He said he did not want Samson-like to pull down the temple on himself and his people.

The Legislature adjourned on Monday.

IF YOUR watch has gone on a strike and your clock has quit striking why bring them to W. D. Stinson and he will adjust the matter promptly and properly. Located at Paris Dry Goods store.

MORE IMPROVEMENTS.

Town Commissioners Order More Granolithic Sidewalks Put Down.

The Board of Town Commissioners at their meeting last Monday night passed an ordinance requiring granolithic sidewalks to the width of five feet to be put down on Main street to the Baptist church corner and Herndon Avenue, on College street to Penn Avenue or McClanahan street, on Hillsboro street to Gilliam street and on Hillsboro street to Broad street. The town is to pay one-half the cost of this work and the property owner the other half. Under the ordinance, however, the property owner will have one and two years within which to pay his part.

We understand this work will be done right away, and when completed will be a great improvement to the business part of town as well as a convenience to everybody. We heartily commend the action of the Board in this matter and are glad to see the Town Fathers are keeping up their efforts to improve the town.

Sparks Shows Coming.

There is local interest in the announcement that the John H. Sparks Show will visit Oxford on Saturday March 23rd, not only because it is a North Carolina institution, but on account of the unique character of the exhibition itself. Most people are familiar with the history of the brilliant genius after whom the show is named, and will be glad of the opportunity of seeing the product of his original ideas. In the words of the press agent the performance is extraordinary in character, high class, novel and full of snap and flavor. The costumes are elegant and costly, the music is especially fine, and the whole is embellished with a lavish luxury of detail never seen with any other similar exhibition.

J. Y. Wheeler Dead.

Mr. John Young Wheeler was born in Granville county June 19th, 1843, and died at his residence near Providence station March 9th, 1907, aged 63 years, 8 months and 20 days. He first married Miss Fannie Meadows during the Civil War, and after her death married Miss Mollie Thomason, who with two children of the latter marriage, and five of the former survive him.

For four years he served faithfully as a soldier in the Confederate Army, was in the firing line on Mars' Hill, at the battle of Fredericksburg, and was once severely wounded in the hand.

In his earlier life he united with the Baptist church, and with the Geneva Presbyterian church in January 1907. He left a solemn testimony of regret against the period of Christian inactivity which intervened between his connection with the churches mentioned, and exhorted all who were dear to him to give attention to the momentous question of the soul's salvation through Christ our Saviour, and fell asleep as quietly as a healthy infant.

The loving and faithful ministrations of friends and neighbors during his protracted illness of more than a year was a beautiful illustration of the spirit of Christ.

The funeral was conducted at the residence on Monday, March 11th, by Rev. C. G. Christian, pastor of the Geneva church, and the Tally Ho Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of which he was a member. It was attended by a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends, all of his children being present, and interment was in a new family cemetery at his home.

Let us extend to the bereaved ones our heart felt sympathy.

Spring Millinery.

Miss M. B. Gregory has returned from the Northern Markets where she has been for the past two weeks buying her stock of spring millinery and notions, and studying the latest styles, and preparing herself to furnish her customers with every thing new and up-to-date in the millinery line.

She will also carry this season an unusually large and well selected line of notions and white goods, and a beautiful line of hamburgs, laces and neckwear.

Good Move.

The Southern railway people announce that a corps of traveling freight claim agents has been placed on duty. They will travel continuously the territory assigned them and will visit the company's local agent at each station in order to insure promptness and justice to its patrons in respect to the handling of freight and the handling of loss damage and over-charge freight claims.

CREEDMOOR HAPPENINGS.

ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED BY REGULAR REPORTER.

Personals, Honor Roll of School, Gov. Glenn's Address, Closing of School, etc.

Mr. Will Fleming, of Wilson, was a Creedmoor visitor last week.

Messrs. G. L. Allen and Ed Parrott, of Wilton, were here Monday.

Miss Pearl Markham, of Durham, is spending some time with Miss Berna Sanderford.

Little Miss Sadie Averett has just returned from a very pleasant visit to relatives in Oxford.

Mr. Lucius Roberts, a former resident of this place, but now of Eagle Rock, was in town last week.

The small son of Mr. Thad Cannady had the misfortune to have two of his fingers cut off by an axe some days ago.

On account of the downpour of rain Sunday there was no Sunday school in the morning of prayer-meeting in the evening.

