

The Commonwealth

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RAILROADS AND NEWSPAPERS.

The newspapers of North Carolina are known to be the faithful and persistent defenders of the people's rights.

In the proposed legislation by the General Assembly of North Carolina in matters of railroad fares and passes, there seems to be an indication that the newspapers may be discriminated against.

Heretofore, the railroads have had the privilege of making advertising contracts with newspapers, giving so much mileage transportation for so much advertising, which is legitimate and right.

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And whatever legislation may be enacted which will restrict the railroads in the issuing of free passes, should not apply to newspapers.

The newspapers and the railroads ought to be considered capable of making their own contracts; and if the railroads see proper to barter transportation for advertising space which a newspaper has for sale, there should be no hindrance against it.

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To prohibit this is to put a check upon the free law of barter in trade and commerce.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

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The first subject discussed in the message was taxation and on this it rings clear in advocating a stricter rule in listing and valuing property. It is pointed out that the assessed valuation of property in North Carolina is less than five hundred million of dollars; but the Governor makes bold to say that if "personal property were fairly given in, and really justly assessed and railroads and other corporations justly taxed" the actual value of the State's property would be a billion dollars.

As this paper has said before, if property were properly listed and assessed and the taxes closely collected there would be little or no need of public indebtedness in North Carolina; and if the suggestions on this subject in Governor Glenn's message are heeded and put into practice it will prove one of the wisest and best utterances in the able paper which he read to the General Assembly.

Other things which Governor Glenn discussed we can not review now, but we may have reference to some of them from time to time hereafter.

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DUNN-GALLOWAY.

Highland and Lowland Join Hearts and Hands in Wedding.

Under the above heading the High Point correspondent to the News and Observer January 10th, gave the following account of the marriage of one of Scotland Neck's brightest and most prosperous young men:

"The Granite City has never witnessed a prettier wedding—and surely none of greater interest to the entire community than the marriage of Miss Grace Galloway to Mr. W. Albion Dunn, of Scotland Neck, in the First Baptist church, Wednesday at high noon. The church was elaborately and tastefully decorated with palms, smilax, ferns, and various potted plants, while the color scheme of white and green was distinctively observed throughout.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina met Wednesday, January 9th. Lieutenant-Governor Francis D. Winston called the meeting to order and the House was called to order by Principal Clerk Frank D. Hackett.

OFFICERS ELECTED

In the Senate A. J. Maxwell, of Lenoir, was elected chief clerk; Robert L. Ballou, of Ashe, was elected recording clerk; L. B. Pegram, of Wake, was elected sergeant-at-arms; R. M. Staley, of Wilkes was elected assistant-door-keeper.

Other officers were announced by president of the Senate.

Mr. E. J. Justice, of Greensboro, was elected Speaker of the House. F. D. Hackett was elected Chief Clerk and F. B. Arendall was elected reading clerk.

The incident of chief interest was the discussion over the proposition that Governor Glenn read his message in person to the Senate and House together. The proposition prevailed.

SECOND DAY.

The members of the Senate and House heard together the Governor's message, which was read by Governor Glenn in person. The reading of the message consumed more than an hour; and while this was an innovation in North Carolina, Governor Glenn received generous applause during the reading and at the conclusion.

FRIDAY, JAN. 11th—THIRD DAY.

Senate—President Winston announced the appointment of a number of committees.

Senator Graham of Orange, introduced three bills which were regarded as important. One was to reduce railroad fares as follows: First class fare from 3 1/2 cents per mile to 2 1/2 cents, and second class from 2 1/2 cents per mile to 2 cents.

The third bill was in regard to free passes and free transportation. It will cut out every one from a free pass except persons in the employ of railroads.

House—Speaker Justice announced a number of committees. The most of the time was taken up considering private bills.

THURSDAY, JAN. 12th—FOURTH DAY.

Senate and House—There was nothing of great importance before either branch of the body.

MONDAY, JANUARY 14—FIFTH DAY.

Senate and House—The work in both branches was a little more definite, but nothing of special importance. The appointment of committees was finished in the House.

YES, WE SHOULD THINK OF IT.

Charlotte Observer.

People complain of the unseasonable winter, talk of being oppressed by their flannels and their outer clothing, and wish for a change of weather and a touch of winter. They should, instead, think of the beneficence of the winter to the poor, who have not had to endure its customary visitations of suffering, and of those who are above the level of pure poverty, but to whom every dollar saved from wood, coal and extra clothing is an object. To these classes God has been peculiarly good this season.

PROHIBITION IN SCOTLAND NECK.

Editor of THE COMMONWEALTH—Please allow me space to say a few words about prohibition in Scotland Neck.

There are some people here who seem to try to believe and make others believe that prohibition has ruined business in Scotland Neck. We often hear them say "this town is dead."

Mr. Editor, I cannot see how any one can say this of Scotland Neck. I ask them to go with me for a while and let us investigate. Let us go to the depot first and ask if the freight receipts are any smaller than when we had whiskey here, see if they are not very much larger.

Now let us visit the printing office, if you will let us in, Mr. Editor, and the first thing that we will notice is that you have lately put in a gasoline engine to run your presses, also increased your force, and as we stand and see the pulleys whirling and the belts flapping, and hear that little engine clicking away over there in the corner as it makes the presses roar and slam, we will not bother you with the question "Has your business improved?"

Now let us go on the street and notice the new buildings going up. And do you think the crowd is smaller than it used to be? No, but it is more orderly, and that reminds us of one business that has "gone to the bad," and that is the police business.

The policeman has very little to do now but collect the town taxes, see that the bridges are in good repair, and other like duties.

Now, we will admit that a certain class of people go to the towns near by to buy whiskey, but does that injure the business of Scotland Neck? No; for if whiskey were sold here they would only buy whiskey and drink it and become troublesome on the streets.

We hear complaint about labor being scarce. Well, we ask can you attribute that to prohibition? If so, why is it that it is equally scarce in and around Tilghry, Halifax, Weldon, and Robersonville? Even Gold Point is scarce of labor.

As to the revenue that the sale of whiskey would bring to the town, I ask my friends who want it sold here, to consider impartially the business conditions as shown above, and then ask yourselves do you want it sold here again, just for the revenue? I say NO, NO, forever NO.

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