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EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS. OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

GENERAL Lew Wallace, diplomat and author, died at his home in Crawfordsville, Ind., February 15th, aged 78 years. He is best known, perhaps, through his wonderful book, "Ben Hur."

The Statesville Landmark, which has never been an extremist on the liquor question from any standpoint, speaks thus: "The Legislature has done right to amend the election law so as to make it an offence not only to sell but to give away liquor within five miles of a polling place on election day."

THE Richmond News-Leader makes the following interesting comment on a matter that concerns North Carolinians: "Congressman Southall was right in saying that the proposed ship canal from Norfolk down through North Carolina was one of the most meritorious schemes that has come before Congress for years."

A Most Meritorious Scheme. "It may be that if the farmers and others who are so insistent that the acreage in cotton should be reduced, would preach, in season and out, that the first duty of a farmer is to live at home—that is, make his farm as near self-sustaining as possible—they would more nearly accomplish their object."

Truly Sensible. "The late Judge Dossey Battle, while editing a paper in Tarboro some twenty-five years ago, perhaps, had much to say about the "hog and hominy" theory for farmers. The Tarboro Southerner, printed in the same good town, has the following to say on the same subject:

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GOVERNOR Glenn has written a strong letter to Senators Simmons and Overman, calling their attention to rumors that the Legislature of South Dakota is about to pass a bill authorizing that State to go upon the market and purchase at the lowest price possible bonds of other States.

THE Charlotte Observer refers editorially to Rev. Thos. Dixon, Jr., now a successful author, as one who has stood for his people in the South, notwithstanding his great success in the North. The following is well observed by our contemporary:

"This much is to be said of Rev. Thomas Dixon, Jr., that he is not one of those who have gone from the South to the North, achieved fame and fortune there, and gone back on his people. He has been wonderfully successful in the North as a preacher and lecturer, and since turning author has been even more so."

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THE LEGISLATURE.

THIRTY-SIXTH DAY—TUESDAY, FEB. 14. (Wilmington Messenger.) SENATE—Bills passed final reading: To authorize the commissions of Gaston county to issue \$300,000 of bonds to improve public roads. The jug law bill, namely House bill to repeal chapter 349, public laws 1903, except as to Cleveland, Cabarrus, Mitchell and Gaston, came up on second reading, but met considerable opposition as to immediate passage. Senator Mason of Gaston moved that it be referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Amendments were offered excepting also Caldwell and Yancey, Rutherford and Madison. Senator Mason's motion was adopted and the bill went to the Judiciary Committee. This is the bill which the Supreme court made applicable to the whole State, while it was only intended for the four counties of Cleveland, Cabarrus, Mitchell and Gaston, and the bill now in hand will make the law apply to only those four counties. HOUSE—The bill allowing all fines collected in criminal cases in Scotland Neck to go to the graded schools of that county failed to pass and was laid on the table.

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY—WED. FEB. 15. (News and Observer.) SENATE—The Tenant and Landlord bill passed. The bill provides that any tenant or cropper who procures advances from his landlord to enable him to make a crop on the land rented by him, and then willfully abandons it without cause, and before paying for such advances to enable him to make a crop, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and that any landlord who shall contract with a tenant or cropper willfully fails or refuses to furnish the advances according to his agreement without good cause, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

One section of the bill was stricken out and another inserted, which provides that when a contract for rental of land if entered into, and the tenant fails to perform his duties stated in the contract he shall forfeit his rights, and the landlord may recover his land. The punishment for any violation of any of the provisions of the act will not exceed a fine of \$50, or imprisonment for more than 30 days. This act applies to the following counties: Wayne, Lenoir, Greene, Johnston, Jones, Onslow, Craven, Cleveland, Sampson, Pitt, Duplin, Gates, Cumberland, Perquimans, Chowan, Robeson, Bladen, Harnett, Nash, Edgecombe, Hertford, Wilson, Rockingham, Pender, Currituck, Gaston, Northampton, Beaufort, Chatham, Trell, Mecklenburg, Rutherford, C. as well as Camden, Cabarrus, Columbus, Halifax and Franklin.

HOUSE—The Senate bill increasing the salaries of the Supreme and Superior court judges to \$3,500 was the special order in the House and the entire day was consumed in the discussion of it. No other bill on the calendar was reached as the vote on this bill was not taken until after 3 o'clock. The bill was discussed at great length, and many of the members explained their vote as the roll call proceeded.

THE Senate bill, as passed that body and reported to the House Committee, was to make the salaries of the judges \$3,500. Mr. Warren sent forward an amendment changing the bill read \$3,500 instead of \$3,500.

