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It is now Governor Dix of New York.

Trinity College suffered a serious loss one night last week when the Duke building and a lot of valuable books and records were destroyed by fire.

We congratulate both the legislature and Hon. W. C. Dowd, representative from Mecklenburg county, upon his election to the high position of Speaker of the House of Representatives. The honor is well merited and deserving.

The message of Governor W. W. Kitchin to the Legislature last week has been well received from every quarter throughout the State. He handles the various subjects in a high and dignified manner and every sentence shows the honesty of the man. The message was especially strong on the subject of education and prohibition. We would like to publish the entire document but cannot do so on account of its length. We are publishing a few extracts from the message in another column.

THE LEGISLATURE IN SESSION.

Senator Pharr is President Protem.
Dowd Speaker of the House.
Other Officers.

The general assembly of North Carolina met in the Capitol at Raleigh at noon on Thursday, Jan. 4th. The principal officers for both branches of the legislature are as follows:

In the senate caucus Senator L. V. Bassett, of Edgecombe, was caucus chairman, and the following officers nominated:

President protem—H. N. Pharr, of Mecklenburg.

Principal clerk—R. O. Self, of Jackson.

Reading clerk—Mark Squires, of Caldwell.

Engrossing clerk—W. E. Hooks, of Wayne.

Sergeant-at-arms—R. M. Staley, of Wilkes.

Assistant sergeant—W. G. Hall, of Cumberland.

In the house caucus Representative H. W. Stubbs, of Martin was made chairman of the caucus, and the following officers were nominated:

Speaker—W. C. Dowd, of Mecklenburg.

Principal clerk—T. G. Cobb, of Burke.

Reading clerk—D. Scott Poole, of Cumberland.

Engrossing clerk—M. D. Kinsland, of Haywood.

Sergeant-at-arms—L. G. Kilpatrick, of Lenoir.

Assistant sergeant—D. H. James, of Halifax.

For the speaker and principal clerk there was no opposition and these nominations were made by acclamation.

For assistant sergeant-at-arms there were eight candidates, but D. H. James, of Halifax, formerly of Pitt, won on the first ballot. He has held this position through several terms.

Memphis Lady Writes.

Memphis, Tenn.—Mrs. D. Looney, of Memphis, writes: "I suffered misery for nearly eight years. Since taking Cardui I am much stronger, and I haven't missed a single meal. I hardly know how to express my gratitude." Don't worry about your symptoms—Cardui goes deeper down. What you need is strength. Strength will enable you to throw off female troubles and will prevent the headache, backache, dizziness and other symptoms that you now suffer from. Cardui helps you get it.

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Senator Stephen B. Elkins, of West Virginia, is dead. He had been ill since early summer and the end had been expected for several weeks.

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MESSAGE TO THE LEGISLATURE.

Gov. W. W. Kitchin Writes his Views on Public Matters. Strong on Prohibition and Education.

We take the following extracts from Governor Kitchin's message to the legislature from the Raleigh correspondence to the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot. The correspondent says:

FEATURES OF MESSAGE.

The reading of the message of Governor Kitchin was the overshadowing feature of the General Assembly for this the second day of the session. It deals forcefully with a great variety of matters of the greatest public interest.

As to anti-trust legislation he recommends the enlargement of the scope of the present law, making acts intended to destroy competition and create monopoly criminal by adding certain other sub-sections to section 1 of chapter 216, acts of 1907, and says experience suggests the necessity of amending in other respects to render it more effective. He fears ill-advised declarations that the present law is ineffective have discovered efforts to enforce it. Yet the law is forceful and enforceable, but there should be inducements provided to directly encourage prosecution under it. He would have an amendment that will include rates and tolls, such as express and telephone tolls.

He recommends amendments to sub-sections "e" and "f" that will strengthen them in conformity with the two most important sections of the Federal anti-trust law. He recommends that the use of coupons in packages be prohibited; that independent concerns be given preference in purchasing supplies for the State institutions, and that the Governor be empowered to employ counsel to aid the solicitors in prosecutions under the anti-trust law.

He recommends, too, that 40 per cent of the fines collected through any prosecution be paid to the solicitor, special counsel and private prosecutors, in such proportion as the trial judge may decree. Also the private prosecutors may recover \$100 per day for violations of the anti-trust law, and that any person or corporation damaged by trust methods recover three times actual damages.

Concerning water power, he says many water power plants are becoming the property of syndicates that are selling the public power and lights. He wants these placed under the jurisdiction of the corporation commission for regulation, as railroads are.

