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THE LEGISLATURE.

A Brief Review of the Most Important Work of the Week of Our Law-Makers.

The General Assembly of North Carolina convened last week in the city of Raleigh. Hon. Samuel M. Gattis, of Orange county, was elected Speaker of the House by a vote of 97 to 18. The Republican candidate for Speaker was Frank Benbow, of Yadkin county. The new speaker, Mr. Gattis, was once principal of Wentworth Academy in the southern part of this county.

As soon as the organization was completed the House adjourned. But little work was done in the Senate and at one o'clock it adjourned out of respect to the late Senator Zeb. Wilson, of the Thirty-sixth District, who was recently killed by his brother.

The second day of the session was largely taken up in the reading the Governor's message. This is an able and comprehensive state paper and one worthy to be placed with the ablest messages of our ablest Governors. It treated of all the State's institutions and made many suggestions and recommendations to the General Assembly.

In this review of the General Assembly's work we shall each week lay before our readers only the matters of general importance to the State and of local importance to the people of this county. Our space is too limited to tell of all the numerous bills that will be introduced daily.

Since a large majority of the people in this State are farming people all matters relative to agriculture will be of more or less interest. In this connection the bill of Representative Scott, of Alamance, appropriating \$50,000 for the erection of an agricultural building at the A. & M. College, is one of importance.

Several bills relating to the liquor traffic have been introduced. Senator Justice, of McDowell county, introduced a bill on the second day of the session that provides that it shall be unlawful to manufacture or sell spirituous or malt liquors except in incorporated towns of at least 500 residents. It provides a license tax of \$500 to the State, \$500 to the county, and not less than \$500 to the town.

The bill introduced by Senator Reinhardt, of Lincoln, imposes a tax of 55 cents on each gallon of spirituous liquors manufactured in the State.

Senator Godwin, of Harnett, has introduced a bill to refer the questions of the sale and manufacture of liquor in Sampson county to the voters of that county.

Representative Watts, of Iredell, has introduced a bill that makes it unlawful to manufacture or sell liquor outside of incorporated towns and cities. This bill provides that license must be obtained from the authorities of the town or city in which the liquor is to be manufactured or sold.

Representative Abell, of Johnston, has introduced a bill to regulate the sale and manufacture of whiskey in Johnston county. This bill provides that it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to manufacture whiskey in Johnston county. It further provides that nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent the manufacture of brandy from fruits and grapes.

Representative Williams, of Union county, introduced a bill for the repeal of the Union County Dispensary law. The people of Union want entire prohibition.

Another liquor bill of importance is the one introduced Friday by Senator London, of Chatham. This bill embodies the features of the Watts bill, and adds other provisions, mainly those recommended by the Anti-

Saloon League. It provides that no license to sell liquors shall be granted in towns of less than 500 inhabitants and that no liquor shall be manufactured in towns of less than 1000 inhabitants. It also makes the place of delivery of liquors to be considered the place of selling. This provision would do much to stop the shipping of liquor into prohibition territory. The bill further provides that the applicant for license shall file his application 30 days before the time for granting license and that it shall be signed by a majority of the qualified voters of said town, unless it be a town in which a vote for saloons has been carried. It also provides for an election in any town on petition of one-third of the voters for an election to say whether liquor shall be sold by licensed barrooms, by a dispensary or prohibited. If this bill becomes a law any town upon a majority vote may have a dispensary without a special act of the Legislature.

Representative Parker, of Wayne, and Deckery, of Richmond, have both introduced bills relative to child labor in factories.

Representative King, of Pitt, has introduced a bill to make it a misdemeanor for a farm-hand to violate his contract.

Mr. Abell has introduced a bill to amend the laws of 1901 relating to stock law in Johnston county.

Bills were introduced in the Senate Monday for a Code Commission and more depositories for school books.

Senator Norris, of Wake, introduced a bill Wednesday for the establishment of a Reformatory for youthful criminals.

The first week of the session has seen many bills introduced but only a few have passed final reading and these are of more or less minor importance. The question of most interest at present is the Senatorial question and until a Senator is nominated it will be the absorbing question.

Senator Richardson is a member of the following committees: Military Affairs; Penal Institutions; Engrossed Bills; Federal Relations; Election Law; Congressional Apportionment and Printing.

