

A SHORT SESSION.

Legislature Disposes of Day's Business in Half an Hour—Solons Anxious to Go Home.

Raleigh, N. C., January 7.—It required less than half hour today in both Senate and house to transact legislative day's business.

Among the new bills was one by McPhail in the House to prohibit the sale of cigarettes in North Carolina.

By Senator McLaughlin to establish the new county of Hoke out of parts of Cumberland and Robeson.

By Senator Johnston, amendatory of landlord and tenant act.

By Representative Stamp, to regulate interest.

By Representative Ewart, to prohibit payment poll tax of voters for the purpose of influencing votes.

The Corporation Commission submitted its report as to investigation of freight rates to interior from North Carolina ports.

Speaker Dowd announced that he would announce most of the important standing committees Monday.

LLEWEXAM.

The session of the House Friday was full of important matters and interesting incidents. True, the local bills, were there, but sandwiched in were matters of large importance. Notably, Mr. Battle's bill, looking to a reform of the administration of the criminal law; Mr. Koonce's measure seeking to curb the alleged extortionate charges of fire insurance companies as suggested in Governor Kitchin's message; Mr. Stubbs' bill calling for a constitutional convention; Mr. Pace's bill to protect labor organizations, and the resolution of General Carr, removing the charter limitation which prevents Trinity College from holding more than two million dollars' worth of property.

Judge Ewart made the first speech of the session in the House and made it so well that he secured the passage of his resolution, favoring New Orleans for the Panama Exposition.

Senator Graham also introduced a bill requiring the Southern Railway to operate between Raleigh and Greensboro two additional passenger trains, one to leave Greensboro about 7 o'clock in the morning and arrive in Raleigh not later than 9:30; the other to leave Raleigh about 8 o'clock in the evening and reach Greensboro about 10:30.

Mr. Barnes submitted a joint resolution ratifying the Sixteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, an amendment which provides for the laying and collecting of taxes on incomes.

Albemarle to Entertain Editors.
The Albemarle correspondent of the 6th of the Charlotte Observer says:

"At a meeting of the board of governors of the Piedmont Club last night the question of how to entertain the State Press Association came up. It was decided to spare no pains or money in giving the editors a warm reception during their stay of an hour here on their Winston-Salem-to-Charlotte trip over the Southbound on the 26th instant. Lunch will be served and generally a good time given. Rev. Geo. H. Atkinson and A. C. Honeycutt were appointed a committee to solicit funds to defray expenses of the entertainment. Messrs. J. Harris, W. L. Mann and Dr. G. M. Feagin were appointed a committee on entertainment. These gentlemen are enthusiastic over the editor's stop here and will leave nothing undone for their comfort and pleasure while in our little city.

To Skip a Tobacco Crop.

By a practically unanimous vote growers of white burley tobacco, used in the best grades of smoking and chewing tobacco, decided in convention at Lexington, Ky., Thursday to plant no crop for 1911. The delegates represent the most important producing industries in Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana, where this special quality is grown.

Crops in other years have run to 300,000,000 pounds, with nearly 100,000 growers. The action was taken because of heavy stocks unmarketed and resultant declines in prices. Nearly all of the 1910 crop remains unsold and warehouses in Louisville, Lexington and Cincinnati report 8,000,000 pounds in hand from the pool of 1909.

Governor Kitchin commissions Editor R. R. Clark, of The Statesville Landmark, a member of the board of directors of the Western State Hospital for the Insane at Morganton to succeed C. H. Arnfield, deceased.

The bachelor who marries an old flame never expects her to get up and kindle the kitchen fire.

A CABARRUS INVENTOR.

Greensboro Capitalists Considering Manufacture of Cotton Chopper.

Mr. R. L. Hartsell, of No. 10 township, a brother of Mr. J. L. Hartsell, of Concord, recently received letters of patent for a cotton chopper, which, it is said, is better than anything of the kind that is before the public. The Greensboro News of Friday says:

R. L. Hartsell, of Smith's Ford, an inventor and patentee of a cotton chopper in combination, is in the city in the interest of his invention with a view to having practical tests made before a party of local capitalists, who are considering the formation of a company for the manufacture of cotton chopping machines. A practical machine is being constructed in one of the local shops from the small model on which the patent was secured. It will be completed in about a month, and it is likely that if a suitable demonstration is made a company capitalized at \$75,000 will probably be formed, and the plant erected here.