INVESTIGATE FIRE INSURANCE RATES.

Treating fire insurance the Governor recommends that the General Assembly appoint at once a special committee with power that is ample for thoroughly investigating the question of rates and insurance combinations as applied in this and other States to the end that there may be proper remedial legislation for evils in this State. He recommends the prohibition of any compact tending to destroy competition or put or keep up rates or put down and keep down compensation to agents; that no company be allowed to do business in this State that does not pledge to not charge higher rates in this State than are charged elsewhere under similar conditions; that the co-insurance clause be optional with insurer and that rates with and without such clause be furnished; that in insuring building a value be fixed that shall apply in case of loss with burden on insurance company to prove depreciation; that schedules of rates be filed by all companies admitted to do business in the State; that the insurance commissioner be given power to revoke licenses for unfair dealing with the public, with appeal to the courts.

As to the railroad mileage he recommends that railroad passenger fares be made 2 cents where the 2 1/2 cent rate applies and that there be proper provision that all railroad companies whose mileage books with interchangeable mileage are sold at the present mileage book rates and pulled on the trains as they were four years ago and for whose coupons no tickets are required prior to taking the train shall be permitted to charge not exceeding the present rates or fares for tickets sold at the ticket offices.

PROHIBITION.

Prohibition has now been in force throughout the state for two years. This is a short period with which to measure the effects of a reform movement. We have done little more than planted the seed whose full fruition will be gathered by coming generations. And yet already the results fully justify its adoption. There has been, as appears from the attorney general's report, based upon superior court statistics, a marked diminution in crime, even in the case of violating the prohibition law. Business has experienced increased rather than diminished prosperity. Morality, industry and frugality have increased, and politics and government have been to a great extent relieved of one of their most corrupting influences.

The greatest hindrance to its enforcement, except the interstate commerce clause of the Federal constitution, is probably the licensing of persons to sell near beer, and similar beverages. Evilly disposed persons use such license as a cloak to aid them in violating the prohibition law; and they quite frequently obtain a Federal license to sell intoxicating liquors. I recommend that the near beer saloons be prohibited. In case you permit the continuance of near beer licenses then you should provide that the holding of Federal license to sell intoxicants shall forfeit the near beer license.

DRAINAGE AND GOOD ROADS.

Treating drainage and roads he recommends an increase in the appropriation for the State Geological Survey to \$12,000 and an additional \$20,000 be appropriated for the better promotion of good roads under the direction of a Good Roads Commission the creation of which he ad-

vocates; that a central highway from Morehead to Marshall be encouraged by authorizing each county to appropriate \$50 per mile for sections of this road within its borders; a general law authorizing any county to vote road bonds.

The successful operation of the State's prison is reviewed and recommends that \$5,000 be appropriated for death calls for prisoners awaiting electrocution and a refund of \$50 to the prison for extra cost of provisions already made.

He reviews the operation of the prison in railroad grading on the Mattamuskeet, the Elkin and Alleghany and Statesville Air Line. He recommends that the States stock in the Wilkesboro-Jefferson Turnpike be given to the counties on condition that they maintain the road.

SUPPORT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

He urges the most liberal support and extension of the State's educational institutions and argues at length that in doing this no injustice can be done to the denominational colleges.

He recommends an adequate fire-proof State building of needed proportions; a western North Carolina teacher training school beyond the mountains; provisions for custodial schools for embeccle and idiotic children and urges at length that there is ample justifiable necessity for bond issues needed for providing these and other State necessities, declaring that with urgent necessity at hand and expenditure devoid of graft and extravagance, the State should not shrink from borrowing and a grave, intelligent, progressive and patriotic people will approve it.

The Governor recommends a properly safeguarded primary election law, one that will provide for the nomination of all State and district officers, Representatives and Senators in Congress, to be held on the same day for all parties by the same officers at the State expense.

He urges a constitutional amendment prohibiting the General Assembly from granting corporate power by special act except to charitable, penal, educational, reformatory and such like that will remain under the control of the State, cutting out of the legislation by the General Assembly a long list of minor legislation that now flood and overruns the calendars of the two legislative branches; an amendment conferring veto power on the governor, and amending section 13 article 7, so striking out "Rebellion" and inserting "The Confederacy in the war between the States."

FEDERAL AMENDMENT APPROVED.

