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THE EDITORS' LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

Andrew Carnegie is said to have given away four millions of his money last year, and has left one hundred and eighty-six millions with which to amuse himself in the future. There is a general impression, and we believe a general statement, that he proposes to give away most of his fortune while living. And this would seem a sensible view to take of it, for then he can see some of the good of it before he dies.

There has been quite a sharp controversy in the Charlotte Observer recently between Mayor McCall and Rev. J. W. Staggs, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of the city. Dr. Staggs in a sermon charged that the gambling dens in the city were not brought to justice as they should be, and he laid the blame on the Mayor. A report of the sermon appeared in the Observer and Mayor McCall replied. To his article Dr. Staggs replied, and again the Mayor replied. We do not remember the last of it, but it was interesting reading for the people of Charlotte especially.

Mrs. Carrie Nation has been smacking what they call "joints" in Kansas towns with an energy that challenges the admiration of those who condemn her methods.

Kansas under State prohibition, and Mrs. Nation charges that the powers of the State are not doing their duty in suppressing the liquor traffic. The places in which the business is done are called "joints" and Mrs. Nation's plan has been to wade in, hatchet in hand and smash everything in sight. She may be a little fanatical but she has raised a breeze and the world knows some things about Kansas not generally known before.

While THE COMMONWEALTH does not believe in laying a leather's weight in the way of any one who can better his condition by changing his habit, we do believe that North Carolina offers good opportunities to young men who are willing to seize them. We were struck by the following recent editorial utterance of the Wilmington Messenger:

"It is to be regretted that so many young men go west leaving their native North Carolina. They are a positive loss. Our state offers as many advantages and opportunities as other sections offer. With the same amount of industry for success in California, or Texas or elsewhere a young man can fare as well by remaining in his native Carolina. We knew a newspaper man to write a Virginian connected with one of the foremost newspapers in San Francisco inquiring as to outlook for a journalist. The answer was there are more seekers here for places than in the old states. He said he applied for a vacancy the day it was announced in his newspaper, and he was number sixteen as a seeker after place. The thing to do is to be energetic, resolute, faithful and perhaps fair success and encouragement will follow. We know a well-to-do Mississippi planter to say that he would have done better if he had remained in his old county, Greenville. He was so impressed with this he told his brother that he would return to North Carolina after thirty years absence but for the fact that his children had been all born in Mississippi and knew no other home.

"So it is often a mistake to pull up, shake the dust from your feet and go into other states, far away from the old homestead and old oaken bucket. We tried once to get away and stay away, but each remove we drew a lengthening chain and the yearnings for the good old state and the people were so great we were forced to surrender and back we came, and thank God for it. Stand by the old place of nativity. Many young men go and prosper and it is true that many fail. It is also true that thousands who remain do well, are happy and contented, and get public places with salaries which is the chief aspiration of so many. The young men in North Carolina with but few exceptions hold the public offices."

THE LEGISLATURE.

What the Law Makers are Doing.

VARIOUS BILLS AND MEASURES.

TUESDAY FEB. 5th.
(News and Observer.)

SENATE.—The Senate passed a bill to change the appearance of the State flag by substituting the great seal of North Carolina in place of the star and the letters "N. C." Senator Glenn explained that the single star caused constant confusion between the flags of Texas and North Carolina.

THE SOLDIERS' HOME.

"An act to provide for the Soldiers' Home" was the title of a bill introduced by Senator London, of Chatham, in the Senate. The act appropriates \$5,000 for the purpose of providing additional accommodations for those who are entitled to be inmates of the Soldiers Home. Section 2 provides "that for the maintenance of the said Soldiers Home and support of its inmates \$20,000 is hereby appropriated for each of the years 1901 and 1902, to be paid quarterly out of any moneys in the treasury of the State not otherwise appropriated, to the Treasurer of the Soldiers Home Association for Disbursement under the order of the Board of Directors."

This bill is aimed to take the place of all other appropriations for the Home.

REGISTER ARCHITECTS.

A bill for the registration of architects introduced in the Senate by Senator Smith, of Johnston, provides that the Governor shall appoint five persons three of them architects and two to be chosen from the faculty of any of the following institutions: The University of North Carolina, The North Carolina College of Agricultural and Mechanical Arts, Davidson College or Wake Forest College. The five persons shall serve for 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 years respectively from the date of appointment. This board shall hold an examination at least once a year in each of the Congressional districts and any person over twenty-one years of age upon paying a fee of \$5.00 can take the examination. If he passes the examination a certificate shall be issued to him upon the payment of \$20.00 as a fee. Any architect now practicing shall be registered free. These certificates have to be recorded with the clerk of the court. The State board must keep on file in the Secretary of State's office a list of all licensed architects. This board has power to revoke certificates and can summons witnesses, compel their attendance. A unanimous vote is required to revoke the license. The bill says: "If a person shall pursue the practice of architecture in this State or shall engage in this State in the business of preparing plans, specifications and preliminary data for the erection or alteration of buildings or shall advertise or put out any sign, card, or drawing designing himself as an architect, having an office or doing business in this State without registration therefor in accordance with the provisions of this act, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than \$50 or more than \$500." This does not prohibit architects in other States from acting as architects for any building in the State or the students or employees of authorized architects acting under their authority.