Senator Godwin has the following committee places: Counties, Cities and Towns; Congressional Apportionment; Library; Propositions and Grievances; Judiciary; Corporations and Engrossed Bills.

Senator Richardson is chairman of the joint committee on Printing and Senator Godwin is chairman of the Congressional Apportionment committee.

Mr. Abell has the following committee places: Judiciary; Railroads and Railroad Commission; Salaries and Fees. Mr. Abell is chairman of the committee on Railroads and Railroad Commission.

Mr. Wood is on the following committees: Agriculture; Public Roads and Turnpikes and Enrolled Bills.

An Audubon Party in Clayton.

The young people of Clayton report a delightful time at an "Audubon Party" last Monday evening given by Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McCullers in honor of their guests, Messrs. Rand and Leach. Several strangers who were there were gracefully presented by the charming hostess, after which she brought in on a silver tray birds bearing questions in verse form, the answer of each being the name of one of those winged creatures. Her lovely little son accompanied her, supplying the competitors with pencils.

When the contest was over the judges Rev. G. W. Fisher and Messrs. E. B. and D. O. McCullers, after a careful examination of the answers, decided the prize, "The Kentucky Cardinal," had been won by Miss Verta Garvis, of Greensboro.

The guests were then invited to the dining room where the hostess, assisted by Misses Leach and Rand, elegantly presided over delicious refreshments served in courses.

ONE WHO WAS PRESENT.

TOWN AND COUNTY.

—The Book Club will meet next Monday evening at 7:30 with Miss Annie Myatt.

—Miss Bettie Kirkman gave a delightful "at home" to her friends Monday evening.

—Mr. S. W. Johnson of this township killed a hog this week which weighed 300 pounds.

—Look out for "the opening chapter of "The Southerners," the great serial story which will soon begin in these columns.

—Mr. B. B. Yelvington is in Jacksonville, Fla., prospecting. We hear it rumored that he intends moving his family there soon.

—Mr. J. W. Peedin left last week to spend some time in Florida. From there he will go to California where he will spend the spring.

—Mr. J. R. Bass, who has been engaged in working on the new Baptist church here for the past few months has returned to his home in Nash county.

—Mr. D. W. Rose, of Clayton, has moved his family here. He has opened up a stock of groceries and general merchandise in the store near Savage & Timberlake's livery stables.

—Mr. D. L. Dixon, of Elevation township, and Miss Celia Batten were married Sunday January 4th, at the home of the bride's father Mr. C. C. Batten, in Beulah township. J. H. Broadwell, J. P., performed the ceremony.

—Mr. J. B. Taylor, a carpenter who has been living here for the past year and a half, left yesterday with his family for Nash county. Mr. Taylor is a good carpenter and has made many friends during his residence in this section.

—The Smithfield market has sold tobacco daily since January 1st, Sundays excepted. Prices rule as high here as on any market in the State. The Banner warehouse yesterday conducted a \$1000 sale, the prices ranging from \$5, to \$35.00.

—Mrs. George W. Brooks, who has been a resident of Chatham county for several years, has moved into the Davis house in Brooklyn, which she recently purchased from Prof. J. L. Davis, of Burlington. Mrs. Brooks is a sister of Mrs. C. L. Eason.

—Mr. Oscar Gregory, who has represented the American Tobacco Company on the Smithfield market for the past two seasons, has been sent to the Louisville market. He left yesterday for his new home. Mr. Gregory has made a great many friends in this county who regret to have him leave us. Mr. H. I. Glass, of Durham, succeeds Mr. Gregory as buyer for the A. T. Co. on this market.

—Mr. O. D. Stanley, who has been an assistant in the railroad office here for the past few months, has been promoted and given the agency at Pembroke, N. C. Mr. Stanley has been in the railroad service only a few months, yet by his strict attention to business and his faithfulness to his employers, he has been advanced very rapidly. We predict that Mr. Stanley will in the not far distant future have one of the best agencies in the service.

Two New Rural Routes.

Hon. A. W. Machen, Superintendent of the rural mail delivery service, has notified Congressman Pou that the two rural mail routes leading out from Benson have been established and the service will be begun on March 2, 1903. This will be good news to the people of those sections. They can now get their mail boxes ready for use.

Wonderful Nerve.

Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental Cuts, Wounds, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Sore feet or stiff joints. But there's no need for it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best Salve on earth for Piles, too. 25c. at Hood Bros., Druggists.