The cotton chopper is built with a double edge oscillating hoe, cutting at each stroke the hoes being properly shaped at the edge for this, and is driven by a change speed gear, cutting any desired stroke from 6 to 15 inches in order to suit the thickness. The bearings of the hoe staff are provided with a spring so as to give up when in contact with stone or other obstacle, and with a hand-lever to raise or lower same to suit irregularities of surface. The hoe can be adjusted by a lever to make the desired strokes and for cutting cotton to a desired stand. Following the hoe are a pair of angle scrapers, adjusted and cushioned with springs to suit hard land or loam, scraping the young grass towards the middle of the row.

It is provided with cultivator plows following the scrapers, turning loose clean soil back upon the row, thus doing the work of about eight or ten men the old way, and doing it so as to suit the most fastidious person. This machine is so arranged by mechanical skill that every part is an adjustable one independent of the other. To suit the irregular surface and by means of an arm and lever the entire machine can be raised to the end of the row by the use of one lever. The machine as an entirety is perfectly adjustable at the operators' pleasure, chopping the cotton, scraping young grass away and cultivating the cotton all at one time and by one operator.

Minister Bounced by Conductor.

An Asheville dispatch of the 6th to the Greensboro News is as follows: For failure to produce his ticket or pay his fare, the Rev. George Cates, a Baptist evangelist, was forcibly ejected from the new Southern train, the Carolina Special, at Arden, yesterday morning and was brought into the Biltmore hospital today for treatment of injuries which he claims to have thus received.

Mr. Cates alleges that he came to Asheville from Canton yesterday, en route to Hendersonville, and that he did not have time to exchange his mileage for a ticket as required by railroad regulations in this state. On the train, he claims, he offered his mileage book to the conductor and cited the recent decision of the Supreme court of this state, which decided that conductors should accept mileage when offered them on passenger trains. Mr. Cates further alleges that on his refusal to pay cash he was put off the train and thereby sustained internal injuries.

Railroad officials state that the conductor in question offered to pay the cash fare because Mr. Cates was a minister, but that the latter rejected the offer on the ground that he was "not an object of charity."

Fatally Crushed Under Falling Mass of Iron.

Rev. R. P. Bryson, of Spencer, met instant death in the Southern Railway shops there Friday afternoon by being crushed under three pairs of engine truck wheels and axles, which were being lifted by a huge crane, says a dispatch to the Charlotte Observer. Rev. Mr. Bryson, who has not been in the active ministerial work for the past year, was employed as a machinist in the shops and was attending to his usual duties when the tragic accident occurred. The crane bearing the ton or more of truck wheels suspended by a chain was passing over his head and the chain suddenly broke, precipitating the mass of iron down upon the head of Mr. Bryson who was caught at an unguarded moment, and he never knew what killed him.

W. O. Hart, of New Orleans, tells this story: An old negro was brought up before the judge charged with chicken stealing, and when the usual question was propounded, "Guilty, or not guilty?" he said: "I don't know, boss; I jest throw myself on the ignorance of the court."

DR. WINECOFF IN ALASKA.

Pastor of First Methodist Church at Fairbanks.

Rev. Thos. E. Winecoff, D. D., who was reared in this county, and is well and pleasantly remembered by our people, is now pastor of the First Methodist church at Fairbanks, Alaska. In writing us to send him The Times Mr. Winecoff adds:

"I am here in charge of the principal Methodist church in Alaska. Fairbanks is a good little modern city, with electric light, two daily papers, etc., and as quiet as old Concord, in spite of the fact that, by good report, its annual gold output is \$10,000,000. They say it is the latest fall ever known here. "No cold weather yet," etc. It is only 40 degrees below tonight. It goes as low as 70 degrees below later in the winter. But it doesn't bother us. It is far and away the finest climate I ever saw—no rain, no wind, no blizzard, no drifts, just clear, still, "bone-dry" cold.

I enclose a clipping that may interest my old Cabarrus friends. I believe I has at least a few left yet.

Very cordially yours,

THOS. E. WINECOFF.

"P. S.—Am called to the Methodist church at Dawson, Y. T., (the famous Klondike camp) at a good salary. Don't know whether I shall go or not; but I like the place."