AMEND THE PENSION LAWS.

Senator London introduced in the Senate "A bill to be entitled an act to amend Chapter 198 of the Laws of 1899 in relation to pensions" as follows:

Section 1. That section 1 of Chapter 198 of the Laws of 1899, amended by subsequent acts, be further amended by striking out the words relating to fourth class pensions, at the end of said section and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

4th. To such as have lost one eye and to such as are disabled to perform manual labor on account of wounds received while in the Confederate or State service during said war, and to such as have reached the age of 70 years, and are unable for any cause to support themselves, and to all widows of Confederate soldiers or sailors, who were married to such soldiers or sailors, before April 9th, 1865, and have reached the age of 65 years, or whose husbands lost their lives during the said war, or have died since from wounds received or disease contracted while in the discharge of their duty, as such soldiers or sailors, and who are for any cause unable to support themselves,

and remain unmarried, \$25.

Sec. 2 That the tax for pensions be increased from three and one-third (3 1/3) cents on the one hundred dollars worth of property to five (5) cents and from ten (10) cents on the poll to fifteen (15) cents, and that the pension law be amended accordingly.

Sec. 3 That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

HOUSE.

The most done in the House was some sharp talk over the election law caused by many petitions being sent in by Republicans to have the election laws of the State changed.

WEDNESDAY FEB 6TH.

SENATE.—A bill was introduced providing for a banking system of North Carolina with power to issue certificates. Following are some of the important sections:

That any association of persons desirous of establishing banks of issue to do a general banking business in addition to the powers now granted banking corporations shall consist of not less than five persons and may enter its articles of association for this purpose. They shall make an organization certificate which shall specifically state (1) the name; (2) the place; (3) the amount of capital stock and shareholders number of shares held by each; (4) state that certificate is made to enable them to organize under this system.

Section 3 provides for the appointment before a clerk of the court or notary public of such articles of association.

Sec. 4 directs that such articles be filed with the State Treasurer.

Sec. 5 defines the powers of the body corporate.

Sec. 6 Demand loans on warehouse receipts upon advance of money repayable on demand upon warehouse receipts, bills of lading, certificates of stock, certificates of deposit, bills of exchange, bonds, notes or other negotiable instruments pledged as collateral security for such repayment, any bank organized under this act may receive and collect as compensation for making such advances any sum to be agreed upon in writing by the parties to such transaction.

Sec. 7 provides before the bank's notes are put in circulation it shall deliver to the State Treasurer county or city bonds having a market value at par or over; or State or United States bonds, or such other marketable bonds, as the board of bank appraisers may deem sufficient.

Sec. 8 creates the board of the bank appraisers making the Attorney General treasurer to the board.

Sec. 9 provides for the description of bonds deposited, etc., to be signed by the bank appraisers.

Sec. 10 provides that the amount of circulating notes shall not be more than the paid in capital stock shall not be less than one-third thereof.

Sec. 11 Such banks shall be entitled to issue its notes for circulation to an amount equal to the appraised value or the bonds deposited; and in addition may issue upon the basis of the credit of the bond without bonded or other security an amount equal to one-third of its capital stock actually paid in any case.

Sec. 25 makes every stockholder in these banks individually responsible, equally and ratably, and not one for another, for all contracts, debts and engagements to the extent of their stock therein at par value thereof, in addition to the amount invested in such shares. (This applies not only to registered stockholders whose names appear on the corporation books but to every actual owner of stock even though held in the name of another person; but not those holding stock as collateral security.)

Sec. 29 provides that any State bank now in existence or hereafter to be organized and chartered shall have the right to avail itself of all the provisions of this act by filing a copy of its charter with the State Treasurer together with a statement furnishing the information required by section 27 of this act, whereupon such bank and its shareholders will be held liable as other banks and shareholders organized under this act.

HOUSE.—The House passed the Aycock text book bill as it came from the Senate and the measure is now a law. A determined effort was made to amend the bill but the friends of the measure stood steadfast and voted down amendment after amendment.

The bill increasing the pay of penitentiary guards from \$15 to \$20 per month, which was introduced by Mr. Beddingfield of Wake, caused some discussion. It was displaced by special order at 11 o'clock, and will be brought up again in all probability.

Mr. Morgan of Johnson—"I would

like to know if there is any scarcity of guards at the penitentiary? If there is I will support the measure. I believe there are plenty of men who are anxious to fill these places at the present salary."

Mr. McLean of Scotland—"We could get men to guard the convicts at \$10 per month, but we want men there who will guard the convicts in fact. Twenty dollars is little enough, for these men are exposed to all sorts of severe weather. This Legislature has raised some salaries and it ought to increase the salary of those poor fellows. I am in favor of the one-gallows fellows myself."

