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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

A Summary of Legislative Proceedings During the Past Week.

SENATE.

Saturday, January 23rd—Owing to the absence of more than half its members, the Senate held no session. Only twenty-five members were in their seats, whereas, twenty-six are required for a quorum.

HOUSE.

Mr. Harshaw's joint resolution for adjournment of both Houses Feb. 20th, of which he gave notice yesterday, was taken up immediately after the Regular order had been disposed of in the lower branch and upon its reading a motion by Mr. Morton to refer this bill to the Committee on Rules was carried.

A bill was introduced by Representative Conner to provide for equipment and maintenance of the East Carolina Training Schools.

SENATE.

Monday, January 25th—In the Senate Mr. Blow introduced a bill carrying an appropriation of \$50,000 for the completion and equipment, and an appropriation of \$25,000 per year for maintenance, of the East Carolina Training School. The bill embodies the recommendation of the executive committee of the school, composed of ex-Governor T. J. Jarvis, State Superintendent J. J. Joyner and State Senator Y. T. Ormond.

HOUSE.

In the House yesterday Mr. Morton, of New Hanover, introduced a bill to allow local option in his county, repealing the State prohibition law so far as it relates to New Hanover. The introduction of the bill did not come as a surprise as it had been understood that Mr. Morton would present the matter to the Legislature. It was referred to the Committee on Regulation of the Liquor Traffic, which is composed of Mr. Rodwell, chairman, and Messrs. Burlington, Julian, Morton Albritton, Bowie, Myatt, Gaston, Dowd, Latham, Hanes, Pitt, Freeman and Livingston.

A petition was presented by Koonce from citizens of Onslow county, White Oak Township, asking that the prohibition law be so amended as to allow the farmers to sell wine of their own make in quantities of one quart or less.

Representative Kitchin introduced a bill to repeal the laws of 1903-'05, relative to posting certain lands and waters in Halifax county.

A resolution was introduced by Grant to declare vacant the seat of E. T. Scarborough, a representative from Wake county.

(Resolution cites that the Constitution forbids the holding by any one person two offices of trust or profit, to be eligible to a seat in the Legislature, or any one holding a position of trust or profit as an officer of the United States, and that E. T. Scarborough, now a Representative, is postoffice at Eagle Rock, Wake county, is ineligible to a seat.) Referred to Committee on Federal Relations.

SENATE.

Tuesday, January 26th—A message was received from the Governor transmitting the report and recommendations of the State Insurance Commissioner. The report stated that the amount of revenue to the State from this department is now \$225,000 per annum, and that it increases from \$10,000 to \$12,000 each year. The collections for the fiscal year will amount to more than \$230,000.

The Senate enjoyed its first real debate, the discussion being on the bill by Mr. Empie to prevent the sale of quail within the State of North Carolina for a period of two years.

Mr. Burton offered an amendment providing that no one except the owner or lessee of the land shall be allowed to kill more than fifty quail in any one year.

Mr. Godwin offered an amendment to prevent the killing of quail within two years in the State of North Carolina.

Mr. Dockery introduced a bill to give the people power to name their candidates for office. (State Primary Law.)

HOUSE.

A petition was presented by Mr. Kitchin from the citizens of Halifax for amendment of game laws.

A bill was introduced by Mr. Cox, of Wake, to give the power to name their candidates for office.

SENATE.

Wednesday, January 27th—The Senate passed the bill to allow the Superior Court Judges \$100.00 per week extra compensation for holding special terms of Court.

LIFE.

The following composite poem is taken from The Scrap Book. It is a mosaic of quotations, as will be seen, including lines from Shakespeare, Milton, Dryden, and many other poets.

