

GOOD ROADS BOND

On Second Reading—A Big Proposition—Mr. Hartwell Elected Trustee of State University.

Special to The Tribune. Raleigh, February 25.—The Sikes-Boydson Senate good roads bond bill passed second reading in the House today, but may be defeated or left in the lurch. It is the biggest proposition that has been before this general assembly, so big that some representatives are afraid of it. It empowers the State to issue bonds at four per cent and sell them to counties asking for them at five per cent of twenty bonds, these to counties who need the credit of the state to sell county bonds and then loan such counties the additional one per cent. This passed the Senate after appropriation was killed early this week.

Among the new trustees of the University is L. T. Hartwell, who succeeded the late P. B. Means.

The Senate passed the school textbook commission bill and the bill appropriating \$50,000 to aid the feeble minded.

At 1 o'clock a joint session of the Senate and House was held to confirm the appointment of the trustees of the University.

The Tarboro bill set an special order for today has not been touched yet. It looks like it will be killed.

LEWEXAM.

The impression that has prevailed for several days, that it would be practically impossible for the Legislature at the present session to complete even the necessary work yet to be accomplished, except by remaining fully one week after the limit of 90 days for which they can receive pay, has now developed into a certainty, which is admitted on all hands.

And even then there will remain, as usual many matters unacted upon. Of course there will be a percentage of members who will hike out the day before the session, but these are usually that element that cuts but little figure any time, except to help constitute a quorum.

But about two-thirds of the legislators will stay here as long as necessary—pay or no pay. There has always been enough of these and there always will be, to attend to the State's interests.

Legislators Should Be Paid More

The higher grade of men who come to Raleigh as Senators or Representatives have for many years done so at a pecuniary sacrifice, but now that the cost of living (especially in Raleigh where every hotel and boarding house, the latter especially, charges Legislators more than usual rates), but it has come to be a matter of serious concern to many of them.

Among the Constitutional Amendments which has been proposed at this session is one by Senator Graham designed to remedy this injustice, and it ought to be included among the Amendments which this Legislature will order submitted to the people at the next regular election—and which are certain to be several in number, but will not include all that have been proposed.

Good Start for State Building

The State has to thank Senator Boydson more than any other legislator for the action taken toward the erection of that badly needed fireproof State Administration Building, for its success was very largely due to his assiduous and intelligent efforts. Although the initial appropriation has been cut down, the building can be so erected as to take on extensions later by future appropriations and to pursue any other course in beginning the construction work would be worse than foolish.

LEWEXAM.

Boy Hurt at Locke Mill

John Kirk, 15 years of age, was injured at the Locke mill yesterday afternoon by falling from an elevator he was riding on. The boy was descending on the elevator and as he passed one of the floors he caught the edge of the floor and let the elevator go on down. After holding to the floor for an instant he attempted to step and catch the elevator but missed his balance and fell to the floor beneath, a distance of about 10 feet. He sustained a broken wrist and several lacerations. It is said that the accident was due to the boy's own carelessness, as he had been warned about attempting such a hazardous practice while on the elevator.

Green Robertson, a successful farmer of Curry county, died Thursday at the age of 85 years. He was twice married and the unions were blessed with 24 children, 22 of whom are living. He is also survived by his last wife.

BILLIONS WANT BREAD

Advice from China, Indicate Great Need—American Red Cross Appeals to Aid in Halting Grim Disaster.

Recent advices from China indicate that conditions in the famine districts are as bad as have been rumored and are growing worse as days go by. Two and a half million Chinese will die for the want of bread if assistance is not rendered immediately. This number comprises nearly the entire population of the northern part of the provinces of Kiang-Su and Anhui.

The famine in China is the direct result of the great floods which inundated the provinces mentioned last summer, ruining the crops. Consequently there was no harvest and the supply of food on hand was not sufficient to sustain the people of these sections until the next harvest. In fact, unless prompt aid is rendered there will not be a next harvest, as the Chinese will eat the seed instead of planting it. During the first days of the famine mothers endeavored to sell their babies to provide food for themselves and save the children from starvation. Now they are trying to give the children away in the hope that those to whom the babies are given will be able to feed them. Along the banks of the Grand Canal the victims of this terrible calamity are living in mud and water, with only shacks of matting over their heads, hoping against hope that they may exist until boats bearing the staff of life come up the canal to relieve them.

Writing from Hwai Yuan, via Nanking, E. C. Lobenstein, of the American Presbyterian Mission, describing the conditions that exist in the country immediately about Hwai Yuan, says:

"The magistracy of Hwai Yuan has an estimated population of 300,000 persons. The number of famine sufferers—those who must be relieved or die in this magistracy alone amounts to, approximately, 200,000—70 per cent of the entire population. Last year the flood was the worst here in many years, and the crops were poor. The wheat suffered from drought and only one-third was saved. This year about half of the wheat was harvested, but in the region north of Hwai Yuan the crops were practically everything.

