

**THE COMMONWEALTH.**

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**Mr. Kitchin's Bill Last Before Senate Committee.**

As stated in last issue, Representative A. P. Kitchin's bill to repeal the Scotland Neck prohibition law and submit it to a vote of the people, passed the House in the General Assembly by a vote of 64 to 29.

When the bill was reported to the Senate it was referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, and after hearing the matter the committee reported it unfavorably.

The following account of the hearing before the Senate committee is taken from the News and Observer of the 22d.

The bill of Representative Kitchin of Halifax, providing that the Scotland Neck act under which it is now a prohibition town should be repealed, so as to allow an election there on the question of saloons, dispensaries and prohibition, was yesterday given an unfavorable report by the Senate Committee on Propositions and Grievances, after a long hearing in which many personal questions were discussed by the clashing forces.

The bill as first introduced in the House by Representative Kitchin and supported by him and Representative Neal, was unfavorably reported by the House Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns. Reaching the House Mr. Kitchin offered an amendment providing that the Scotland Neck prohibition act being repealed the town vote on the liquor question under the Watts and Ward laws, and the bill was re-referred to the committee, which, after numerous votes on different propositions, returned it to the House with no recommendation, though an investigation by the chairman and secretary of the committee showed nine members against and seven for the bill. As amended the bill passed the House, was sent to the Senate and yesterday received an unfavorable report from the Senate Committee.

Ten young ladies were present at the hearing, which attracted a large crowd.

"Speaking for the bill and urging a favorable report were Representative Neal and Representative Kitchin, while in opposition there was a speech by Dr. R. T. Vann, president of the Baptist University for Women, and a statement made in three or four minutes by Rev. G. T. Lumpkin, pastor of the Baptist church at Scotland Neck. The arguments were those as heretofore reported, except there were additional details as to the actions of various parties engaged in the controversy.

**REPRESENTATIVE NEAL'S POSITION.**

Representative Neal spoke first for about ten minutes, and stated that in the matter he was acting as he had told the people he would, being guided in his course by the wishes of the majority of the voters of Scotland Neck in their petition, and that if the prohibition forces had a majority why did they object to an election to settle the matter, as one could be held peaceably in Scotland Neck.

**DR. VANN OPPOSES THE BILL.**

Dr. R. T. Vann spoke for forty-five minutes, and rehearsed all the events leading up to the present status in Scotland Neck as he understood it, urging that the bill be acted on as to its merits and as to its true value. He declared the majority of the people of Scotland Neck wanted no election because of bitterness and trouble which would come, and would prefer to have the question of liquor or prohibition settled by the Legislature. He contended that on the information given him the petition for no change in the law as to Scotland Neck had a majority and even with a few votes difference no change should be made in existing conditions unless strong reasons for this could be shown. He held that events had so shaped themselves that Mr. Kitchin should withdraw his bill, as he believed Mr. Kitchin had agreed to in his consent to join the issues with a committee. In closing he made an eloquent plea against the bill.

**REPRESENTATIVE KITCHIN FOR IT.**

"Representative Kitchin, who was ill and who stated that he was under the influence of medicine, defended his bill and spoke vigorously for it for an hour and five minutes. He made an exhaustive review of the whole contention, saying that he was guided by the wishes of a clear majority of the petitioners and that he believed in majority rule, and only asked for what was right and proper, that the people of Scotland Neck be allowed to vote on the question. He stated that he had disregarded no agreement or promise that he had made, and detailed the circumstances as to various matters involved, declaring that Scotland Neck could quietly and without bloodshed vote on the question, which now involved a factional fight in Scotland Neck. He held that prohibition was not prohibitory in Scotland Neck, and told of blind tigers, one having come under his own observation. His contention, except as to personal difference in the matter of events, was that the people asking for a repeal of the Scotland Neck law had a majority, and as such were entitled to have the bill passed, and that as a Representative from Halifax, he spoke for only what was due the majority, and for this reason urged

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a favorable report, that if he did not represent the majority he would withdraw the bill, and that he had only given the true facts to the committee.