Judge Connor thought this was a matter for the internal management of the prison. He said it was the idea of the Legislature to turn the institution over to the Governor and the officers that are to be selected will be competent to manage this matter. He said the trouble with the penitentiary had been that there was too much disposition to meddle with the management.

Mr. Spainhour of Burke agreed with Judge Connor and said the Legislature ought not to regulate the internal affairs of the prison.

Mr. Beddingfield of Wake—"We are not asking much for these poor men as the Code says the negro janitors in the capitol building shall receive. I voted to increase the Governor's salary and I want you to vote to increase the pay of these men, who stand out in the cold fourteen hours a day at fifty cents a day. These brawny men of muscle, who work for their livings have no friends to plead their cause before the board of directors and this Legislature should take this action, because we do not know who will constitute the new board. The laws of the State even declare the salary of the less than \$1 per day."

THURSDAY, FEB 7TH.

SENATE.—The Senate finished up the work before it in quick order, and had it not been for a resolution by Senator Scott, the day's session would have been almost featureless.

Quite a number of bills were passed and quite a number of new measures introduced, but not one of them was of enough general interest to claim extended or special mention in this report.

It was not until the resolution introduced by Senator Scott of Alamance, relating to the Agricultural Department, was reached, that any important development followed.

This resolution was introduced, Senator Scott stated, because Agricultural Department had made no report of its administration during the past two years and it called for one (to be made within five days that should give a classified report of the receipts and disbursements for the years 1899 and 1900; the estimated income for the years 1901 and 1902 and the probable expenditures for those years.

Senator Aycock observed that he did not understand why this report should be called for by a resolution: he thought the law required the report to be made as suggested.

Senator Scott: "Yes, but it has not been done, and I thought some one should demand it. As no one else did so, I have taken the step I thought proper. A department of the State government that expends some sixty thousand dollars annually of the public money ought to submit some sort of report to the General Assembly showing what has been done."

HOUSE.—The House spent considerable time in discussing the divorce law and passed a new bill for same.

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"What is the lowest price you can take for this book, sir?" asked the leisurely customer, holding up the volume. "One dollar and a quarter," was the prompt reply. "A dollar and a quarter! Why, your clerk asked me only a dollar a just now." "True,"

"and I could have better afforded to take a dollar than to leave my work."

The man, who seemed to be in a doubt as to whether Mr. Franklin was in earnest, said jokingly: "Well, come now, tell me your lowest price for this book."

"One dollar and a half," was the grave reply. "A dollar and a half! Why, you just offered it for a dollar and a quarter." "Yes and I could better have taken that price than a dollar and a half now."

Without another word, the crestfallen purchaser laid the money on the counter and left the store. He had learned not only that he who squanders his own time is foolish, but he who wastes the time of others is a thief.—Success.

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TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

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TRAINS GOING NORTH.

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Daily except Monday. Daily except Sunday.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Yadkin Division Main Line—Train leaves Wilmington, 9:00 a. m., arrives Fayetteville 12:05 p. m., leaves Fayetteville 12:25 p. m., arrives Sanford 3:45 p. m., returns leaves Sanford 3:55 p. m., arrives Fayetteville 4:20 p. m., leaves Fayetteville 4:20 p. m., arrives Wilmington 9:25 p. m.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Bennettville Branch—Train leaves Bennettville 8:07 a. m., reaches 9:15 a. m., Red Springs 9:50 a. m., Hope Mills 10:45 a. m., arrives Fayetteville 11:10 a. m., returning leaves Fayetteville 4:45 p. m., Hope Mills 5:55 p. m., Red Springs 6:35 p. m., Maxton 6:15 p. m., arrives Bennettville 7:15 p. m.

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Train on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leaves Weldon 3:55 p. m., arrives 4:17 p. m., arrives Scotland Neck at 5:08 p. m., Greenville 6:57 p. m., Kingston 7:55 p. m., returning leaves Kingston 7:50 a. m., Greenville 8:52 a. m., arriving Halifax at 11:18 a. m., Weldon 11:33 a. m., daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8:10 a. m. and 2:30 p. m., arrive Parlane 9:10 a. m. and 3:30 p. m., returning leave Parlane 9:30 a. m. and 6:30 p. m., arrive Washington 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday 5:50 p. m., Sunday, 4:15 p. m., arrives Plymouth 7:40 p. m., 6:10 p. m., returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7:50 a. m., and Sunday 9:00 a. m., arrives Tarboro 10:10 a. m., 11:00 a. m.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro daily, except Sunday, 5:00 a. m., arriving 5:00 a. m., 6:10 a. m., returning leaves Smithfield 7:50 a. m., arrives at Goldsboro 8:25 a. m.

Trains on Nashville Branch leave Rocky Mount at 9:30 a. m., 3:40 p. m., arrive Nashville 10:30 a. m., 4:35 p. m., Spring Hope 11:40 a. m., 4:25 p. m., returning leave Spring Hope 11:20 a. m., 4:55 p. m., Nashville 11:45 a. m., 5:25 p. m., arrive at Rocky Mount 12:10 a. m., 6:00 p. m., daily except Sunday.

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