Why all this toil for triumphs of an hour? Life's a short summer—man is but a flower. By turns we catch the fatal breath and die; The cradle and the tomb, atlas, how high! To be is better far than not to be. Though all man's life may seem a tragedy; But light cares speak when mighty griefs are dumb, The bottom is but shallow whence they come. Thy fate is the common fate of all; Unmingled joys no man befall; Nature to each allots his proper share; Fortune makes folly her peculiar care; Custom does not reason overrule, And throw a cruel sunshine on a fool. Live well; how long or short permit to heaven. They who forgive most shall be most forgiven. Sin may be clasped so close we cannot see its face, Vile intercourse where virtue has no place; Then keep each passion down, however dear, Thou pendulum betwixt a smile and tear! Her sensual snares let faithless Pleasure lay, With craft and skill to ruin and betray; Soar not too high to fall, but stoop to rise; We masters grow of all that we despise; Oh, then, renounce that impious self-esteem; Riches have wings and grandeur is a dream. Think not ambition wise because 'tis brave, The paths of glory lead but to the grave; What is ambition? 'Tis a glorious cheat, Only destructive to the brave and great. What's all the gaudy glitter of a crown? The way to bliss lies not on beds of down. How long we live, not years, but actions tell; That man lives twice who lives the first life well. Make, then, while ye may, your God your friend, Whom Christians worship, yet not comprehend. The trust that's given guard, and to yourself be just, For live we how we may, yet die we must.

- Young. —Dr. Johnson. —Pope. —Prior. —Sewell. —Spencer. —Daniel. —Raleigh. —Longfellow. —Southwell. —Congreve. —Churchill. —Rochester. —Armstrong. —Milton. —Bailey. —French. —Somerville. —Thompson. —Byron. —Smollett. —Crabbe. —Massinger. —Crowley. —Beattie. —Cowper. —Davenant. —Gray. —Willis. —Addison. —Dryden. —Quarles. —Watkins. —Herriek. —William Mason. —Hill. —Dana. —Shakespeare.

Ten Business Commandments.

The Senate bill to amend chapter 40, of section 1872 of the Revisal, in reference to hunting, providing that the non-resident child or parent of a resident of this State, shall be allowed to hunt on the lands of the resident if accompanied by the owner or passed its final reading and was ordered sent to the House.

The Senate Committee will report the Solicitors' bill favorably.

HOUSE.

The House of Representatives, which passed Tuesday, on its second reading, the bill to fix the salary of solicitors at \$2,500, much to the surprise of many, failed to pass the bill on its final reading. This does not mean that the bill is dead, however, as the Senate Judiciary Committee will recommend to the Senate the passage of the Blow-Ormond bill, which fixes the solicitors' salaries at \$2,500 each.

The bill to amend the charter of Scotland Neck, so as to include more territory on its Eastern limits, passed its final reading.

SENATE.

Thursday, January 28th—The bill to promote the draining of wet, swamp and overflowed lands, passed its second reading. There are a few amendments to this bill that will be considered, but no fear is entertained as to its successful adoption. The bill provides for leveling, ditching and draining of such lands, the establishment of drainage districts, and for the assessment and collection of the cost of the work of reclaiming wet, swamp and overflowed lands.

The Empie bill to prevent the selling of quail or grouse within the State for a period of two years passed its second reading, after several amendments had been defeated.

Mr. Peele offered an amendment providing that no person shall kill more than fifteen quail in one day and the possession of more than fifteen dead quail shall be prima facie evidence of the possessor thereof having violated this act.

Mr. Spence objected to the third reading of the bill and with the Peele amendment it went over till today.

The bill to increase the salary of the State Librarian from \$600 to \$900 passed its final reading.

HOUSE.

The House amended the Senate bill fixing the salary of the Commissioner of Labor and Printing at \$2,500 by reducing it to \$2,000, an increase of \$500 per annum over the present compensation of that State officer. The bill will now go to the Senate for concurrence in the House amendment.

A petition was presented from citizens of Onslow asking that James Saunders, colored, be placed on the pension roll.

This is the first application ever filed to place a negro on the Confederate pension roll. This man is 77 years old and went through the entire four years of the Civil War.

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Encouraging.

The Sutor: Johnny, your parlor clock is an hour fast. The Kid Brother: I know it, but don't tell sister. The Sutor: Why not? The Kid Brother: Because she thinks you don't know it.—Cleveland Leader.

