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THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

The Principal Doings of the Senate and House—Some of the Leading Bills Introduced—Bills Passed, and Other Legislative Matters of Interest.

Person County fared pretty well in the Legislature, Senator Long and Representative Cuninghame having been appointed on several committees.

Senator Long is chairman of the Senate finance committee, and is on the Internal Improvements, Banks and Currency, Pensions and Soldiers Home Manufacturing and Public Buildings and Grounds Committees.

Representative Cuninghame, of Person, occupies a seat to the left of the one he occupied in the House before.

There are only fourteen families' faces seen in the Senate, that body being almost made up of new members.

WEDNESDAY—SENATE.

Bills introduced:

By Senator Ward.—To amend Sections 3733 and 3734 of the Code so as to increase the salaries of the Supreme Court and Superior Court Judges.

Senator Scales also introduced a bill to establish salaries of the Governor, the Supreme Court and Superior Court Judges.

HOUSE.

By Mr. Stewart.—To reform the divorce laws.

By Mr. Winborn.—To amend the Constitution so as to divide the school fund between races according to the tax.

By Mr. Cowles.—To amend the suffrage amendment.

THURSDAY—SENATE.

By Senator Wright.—To make it a misdemeanor for one partner to appropriate for his own use partnership funds.

Also by same.—To regulate the sale of cocaine and morphine.

By Senator Ward.—To make the office of a bank cashier a continuing office.

HOUSE.

By Coffield.—That after February 22nd no new bills be presented to the House.

FRIDAY—SENATE.

By Senator Bragaw.—To create an additional Legislative committee to be known as the Committee on Immigration.

Senator Webb's bill to allow no whiskey stills in Asheville of less than 36 gallon capacity per day passed.

HOUSE.

By Mr. Winborne.—To repeal the anti-jug law, a fraudulent act of the 1903 Legislature.

By the same.—To prevent fraudulent legislation by making the title of acts a part thereof.

By Mr. Cuninghame, of Person.—To provide \$5,000 for a monument to the late General M. W. Ransom.

By Mr. Koonce.—To make carrying concealed weapons a felony.

By Mr. Boney.—To fix the weight and regulate the trade in corn meal.

By Mr. Winborne.—To provide for new trials of criminal cases in the event there is newly discovered evidence.

By the same.—To prevent injury by hasty and improvident restraint-

ing orders, by providing that any Judge can hear matters when resident Judge is out of district.

In the announcement of various committees Mr. Cuninghame, of Person, was announced as the chairman of the committee on Constitutional Amendment.

He was placed on the Agriculture Claims, Rules, Public Buildings and Grounds, Education and Appropriations committees. Afterwards his name was withdrawn from the committee on Claims.

SATURDAY—SENATE.

By Senator Vann, To regulate fishing and fisheries in Albemarle Pamlico Sounds.

By Senator McLean, To incorporate the Sanford & River Valley Railroad Company.

By Senator Grady, To make punishment discretionary in cases of simple assault where indictment is brought for assault with intent to commit rape.

By Senator Scales, Providing for \$1,000 annually for expenses for the Governor. Mr. Scales explained that this bill was just and absolutely necessary, as no poor man could afford to be governor on the present salary. Governor Russell is said to have expended \$10,000 over his salary, and that Governor Aycock goes out \$4,000 or \$5,000 in debt. It is not fair to ask Glenn to undergo the same

"but after Governor-elect Glenn's telegram, said he, I think the best course in regard to this bill is to ask its recommitment to the committee on salaries and fees. The bill was put to vote, and the ayes carried, the bill being referred back to the committee. Governor-elect Glenn's telegram stated that he desired no increase in salary."

An invitation from Dr. Dinwiddie to the Legislature to attend an entertainment at that institution Monday evening, January 16th, was accepted.

HOUSE.

By Mr. Murphy, To prevent fraudulent sales of stocks of merchandise in bulk.

By Mr. Little, To pay the tax lists of the State a salary instead of fees

Bills were ratified providing for printing the Governor's message and for increasing the pay of jurors in Pitt County.

MONDAY—SENATE.

By Senator Mason of Gaston. Bill to punish assaults upon women.

By Senator Eller. To amend charter of town of Salem.

HOUSE.