Miss Mamie Gates went to Durham Monday to be present at the marriage of her aunt, Miss Georgia Cannady on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sherron, of Youngville, spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mrs. Sherron's father, Rev. M. L. Winston.

Creedmoor school closed Friday, the 8th, and Miss Holmes has returned to her home in Franklinton. Miss Hardy and Mrs. Lawrence are yet in the city.

There is much sickness in Creedmoor at present. Nothing serious—only colds and grip, but good Doctor Sanderford is kept very busy attending so many cases.

The honor roll for last week has on it the following names: Lottie Bragg, Mamie Bragg, Ruby Adcock, Iris Chappell, Kathleen Moss, May Moss, Carmen Rogers, Katie Longmire, Fener Sanderford and Allan Aiken.

Gov. R. B. Glenn will deliver a temperance address at the Star Warehouse in Creedmoor on Monday, March 18th, at one o'clock p. m. He will arrive here on the forenoon train and be properly met at the station and conducted to the home of Dr. J. F. Sanderford for dinner, after which he will be taken to the Star Warehouse. The people of Creedmoor cordially invite every man, woman and child who is interested in the great temperance question to be present on that day. Let everybody embrace the opportunity of hearing our North State leader and orator, Robert B. Glenn.

ANONYMOUS.

Aubry Harris Commits Suicide.

Evidently realizing that he had made a fearful mistake in his marriage and possibly thinking that this act of taking unto himself a wife had forever separated him from his father and mother and loved ones, young R. Aubry Harris, son of Mr. J. W. Harris, who nine days ago married Miss Mary Ethel Wrenn, ended his life in Jacksonville, Fla., where he went immediately after his marriage night before last. The self murder was inflicted in the St. Charles Hotel, where he was stopping with his bride, at 10:30 o'clock, and the first news of the suicide reached here yesterday morning. The body was buried in Jacksonville.

On the last day of February young Harris, who was not yet nineteen years of age, secured license for the marriage of Mary Ethel Wrenn, fifteen year old daughter of Larkin C. Wrenn, and that evening they were married at the home of the bride on Peachtree alley. In securing this license the person who made the necessary affidavit swore that the young man was 21 years old and his intended bride 18 years.

For sometime Harris had been in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph company and had done considerable railroad telegraph work prior to that time. He secured a position in the office of the chief dispatcher for the Seaboard road in Jacksonville and it was after this that he told one or two companions that he was going to marry. This he did without the knowledge or approval of his parents and an hour or so after the vows were said the couple left for their future home.

This was the last heard from the couple until the message was flashed back here telling that Harris had shot himself through the head with a revolver, this act being committed in the St. Charles hotel, and the question was asked as to the disposition of the body. A message went from the father of the boy suicide directing that the burial take place there.—Durham Herald, March 9th.

SENATOR BENJ. TILLMAN.

ADDRESSES A LARGE AUDIENCE ON THE RACE PROBLEM.

He Sustained 'His Reputation as a Plain and Forceful Speaker—Introduced by Judge Graham.

According to appointment Senator Ben Tillman, of South Carolina, was in Oxford on Tuesday night and delivered his lecture on the "Race Problem."

It was expected that there would be a lecture both unique and out of ordinary—bold, fearless, outspoken and virulent—and in this our people were not mistaken. There were present a large audience, quite a number of those present being from the country.

Senator Tillman was gracefully and appropriately introduced by Hon. A. W. Graham. The lecture in many respects was very strong and showed that Senator Tillman had given the race problem much thought.

He simply showed that the African as a matter of fact, was not equal naturally to the other races of the earth, and that he had only been a few centuries out of barbarism, and was not fitted for all the rights of citizenship. He said that the race problem was for the negro to settle. That he must realize that his position was one of subordination, and that was the only way the race problem could be solved; that the white man had ruled in the past and would rule in the future. He admitted, however, that the negro should be treated fairly, and that he should be allowed to enjoy all his natural rights.

Mr. Tillman regards the race problem a real problem and a serious problem. He showed the folly of the North in enfranchising the negro before he was prepared for the ballot.

Altogether the lecture was well worth hearing but there were several things we think Senator Ben Tillman had better left unsaid. While we believe in plainness of speech and do not believe in mincing matter, yet one of the safest guards against purity of action is purity of words. And it cannot be denied that some expressions were vulgar, obscene, and unfit for ladies in a Southern mixed audience to hear.

We would not, of course, be understood as condemning the truths presented so forcibly in the lecture. There were questions discussed which the South and our whole country have got to face.

