

## BILL TO PROVIDE BOARD OF PARDONS

### PROPOSED TO INCREASE NUMBER OF SUPREME COURT JUDGES TO SEVEN.

Bill was introduced today in both House to make five cents a mile on all roads that refuse to accept mileage on trains—important bill introduced by Senator Boyden.

Special to The Tribune. Raleigh, January 10.—Today's session of the General Assembly in both branches was a busy one with a flood of new bills, especially in the House. Among the more important one in each House was one to regulate passenger rates in North Carolina, making the maximum charge by railroads two cents a mile on all roads that refuse to accept mileage books aboard trains.

By Devan, to amend divorce laws. By Ewart, providing for Board of Pardons; increasing membership of the Supreme Court to seven justices and otherwise amending the constitution, issue to be submitted to vote on May 1st next.

A bill was introduced by Boyden to repeal section 1762 of the revised relating to authority of father over child. Boyden was added to Senate committee on corporations.

The vote for state officers was canvassed and formally declared in joint session, after which there was an adjournment.

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11,087,442 BALES.

### Government Report Issued Today Shows the Above Figures.

The government report issued today shows that 11,087,442 bales of cotton have been ginned. This is a larger number than was expected, and is due to a heavy harvest.

**George Palmer Released.**  
Special to The Tribune. Raleigh, January 10.—George Palmer, a colored man, who was held in the county jail here on a warrant from the State of Mississippi charging him with disposing of property under lien. Palmer was arrested here several weeks ago and opposed extradition. Habeas Corpus proceedings were instituted and a hearing was held before Judge Long, in Lincoln, who remanded Palmer back to jail to await the action of the Governor. Governor Kitchin took the matter up with the authorities in Mississippi, and Palmer's release followed.

### The Sorosis Book Club.

The Sorosis Book Club was most delightfully entertained last Saturday afternoon by Mrs. W. W. Morris at her home on North Union street.

The program was as follows:  
Roll call—Responses: An Event in Dutch History.

Reading—"Amsterdam, Queen of the Zuyder Zee."—Mrs. Reed.

Paper—"Early Days of Dutch History."—Miss Clara Harris.

Reading—"The Hague, the Capital of Holland."—Miss Lore.

### Thieves Steal Jail Silver.

After being convicted of larceny in the Asheville Police Court seven members of a gang of Christmas shoplifters, all negroes, turned their talents on the county prison, wherein they were confined and appropriated the prison supply of silverware and table linen.

An inventory of the stock Sunday revealed a heavy shortage, and the thieves will now be tried on the charge of stealing county property.

### We Should Say No.

Durham Herald. We do not know just what arrangements exist between Charlotte and Mecklenburg county for the division of the road fund, but the chances are that the county is not getting the worst of it. While every citizen of this town pays road tax, the county authorities always stop the road at the city limits.

### Marriage Wednesday Evening.

On next Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, at the bride's home, Mr. Lloyd McKay and Miss Elizabeth Propel, only daughter of Mr. A. H. Propel, will be married. Rev. Plato Durham will perform the ceremony. Only a few relatives and close friends will be present.

The second bad accident to occur in the Southern railway shops in Spencer this year took place Monday afternoon when L. Austin, an employe of the blacksmith department, lost a foot by being caught in a bulldozing machine used in shaping heavy pieces of iron while very hot. He was working near the machine while in operation and at an unguarded moment stepped into the framework and his foot was literally mashed off.

## SAY MR. MILLER'S ACCOUNTS ARE CORRECT.

Officers of the Fire Company say his books as Secretary of State Firemen's Association have been turned over to them, and that they are correct.

Editor Tribune:—In your paper of Monday there appeared the following article about Mr. Miller: "Mr. Miller was secretary of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, and always attended the meetings of the Association and was exceedingly popular with the firemen of the State. He recently issued the minutes of this Association but an authentic statement as to his accounts could not be obtained. He is under bond to the Association."

"It is true that the minutes have recently been issued by Mr. Miller but they only show what took place at our last State Convention and shows his books absolutely correct at that time. As to the authentic statement being obtained will say none has been called for. His books have been turned over to us and we have every reason to believe that they are correct. We think it is due Mr. Miller that this statement be made.

CONCORD FIRE DEPARTMENT.  
C. H. PECK, President,  
J. M. MABBY,  
Secy. and Treas.  
R. A. SAPPENFELD,  
Assistant Chief.

## RURAL MAIL CARRIER MISSING.

W. J. Moore, Carrier on Mt. Pleasant Route, Has Not Been Heard from Since Saturday.

Mr. W. J. Moore, rural mail carrier on route No. 2 from Mt. Pleasant, has been missing since last Saturday, and absolutely nothing has been heard from him since then.