By Mr. Stronach. To prevent misrepresentation in connection with sale of merchandise.

By Mr. Harrison. To require barbers to have a clean towel every time they shave a customer.

By Mr. Graham of Granville. To amend the pension law so that minimum allowance for fourth class pensioners shall be \$20.

By Mr. Austin. To amend laws of 1899, relating to persons beating trains and to place such offense in jurisdiction of justices of peace.

TUESDAY—SENATE.

By Senator Mason, of Gaston. To regulate proceedings in criminal cases.

HOUSE.

By Mr. Graham of Lincoln. A memorial by Western North Carolina Conference in regard to divorce.

By Mr. Warburton. To make 62 hours constitute a week's labor in factories instead of 66 hours.

By Mr. Cuninghame. Relating to time of killing deer in Person and Granville counties.

By Mr. Glenn. To allow the Governor to appoint women as notary publics.

SCHAUB-CARTER.

Marriage at Apex of a Prominent Young Couple—Roxboro furnished the Groom and the Bride Was Also Well known Here.

APEX, N. C., January 4.—"The world was sad—the garden a wild,

And man, the hermit, sighed till woman smiled."

The wedding bells rang merrily and a beautiful marriage was celebrated last evening, January 3, at 9 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hunter, of Apex.

The contracting parties were Miss Alice Carter, of Apex, and Dr. O. P. Schaub, of Roxboro, Rev. C. V. Brooks officiated.

The bride wore crepe de chene, with silk and lace applique, and long white bridal veil caught back by lilies of the valley. She carried bride's roses, and wore a lovely hand engraved brooch with diamond setting, the gift of the groom.

The bridesmaids wore white and carried white carnations tied with silk cord.

The marriage vows were emphasized by using the marriage ring of the groom's mother. The approach to the parlor of the bridal party was heralded by the wedding march artistically rendered by Mrs. A. V. Baum.

The first to enter were two sweet little ribbon girls, Miss Grace Carter, of Holly Springs, and Miss Mary Carter, of Clayton. The attendants were Miss Annie Taylor, of Aulander, maid of honor, Dr. W. T. Long, of Roxboro, best man, Dr. J. R. Hunter, of Richmond, Va., and Miss Miss Maude Norris, of Apex. Mr. S. C. Olive of Apex, and Miss Cornie Jones, of Apex. Miss Kate Johnson, of Apex, ring bearer.

Mrs. John Noell, of Roxboro, and Mrs. Clem Carter received. The parlor was artistically decorated in white and green, the hall being in red and green. Refreshments were served by Dughi. The dining room was ornate, the color scheme being pink and green and white carnations. The flowers were furnished by Samuel Feast, of Baltimore.

After the supper the social festivities prevailed until the north bound 10 o'clock train carried away the happy groom and the blushing bride to his home in Roxboro.

The bride's travelling costume was a handsome green velvet, with cut steel trimmings. The bride is a devout Christian and has been a benediction in the community and sunshine in her home.

The groom is a popular and successful physician in Roxboro. The bridal presents were numerous, beautiful and costly, attesting the bride's personal popularity.

At the rate that the Southern farmers are burning cotton, the surplus will be consumed about as fast as the Catawba river could be emptied with a teaspoon. A more absurd idea never received so much consideration.—Charlotte Observer.

Another man was killed in an eastern county the other day while asleep on a railroad track. This is getting to be a favorite method of death for some people. Within the past few weeks there have been many reports of deaths in this way. The strange thing about it is that any man, even while under the influence of liquor, should select a railroad track as a suitable place for sleeping. But some of them will persist in doing it nevertheless.—Winston Sentinel.

THE MUTUAL BENEFIT REPLIES

To the Statements Made by the Agent of the Penn Mutual Company—Let the Public Read and and I Decide for Themselves.

The Penn Mutual man again refuses to permit his company to be judged legally in comparison with the Mutual Benefit. He knows the Mutual Benefit would win the reward which he offered in the original proposition. That proposition was: "A thousand dollars reward for any company to write as good policy as the Penn Mutual writes."

This means that I would have nothing to do but prove the Mutual Benefit's policy as good as his, which he knew I could do, should he allow the matter to be referred to referees as I suggested.