"The need here is great, and the condition of the poor is as serious as that in other parts. Reports come in daily of people dying of starvation. The poor who have children are trying to sell them, but even they will not sell for a pittance. Help is needed at once. As soon as the real cold and wet weather sets in the death rate will increase greatly.

"One million people are dependent on outside relief, and these will die of starvation if relief is not given and they are kept in this region. Five months must be counted on, and a family cannot exist on less than one cent per head per day, if for that.

"We are eagerly hoping for help from the Red Cross Society."

This statement only gives an idea of the conditions in one portion of the great famine district.

How North Carolina Land is Assessed for Taxation

The Raleigh News and Observer publishes the amount at which the land of each county in the State is assessed for taxation. This shows that the average valuation is \$9.30 per acre. It also shows that some of the so-called "pauper" counties list their land as high as some of the surplus counties. Gaston county has the highest average assessment which is \$26.11 per acre. Some of the assessments in other counties are:

Table with 2 columns: County Name and Assessment Value. Includes Cabarrus (\$9.72), Mecklenburg (9.83), Anson (4.08), Iredell (7.12), Montgomery (4.35), Rowan (3.29), Stanly (7.11), Union (6.43).

The assessment in Dare county is the lowest, \$1.45.

Winston Fireman Killed by Falling Wall

Winston-Salem, Feb. 24.—Joseph Whitlow, a volunteer member of the Winston fire department, was buried at 11:30 o'clock beneath a falling brick wall while engaged in fighting the most serious fire in Winston since 1902, and died in a few minutes after being taken from the debris. Whitlow, with three other firemen, were fighting the fire from the front of Shepherd's store, when Chief J. L. Hopper warned them to move back, stating that the walls of the building were unsafe. Whitlow apparently did not hear the warning, and a moment later was caught in the falling mass, his companions escaping uninjured.

It is announced that the new Salisbury government building will be ready for Postmaster W. H. Holston by March 15th.

WHY I BUY AT HOME.

The following from the Trades Journal seems to cover the ground pretty well:
I buy at home—
Because the community that is good enough for me to live in is good enough for me to buy in.
Because I believe in transacting business with my friends.
Because I want to see the goods.
Because I want to get what I buy when I pay for it.
Because my home dealer "carries" me when I am run short.
Because every dollar I spend at home stays at home and helps work for the welfare of the city.
Because the man I buy from stands back of the goods.
Because the man I buy from pays his part of the town, county and city taxes.
Because the man I buy from gives value received always.
Because the man I buy from helps support my school, my lodge, my church, my home.
Because when ill-luck, misfortune or bereavement comes, the man I buy from here with his kindly expressions of greeting, his words of cheer, and his pocketbook, if needs be. Here I live and here I buy.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

Further Steps Taken for Better Sanitary Conditions Here.

At a meeting of the committee on public health, which was appointed pursuant to a resolution of the citizens who attended Dr. McCormack's lecture at the court house, it was decided that from this committee three sub-committees be appointed, one on streets, one on education on sanitary subjects and one on policing premises. Mayor Wagoner has appointed the following committees and the chairman of each has been requested to call his committee together so that they may be ready to report to the general committee, which will be asked to meet sometime the coming week. The sub-committees are as follows:

Committee on Streets.

Mr. H. S. Williams, Chairman; Mrs. R. A. Brown, Mrs. J. P. Cook, Mrs. R. S. Young and Mrs. J. L. Erwin.

Committee on Education on Sanitary Subjects.

Mr. Philo J. Durham, Chairman; Mrs. J. P. Cook, Mrs. R. A. Brown, Dr. J. E. Smoot.

Committee on Policing Premises.

Dr. J. E. Smoot, Chairman; Mr. H. S. Williams, Mr. J. E. Hurley, Mr. Jno. M. Oglesby.

Superintendent Williams to Leave Crescent.

Salisbury Post, 24th. Dr. E. G. Williams, who has been superintendent of Nazareth Orphan's Home at Crescent for some time has tendered his resignation to take effect at an early day. He will go and live with his son in the eastern part of the State.

Since receiving Dr. Williams' notice, the directors of the orphanage have been in correspondence with Dr. J. W. Bell, pastor of the Reformed church at Lenoir, with a view of having him succeed the doctor as superintendent. Yesterday Mr. Bell and his wife visited the institute to look over the situation, returning to Lenoir today. It is not learned whether he will accept the place or not.

The Pope Disapproves Harem Skirt.