The clipping is a poem of Dr. Winecoff's printed in the Fairbanks Sunday Times, and is as follows:

(The Pacific coast salmon returns at the end of four years to fresh water—and always to the same stream where it was hatched—to spawn and die.)

Homing Salmon.

My wander-years are o'er, my homing near;
O'er all the sullen roar of far-flung seas
The home call of the mountain peaks I hear—
The love that ne'er forgets freights every breeze.

The stormy joys of secret seas are spent;
The little brook that bathed me at my birth,
The quiet pools where passed my youth, are seen.

Their wireless call for me around the earth.

Through all the lonely leagues of salted seas
The same home-hunger haunts my silvered mate,
Nor stream unknown, nor seas uncharted, stay
The heart that only home and love may save.

My bleaching bones no yeasty sea shall stain,
No stranger stream my dimming eyes may lave;
My last long look to skies shall turn again
That smiled upon my birth—and my on my grave.

THOS. E. WINECOFF, D. D.

The Rev. Dr. Winecoff has the rather unusual distinction of being one who not only gets his verse published by Eastern journals, but even gets paid for it,—which is rarely done even for good verse. "Homing Salmon," written for the Times, not only touches a subject familiar to Alaskans but voices the homesickness, also painfully familiar to many a hardened soundhound, even. ("Sour dough" is Alaskan for "old resident.")

Found Dead on the Eve of Their Wedding.

At the home of Mr. L. F. Blosser, at Cumberland, Md., last Saturday, his daughter, Miss Grace, and Chas. Twigg, a prominent citizen of Keyser, W. Va., were found dead seated on the sofa in the parlor. They were to have been married next day and were making arrangements for the wedding. Keyser had called and the two sat in the parlor talking. After a time some one went into the room and found them both dead.

Death was found to be due to poison, but the idea of suicide is scouted and the affair is a mystery. The woman had been married and was divorced.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Sons of the People Here and Elsewhere Who Come and Go.

Mr. Eugene Fink is spending the day in Charlotte.

Miss Annie Hoover is spending the day in Charlotte.

Mr. P. M. Keller is spending the day in Charlotte on business.

Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin is spending the day in Charlotte.

Mr. Brice Caldwell has returned to A & M. College, Raleigh.

Mr. D. O. Cash, of Charlotte, is a business visitor in the city today.

Mr. Robert Grier has gone to Mecklenburg county, where he is teaching school.

Mrs. M. C. Barrier has gone to Lexington to visit her daughter, Mrs. S. W. Beck.

Miss Emma Rudolph, who has been visiting friends in the city returned to her home in Greensboro today.

Waterway is Opened.

Twenty-five hundred people, including many men prominent in state and nation, attended Friday a public celebration of the completion of the first link of the proposed inland waterways canal from Maine to Florida, on the banks of the waterway near Beaufort. The celebration was preceded by a parade of naval and government boats, headed by the revenue cutter Pamlico.

The canal has been under construction since 1907 and was completed last December. It shortens the distance from Oriental, New Bern and other points to Beaufort and southern points about 90 miles, and gives double the depth of water. The canal is 90 to 250 feet wide and 10 feet deep at mean low water, which at high tide will give about 12 feet. The length is 20 miles, five of which were cut through dry land, the remainder by dredging and straightening Adam and Cates creek. It connects 3,100 square miles of navigable sound water and 1,700 miles of navigable rivers as well as giving an inside route to coastwise vessels, enabling them to avoid treacherous Hatteras and Cape Lookout.

To Prohibit Near Beer.

News and Observer.

All the daily papers yesterday, except the New said Observer, carried big headlines over the Legislature proceedings, declaring that a bill had passed the House to prohibit the sale of near beer in North Carolina. Everywhere the news was read with pleasure, alike by the opponents of prohibition and those who advocated it, for this unlooked-for abomination and nuisance has few friends in the State. Unfortunately, it must be stated the bill that did pass applied only to Macon county. It is to be regretted that Representative Ray did not make it applicable to the whole State, and such a bill ought to pass and will be hailed with pleasure by four-fifths of the people of the State.

Little Folks' Party.

Little Miss Lura Caldwell entertained a number of her young friends at her home on North Spring Street, Friday evening, in honor of her visiting guests, Gena and Thomas Church, of North Wilkesboro. Those present were: Isabelle Goodson, Laura Gillon, Miriam Morris, Minette Marshall, Lena Hall and Johnnie Fisher, Elizabeth Dick, Frances Young, Virginia and Annis Smoot, and Bet Lilly Caldwell. Refreshments were served, and many happy moments were enjoyed by the little misses in playing games.