SANDERS CHAPEL.

Much interest is manifested in the action of the Legislators in the selection of United States Senator to succeed Senator Pritchard. We declined to settle it by primary and are entirely satisfied with our representatives, action.

The rain and cold weather has suspended out door work, so while the elements are storing mother earth with elements of fertility, we run a shin-roasting and window peeping racket. The sloughs in the low grounds and ponds in the piney woods are not yet filled with water.

Messrs. C. S. Powell and London Creech went to Raleigh Tuesday to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons. They expect to look at, and listen to, the State Solons also, and probably visit other amusement halls and pop their heels on the pavements like town folks.

We thought that Christmas in this rookery was over, but some descendants of that fellow up in Virginia that came near having his head busted with a pestle, deployed as skirmishers through this neck of the woods last week with dogs and guns and bird bags and leashes and whistles and Chatham county pork gear, yelling and harking and high-waying and shooting, making noise enough for a Kansas cyclone or Gulf Stream storm. Of all the Santa Clauses they took the rag off the bush, and they didn't have or need a con skin over their face either. One fellow in the neighborhood said they looked like they had taken a dose of bad medicine. However, they were out for game, and yellow hammers, larks, woodpeckers and partridges drew their fire. Even Charlie Hill's boys settin seed rabbit was debrusheaped, bumbled, banged and chased out of the range. A lady in passing had to cover the plume on her hat until out of sight. Rabbitguns are at a discount now. The woodpecker is missing, the yellowhammer is surely gone and old Bob White teetotally flusterated and will not confabulate any more until the spring breezes reassure him that the storm is over. These Nimrods basticated in this ranch two days. One of them hails from the headwaters of Beals creek in Ingrams township; the other two are roustabouts on the county capitol grounds. When Dave and Willis and Charlie line up on a pint, there are three gizzly jays for a snap shot.

Lee-Coats.

On last Sunday night, at half past seven o'clock, at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Amos Coats, of Cleveland Township, Mr. Robert Lee, of LeMay, led to the hymeneal altar one of Cleveland Township's most fascinating and lovely daughters, Miss Bessie Coats. It was a beautiful scene, with the tasteful decorations of holly and cedar, and surrounded by a host of relatives and friends. Rev. W. G. Hall, of Smithfield, pronounced them man and wife.

After the congratulations were over Mr. and Mrs. Lee left for the home of the groom's father. Mr. J. J. Lee, where a reception was given them. The writer extends congratulations to the fortunate groom, and wishes for him and his bride, a long and happy life together.

A REPORTER.

Smith-Jones.

The home of the bride's father, Mr. H. A. Jones, on last Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, was the scene of a beautiful marriage, when Mr. J. D. Smith led to the altar Miss Addie Jones. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. G. Hall in the presence of many friends. The popular young couple left immediately after the ceremony for the home of the groom's father where they all enjoyed an elegant supper. We wish for them a long and happy life.

XY.

O. K. Stoves and Ranges.

BENSON.

New roofs is the order of the day.

Mrs. R. S. Dickson is visiting in Georgia.

John W. Holmes becomes the sole proprietor of the business run by Holmes & Allen.

G. W. Cavanaugh and Alonzo Parrish are attending the Grand Lodge of Masons at Raleigh.

The authorities are offering R. F. Smith \$500 to open and straighten Main Street, West.

Miss Dora Anderson of this place has accepted a position as manager of telephone exchange at Dunn.

Jim Whit Norris business has outgrown his shanty on wheels, and he is making enlargements without the wheels.

Dr. F. T. Moore is in Raleigh to ascertain if the Grand Lodge and the legislature are running on proper schedule.

C. W. Anderson has two or three new houses in process of construction, and the last arrival at his house last night will fill all of them (with racket).

The funeral of G. G. Gibbs was to have been preached Sunday but was postponed to second Sunday in February when it will be preached by Rev. Mr. Suttle.

The D. A. Jernigan land near town was sold the second time Monday. Fifty five acres, 35 acres of which is covered by dower brought \$770. Eighty one acres not encumbered brought \$995.50. If any body wants the land for more than this come up and say so, or forever hereafter let him hold his tongue.