Mr. Moore lives in Mt. Pleasant, and has a wife and four children. He is a brother of Dr. A. W. Moore, of Mt. Pleasant. He is about 35 years of age.

It is reported that domestic troubles are the cause of Mr. Moore's departure. He has not left or sent any word as to his present whereabouts.

## Drunken Man on Engine Plays Smash at Danville.

A wild engine started in motion in the Southern yards at Danville Saturday night by a drunken man crashed into two other engines standing on the tracks and caused a wreck in which K. J. Rowlette, a conductor on the Richmond and Danville division, was seriously, if not fatally, hurt.

Conductor Rowlette was asleep in a caboose attached to an engine waiting to go on his usual run, when John J. Frederick, a young white man and stranger there, boarded the locomotive and opened wide the throttle. After crossing the railroad bridge over Dan river Frederick reversed the engine and then jumped. The caboose collided with another engine in the yards and completely wrecked it. The runaway engine then struck a third locomotive standing on a turntable. The three locomotives, all badly damaged, were found piled up together.

## Canon "Comes Back."

Washington Dispatch, 9th. Speaker Cannon had his hour of triumph in the House today. Badly battered in the three days' storm that swept the House last March and tore from him much of the power that had been his, the Speaker "came back" in a way that brought a grim smile of satisfaction to his rugged countenance and left his ancient enemies, the "insurgents," decidedly discomfited.

Today the Speaker was sustained by an overwhelming majority on a ruling which was identical with the one he made last March when the House angrily overruled his decision through a combination of insurgent Republicans and Democrats. Today, on the eve of their return to power, the Democrats voted almost solidly to sustain the ruling of the chair. The insurgents—twenty-seven of them—stood by their guns and fought the Speaker bravely. But robbed of Democratic support, their battle was a losing one.

## Cold Wave from Alaska.

A cold wave of marked severity that now prevails over Alaska will overspread the Northwestern States Tuesday, from which region it will advance eastward and southward over the Middle West during the middle of the week and to the Atlantic and Gulf States during the latter part of the week, according to the Weather Bureau's prediction. (Abnormally low temperatures will attend this cold wave in the North Prairie States, the Northern Plateau and Rocky Mountain regions and practically all districts east thereof.)

## Concord National Bank.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Concord National Bank this morning the following officers were elected: Mr. D. B. Coltrane, president; Mr. L. D. Coltrane, cashier; Mr. J. M. Hendrix, assistant cashier; Mr. John M. Cook, bookkeeper. Directors: Messrs. D. B. Coltrane, L. D. Coltrane, J. P. Allison, J. S. Harris, E. King, W. R. Johnson and M. L. Buchanan.

See The Times for Job Printing.

## RAILROAD MEETING AT MT. PLEASANT.

Meeting to be Held There Tonight—The People in Earnest.

Mr. J. A. McAuley, a prominent merchant of Mount Gilead, is a business visitor to the city today.

A big railroad mass meeting of the citizens of No. 8 township is called to meet in the auditorium tonight to consider ways and means to secure the proposed railroad from Salisbury to Monroe. A number of men prominent in the work of advancing the enterprise will be present and explain fully the plans for building and operating the line. Indications point toward a fine attendance and it is hoped an enthusiastic spirit will be aroused which will culminate in the long desired road. Mass meetings, however, will not secure the road, for we hear intimations of pretty strong opposition from different sources. Just what form this opposition may assume is not yet clearly known, but it is pretty well settled that the road is to be won only after a contest.

Rev. Mr. Stanly, of Lancaster, Pa., filled the pulpit at St. James Reformed church Sunday night. He also preached at Bear Creek Sunday morning. A meeting of joint consistency of these churches will be held tomorrow for the purpose of considering the matter of extending a call for a permanent pastor. Mr. Stanly's name will be among those considered.

The Gerhardt Literary Society of the Institute, is at work on the annual public exercise to be given on Washington's birthday, which is the next stop in school life. The subject selected for debate is, Resolved, That United States Senators should be elected by popular vote.

Mrs. Frank Brown, of Spencer, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Fisher, returned home yesterday.

Mr. S. T. Seaford spent a few days with his father in Rowan last week.

Schools have opened with a splendid attendance. Quite a number of new students have been enrolled.

Mrs. V. G. Phillips, of Dayton, Ohio, is visiting her father, Mr. G. R. P. Miller.

Dr. J. M. Matthews is visiting his son at Cameron.

Dr. G. D. Moore and his mother, Mrs. A. W. Moore, spent yesterday in Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Wagoner, of Newton, spent last week with Rev. and Mrs. L. D. Miller.

Mt. Pleasant, January 10, 1911.

