

## AFTER ADJOURNMENT.

"Llewellyn" Writes Interestingly of the Expiring Legislature. Special to The Tribune.

Raleigh, March 9.—We are all sold occasionally of "happy" and "joyful" deaths, but the only ones of that description that I ever witnessed personally is the mortuary luxury which the General Assembly of North Carolina indulges in biennially.

The shuffling off of the Legislative coil which some two hundred people (counting both legislators and the "attaches") undergo in the State capitol building every other year is a most happy "event" with the Senators and Representatives who have done enough work since they came here to present a semblance of actual activity, if their statements are to be accepted verbatim of literature. Some of them openly declare at the close of a session that no inducement could tempt them to play the role again—they are that tired and disgusted. Yet I hear these same men appearing to the roll call the very next session—and then come more, very often, if their constituents think enough of them to send them back again.

It is most inexplicable, too. For among these are sometimes numbered the very best and most capable and valued men in both branches, the men without whom (or substitutes that would be hard to find) the interests of the People and the State would unquestionably suffer at the hands of their own law makers—a large number of whom are so inept and unsuited for this kind of work that they ought never to be sent here to impede legislation, which is about the one thing of a public character that do accomplish. The reason (if it can be called a reason rather than a misery) why men of high grade continue to come here (men like Doughton and Connor and a very small handful of others in the House, and like Brown, of Columbus, and Boyden, of Graham, and Hartsell and Pharr and Graham and Barnes and Hicks and a very few other Senators) is probably a close kinship to that which keeps the more talented newspaper men in the business, of journalism when they could from a financial standpoint succeed more rapid at other callings which they could fill with ability.

Like the born newspaper man finds it out after he has "gotten printer's ink on his fingers" (sometimes almost accidentally), so the born parliamentarian and law makers fall into a congenial groove here and "come back" purely for the love of the work. And as I have stated, it would be a sorry and inept body without them.

And they are not all lawyers, either. Senator Brown and Senator Boyden, for instance, are not lawyers. Yet there is no lawyer in this legislature that has accomplished more than either of these "laymen" (who are singled out and referred to for the purpose of illustration) and they and several like them are the best assets the State has as lawmakers today.

But as a matter of fact, this legislature is not actually dead or as yet "laid out" for the undertaker. It is only the session that has reached its close. There are really twenty-two months of life left to the General Assembly of 1911-1912. But its members will never assemble together again unless the Governor, in the event of some "extraordinary" occasion deems it necessary or advisable to call them together again in an extra session.

The test of the session just closed has developed really less than an average of strong men in this body. Name a dozen in the Senate and a score in the House and you have got practically the entire bunch whose work and acts amounted to a "continental darn." The balance could have been left at home for the good of the State, for the presence of some of them actually impeded and interfered with legislation.

When pay stopped last Monday there were many vacant chairs. Next day the empty seats increased in number. But nobody cared. As a matter of fact most of the legislators who have the work to do anyway were obviously glad (and not in the least surprised) to note their absence. And it is the God's truth to add that the interests of the State were helped the minute some of those deceased because their pay had stopped.

The good old State has enough patriotic sons in every Legislature to keep a quorum till all necessary business is transacted, even should it be found necessary to remain a month overtime without pay.

The only discordant sound in the general "glad acclaim" that marked the closing scenes, was that of a few legislators who protested over anything that they were impatient to anything the "newspapers" might say or had said about them. But none of the shrewd and broad-minded lawmakers was numbered among these.

## CONVERT GIRL SUES.

MR. MEANS FOR \$25,000.

Proty Artist Charges That Gaston Bullock Means Jilted Her.

The following from Tuesday's New York World will be of interest to Mr. Means' many friends here:

Justice Newburger's vacation of an order requiring Edith C. Poole to submit to an examination before trial, granted today, discloses a sensational breach of promise suit for \$25,000 damages for a broken heart brought by Miss Poole, a petite and beautiful art student, against Gaston Bullock Means, related through the Bullocks to former President Theodore Roosevelt.