**REV. G. T. LUMPKIN AGAINST.**

"The committee was ready to adjourn for a later hearing, but at the urgent request of Rev. G. T. Lumpkin gave him three minutes. He declared the prohibitionist petitioners were in the majority and that he had the papers and affidavits to show it, and that also 155 had petitioned against any election on the question. Declaring that the majority of the petitioners opposed the bill he asked for an unfavorable report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS UNFAVORABLY.**

"The committee went into executive session, and after some five or ten minutes chairman Long announced that the bill had been ordered reported unfavorably, with an agreement not to give out the number of votes for and against, stating, however, that eight votes were cast."

**The Legislature.**

Tuesday, Feb. 19—35th Day.

SENATE—A special message was received from the Governor favoring the establishment of a Training School in Eastern Carolina. He also asked that whatever could be done for Ashe and Alleghany counties ought to be done to encourage them in an industrial way as they are without railroads. He asked also that encouragement be given for immigration to the State.

HOUSE—Most of the morning hours of the House was given to the bill to repeal the prohibition law for Scotland Neck, submitting the liquor question to a vote of the people. After a long and heated discussion the bill passed by a vote of 64 to 29.

Wednesday, Feb. 20—36th Day.

SENATE—Bill passed final reading to allow Martin county to elect two additional county commissioners. A so bill passed final reading to regulate killing squirrels in Edgecombe county.

The joint resolution by Mr. Buxton to place a statue of Zebulon Baird Vance in Statuary Hall at Washington, passed.

Senator Daniel introduced a bill to incorporate Roanoke Rapids and Weldon Electric Company.

There was a long discussion over the railroad rate bill, and the Senate adjourned without reaching a vote.

HOUSE—many local matters were considered in the House, which held morning and evening session. Among the bills which passed final reading was one to appoint Justices of the Peace for Enfield township in Halifax county.

Wednesday, Feb. 21—37th Day.

SENATE—Senator Daniel introduced a bill to allow travelling expenses to the Governor. The session of the Senate was for the most part taken up in discussing the railway rate bill.

HOUSE—Mr. Kitchin introduced a bill to protect dogs in Halifax county. At the night session bill passed providing a charter for the town of Kelford.

Bill passed final reading to protect dogs listed for taxation in Halifax county.

The immigration bill was discussed at length and finally passed its third reading.

Major J. B. Neal, speaking in favor of the bill, was reported by the News and Observer:

"Major Neal of Halifax, said his county needs more labor, and thousands of acres of land in Northampton, Halifax and surrounding counties are going to waste because of the lack of laborers. He received applause from the galleries when he denounced the negro as a laborer, declaring him to be worthless and he applied such epithets to the work of negroes as "pure cussedness," and declared if it had not been for negroes he would still be on his farm."

Friday, Feb. 22—38th Day.

SENATE—Bills passed final reading: To amend the charter of Littleton; to allow Rocky Mount to issue bonds for street improvement.

Senator Daniel introduced a bill to amend the road law for Halifax county.

After considerable discussion of the railroad rate bill it passed its second and third reading and was ordered engrossed.

HOUSE—Before the House was the bill of Mr. Dilling of Gaston, for compulsory education. There was considerable discussion of the bill. Among those who spoke for the bill was representative A. P. Kitchin of Halifax.

Mr. Blount of Washington, speaking of an amendment that certain counties be exempt unless allowed to vote on it, said that the amendment would kill the bill.

Mr. Kitchin, Representative from Halifax, favored the bill in the following remarks, taken from the News and Observer:

"Mr. Kitchin said the position taken by Mr. Blount showed that many of us needed educating in the fundamental principles of Democracy. One of them was the right of the people to vote. The principle of enacting law upon petition, and creating a local legislative body of boards of education, who were not themselves elected by the people, was going entirely too far."