Washington once Gave up

to three doctors; was kept in bed for five weeks. Blood poison from a spider's bite caused large, deep sores to cover his leg. The doctors failed, then "Bucklen's Arnica Salve completely cured me," writes John Washington, of Bosqueville, Tex. For eczema, boils, burns and piles its supreme. 25c. at E. T. Whitehead Company's.

MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

What is Transpiring in North Carolina and Other States.

The Supreme Court of the United States has rendered a decision which affirmed the action of Texas in imposing a heavy fine on the Texas branch of the Standard Oil trust, and appointing a receiver for that trust. This decision is one of far-reaching importance and value, holding, as it does, that it is the power of the State to deal with the trust evil.

Another decision of paramount importance was also rendered in the Supreme Court of the United States in regard to the New York 80-cent gas case. The decision of the Court holds that the 80-cent law was all right if it left the gas company six per cent profit, thus holding that a State can fix the rate a public corporation shall charge, which rate must be accepted so long as six per cent can be earned on actual value.

In North Carolina, the seven crops of corn, wheat, hay, tobacco, oats, Irish potatoes and rye, had a value in 1908 of \$68,259,900. The quantity produced from each of these crops, and the value obtained therefor was as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Crops, Bushels, Amt., Obt. Corn: 50,166,000, \$39,631,000. Wheat: 5,680,000, 6,078,000. Oats: 3,300,000, 2,079,000. Potatoes: 1,975,000, 1,521,000. Rye: 125,000, 122,000.

The tobacco crop amounted to 134,600,000, whose value was \$14,070,000, the hay crop amounted to 262,000 tons, valued at \$3,537,000.

There was a notable increase in the corn, wheat and potato crops of 1908 over those of 1907.

The legislative committee that was appointed by the General Assembly of 1907, has examined the offices of the State Treasurer, State Auditor and Insurance Commissioner and has completed its work and transmitted its report to the General Assembly. The committee criticised severely a number of conditions in the different departments, especially in the department of insurance. In the investigation of this department, an expert accountant was called in, with the result that the report shows that no cash book had been kept or accurate records of receipts and disbursements or balances on hand at any time during period of investigation, running back to December, 1906. The report declares that while the investigation disclosed no dishonesty the system of book-keeping is inadequate, does not properly represent accounts, and urges that a set of double entry books be installed.

The committee excepts to a large number of vouchers approved by the Council of State and paid by the Treasurer under statutes that have no application to claims audited. One is monthly vouchers for servant hire at the Governor's mansion, \$30 a month payment, since 1885, being made under an act that merely provided for house rent during the time the present mansion was incomplete. No objection is made to the State paying the servant hire but the act of paying without authority is condemned.

For the last few days President Roosevelt has been in communication with the Governor of California, and has brought all his influence to bear to prevent the California legislature from passing bills designed to prevent the Japanese holding land and being directors in corporations, and for the purpose of segregating their children in the public schools. The President believes that such legislation is unwise, and will revive the hostility of a year or two ago that existed between the United States and Japan.

The North Carolina Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis held its convention in Charlotte last week, January 26th. The doctors entered with zeal and earnestness into the discussion of tuberculosis, and were heartily in favor of waging a vigorous war against the "great white plague." It was brought out in the discussion that about five hundred and fifty-eight people die daily of this disease in the United States, and that North Carolina shares only too fully in the proportion.

The "North Carolina Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis" does not consist entirely of doctors; many of the citizens of the State go to make up its membership. Wonderful and beneficial results can be obtained, and much good wrought, if the people of our State will band themselves together, and exert intelligent and united efforts to forestall this dread disease.

Advertisement for ROYAL Baking Powder. Includes text: 'GRAPES, from their most healthful properties, give ROYAL its active and principal ingredient. ROYAL Baking Powder Absolutely Pure. It is economy to use Royal Baking Powder. It saves labor, health and money. Where the best food is required no other baking powder or leavening agent can take the place or do the work of Royal Baking Powder.'

