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OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

THE Legislative Committee appointed to investigate the charges against Supt. Mann concerning cruelty to the penitentiary convicts as they were moved

across the mountains to Marion, N. C., has made a report. The report exonerates Supt. Mann of any cruelty to the convicts. This is as those who know Mr. Mann expected it would be; but the investigation will have a good influence, although in this case it was not needed. In the future guards, overseers and others in charge of the convicts will remember this investigation, and it may have the effect of deterring some from cruelty who might be disposed to be cruel but for the law.

Much has been said and often about race prejudice in the South. It seems that something gets hold upon the people of the North and West now and then that might be classified with the similar feeling in

the South. A colored female teacher was introduced into a training school in the city of Omaha, Nebraska, and fifty per cent. of the pupils left instantly and the school board received the following: "Take away the negro or you will close the school by taking our children away." And so it is. When the test comes no part of this great country is willing to have the colored race become the teacher and guide of the white race; and very few are the individuals even who are willing to accept social equality all around. It can never come in this country and it might as well be understood by all, whether North, South, East or West.

It goes out to the country that the Fifty-seventh Congress which adjourned March 4th "shelled out" a billion and a half of the people's money. Only a

few years ago the phrase "a billion dollar Congress" was as common with the American people as the

story of George Washington's hatchet and the cherry tree. It is impossible for any mind—not the "ordinary mind," as it is

frequently put—but it is impossible for any mind to grasp the idea of a million dollars, much less a thousand million. Ten hundred thousand, which is a

million, is too high for us; but when it is written ten hundred times ten hundred thousand, we have to give it up. But the figures reached by the appro-

priations of the last Congress are fifteen hundred times ten hundred thousand! But it is the people's money and for the people's uses, as the Richmond News

Leader observes. It rather breezily remarks: "Now we read of a billion and a half appropriated at one session of Congress without turning a hair. One

thousand five hundred millions of dollars spent by the government disturbs us not as much as an overcharge of a dollar and a half in one of our individual

grocery bills. It is probably more than any government in the world ever had put at its disposal in time of peace, but as a matter of fact, who cares? We

are an enormously rich people steadily growing richer and our government is an enormous apparatus, steadily growing with the growth of population and

wealth. We ought to conduct it in first-rate style and find the line between absurd niggardliness and equally absurd lavishness."

"This is the golden age of the salaried man." So spoke Mr. Frank A. Mun-

sey, publisher, in a recent lecture delivered at Yale College. Taking up this

subject the Atlanta Journal contends that Mr. Munsey's statement is eminently true. The man

who gets a sure salary now, is on safer footing than the man who with small or modest capital launches into business. Salaries

are higher than formerly, and the tendency is to increase them still more. The

Journal, after agreeing with Mr. Munsey's statement that this is the golden

age for the salaried man adds: "And it is also true that there never was a time

when a young man with small capital, starting in business for himself, had such slender chance of success. Here are the opposite sides of the picture:

What do we get when we hold it up against the light of practical results? Do

the two sides harmonize? It may seem strange at first, but that is exactly

what happens. By this transmitted light, the resultant picture is one of in-

creased prosperity for the common people. Theory may, and does, dispute

this; but facts reveal it too plainly for doubt. The very formation of these

giant concerns has created high-salaried positions unknown to the former age.

And those filling these positions are, year in and year out, earning more than

men of the same capabilities would have earned under the old regime."

NORTH CAROLINA now has two Democratic United States Senators—Senator

Simmons and Senator Overman. The latter was inducted into office last

week and is serving his first term in the extra ses-

OUR LEGISLATURE.

The Bills and Measures Passed in a Week.

A PEEP AT OUR LAWMAKERS.

Monday, 4th day.

SENATE.—There were few bills introduced in the Senate. The time was largely given to the Revenue bill. The circuit tax was not disturbed.

HOUSE.—The Divorce bill passed the House.

It provides that: "If the husband shall willfully and without cause abandon the wife and live separate and apart from her for two years, the wife shall be entitled to divorce from the bonds of matrimony, but the husband shall not re-marry within five years from the date of rendering final judgment in the action for divorce," and vice versa in the case of the wife.

The following provision is added: "That in all actions for divorce upon the grounds above mentioned, it shall be alleged and proven upon the trial, that the complainant has been a bona fide resident of the State of North Carolina for five years next preceding the commencement of the action; and—provided, further, that after the jury may have found the issue or issues in favor of the plaintiff, it shall be the duty of the judge presiding at the trial, to carefully inquire into the facts and circumstances of the particular case, and if he shall be of the opinion that the divorce for any cause should not be granted, he may in the exercise of his discretion, decline to grant the divorce and set aside the verdict."

There is further provision that the act shall not apply to cases where the abandonment occurs after the first day of January, 1903.

Tuesday, 4th day.

SENATE.—The bill passed the Senate allowing the people of Robeson county the privilege of voting on the question of moving the county seat from Lumberton to Pembroke.