In the course of his lecture Senator Tillman paid his respects to Dr. J. C. Kilgo and to the recent speech made by the latter in New York City some days ago. He mentioned the fact that Dr. Kilgo had said in his speech that he (Tillman) did not represent the Southern people on the race question, but said that the doctor had failed to state in what particular he did not represent the Southern view. His remarks about the great pulpit orator's speech were both caustic and witty.

There were a number of people in the audience who were not pleased with his lecture saying it was too rough and coarse for a refined Southern audience.

While in Oxford Senator Tillman was entertained at the hospitable home of Colonel R. O. Gregory on College street. On Tuesday evening a number of friends were royally entertained at dinner with the Senator. Those were: Messrs. A. W. Graham, R. W. Lassiter, A. A. Hicks, B. S. Royster, W. A. Devin, W. H. Hunt, Sol. W. Cooper, T. Lanier and J. T. Britt.

The dinner was a most delightful and sumptuous one, and served in courses. The dining room was softly lighted with numerous candles and beautifully decorated with flowers. It was much enjoyed by all present, Col. Gregory and his most estimable wife proving themselves most royal entertainers.

Conductor Drake Hurt in Oxford.

Conductor H. F. Drake, who is conductor on an Oxford & Clarksville freight train, was painfully hurt in Oxford Friday, but came on here with his train, arriving here late in the evening.

Captain Drake was looking after his work and getting ready to come on to Durham with his train when he slipped on some ice and fell heavily to the ground. In the fall one rib was broken and he was otherwise bruised and hurt. After being attended by a physician he was able to come on here with his train. He suffered considerable pain on the trip over here.—Durham Herald, March 9th.

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VERY PRETTY HOME WEDDING.

Attractive Miss Elizabeth Shannon Becomes bride of J. T. Simpson.

Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock the pleasant home of Dr. and Mrs. S. D. Booth on College street was the scene of a pretty home wedding, the contracting parties being Miss Margaret Elizabeth Shannon and Mr. John T. Simpson, of Winston.

As Mendelsohn's Wedding March was being well rendered by Mrs. Kate Hays Fleming the bridal party entered the parlor, which was tastefully decorated with hyacinth, palms and ferns and lighted by candles and where a number of friends had gathered to witness the nuptial, preceded by Miss Annie Cannady, maid of honor, dressed in white and carrying white roses; next came the groom with his best man, Mr. Eugene Simpson, his brother, of Winston, followed by the lovely bride leaning on the arm of Dr. S. D. Booth attired in a beautiful brown broadcloth dress with hat to match, carrying a beautiful bouquet. Rev. F. M. Shamberger performed the ceremony, which was short and simple, but very impressive.

The bride is a very attractive young lady, being possessed of unusual charm and a most sweet and winsome character. Her home is in Lynchburg, Va., but she has made her home with Dr. and Mrs. Booth for more than three years who learned to love her. She was a valued and painstaking typewriter in the office of the Taylor-Cannady Buggy Co., and was present with \$50 in gold by the Company as a bridal present.

The groom, Mr. John T. Simpson, is a member of the warehouse firm of Brown, Carter & Simpson and is one of Winston-Salem's progressive business men.

The happy couple were the recipients of hearty congratulations and good wishes while the numerous array of wedding gifts attested the warm esteem and affection in which they are held.

Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left over the Southern for their home in Winston.

A Correction.

Editor of Public Ledger: Kindly permit me through your paper to make a correction. During the recent session of the Legislature I was occasionally misquoted by the State papers, not intentionally I am sure, but at no time did I call for a correction. In the reports of the discussion on the Anti-Trust bill in several of the papers I am quoted as saying "the wounds caused by the Tobacco Trust had healed," and in answering a question by Senator Daniel I am quoted as saying "that the proposed bill, if passed, would prevent the tobacco trust from lowering prices." I am sure that those who know me well, will know that I did not make any such statement, but I did say that I did not wish a bill passed which would prevent anybody from buying the tobacco raised in my district as we thought the more buyers there were, the higher the prices of tobacco would be.

Respectfully,
A. A. HICKS.

Farmers Buy the Best.

Our tobacco growers are making preparation to plant another crop of tobacco and will naturally want to make it fine in order to reap highest averages on the warehouse floors. In order to do this it require high grade Fertilizer and the old reliable Ober's Guanos cannot be excelled in the production of the weed as it has stood the test. Parham Bros. Co. have this old reliable fertilizer for sale again this season and now is the time to place your order for this old reliable guano.