The ratification of the proposed amendment to the Federal Constitution providing a Federal income tax is recommended. He asks that the governor be authorized to pay \$200 per year toward maintenance of the National Conference of Governors; that the governor's salary be fixed at \$6,000; that the State be re-districted and two circuits. The Constitution should be amended to increase the number of Supreme Court judges. Increase directorate of State School for Deaf from seven to nine; that trustees of the Tuberculosis Sanitarium be appointed by the governor; that child labor under 14 in factories be prohibited; that a weeks work be 60 instead of 66 after January 1, 1912; that county prisoners be allowed five days commutation for each month's good behavior; the adoption of the Torrens system; the establishment of farm life schools; that the number of peremptory challenges allowed prisoners in capital cases be reduced; that the legislative investigating committee be empowered to employ expert accountants.

Treating appropriations the governor calls attention to the \$300,000 shortage in the State treasury and urges that the council of State be empowered to borrow whatever money may be necessary to meet appropriations and avoid possible serious financial embarrassment for the State. More money is needed he says. And he suggests steps to insure the listing of property at more nearly its real value. He estimates the real value of property in the State at \$1,000,000,000, and still, he says, the tax valuation is only \$300,000,000.

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Notice of Land Sale!
By virtue of power vested in me by a certain deed of trust executed to me by D. M. Prince which is duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax, North Carolina, in Book 184, at Page 545, I will on the 2nd day of February, 1911, sell for cash, at Public Auction, to the highest bidder, in the town of Scotland Neck, N. C. at 12 o'clock M., the following described Real Estate: That lot or parcel of land in Halifax County, North Carolina, town of Scotland Neck, beginning at a point on west side of Main street, of said town, according to the map of said town, to which reference is made, at S. B. Kitchin's corner, thence down Main street in a southerly direction 100 feet, thence at right angles a straight line in a westerly direction to Mrs. M. E. Gray's line, thence in a northerly direction along Mrs. M. E. Gray's line to the southwest corner of S. B. Kitchin's lot, thence in an easterly direction along S. B. Kitchin's line to the beginning, being same land conveyed to said D. M. Prince by Mrs. M. F. Kitchin. This the 2nd day of January 1911.
STUART SMITH, Trustee.

Notice--Sale.
By virtue of the power vested in me by a certain mortgage executed to me by Jas. I. James and his wife, Cora E. James, which is recorded in Book 198, on Page 99, in the Register of Deeds' office of Halifax county, I will on the 6th day of February, 1911, in the town of Scotland Neck, N. C., sell at Public Auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the following property, to-wit: That lot which was conveyed to said James Isaac James by Lina Hill by deed, beginning at a stake on 13th street 150 feet from the centre to town ditch looking east, and 50 feet from the southeast corner of the lot whereon Herbert Arrington now resides, on Block 68, according to the map of said town; thence along 13th street in an easterly direction towards Greenwood street 50 feet; thence at right angles to 13th street and parallel with Roanoke street 200 feet; thence in a straight line in a westerly direction and parallel with 13th street 50 feet towards Roanoke street; thence at right angles to the last mentioned line in a southerly direction 250 feet to 13th street the beginning.
J. R. ASKEW, Mortgagee.
J. B. EDWARDS, Assignee.
A. Paul Kitchin, Attorney.

Notice Sale of Land.
By virtue of power vested in me by the laws of North Carolina as executor of the late W. A. Dunn, Trustee in that Deed of Trust, executed and delivered by S. W. Morrisett and wife to the said Dunn on the 28th day of December, 1894, and duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax County in Book 106 at page 557, and by virtue of said deed, I shall sell for cash to the highest bidder at public auction in the town of Scotland Neck on the 4th day of February, 1911, at 12 o'clock noon, the following described parcel of real estate, lying, being, and situated in the Town of Scotland Neck, County of Halifax in the State of North Carolina, to-wit:
That lot in Scotland Neck sold to said Morrisett by Miss Annie Robertson, bounded by the lands of W. A. Dunn, F. W. Gregory, the place where J. S. Bowers formerly lived and by Main street, and being 50 by 180 feet of lot No. 6 on Block 47, according to the map of said town, and being the property known as Morrisett's Livery Stables and the store-room occupied by J. E. Bowers.
This January 3rd, 1911
NOAH BIGGS,
Executor of W. A. Dunn, Trustee.
Dunn & Dunn Attorneys.

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Having qualified as administrator of the estate of F. J. Savage, deceased, late of Halifax county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of December, 1911, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.
This 21st day of December, 1910.
R. L. SAVAGE, Adm'r.