Justice Pitcock last month directed that Miss Poole answer questions propounded by Means' lawyer before trial. She asked Justice Newburger, through her counsel, Etrouze & Strouse, to set aside the order as "imprudently granted." This was done, enabling Miss Poole, who is nineteen years old, slender, Juno-eyed and an accomplished linguist and musician, to retain possession of her bundles of love letters and other secrets of her suit against Means until the case comes to trial.

## Pledges in Love Letters.

Miss Poole claims that Means, who is connected with the Cannon Mills at Concord, N. C., and who has offices at No. 53 Worth street in New York, promised to marry her in July, 1909, and that he set the date of the ceremony as "later in July." The promise was repudiated in hundreds of letters, written from various cities in the United States, which teem with ardent love and protestations of affection and loyalty. These letters will be produced at the trial. They will reveal Means, it is said, as a portrayer of the grand passion in high literary skill.

"I know it seems ordinary to sue a man because he has not kept his promise to wed you," said the charming plaintiff today, "but my heart has been broken and I've lost interest in the world and everything since he jilted me. I am sure, however, that women who have loved, as I did, and who have suffered and been wronged by a man who pledged and repudiated himself to me so often, will understand that I am justified in bringing him to court. He wrote me of his love for me from all corners of America. I was young and unsophisticated and he was tall, handsome and of excellent family, and devoted to me when we met and for a year.

## Money Can't Save Her Heart.

"A law suit, and even a recovery of damages from him can not mend a confiding girl's broken heart, but it will be a lesson to Mr. Means. I won't say another word."

Miss Poole had just been graduated from the Loretta Heights Convent in Denver, Col., she says, when she came to New York to visit relatives in West Seventy-second street, with whom she now makes her home. She proposed to enter New York's art schools and continue her love for painting. An acquaintance with Means ripened into friendship and then love, and he was accepted, she says, when a proposal followed. Miss Poole's father, a former prominent Denver lawyer, is dead.

Means travelled considerably for the Cannon Mills, in which his family members of the "Bullocks of Georgia," made famous by one of O. Henry's stories on President Roosevelt, are interested, and during his trips wrote two and three times a day to Miss Poole. She says she composed odes to her beauty, wrote poems of her charms and penned romances of their happy future in letters with which she is now ready to confront him. Twice some of her letters have been stolen, she says, but she has plenty of reiterations of Means' promises to substantiate her claims.

## "Darlingest Little Edith."

Miss Poole was reluctant to reveal the contents of any of Means' letters. She blushing confessed that she addressed her as "My Darlingest Little Edith" and usually signed himself "Hon." One letter dated Chicago, October, 1909, read in part:

"It hurts me because I cannot fathom, as I like to do, the last letter you sent me. Remember, dearie, that all I said I mean. You ought to know enough about me and of me to realize that a Bullock never fails to keep a promise. I love you with all my heart and soul—yes, body and soul. I will marry you soon, dear, and you and I shall always be happy. I have not been untrue to you even in thought. Send me your most intimate soul's yearnings on how you love me.

## His Love in Poetry.

On another occasion Means penned the following poetry and wrote that it best expressed his heart:

So little while, so little while, the world shall last for us,  
There is no way to keep it, dear but just spend it thus;

There is no hand may stop the sand from flowing fast away.

But who turns the whole glass down and dreams it's all today?

And oh, there is no glory, dear, when all the world is done,  
There is no splendor lasteth out the sinking of the sun;  
There is no thing that lasts, but one, no one but this—you love me.

All the rest fades with the world away but you, from "Hun."

The trial of the suit may reach the calendar at the end of March. Miss Poole is living in seclusion with relatives and expressed much chagrin that the details of her suit had become public. She is slim and thick of the Elsie Janis type and her mannerisms and choice of words express refinement and education.