Both the Speaker of the House and the President pro tem. of the Senate are Mecklenburg men and the Charlotte papers have almost admitted that for once, for the time being they are satisfied for Mecklenburg—Statesville Landmark.

Colonel A. B. Andrews has secured the names of all the Confederate veterans who are members of the General Assembly and will give a dinner next week in their honor.

WITH THE CHURCHES.

Associate Reformed.
Sabbath school at 10 a. m. At 7 p. m. the pastor will preach a second sermon especially to men. Text, John 19:22, "What I have written, I have written." Public invited. No 11 o'clock service, as pastor will be at Kannapolis.

St. Andrews Lutheran.
There will be services at St. Andrews Lutheran church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, and tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock.

Central Methodist.
There will be the usual services at Central Methodist church tomorrow, conducted by Rev. T. W. Smith. Sunday school at 3 p. m. Evening service at 7 p. m.

Rev. J. Walter Simpson will preach in the Y. M. C. A. hall at Kannapolis tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Commendable Action of the City Authorities.

Chief of Police Boger, by instructions of Mayor Wagoner, held up the sale of the furniture and other household effects of Josh Gasky, which were being auctioned off in front of the court house today at noon, on account of the fact that Gasky's wife recently died of tuberculosis. After a certificate from her physician stating that the furniture was not in any way contaminated with the germs of the disease, the sale was allowed to continue with the understanding that when the auctioneer sold the bed clothing he would state that they had been exposed to tuberculosis. Gasky stated that all the household effects used by his wife had been destroyed by fire.

With the Clubs.

Mrs. J. P. Allison is hostess to the Christian Reid Book Club this afternoon.

Mrs. A. J. Yorke entertained the Euchre Club this afternoon.

The Sorosis Book Club met with Mrs. W. W. Morris this afternoon.

Charlotte claimed 50,000 and got 34,000; Greensboro claimed 42,000 and got 15,000; Raleigh claimed 25,000 and got 19,000; Durham made no claim at all and got 18,000.—Raleigh Times.

RUN OVER BY TRAIN.

Mr. Henry Bost Had Left Leg Badly Broken by No. 43 Last Night.

Mr. Henry Bost, a well known citizen of No. 11 township, was struck by train No. 43 last night about 10 o'clock near the trestle a short distance from the power house of the Young-Hartsell mill. He was seen around the depot earlier in the evening, and appeared to be under the influence of liquor. Soon after No. 43 passed he was found on the side of the railroad track in a serious condition, having sustained a number of broken bones and bruises. A physician was summoned, who found the bones of his left leg broken in a number of places. He was taken to Charlotte on train No. 29 and is a hospital there. It is very probable that it will be necessary to amputate his leg.

Mother and Child Asphyxiated by Gaseous Air from Heater.

Mrs. H. O. Bannister, wife of the manager of the Western Union telegraph office at Raleigh, and her 17-months old son were asphyxiated Friday afternoon in the bathroom of their home.

Mrs. Bannister prepared for a bath, using an instantaneous gas heater. Her child accompanied her. Later a servant, hearing the water flowing into the bath tub for an unusually long time, investigated and was horrified to find the lifeless form of Mrs. Bannister on the floor and that of the child across a chair. Just how the accident occurred is not known, but Mrs. Bannister evidently turned on the gas without properly lighting the heater and was overcome by the deadly fumes, the child suffering the same horrible fate. The servant braved the gas fumes and had the presence of mind to turn it off. Physicians were summoned, but life was extinct in both mother and child when they arrived.

Rainy Day Specials!

Ladies' Light-weight 54-inch Black and Tan Striped Rain Coats, most all sizes—	\$4.95.
\$8.50 Ladies' Tan Coats, presto collar, guaranteed rain-proof—	\$6.95.
Misses' and Ladies Storm Rain Coats with hood attached, \$5.00 values—Special	\$2.95.
Parasols for school children under-priced at	49c & 69c
Ladies' guaranteed rain-proof Umbrellas, \$1.00 everywhere—our price—	89c.
Ladies' Umbrellas, extra heavy top, fancy and plain natural wood handles, \$1.25 value—Special	98c.
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