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TORRENS SYSTEM OF LAND REGISTRATION

MATTER COMES UP IN BOTH HOUSES TODAY.

Opposed to Increase of Salaries—To Amend the Divorce Laws—Petition to Make Ten Hours Day's Work in Cotton Mills—Senator Hartsell Granted Leave of Absence Till Wednesday.

Special to The Tribune.

Raleigh, January 21.—Chairman Brown, of the Senate Finance Committee, sat down hard on the first bill coming up for final passage increasing salaries, it being the bill to make the Adjutant General's salary \$2,000. He declared that it was unwise, with a \$350,000 deficiency in the State treasury, to start out making appropriations before the Finance Committee even gets a general appropriation bill fairly started. The bill was re-committed for further consideration.

Among the new Senate measures are:

Petitions from cotton mill employes to make ten hours a legal work day.

Bill to prevent oppression by gas, electric and power companies.

Cotten's Torrens system of land registration proposition came up in both houses through a report from the committee appointed by the last Legislature. Five hundred copies were ordered printed for future action on the subject.

In the House the Judiciary committee reported unfavorably on the bill to amend the divorce law so as to place man and woman on the same basis in the ground of adultery, but Williams offered minority report and will present it.

A bill designed to increase salary of the Supreme Court reporter failed to get through the legislative chute to-day but must take its place with like bills later.

By Connor, to protect employes of common carriers.

By Quikel, to amend Chapter 76 Revisal, relative to public water supplies.

Several more insurance bills designed to regulate certain investments and methods of business were introduced in the House.

The Lenoir and Blowing Rock turnpike matter, after some discussion, made a special order for next Wednesday.

Senator Hartsell was granted leave of absence till Wednesday.

There is a rush of legislators from the city this afternoon.

LLEWXAM.

Concord Presbytery.

Rev. J. E. Summers, pastor of Poplar Tent church, and stated clerk of Concord Presbytery, a few days ago sent out notices that the Presbytery is called to meet in the First Presbyterian church of Statesville next Tuesday, 24th, at 1:30 p. m., to pass on the following business:

The resignation of Rev. W. M. Walsh as pastor of Thytira and Back Creek churches and his call to Front Street and Barium churches; to receive Rev. L. L. Moore into the Presbytery and arrange for his installation as pastor of Taylorsville, New Salem and Shiloh churches; to pass on the resignation of Rev. D. P. McGeehey, of Lenoir; to approve the call of the Marion church to Rev. J. P. Story and to authorize the prosecution of the call; to consider the call of Third Creek, Unity and Franklin churches for the pastoral services of Rev. R. W. Culbertson; to receive candidates for the ministry; All of these matters are to be considered "if the way be clear."

Talk in Sleep Tells Secret.

An unpleasant habit of talking in her sleep revealed the secret marriage of Miss Helen G. Reeves, of Cranford, to David A. Christian, of Elizabeth, N. J. As she plumed she muttered the name "David," then said: "We won't tell for a year; not until we have enough 'seed' to go to house-keeping."

Her sister Elsie slept with her, but said nothing until next morning at the breakfast table, when she whispered something in her mother's ear, with the result that Helen finally admitted that she had been a bride since October 20.

Other local matter on third page.

The Proposed Bill Nye Memorial Building At Stonewall Jackson Training School



This picture, drawn from architects' plans, represents the proposed Bill Nye Memorial Building to be erected at the Stonewall Jackson Training School. It will cost \$15,000. The press of the state is heading the movement for the erection of this building. The object is a doubly worthy one as it both commemorates the name of Nye and will provide the Training School with another much-needed building.

EQUALIZING TAXATION.

The Most Important Measure Before the State Legislature—Interesting Letter About this and Other Matters.

Special to The Tribune.

Raleigh, January 21.—Among the many subjects of legislation which will claim action at the hands of the present General Assembly, none is more important to the State and the tax-payers of the State than the attempt that is being made to secure a more uniform system of taxation, with special reference to bringing about more equitable assessment of real property in the nearly one hundred different counties.

There is not only great dissatisfaction over present conditions, involving a notoriously inequitable and unjust assessment under the methods and alleged partiality (in many cases) which obtain, but the State treasury very badly suffers from the inequality often discovered but not yet remedied.

The chairman of the Senate Finance Committee this session (Joseph A. Brown, of Columbus) is not only the most experienced legislator in this General Assembly, but one of the very ablest financiers and most competent of men to take this matter in hand. That he has begun to address his best energies to the subject will be learned with great delight by all who hope to see something really tangible effected during the present session. Talking with me on the subject today Senator Brown said:

"In my judgment we should appoint a Board of State Tax Commissioners and Equalizers, who should be charged with the duty of appointing local county assessors in all the counties to see that all property, real and personal is properly listed and to see that all property is uniformly listed, assessed, in all the counties.