A Favorite Remedy for Babies.
Its pleasant taste and prompt cures have made Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a favorite with the mothers of small children. It quickly cures their coughs and colds and prevents any danger of pneumonia or other serious consequences. It not only cures croup, but when given as soon as the croupy cough appears will prevent the attack. For sale by J. G. Hall.

Millinery Opening.
Miss Mary Belle Gregory invites the ladies to attend her spring Millinery Opening on Friday and Saturday, March 22nd and 23rd. She has spent several weeks in the Northern cities selecting her stock and studying the fashions, and will show the very latest and most stylish pattern hats ever brought to this market.

You should be very careful of your bowels when you have a cold. Nearly all other cough syrups are constipating, especially those containing opiates. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup moves the bowels—contains no opiates. Conforms to National Pure Food and Drug Law. Bears the endorsement of mothers everywhere. Children like its pleasant taste. Sold by J. G. Hall.

ITEMS FROM EXCHANGES.

NEWSY, POINTED ITEMS GATHERED FOR OUR READERS.

Short and Seasoned, Wise, Pert, Gay and Solemn Things Talked About in the Merry-go-Round.

The great danger about letting them off upon pleas of emotional insanity is the chance of a relapse at any time.

A Baltimore doctor says people may live 100 years by going without hats. If they did not get pneumonia the first trip out.

Spring item: The rattlesnake is sewing on his buttons, and the lizard spreads his blanket in the sunshine.—Atlanta Constitution.

Senator Tillman will make \$50,000 in lectures the coming summer and what's more important they will be worth the price to the public.

All the world's a stage, and all the women, are leading ladies. She has her exits, and her entrances, and one woman in her time, takes off many parts.

The Charlotte Observer very pertinently remarked the other day that the newspapers fight to get the law makers elected, and then have to fight like dogs for their natural rights.

In the Fifty ninth Congress 84,879 bills and joint resolutions were introduced, and of 26,154 bills introduced in the House 6,940 became laws. The more laws the more chance for lawyers.

In England most of the bars and public drinking places are served by "bar-maids," women and girls. The house of commons has a bill to stop that, and make bars employ men. The women raised a howl and are fighting it.

The highest and lowest points of dry land in the United States are in Southern California, and are only 75 miles apart. The lowest is 276 feet below the level of the sea and the highest is Mt. Whitney, 14,501 feet above sea level.

The legislature of Rhode Island has been in session seven weeks, trying to elect a United States senator. The thing is deadlocked and seems to be that way for keeps. Nobody but republicans are running and none will drop out.

The Tidewater Railroad Company is to spend \$2,000,000 dollars for big coal piers on Hampton Roads near the Jamestown Exposition grounds. The cost will include the substructure bulkhead and dredging of a channel to approach the piers.

Mrs. Stonewall Jackson is to receive a pension of \$20 a month from the federal government, on account of the service performed by her husband in the army before the civil war occurred. There were some mutterings, but the bill finally passed.

Call it the "unwritten law," or what you may—it is the same spirit, however that stirs the soul of every true Southerner, of every gentleman everywhere, to whom the words "woman" and "virtue" are still sacred, and who for the defense of the latter, will stake their lives.—Charlotte News.

A Baltimore dentist is being sued for breach of promise and \$400 by his alleged bride-to-be. She claims she let him have the coin to learn the tooth business and then he flung her over. Accordingly she wishes the money returned unto her and wants the doctor to suffer for jilting her.

A 600 pound man died in York, Pa., Thursday and rollers had to be put under the casket to remove it from the house. The lid had to be taken off the coffin to get it through the door and the doors of the hearse were taken off to get it in. The grave was eight feet long, seven deep, and four feet wide. He was the heaviest man in the county.

Eight hours of immoderate and irrepressible laughter almost killed Miss Barbara Barr, a member of the choir at the Baptist church in Florence, N. J. Some one told a witty joke and Miss Barr began to laugh. When the rest stopped she kept on until she was exhausted and unconscious and when she awoke she didn't remember the joke at all.

James C. Wallace, of Morganton, W. Va., aged 68, had a premonition that his death would occur one day last week. Accordingly, on the morning of the day, he arose from bed, bathed himself, put on his best clothes, and went down into the hotel office where he lived, saying to the porter that he hated to die up stairs. In a few moments he was dead.