There was a strong discussion on a proposed amendment to the public school law.

One section of the bill will settle all controversy about the color line in schools. The Code exempts the children born from the third generation from the color line. In place of this the new section reads:

"Section 63, of chapter 4 of the Public Laws of the year 1901, is hereby repealed and the following words are inserted in lieu thereof: All white children shall be taught in public schools provided for the white race, and all colored children shall be taught in public schools provided for the colored race; but no child with negro blood in his veins, however remote the strain, shall attend a school for the white race; no such child shall be considered a white child."

A bill was introduced at the night session to incorporate a distillery in Yadkin county, where "Nick" Williams has a rectifying establishment which is said to "purify" whiskey.

There was a warm discussion over the bill, Senator Lamb, of Cumberland, claiming it would be a violation of law to pass such a bill without thirty days' notice, and Senator Mitchell, of Bertie, claiming that it would be an act of great inconsistency to pass the Watts bill as the General Assembly had done and then vote to incorporate a place just because it depended upon a liquor interest.

The bill went over for another hearing.

HOUSE.—Mr. Parker, of Halifax, introduced a bill permitting the commissioners of Enfield to donate a part of their liquor tax to the graded school.

Wednesday, 5th day.

SENATE.—The discussion on the Revenue bill began with section 62, which imposes a tax of \$25 a year on druggists dealing in liquors. The last Revenue bill made the tax \$50 and this cut it in half. Senator Hoey thought \$25 a year too much and offered an amendment to reduce this to \$10, while

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Senator Wellborn (Rep.) wanted it \$100. Both amendments were killed and the tax was left at \$25.

The distillery tax was next considered. It is a graduated State tax, \$50 a year on a daily capacity of 3 to 6 bushels, \$100 from 6 to 12 bushels, \$150 from 12 to 24 bushels, \$250 from 24 to 48 bushels, \$400 a year on each with a daily capacity of 48 bushels or more.

The section made the levy of a like tax by the county mandatory, but Senator Gilliam endeavored to have the "shall levy" changed to "may levy," but this was lost. To make clear that a distillery, rectifying business and wholesale business all in one should pay taxes on two lines an amendment by Senator Justice was adopted. This provides that when a distiller rectifies his product and sells by the wholesale, he shall pay as a manufacturer and wholesale dealer.

Section 61 showing the application of the State liquor tax, one-half to State, one-half to the county board of education for the benefit of the school fund of the county in which the tax is collected. Senator Wellborn (Rep.) moved to give the entire tax to the State and no to the boards of education. This was lost.

The discussion of section 65, concerning the license on dispensaries was long drawn out and hotly fought. At its close the rate of annual license had been raised from the two per cent. on the gross sales of dispensaries to five per cent., this to come to the State and to be paid by the officers of the dispensaries within ten days after the first days of January and July of each year.

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urged this also. Senator Spence offered an amendment adding \$200 a year to the two per cent. Senator Lamb wanted the tax to be for counties, cities and towns one-half of the State tax. Senator Woodard spoke at length and urged that all possible revenue be made from the liquor traffic. He stated that he had been for neither the London bill or the Watts bill, but that if he had it in his power he would utterly destroy every vestige of the manufacture and sale, but as the head of the monster had not been stricken off he was in favor of getting all the revenue possible for the State.

Senator Travis introduced a bill providing for a Fire Commissioner for Halifax county.

Senator Travis also introduced a bill providing for the payment of money derived from liquor license in Scotland Neck to the graded school fund of the town.

HOUSE.—The bill for establishing a training school for teachers in Western Carolina passed its third reading. It provides for \$2,000 for a school for training teachers from Alexander, Alleghany, Caldwell, Washington, Wilkes and Yancey counties.

Thursday, 5th day.

SENATE.—The Senate passed a bill to allow a new building for the Agriculture Department to cost \$50,000.

HOUSE.—Dr. Alexander's bill to close all bar-rooms at 8 o'clock passed. Representative White, of Halifax, was among those who spoke for the bill.

The Senate bill to establish graded school and electric lights in Scotland Neck passed third reading.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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The most important duty of any police force is the control of the vagrant and criminal classes and the prevention of crimes against person and property. There are many other and important fields of usefulness, but unless the force is successful in dealing with crime it is a failure. As a deterrent of crime, nothing is probably more effective than swift punishment. In England a murder trial is completed within a few weeks, or months at the outside, after the apprehension of the accused, and from the first trial there is no appeal to a higher court of review or appeal. The wisdom of permitting no appeal in capital cases is a question which has been widely discussed, and cannot be taken up here, says Avery D. Andrews, writing for the March Cosmopolitan. Whether wise and humane or not, it is interesting to note that the police records show an astonishingly small number of murders in London, and I believe that the celerity with which the trials are conducted has much to do with the suppression of this most heinous of all crimes. According to the official report of the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, there were reported to the London police only twenty-four murders in the calendar year 1901 and this out of a population of over 6,000,000.

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