"That when any county in the State fails to make a reasonable assessment the State Board of Equalizers shall appoint a board, composed of the chairman of the county board of commissioners, the chairman of the board of Equalizers of the same county and three competent persons from three adjoining counties, who shall be required to revise the assessments of the county; and in case of any further appeal, it should be referred to either the district board or to the State Board of Equalizers.

"To see that all tax laws are enforced. To see that license and privilege taxes are listed and paid. To devise and put in use modern methods for the valuation of property.

"The same commission should be clothed with power to audit the accounts of all the institutions of the State receiving State aid, with full power to direct the methods of book-keeping and accounting. Most of the larger States now have a similar system and in some States the members are appointed with the view of having both or more of the political parties represented. . . . If these equalizations are to be successfully brought about it must be done uniformly and it can be made uniform only when some central power is charged with this duty and it should be removed as far as possible from local political influences."

The committee is hard at work on the subject and is endeavoring to secure hearty co-operation from the House committee on the same subject.

LLEWXAM.

Two fine Biograph comedy pictures and a fine Kalem drama. Don't miss these at The Pastime today.

THE NEW SPEAKER.

What Champ Clark's Elevation to Power Means to Congress.

The Munsey.

As a member of the House, Champ Clark early demonstrated special aptitude for tariff studies. When John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, became Democratic leader, he made Clark his first lieutenant and leader of the minority of the Ways and Means Committee. From this Clark naturally succeeded to the Democratic leadership when Williams was elected to the Senate; and now, in turn, he is to come into the Speakership, "the second greatest office under our government."

When Champ Clark is sworn as Speaker, next December, he will be the fortieth Speaker of the national House. He will come to the position at a time when the political situation will give it a significance it has seldom passed.

The House is in a crisis of its parliamentary development. For years there has been growing misgiving as to whether the popular branch was making the full contribution to national affairs that ought to be expected from it. The Senate has overshadowed it in power and prestige. Under a succession of Speakers armed with almost dictatorial authority, the House has become less and less a free moral agent, more and more a mere reflection of the mind and purpose of its presiding officer.

Champ Clark, in the Speaker's chair, will be the exponent of the new purpose of democratizing the House. The place he will take in history will largely depend on the success with which he shall carry forward the purpose of restoring the House to its proper participation in legislation. In proportion as he shall be willing to be shorn of the petty powers of parliamentary dictatorship, he will gather to himself the vastly greater and more effective authority of big, broad, true leadership.

The Senate committee on railroads has named Tuesday, January 31, as the time for a hearing on Senator Badgett's bill regulating passenger rates to be charged by railroads operating in North Carolina. This bill provides that railroads shall sell mileage books at two cents per mile an allowance the mileage to be pulled on trains and charge a regular passenger rate not exceeding two and a half cents per mile for tickets, and that if any road refuses to carry out the mileage book provision it shall not charge over two cents per mile as the regular rate. The bill will be strongly opposed by the railroads.

Johnson: The future is purchased by the present.

A Child Burned to Death in Charlotte.

A child of John Black, colored, was burned to death Thursday afternoon in "Oil Town," a section in the north-western part of the city of Charlotte occupied by colored people. The mother of the child had been away from home since Monday and had left the child in care of a neighboring woman, the father of the child, John Black, also being absent at work during the day.

The woman who had the care of the child left it locked up in her house with her child, while she also went away for the day. Yesterday afternoon the neighbors heard cries coming from the house where the children had been left. Rushing into the house they found that one of them had already burned to death. Its clothes had probably caught from coals on the hearth and enveloped it with such suddenness that death must have come in a few moments.

A Runaway With Little Damage.

A horse belonging to Wesley Misener, colored, and hitched to a one-horse wagon, which was occupied by him and his son, became frightened at an automobile this morning opposite the residence of Mr. W. R. Odell and made a wild dash down the street. While covering distance at a break-neck speed, just opposite the home of Squire J. M. Sills, the harness broke, causing the horse to become entangled in the shafts. Both of the occupants of the wagon were thrown to the ground but received only slight bruises.

Youngest Great-Grandma.

North Carolina has the youngest grandfather in the country, and now comes to the front with the youngest great-grandmother.

She is Mrs. Addie Ward, of Mecklenburg county, and was 46 years old in December. Her daughter is Mrs. A. J. Lawing, 32 years old, the grandmother; her grand-daughter is Mrs. W. A. Adams, 15 years old, the mother of the great-granddaughter, Beulah Adams, 9 months old.

Two Colored Men Hurt by Bursting Pipe.