Nobility. True worth is being, not seeming. In doing each day that goes by Some little good, not in the dreaming Of great things to do by and by. For whatever men say in blindness And spite of the fancies of youth, There's nothing so kingly as kindness And nothing so royal as truth. We get back our mete as we measure— We cannot do wrong and feel right, Nor can we give pain and feel pleasure, For justice avenges each slight. The air for the wing of the sparrow, The bush for the robin and wren, But always the path that is narrow And straight for the children of men. 'Tis not in the pages of story The heart of its ills to beguile, Though he who makes courtship to glory Gives all that he hath for her smile, For when from her heights he has won her Alas, it is only to prove That nothing's so sacred as honor And nothing so loyal as love! We cannot make bargains for blisses, Nor catch them, like fishes, in nets, And sometimes the thing our life misses Helps more than the thing which it gets, For good lieth not in pursuing, Nor gaining of great nor of small, But just in the doing, and doing As we would be done by, is all. Through envy, through malice, through hating— Against the world, early and late, No jot of our courage abating— Our part is to work and to wait. And slight is the sting of his trouble Whose winnings are less than his worth. For he who is honest is noble, Whatever his fortunes or birth. —Alice Carey.

HOW DREAMS COME TRUE. Work That is Unselfish Brings Fullest Realization. You have your dream. No doubt you would like to live in a castle and wear fine clothes and be a lady or gentleman of great significance. There is only one way to achieve this. Help the world to make some of its other dreams, which are not so very different from your own, come true, and it will help you to realize yours. Every dream, you know, has work behind it for some one. If you want a castle, some one has to build it. If you want a dress, some one has to weave it. Therefore your way is to work for some one else in the best way you can, and in turn some one else will work for you. You will be paid. And out of your pay, if your work is good, all the things which you desire, the dreams that you want to come true, will come true. Mind you, the world rarely gives us exactly what we want. And, also, we rarely want what we thought we wanted, after we have it. Nevertheless, the dreams of the world, such as they are—your dreams and mine—are really achievable, and the regular shops and factories and trades and professions, which are all about us, show us the way. Work is the answer—giving the world what it wants by sowing, reaping, manufacturing, distributing. Get in on that, showing what you can do to make dreams come true, and the world will quickly respond and your own will become a reality.—The De-linerator.

Soldier Balks Death Plot. It seemed to J. A. Stone, a civil war veteran of Kemp, Tex., that a plot existed between a desperate lung trouble and the grave to cause his death. "I contracted a stubborn cold," he writes, "that developed a cough that stuck to me, in spite of all remedies, for years. My weight run down to 130 pounds. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery, which restored my health completely. I now weigh 178 pounds." For severe Colds, obstinate Coughs, Hemorrhages, Asthma and to prevent Pneumonia it's unrivaled. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by E. T. Whitehead Company.

Happy Schooldays. Tommy was about to leave the school where he had spent his first year. He went to the teacher to say goodby and added: "I am awfully sorry to leave this school, I had such good times at recess."—Lippincott's.

Advertisement for Virginia-Carolina Fertilizers. Text: 'Making More Money Out of Cotton Crops is merely a question of using enough of the right kind of fertilizers. Virginia-Carolina Fertilizers are the right kind. The cotton plant cannot feed on barren land. Study your soil. Find out what it lacks. Then apply the necessary fertilization and the results will surprise you. See what Mr. W. C. Hays of Smith Station, Ala., did. He says: "I planted about 30 acres of some "gray sandy land" that had been in cultivation for over 20 years, and used 300 pounds of Virginia-Carolina Fertilizer per acre, and I expect to gather 50 bales from the 30 acres." This is why we say it is the right kind. We have hundreds of letters like this, and even stronger, in praise of Virginia-Carolina Fertilizer for cotton. Get a copy of the new 1909 Virginia-Carolina Farmers' Year Book from your fertilizer dealer, or write our nearest sales office and a copy will be sent you free. It contains pictures of the capitals of all the Southern States. Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co. Sales Offices: Richmond, Va., Norfolk, Va., Columbia, S. C., Atlanta, Ga., Savannah, Ga., Memphis, Tenn. Sales Offices: Durham, N. C., Charleston, S. C., Baltimore, Md., Columbia, Ga., Montgomery, Ala., Shreveport, La.'