## MR. HOLSHOUSER WISHES CORRECTION MADE.

Says He Misunderstood What Mr. J. L. Miller Said in Letter to His Wife.

In our account of the business failure of Mr. John L. Miller Monday, speaking of the absence of Mr. Miller, we said:

"His wife did not know of the impending trouble until yesterday morning when she received a letter from him, written in New Orleans, and stated that he was going to catch a train in a few hours for the West and that he never expected to return to Concord."

This statement was made to us in our office by Mr. C. Holshouser, who is Mr. Miller's father-in-law. Mr. Holshouser came to the office this morning to say that he misunderstood Mrs. Miller when she read the letter to him, and that what Mr. Miller said was that he "never expected to return to Concord to do any business."

We are glad to give Mr. Miller the benefit of this correction.

## Escaped Asylum Inmate Arrested.

Sherman Moore, who his wife, Martha Moore, states in affidavit before the Clerk of Court, is an escaped inmate of the Insane Asylum at Morganton was arrested at the home of his wife at the Buffalo Mill this morning and is now in jail, where he will remain until the local officers can receive instructions from the authorities at the hospital. His wife's affidavit states in part:

"That he was committed to the asylum from Rowan county in October, 1908, and that the authorities at Morganton notified her that he escaped August 10th, 1910. That he has been back here about three weeks and is so badly deranged that she is afraid that he will do himself, her or some member of the family bodily injury. That she has three sons 17, 19 and 23 years old and that she is keeping them from work to guard and control him."

## Instructed to Turn Mr. Miller's Books Over to Chief Orr.

Mr. R. A. Sappenfeld, assistant chief of the Concord Fire Department, today received a telegram from Mr. J. D. McNeill, of Fayetteville, president of the State Firemen's Association, instructing him to turn over the books of Mr. Jno. L. Miller, as secretary of the Association, to Chief Orr, of the Charlotte Fire Department, who will come over on No. 46 to receive them.

## TO ADVERTISERS.

To insure change of advertisement, the copy must be in by 10 a. m. each day. Our rates are based on weekly changes. Additional changes will be charged for extra.

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## SOME WORK OF THE LEGISLATURE

### PROHIBITION LAW MUST APPLY ALIKE TO THE POOR AND THE RICH.

The Near-Beer Saloon Must Go, and Likewise the Handling of Liquors of All Kinds by Clubs—When the Poor Man's Drink is Broommunicated the Rich Man Will Walk the Same Plank.

Special to The Tribune. Raleigh, January 10.—The General Assembly began its second week of work with the wheels of the legislative machinery well in motion, but marked with the shadow of a great sorrow because of the death of Representative Stewart, of Montgomery, which occurred on Sunday in this city and to attend whose funeral the members of the customary committee were appointed and at this writing are gone on the sad mission.

The delay in the House in getting well to work is of course partly due to the tardiness of the speaker in announcing the standing committees, none having been appointed (except the committee on rules) until Monday.

The speaker is not to be adversely criticized for this, because it is much safer and better for the State to adopt Day Crockett's advice and go slow (if found advisable) in order to select the best man fitted respectively for the posts to be assigned to them, for there have been some notable "mistakes" in the naming of the chairmen of these committees in previous Legislatures, due possibly in some measure to the exercise of too much haste in their selection.

The committees just announced by Speaker Dove appear to be fitting selections on the whole and I have heard no serious criticisms of the personnel of the more important ones. At least not yet. That there will be some unfavorable comments from some quarters relative to the naming of certain heads of committees is to be expected. For it has ever been that way and no man in his position has yet entirely escaped the scolding of the would-be consorts of other men's work.

Lieutenant Governor Newland's appointments, while promptly and expeditiously announced, are fully as fine and satisfactory as those of the Speaker. The President of the Senate has served one session before in his present position, and is therefore more familiar with the work he had to perform—and besides had less than half the number of men from which to select his material.

On the day preceding the assembling of the Legislature I presented a brief outline of some of the more important measures that will claim the attention of the present session and in this correspondence from time to time I hope to enlighten the readers of this newspaper on the progress of the sentiment of the law makers as they approach now, nearly the disposition of these matters.

While it is entirely too early to make accurate predictions as to the final outcome of most of the "Big Bills" (none of which has yet even been presented) my association with the lawmakers during the past week enables me to state with entire confidence that the question of whether "near beer" and similar drinks shall continue to be licensed to be sold in North Carolina is practically already settled in the negative, so far as this Legislature is concerned.

Of course there will be champions of the near-beer manufacturers in the lobbies and on the floor of both floor of both branches of the General Assembly. Equally of course, the political demagogue will rush in and pretend to be championing the "rights" of the "poor man" and he will essay (with an eye to windward and the personal equation always) to sell the majority for taking away from the poor man the right to guzzle the slops yept "near beer," while it is "harmless" and (according to his position) does not contain enough alcohol to intoxicate.