The bill to establish the State reformatory was discussed at the night session and passed second and third reading.

Major J. B. Neal, Representative from Halifax, favored the bill in the following remarks, reported by the News and Observer:

"Major Neal made a strong appeal for the erring youth of the State, and denounced the disparaging remarks of the opponents of the bill, saying he could well afford to let the women have the responsibility imposed upon them in this bill, for the greater glory of the South in the civil war was due to the women of the South. He could not see how any Representative could vote against the bill."

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Saturday, Feb. 23—39th Day.

SENATE—Among bills passed by the Senate was one to establish a dispensary in Colerain, Bertie county.

There was a spirited discussion of the bill relating to married women and contracts, providing that married women may make contracts in the same manner and to the same extent as if they were not married.

On vote the bill was defeated by vote of 20 to 16.

Senators Daniel, Aycock and Webb were appointed a conference committee to meet a similar committee from the House to confer on the railway rate bill.

A bill passed final reading to protect dogs that have been listed as property in Halifax county.

HOUSE—Representative Kitchin introduced a bill relative to the enticing of servants.

The bill to separate the Board of trustees of the A. & M. College from the Board of Agriculture passed final reading.

The House held night session and at one time there being a quorum the sergeant-at-arms was instructed to go out and summons ten members to come in.

Monday, Feb. 25—40th Day.

SENATE—Amongst the important bills passed final reading was one to establish a graded school in Windsor.

To incorporate Weldon and Roanoke Rapids Railway Company.

Senator Graham of Orange county, at 12 o'clock arose to a matter of personal privilege and declared that the President of the Senate in appointing a conference committee on the railroad rate bill had offered gross insult to the Senate. Mr. Graham's remarks were warm and somewhat extended.

The bill relating to the A. & M. College passed final reading. This bill provides that the appropriation which shall hereafter be made by Congress for agricultural colleges in North Carolina, be divided between the white and colored agricultural colleges, according to their ratio of population, and making the A. & M. College, at Raleigh, a body corporate in politics. It puts the management and control of the college in the hands of sixteen members, to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, and the Governor to be chairman ex-officio of this board. This act repeals the old act providing for a board of directors, which makes the Board of Agriculture the board of directors of the A. & M. College, and this bill re-charter the A. & M. College, and divores it from the Board of Agriculture.

HOUSE—Considerable time was taken up in considering the revenue bill.

A bill passed third reading authorizing the Corporation Commission to direct railroads to build union depots in towns of 2,000 inhabitants.

At a night session mostly local matters were considered.

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**Death of Mr. T. H. Gatlin.**

A special from Tarboro to Sunday's News and Observer under date of Feb. 23, said:

Capt. Thomas H. Gatlin, who for several days has been lingering with a severe attack of paralysis, died here this morning at his home, at 8 o'clock, in the 73rd year of his age. He was one of the town's oldest and most prominent citizens. For many years he was engaged in the mercantile business. He leaves a widow, one son, T. H. Gatlin, and one daughter, Miss Julia Gatlin. The funeral services will be held in the Methodist church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. The remains will be taken to Rocky Mount for interment.

Mr. Gatlin had a number of warm friends in Scotland Neck who esteemed him highly and who will be pained to learn of his death. He was indeed a courtly gentleman and his hearty hand-grasp was always helpful.

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Tarboro, (Eld. G. M. Corbett's Home) Feb. 15.  
Speed, Feb. 18.  
Hobgood, Feb. 19.  
Scotland Neck, (Brick Hotel) Feb. 20.  
Tillery, Feb. 21.  
Halifax, Feb. 22.  
Weldon, (A. C. L. Hotel) Feb. 26, 27.  
Rosemary, Feb. 28.  
Roanoke Rapids, Mar. 1, 2.  
Enfield, Mar. 5, 6.  
Whitakers, Mar. 7.  
Battleboro, Mar. 8.

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