Rome, Feb. 24.—The Pope today placed a ban on the "harem" skirt. The Observatore Romano, the Vatican organ, says the Pope "strongly disapproves of the harem skirt because it is calculated to diminish the wearer's self-respect and to abolish sex distinctions." The paper says wearers of the skirt will be excluded from all Catholic churches.

Governor Blease Reconsiders.

Columbia, S. C., February 24.—After stating that he would refuse his signature to the act incorporating the Piedmont & Northern Railway on the grounds that too much authority was given the new company, Governor Blease today affixed his signature to the act, and it goes into effect immediately.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

Dixie Musical Comedy Company to Be Here Three Nights Next Week.

We will have with us at the opera house the Dixie Musical Comedy Company, a combination of clean, clever artists, three nights next week. This company has been playing the leading theaters throughout the country and comes to this town very highly recommended.

The company will introduce comedy playlets, farces and popular plays and will introduce specialties between the acts as they carry with them comedians, singers, dancers, acrobats and sister teams.

The company has been playing at bigger prices in the different cities but to give the people, in fact all the people an equal chance the management has reduced the price to a limit in reach of everyone.

Do not forget the dates—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

First White Man to be Electrocutted.

J. B. Allison, the first white man to be electrocuted in the State's prison, was killed in the electric chair there Friday.

While talking with his spiritual adviser and his son before the electrocution, Allison made the statement that he was prepared to die and much preferred the death chair to the commutation of life imprisonment.

Allison said: "Why should I fear Him; sin has brought me to die; why should I fear Him? I hope to meet you all in heaven, and may God bless you are my prayers. Amen."

Improvements at Landis.

J. A. Upright and Charles Lyerly have just opened up a wood and blacksmith shop.

Subscriptions have been taken for a National Bank. The subscribers meet to organize March 2nd. The stock has all been subscribed.

Arrangements have been completed by which another large building is to go up here this summer. It will be 65 feet front by 70 feet deep, two stories. This will be in three rooms, with pressed brick front, or rather glass fronts.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

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

Mrs. T. D. Maness is spending the day in Charlotte.

Miss Lola Sappenfield is visiting friends in Salisbury.

Mrs. S. W. Beck, of Lexington, is visiting Mrs. M. E. Barrier.

Rev. D. I. Offman and Mr. J. H. Ragan, of China Grove, were here today on business.

Mrs. W. B. Ward and little daughter, Mellicent Virginia, are visiting relatives in Handeman.

Miss Wooten, who has been visiting Mrs. E. T. Cannon, has returned to her home in Goldsboro.

Mr. J. C. Peck, who has been teaching school in South Carolina, is visiting his brother, Mr. J. A. Peck.

Misses Helen Satterwhite, of Newberry, Ruth Groseclose and Christine Miller, of Mount Pleasant, are the guests of Miss Janet Lentz.

Birthday Surprise Party.

Mr. C. A. Cook was delightfully surprised by a number of friends last night, who called at his home en masse to greet him on his 51st birthday. The party brought refreshments and several delightful hours were spent. Mr. Cook's unexpected guests were: Mr. and Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Wolf, Misses Eleanor Norman, Laura Ridenhour, Pearl Barrier, Irene Krider, Lola Sappenfield, Sallie Castor, Maude Virginia Brown and Verne Blume; Messrs. W. C. Correll, V. L. Norman and Kay Patterson.

The value of land per acre in Rowan county is \$8.29; the aggregate value of all property in the county is \$12,512,034; there are 5,918 polls, and the aggregate tax from all sources is \$136,959.21. Rowan ranks ninth among the counties of the State in the aggregate value of property, and also ninth in the total amount of taxes collected. The value of her land per acre is well up at the head of the list, while there are only seven counties having as great number of polls as Rowan.

Advertisement for Washington Company Summer Suits for Men. Includes text: 'New Spring Suits!', 'The garments you find here are made to render a satisfactory service.', 'They are not made "just to sell"—but to hold their attractive features as long as the garments are in service—long and even strenuous service.', 'Are Stylish—a good feature—but what is just as important they hold their stylish lines as long as worn.', 'The "unseen" side of these garments is perfect in every detail. Nothing has been left undone to insure a long and useful life for each and everyone bearing the Washington Company label.', 'H. L. Parks & Co.', 'The Cabarrus Savings Bank.' Includes an illustration of two men in suits.

Advertisement for The Cabarrus Savings Bank. Includes text: 'AS WELL AS LARGE ONES ARE welcomed here. You need not wait until your business has assumed great proportions before opening an account. Do so to-day.', 'Our patrons, regardless of the amount of business done, receive every courtesy in all matters of business entrusted to us, and there is nothing in safe banking we cannot perform.', 'The Cabarrus Savings Bank.'