Wednesday's World has another article in regard to the matter, from which the following is an extract:

## First Saw Her in Surf.

When she was graduated in 1906 the Colorado altitude had put her heart in fine throbbing condition. She went to Atlantic City, and from the boardwalk Means beheld her splashing daintily in the ocean. She didn't know about this at that time but says she became acquainted with the fact when they were introduced in this city a month later.

Miss Poole says Means became most devoted to her and kept the mail carriers busy when he was away from her. She has seventy-five letters and telegrams which she proposes introducing at the trial of the suit, which is scheduled for the ears of a jury the latter part of this month.

## A Burning Love Missive.

Here is a letter which arrived by special delivery at her home and was dated November 16, 1909:

My Darling Little One:

When I arrived in New York late yesterday it seemed as though my heart would break without you here to greet me, as you have been for the past three years, but we must be of good cheer and full of courage and everything will come out all right. Just as soon as I have looked over the situation here I am going to my home at Concord, N. C., for a few days. No matter what may happen I love you with all my soul. I love you as much as it is possible for a man to love. If you say you will always love me we will get married. We are not afraid that we can't make a success of life. I know the happiest moments of my life have been spent with you.

Whether you know it or not you are one of the brightest and sweetest of women to be found anywhere. With all of the love in my body and a million kisses for my darling little one, your,

HON.

Miss Poole is living here with friends and refuses to reveal her address. She was seen yesterday and declared that even a verdict for the full amount would not mend her heartstrings.

"I was young and unsophisticated," she said, "and now my heart is broken. Other women who loved vainly, as I have, will understand why I am taking this tender matter into court."

"Means is now in Chicago. According to his answer to the complaint, he found that she and the influences of life in a convent were total strangers and that she also suffered exceedingly from thirst. His answer records that she admitted these things to him, whereupon, he alleges, he told her that there would be no wedding bells."

## Concord Real Estate and Insurance Company Elects Officers.

At a recent meeting of the Concord Real Estate and Insurance Co., which was chartered a few days ago, the following officers were elected: President, C. B. Wagoner; vice-president, A. J. Yorke; secretary and treasurer, H. M. Propst; manager of the insurance department, W. A. Stone. The company will do a general insurance and real estate business, act as guardians, administrators, trustees, collect rentals and transact other business of this nature. The office of the company is in the Citizens Bank and Trust Company building.

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## TO TALK RAILROAD.

Prominent Officials of Durham & Charlotte Have Today to See Our People.

A telephone message was received by The Tribune this morning from Albemarle, stating that Mr. J. R. Blair, of Troy, Mr. Tull, superintendent and engineer of the Durham & Charlotte railroad, and Col. Glenn, of the U. S. Army, were en route to Concord in an automobile to meet the citizens here and discuss plans of extending the line of the Durham & Charlotte railroad, which now operates through Moore and Montgomery counties to this city.

The exact proposition these gentlemen have to submit to the citizens of Concord could not be definitely ascertained but it is needless to say that it will be well worth the time to meet with them and hear their proposition as to a railroad.

They took dinner in Mount Pleasant and arrived at the St. Cloud hotel this afternoon. It is earnestly hoped that a large delegation of citizens will meet these gentlemen at the hotel this afternoon. No committees have been appointed and the meeting will be altogether informal.

Go to the hotel this afternoon Mr. Business Man, as this meeting may result in another railroad for Concord.

## OUR FAMINE FUND.

Several Contributions Made to It Since Last Issue.

Not a day passes but that adds one or more contributions to our China famine fund, which now stands:

Previously acknowledged	\$100.50
Ladies Mis. Soc. Trinity Reformed church	8.50
Mrs. C. P. Cline	1.00
Cash	1.00
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Mrs. W. W. Flowe	5.00
Total	\$117.00

## Another Rummage Sale.

The ladies of Central Methodist church will have another rummage sale next Saturday, lasting all day. They will have the sale in the store room next to the Citizens Bank and Trust Co., recently vacated by the China Bros. Co. They will have men's, women's and children's clothing and many useful things for sale.