The bill passed second reading for \$3,250 and the rules being suspended it passed third reading.

THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY—THURS., FEB. 16. (News and Observer.) SENATE—H. B. To amend chapter 393, Public Laws of 1903, making 7 1/2 per cent of ammonia cotton-seed meal standard. A fight had been made to make the standard 8 per cent, but a concession was made, and the House made the standard 7 1/2 per cent. The Senate Committee set the figure back to 8 per cent., and being referred to the committee the figure was changed back to 7 1/2 per cent., and the bill passed its final readings.

HOUSE—The bill to reduce the number of challenges of the jury in capital cases came up on its second reading. The bill reduces the number of challenges from 23 to 10, and increases the number of challenges to the State from four to ten, also repealing the law permitting the defendant to stand jurors at the foot of the panel.

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THIRTY-NINTH DAY, FRIDAY, FEB. 17. (Morning Post.) SENATE—S. B. To abolish second class railroad fares and make the maximum fare 3 cents per mile, came up with an unfavorable report of the committee. Senator Sinclair brought in a minority report and offered a substitute to make the first class fare 3 cents and the second class 2 1/2 cents. The bill upon motion of Senator Sinclair was made the special order for Thursday, February 23rd.

HOUSE—When the unfinished business, the jury bill, was taken up again at the expiration of the morning hour, Mr. Winborne sent forward an amendment providing for 15 peremptory challenges for the defendant instead of 10 as in the amended bill. Mr. Murphy of Buncombe proposed to amend to 12 peremptory challenges for the defendant. Mr. Graham accepted this. Thus the bill finally passed.

Three Good Stories. New York World. Representative Burleson, of Texas, raises what would be termed in his State a "mighty" lot of cotton. He is often-times unable to get labor to pick it. During the last cotton picking season the negroes got up a big revival meeting, and there was little work done and hundreds of pounds of cotton were being lost. Some of the best pickers "got religion" and went off to preach. One of the best hands on the place went to Mr. Burleson one morning and told him of a vision. "I see big white clouds a-rollin' aroun' an' a-tumbling an' a turnin', an' on dem clouds was de letters P. C. blazin' fire."

"Well, what of it?" Mr. Burleson asked, suspecting that the cotton-pickers had "got religion." "What do you think these letters P. C. stood for?" "They stands for Preach Christ," declared the darkey, "an means I see got to go out an preach."

"Not at all, Mose, not at all," answered Mr. Burleson. "The letters P. C. stands for Pick Cotton, and you get your sack and go out or the devil will get you sure."

"My position at present," said William Jennings Bryan to some friends at the National Hotel a day or two ago, "is that of a young man down South who was in love with a fine young woman. He proposed one night and she accepted him. After the protestations of undying affection had been made a hundred times the young man went into the night and looking up at the brilliant stars raised his arms above his head and said: 'Oh Lord, I ain't got nothing ag'in nobody.'"

When Representative Bartlett, of Georgia, was trying his first case of attorney opposed to him was browbeaten a witness. "How far were you standing from this defendant at the time?" the opposing counsel asked the witness. "Seven yards two feet and seven inches," answered the witness.

"Positive about that, are you?" insisted the lawyer. "Yes, I am positive," the witness said. "I thought some fool lawyer would ask that question and I measured it."

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Mr. Stately: I was reading the other day about Emperor William's hunting expeditions. I suppose Germany's the only place where they have wild boars. Miss Pattence Gonne (yawning): Oh, I don't know. Haven't you ever been so mad as to be positively wild, Mr. Stately?—Philadelphia Press.

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Moore County's Old Gun Factory. Moore County News. Mr. A. D. Williamson informs us that where the old Shields mill is sitting near the town of Elise, there used to be a factory for the manufacture of guns and rifles, owned and operated by David Kennedy, who settled there some time about 1790.

In 1812 he took a contract to furnish the government with 300 guns for the British war, which guns were known as "Yangers." He employed a number of skilled mechanics in his factory and manufactured a number of guns, some of which were of fancy make and sold for a good sum.

The buildings are remembered by some of the older people, the factory itself having been washed away by the big freshet of 1856. Among the mechanics employed at this factory were men whose descendants form a portion of the present settlers of that section: Bally Williamson, father of A. M. D. Williamson, Lewis Garner, John Smith, Jethro Deason and Kendrick Hussey were among the employees who helped to make these guns.

The latter, Kendrick Hussey, moved to Texas and was one of the pioneer manufacturers of guns, and we are informed introduced the process of building cotton in Texas by the old fashioned "cotton screw." He amassed a considerable fortune in Texas.

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