Application will be made to the present session of the legislature to amend the town charter. It looks now like liquor saloons will close after the first of July, and in as much as the revenue derived from that source is paying half the expenses of the town, their closing will necessitate a higher tax rate which can not be had under the present charter.

At the home of the bride in Benson, Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock in the presence of a few friends, J. H. Royal led to Hymen's altar, Mrs. Phoebe Woodall, when J. M. Lawhon, J. P., declared it to be the sense of his court that they were man and wife. They left early Wednesday for sunnier parts of the Sunny South to spend their honeymoon. They are both popular and clever and their many friends here wish them a happy sojourn of such length as shall suit their pleasure.

McKOY NOTES.

Mr. L. D. Johnson has the finest lot of hogs we have seen this year.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lee spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tyrus Thornton, in the Mingo section.

We are sorry to lose our neighbors, Messrs. Mordecai Lee and Oscar Barefoot, who have moved their families to their new homes near Smithfield.

Mr. Henry Lee, son of Mr. Y. J. Lee, was shot and seriously wounded in the side of the head Tuesday morning by the unexpected firing of a shot gun. We are glad to note he is improving.

We are sorry to note that Mr. Festus Bass, who has been spending sometime in this neighborhood had his hand badly burned Sunday morning by the explosion of a clay pipe while he was smoking. The cause of the explosion is a mystery.

BUFFALO BILL.

"Folks Up Willow Creek."

Farmer Hopkins, a rural drama, "Folks up Willow Creek," will appear at Sanders Hall Saturday night, January 17th.

The Durham Morning Herald says: "The show was up to, if not in advance, of what was advertised, and thoroughly pleased one of the largest audiences of the season." Prices 50c. 35c. 25c.

CLAYTON.

Dr. Holland, of Smithfield, was here Sunday.

Mr. Ashley Horne went to Raleigh Monday.

Mr. D. J. Thurston, of Goldsboro, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. L. D. Debnam and little one left Monday for her home in Selma.

Rev. J. W. Smith who has been teaching at Scotsburg, Va., is at home again.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Hales have moved to Mrs. Wilder's house on Lombard street.

The entertainment given by Miss Eva Miller last Friday evening was a grand success.

Messrs. Walter Gower and Hal Ellis have moved to the Ellington house near the academy.

Mr. C. W. Carter's class at Baptist Sunday School gave him a fine silk umbrella for a Christmas present.

Miss Retta Johnson the music teacher was called home Monday night on account of the illness of her mother.

Mrs. C. W. Horne and little son Ashley, have returned from an extended stay with Mrs. Horne's parents in Raleigh.

BAPTIST CENTER.

Miss Minnie Wallace, of the Bethesda section is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. Aulsie Austin.

Miss Ophelia Smith, of Wilson's Mills, is the guest of Misses Eliza Higgins and Marine Yelvington this week.

Mr. D. E. Austin spent last week with friends in Durham. He says that the Durhamites are a mighty social people.

On account of the rain Sunday, Rev. Mr. Hall did not fill his regular appointment. Mr. Hall is much loved by the people of this community, and everybody is hoping for him to remain on this field.

We would say to "X" that "Dunn's" say they will not be satisfied with a Penny—they are all too small yet. We also wish to appoint "X" a committee of one, to save up rabbits' feet. We expect to grow a mustache some day.

Mr. Aulsie Austin who has recently added two very neat and pretty rooms to his home, gladdened the hearts of the young people and children, by issuing invitations to a house-warming for Saturday evening. Games were played and some good music was listened to. We were then invited into the kitchen to pull candy. 10:30 o'clock came all too soon, and all left after voting Mr. and Mrs. Austin a most hospitable host and hostess.

B. C. HUSTLER.

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LEACHBURG.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Barber, of Wilson's Mills, came up last Sunday to attend the Lee-Coats nuptials.

Messrs. Eugene Stevens and Herbert Weeks, spent the latter part of last week at Fuquay Springs. They came home Sunday night.

Messrs. Claude Stephenson and Thad Stevens are in Raleigh this week representing Polenta Lodge No. 450 A. F. & A. M. at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina.

The public school at Red Hill under the management of Miss Annie Staniel, of Selma, seems to be in a flourishing condition. Miss Annie seems to be giving satisfaction as a teacher.

"SOL."

Domestic Troubles.

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in Stomach and Liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. 25c. at Hood Bros. Drug Store.