He therefore dodges the issue by a clever subterfuge, and in THE COURIER the following week he "wants to save me the trouble of referring the matter," and names eleven requirements which he challenges us to meet. Then he says, "If he should fail in ONE he loses his reward," which means that the Mutual Benefit or any other company might excel his company in TEN points, and might have a contract that is superior in every respect one. Yet because his company excelwin only ONE point we lose the reward. That is the meaning of the Penn man's second proposition, but not the first, and he knows it, so do the intelligent readers of THE COURIER.

When I challenged the Penn man to meet us before referees on the first proposition, that no company could write as good policy as his, he realized his mistake and came out the next week with his "certain requirements," and said, "When I said in last week's COURIER a reward of one thousand dollars was offered, I had reference to the above reward." In this he virtually admits that he was frightened by his first proposition, and therefore hastened to make a second.

I have challenged him to meet me before referees on the second as well as the first, but he is afraid to do so.

He knows his company is not equal to the Mutual Benefit. The Mutual Benefit could buy the Penn man's company, pay cash for it, and then have over \$20,000,000 to do business with.

The Penn man perhaps knows that six years ago there was a contest similar to the one I am trying to get him into in one of the Northwestern States in which it was proved that the Mutual Benefit was superior to any company doing business.

The Penn man threw down the gauntlet by offering a "thousand dollars reward for any company to write as good policy as his company writes." Now he will either have to meet this contest fairly and squarely by submitting his policy under the original proposition to referees, or let it be known to the intelligent people of Person county that he is afraid to do so.

As to the Penn man's fling at me as being "a man posing at the head of a great school," and that I am "just in the insurance business in the summer and after school hours," I have very little to say, save that the sane and sensible people who read THE COURIER will understand

why he made such thrusts at me. As to my professional affairs, they do not enter into this matter. Nor has the Penn man as an insurance agent anything to do with them. My "insurance business hours" seems to have given him some trouble, since he takes so much space in THE COURIER to reply to the two short articles I have written before. He will not meet the issue fairly and squarely by letting three or more disinterested business men decide this matter. I challenge him to do so. If the Penn representative does not accept this challenge, it will mean that he is afraid to do so. The issue is clear cut. I am to prove the Mutual Benefit's policy as good as his company's policy. And I want to prove it before referees or a jury, where the Penn Mutual man cannot get out on a subterfuge. And I again insist that he give me the opportunity to do so. Then we will let the readers of THE COURIER know if I have fairly won the \$1,000 which he offers.

But the Penn man is so SYMPATHETIC he will want "to save me the trouble of refereeing the matter." I don't mind the trouble, and I respectfully ask the readers of THE COURIER to observe whether he will accept this challenge and submit the policy contract he wants to compare with ours.

In conclusion I wish to say that I have taken space this time to explain the point at issue clearly, and further that if the Penn man continues to deal in personalities I shall let him go his own way and be judged by the public accordingly, because the thinking people will know why he does it and will not be misled by this unfairness.

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The Youth's Companion as a Gift.

What other Christmas present can you choose that will give so much pleasure for so little money as a year's subscription for The Youth's Companion? The Holiday Numbers and the Calendar, joyously welcomed no Christmas morning, making a good gift in themselves, are but the forerunners of the whole year's feast to come. The mind is entertained with the numbers in hand, and the imagination revels in the pleasure that each new week will bring until Christmas comes again.

If you desire to make a Christmas present of The Youth's Companion, send the name and address of the person to whom you wish The Companion, with \$1.75, the annual subscription price, stating that it is to be a gift. The publishers will send to the address named, in a parcel to be opened Christmas morning, all the remaining issues for 1904, published after the subscription is received, including the Double Holiday Numbers, The Companion's "Carnations" Calendar for 1905, lithographed in twelve colors and gold, and subscription certificate for the fifty-two issues of 1905.

For Illustrated Announcement, fully describing the principal features of The Companion's new volume for 1905, will be sent to any address free.

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O. F. Conrad, of Davidson county, killed a hog last week that weighed 505 pounds. The hog's bladder when blown up measured 35 by 44 inches in circumference.

The Southern Railroad has adopted the block system for their entire road. This is a step in the right direction. It will save both life and property.—Raleigh Times.

There are now in the State Library 86,812 books and 1,900 bound copies of newspapers.