Tine Christian and Bud Wallace, colored, were badly burnt at the Locke Mill yesterday afternoon from steam. Christian was firing the engine and Wallace was rolling a wheelbarrow full of coal, when a blow pipe, a short distance from them burst, both of them sustaining painful burns. A physician was summoned and dressed the wounds of the injured men. While both of the men are seriously burnt their wounds are not considered fatal.

Other local matter on third page.

BILL NYE FUND GROWS.

Ten Dollars Added to It Today—Still Room for More.

Our fund for the Bill Nye Memorial building to be erected at the Jackson Training School by the North Carolina Press Association now amounts to \$70.00. The subscription now stands as follows:

Mrs. J. W. Cannon	\$ 25.00
J. W. Cannon	25.00
Times	5.00
Tribune	5.00
Cash	10.00

We want to increase this fund to \$200 within 30 days. Won't you help us?

A Delightful Reception.

A beautifully arranged reception was given from 3 to 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Mrs. E. T. Cannon in her handsome new home on Spring street, in honor of her guest, Miss Catherine Wharton, of Raleigh. As the guests entered the front door they were met by Mrs. R. S. Young who ushered them into the parlor where they were received by Mrs. E. T. Cannon assisted by Miss Catherine Wharton, Mrs. J. W. Cannon, Mrs. J. W. Cannon, Jr., Mrs. J. F. Cannon and Miss Margaret Ludlow, of Winston-Salem. From there they were taken into the dining room by Mrs. L. T. Hartsell. Here a delicious salad course was served by Mrs. J. A. Cannon and Misses Lucy Brown and Margaret Lentz. Mrs. D. L. Bost and Miss Nan Cannon took the guests to the hall where punch was served by Mesdames E. A. Moss and A. J. Yorke.

Several hundred people enjoyed Mrs. Cannon's hospitality.

Safety Pins 2,000 Years Old.

Charley Dudley Ward, making excavations in Colechester, reports finding safety pins more than 2,000 years old. He says apparently they were in common use by the ancient Britons.

The trustees of the State University have decided that the University needs \$25,000 a year additional income and \$500,000 for buildings and equipment and the Legislature will be asked to respond accordingly.

PERSONAL MENTION.

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

Miss Nell Herring is spending the day in Salisbury.

Miss Ora May Murr is visiting friends in Salisbury.

Mr. John M. Foil, of Lynchburg, is visiting relatives in the city.

Rev. Plato Durham spent yesterday afternoon in Charlotte.

Mr. Leroy Ivey will spend Sunday with relatives in New London.

Miss Marguerite Ludlow, of Winston-Salem, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. F. Cannon.

Miss Marguerite Springs, of Charlotte, is the guest of Miss Ellen Gibson.

Concord's Cotton Market Leads.

The cotton buyers of Concord are paying the highest price for cotton of any market in the State today. The same was true yesterday. The local market is 10 points ahead of the New York market and 50 points ahead of Charlotte and other markets in the State. Up to the noon hour 300 bales had been sold on the local market at 15 cents. Forty bales of cotton from Mecklenburg were sold here Friday.

Not Unlawful to Keep Whiskey at Home in South Carolina.

Holding that it is not unlawful to have whiskey in possession for personal use, even in the dry counties, the Supreme court of South Carolina Friday reversed the finding of the Circuit court in the case of Elias Bookard, convicted in Spartanburg county for alleged violation of the act of 1900. The opinion is the first passed by the Supreme court on that section of the act which prohibits "keeping in possession" of alcoholic liquors in dry counties. Circuit judges have held that the section applies to liquors for personal use. The Supreme court reverses this, holding that if lawfully received, the liquor may be lawfully kept.

Parks' Clearance Sale

Continues Monday and All Next Week!

You are the loser if you fail to attend this Money-Saving event. If you have been, come again, as New things are being put out each day.

Ready-to-Wear Goods Will be a Special Feature for Manday.

All sizes and colors in Ladies' Coat Suits, Special Price.....\$6.98, \$9.95, \$11.48, \$13.95

Extra good values in new Spring Skirts that are worth \$5, \$7 and \$8, Misses' and Ladies' in blue and black, also extra sizes, Special Price for Monday.....\$3.98, \$4.95, \$5.95

Big cut in Ladies and Misses' Coats.

Special in Silk Petticoats Monday

At \$2.89, \$3.98 and \$3.98.

Big Lot of Corset Specials for Monday

\$1 American Lady and Thompson Glove-fitting Corsets, most all sizes, Sale Price.....39c

\$1.50 and \$2 American Lady Corsets, Priced.....69c

Many very unusual bargains to be had in Men's and Boys Clothing, and Shoes for the whole family.

LET US SHOW YOU!

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