The James Knitting Mill has been chartered at Mt. Pleasant. The capital is \$10,000 and the principal incorporators are C. F. and M. K. James.

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April 1st is the date of our opening of the 27th Series of the Cabarrus Association. Expecting you to call.

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Secy. and Treas.

In Concord National Bank.

## KEEPING HOUSE FOR CONCORD.

About Sixty Names Entered as Members of Woman's Betterment Association Yesterday.

About sixty names were enrolled yesterday afternoon by the Woman's Betterment Association at the graded school and the list will probably be doubled before the meeting next Wednesday. Committees were appointed to canvass the town for membership. As was before stated, there is no fee for the ladies, they give their work; the men, however, may become honorary members on payment of 5 cents a piece. This fund will make a nest egg for further amounts to be raised by the association.

The membership committee is as follows: Miss Maude Brown, chairman; Mrs. J. C. Fink, Mrs. H. C. Herring, Mrs. M. B. Stickley, Miss Mary King, Miss Constance Cline, Miss Fannie Hill, Mrs. Richmond Reed.

Mrs. Brown called the meeting to order and read the origin of the Woman's Betterment Association in North Carolina. Dr. Melver's name is inseparably joined with this movement along with his great educational campaign.

Mrs. D. A. Garrison, of Gastonia, was present yesterday and gave an informal talk on the Gastonia Betterment Association. Their work is departmental—the Literary, Sanitary, Civic, Literary, and Grounds committees working as distinct organizations but holding one union meeting monthly. Mrs. Garrison gave wonderful "seed" to her words by her enthusiasm and her valuable experience in Betterment work.

The membership bids fair to include the finest womanhood of Concord. Those who were unable to attend yesterday sent their names. The Sorosis, Christian Reid and Julia Magruder clubs joined in a body and other clubs are still to be heard from.

In the meantime the membership committee is at work to report next Wednesday afternoon at the graded school building at 3:30. At this meeting permanent committees will be appointed and the real work will be under way.

Use our Penny Column—It pays

## PERSONAL MENTION.

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

Mr. T. H. Vanderford, of Salisbury, is here today.

Representative W. L. Morris returned yesterday afternoon from Raleigh.

Miss Nellie Herring is spending the day in Salisbury.

Mr. B. H. Revels is moving his family to Hillsboro today.

Mesdames T. D. Maness and S. N. Watson are spending the day in Charlotte.

Mrs. C. C. Stone, who has been visiting her parents, Capt. and Mrs. J. M. Alexander, has returned to her home in Charlotte.

## Lightning Strike Home and Kills Girl.

Wadesboro, March 8.—Anson county suffered a severe electrical storm last night and reports from several sections today tell of outbuildings struck by lightning. In only one instance, however, was a dwelling struck. On the farm of J. T. Allen, in the Flat Rock neighborhood, the house occupied by Preston Crouch was struck and his 10-year-old daughter instantly killed. Her clothing was set afire and her body badly burned. Other members of the family were severely shocked.

## To Pay Debt on Central Methodist Church.

A meeting of the board of stewards of Central Methodist church was held Monday night and also last night. Five steps are being taken to pay at once the small debt on the church and parsonage, which amounts to \$1545.00. The ladies of the church have already raised \$500.00 of this amount and the men are going to pay the balance on March 30.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt, former President of the United States, will be the chief attraction of the Southern Commercial Congress program in Atlanta today. He will speak on "The South's Obligation in Statesmanship and Business Endeavor" at the night session.

## New Spring Merchandise.

Every freight and express brings us New Spring Merchandise—and many Special Bargains will be shown Friday and Saturday in Hosiery, Novelties, Notions, Muslin Underwear, Silks and Cotton Silk Foulards, White Goods, Percales, Galatea, Gingham, etc., etc.

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