But there is another class of men who are rolling up their sleeves to fight for an issue that they are determined to force to a show down while the sale of near beer and other malt liquors is receiving its death blow.

There are men who approve of the minority dissenting opinions by Chief Justice Clark and Associate Justice Hoke, filed in the determining of the Social Club appeal from Mecklenburg recently, whereby a majority of the Supreme Court placed social clubs of the Colonial stripe beyond the reach of the State prohibition law.

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## METHODIST STATISTICS.

### Western Carolina Methodists Made Splendid Gains in 1910.

The minutes of the Western North Carolina annual conference of the Methodist church, South, reported from the press containing the reports for the year 1910 and some interesting facts concerning that great denomination are found in the summary of the denominational work.

The Western conference includes 11 districts and 92,236 members. Four districts report over 10,000 members, Stateville district with 11,000; Charlotte, with 10,884; Waynes with 10,843; and Salisbury, with 10,419. The gain in membership for the year is reported at 3,663. During the year the 11 districts reported 5,049 professions of faith and 4,979 baptisms. Of the reported baptisms, 2,915 were adults and 2,006 were infants. The losses during the year by certificate, death and otherwise were 6,575.

The value of the church property in the conference is \$2,357,703. This amount included all property, church buildings and parsonages. In the value of church property the Charlotte district leads with a total valuation of \$385,425. Greensboro district comes second with property worth \$302,885. The reports of contributions show the following totals: For presiding elders, \$18,857.85; for pastor's salaries, \$1,383,689.1; bishops' fund, \$2,645.60; foreign missions, \$19,853.48; domestic missions, \$13,411.99; church extension, \$7,491.91; education, \$8,032.30; grand total of offerings for all purposes, \$481,668.64.

In looking over the tables for the various districts, it is noticed that in offerings for foreign missions the conference gave beyond the amount assessed, while for domestic missions the amount assessed was not raised. In fact, the only assessment entirely raised was that for foreign missions. This is probably due to the increased interest of the laymen's movement during the year. Charlotte district reports a total offering for all purposes of \$74,270.42. This district includes 23 charges. Greensboro district is second with a total of \$71,727.92, and has 22 charges.

W. A. Foster, of Richmond, reported Monday that his wife who was formerly Miss M. E. Suggs, of Charlotte, before her marriage, has disappeared from her home in Richmond, and it is thought has gone with a man named Earl Kirk. Mr. Foster has instituted divorce proceedings.

## Commission Bill is Ready.

Hon. R. H. Battle, of Wake, has prepared the general bill which it is proposed shall enable any city in the state to adopt the much discussed commission form of government, and will introduce it at once in the house. It is a voluminous document and is patterned after the acts under which the commission form of government has attained such magnificent success in Des Moines, Iowa, and Galveston, Texas. It is to apply to those cities which vote that it shall apply to them. On the other hand it is understood that New Hanover county representatives are moving for a special act to apply to Wilmington, the sentiment seeming to be that the desire in that quarter is that the commission form be provided without the strenuous effects of a local election on the question.

## One May Overcome

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## THE EXCHANGE OF MILEAGE BOOKS

### CHAIRMAN OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MAKES INTERESTING STATEMENT.

The Railroads are Not Compelled to Issue Mileage Books at Reduced Rates—Best to Bear Present Ills than to Have Railroads Refuse to Sell Mileage Books at Reduced Rates, Which They Have a Right to Do if They Wish.

Special to The Tribune. Raleigh, January 10.—Senator John W. Graham, chairman of Senate Judiciary Committee, today mailed the following letter to Mr. Erwin A. Holt, of Burlington, which contains some "expert" information on the subject of mileage books and the exchanging of same for tickets—with especial reference to the interest which "drummers" have in the contention now going on.

"I have drawn a bill entitled 'An Act in Relation to Mileage Books, and the Right to Handle Travel Thereon,' declaring what I think is the present law; that where a mileage book is sold and delivered a complete contract is made and the party has a right to travel without buying a ticket. But the issue and sale of mileage books is purely voluntary.

"In Lake Shore R. R. vs. Smith (173 U. S. 699) it is decided that the States cannot compel a railroad company to issue mileage books or reduced tickets.

"The drummers are now traveling at two cents a mile and have to submit to the inconvenience of buying a ticket. It is best to bear this ill than for the railroads to stop the issue of all mileage books and refuse to sell any more, which they have a clear right to do."

The bill referred to above as having been drawn by Senator Graham has not been introduced by him and may not be for some time to come. But the information given in the above opinion, expressed by the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, is highly important at this stage of the game.

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