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THE LEGISLATURE.

Raleigh, N. C., February 9.—Bills were introduced in Senate as follows:

By Gilliam to authorize removals of cases where magistrate dies or becomes incapacitated before the conclusion of case.

By Justice to provide for tax and penalties on railway companies and adjustment of tax with such companies as discriminate against North Carolina shippers. (This bill requires railways semi-annually to pay a franchise tax of \$600, which shall be refunded at the end of six months if the corporation commission informs state treasurer that such railway has not discriminated against North Carolina shippers. The bill was referred to judiciary committee.)

By Walker to make Saturdays half holiday for banks.

Bills passed the final reading as follows:

Allowing Sampson to levy special tax to pay smallpox debt.

To establish penitentiary parole commission.

Bill to refund to State Treasurer Lacy \$374 stolen by W. H. Martin, clerk in his office, passed the second reading, but objection being made was referred to the judiciary committee, one member declaring the passage of this bill would be a dangerous precedent.

HOUSE.

In the House today Graham introduced a joint resolution, raising a committee to investigate the cost of converting the penitentiary into a hospital for the insane or for some other useful purpose.

Bills were introduced as follows:

By Dobson to prevent unjust seizure of crops of tenants by landlords.

By Erwin to prevent overcharges by railways and other corporations.

By Moore to regulate the number and net weight of fish in wholesale packages.

By Morton regulating the taxes of charitable and religious societies.

By Offman to protect the traveling public by requiring railways to employ competent agents.

By Graham to require children attending school to be vaccinated.

By Graham to prevent collection of usury.

A bill passed providing for the sale of property in which there is a contingent remainder.

Raleigh, N. C., February 10.—Bills were introduced in Senate as follows:

To appropriate \$200,000 for the public schools of state.

To better protect mechanics, laborers and material men by requiring all contractors to furnish itemized sworn statements of the amounts due such before receiving payment of any money due the contractor and requiring the property owner to demand such itemized sworn statement, making a failure, on the owners part to such demand, to render owner liable for and amount he may owe to such mechanics, laborers and material men.

The bill to provide for the inspection and sale of cotton seed meal for fertilizers, passed as did the bill to regulate the sale of concentrated food stuff.

Justice, Webb, and Holton were appointed the committee on privileges and elections.

Joint resolution was adopted favoring the establishment of the Appalachian Park.

A bill passed incorporating Bank of Duplin at Wallace.

Editor John R. Webster, of Reidsville, gave to his Senator a bill intended to wipe out bucket shops there. It is a very strong bill and prohibits dealing in futures, imposing a penalty of 10 days in jail or fine for each offense. The bill passed both branches in 20 minutes, unanimously.

The committee on health, reported its substitute for the bill giving bodies for dissection in colleges. The bill is like the law in Virginia and other states giving colleges the bodies of those

who die in the penitentiary and jails or are hanged, and whose bodies are unclaimed by relatives. The bill passed.

A bill was introduced to prevent fraudulent trading, by requiring the name of the principal partner to be displayed in the firm name except in incorporated companies.

Gilliam introduced an important bill for protection of employees. It provides that where any corporation employs any person and places such employee under the direction or control of any other person employed by the said corporation, with the authority to direct or control the conduct of duties of said employee and injury results to such employee in the course of his employment from negligence, carelessness or incompetency of such person in authority, such corporation shall be liable in damages for such injury as if such person in authority was the vice-principle of such corporation.

HOUSE.

In the House today, bills were introduced as follows:

To allow Cumberland to levy special road improvement tax.

To increase punishment in cases of attempted felonious assault.

By Chairman Doughton, of finance committee, to issue \$400,000 of three and one-half per cent. 50 year state bonds to pay off the appropriations made two years ago and for other purposes.

Bills passed as follows: Incorporating the Mutual Benefit Life Association of Monroe.

Allowing the incorporation of street railways under the general law.

APPROPRIATION FOR INSANE.

By invitation of the committee on insane asylums, Superintendent McKee, of the General Hospital, at Raleigh, and Superintendent Murphy, of the Western Hospital, at Morganton, came here today and went before the committee this afternoon. In addition to the current appropriation for maintenance, Dr. Murphy asked for \$40,000 special for a building for male patients to provide for 200 extra. He says there are 500 applications for admission on file. He will soon have room for 250. Dr. McKee asked for \$17,000 for heating, lighting and water and said a new water plant was needed, for which \$30,000 is asked. The asylum now owns 173 acres of land and he asked for \$6,500 for the purchase of 250 acres more. He further asked for \$5,500 for laundry and carpenter shop, and \$5,000 additional for ice and cold storage plant. There are now 417 patients in hospital for the insane here and 800 in that at Morganton.

The Senate committee on railways this afternoon decided by a two to one vote to unfavorably report the bill requiring railways to blow whistles and ring the bell whenever persons are walking on their tracks.

The House committee on agriculture will favorably report the bill to establish a North Carolina State Veterinary Medical Association, and regulate veterinary medicine and surgery.

Lincoln county proposes to hold an election on the question of issuing \$200,000 of bonds for good roads; Guilford will vote on a \$300,000 bond issue for the same purpose, and Gaston and numerous counties are agitating a bond issue for good roads.

Tragedy Averted.

"Just in the nick of time our little boy was saved" writes Mrs. W. Watkins of Pleasant City, Ohio. "Pneumonia had played sad havoc with him and a terrible cough set in besides. Doctors treated him, but he grew worse every day. At length we tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and our darling was saved. He's now sound, and well. Everybody ought to know, it's the only sure cure for Coughs, Cold and all Lung diseases Guaranteed by Hood Bros., Druggists. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial Bottles free.

Favorable Report on Watts Liquor Bill.

The Watts Liquor Bill was considered last week by the House committee on Propositions and Grievances and after being amended was reported favorably by a vote of 16 to 4, Morton and Woodley, Democrats, and Bryan and Carson, Republicans, voting against.

Mr. Watts offered two amendments to the bill which were adopted.

Mr. Morton offered the following amendment:

"Provided that this act shall not apply to any county in the State until it shall be ratified by a majority of the qualified voters of an election to be held upon the order of the County Commissioners at any time that they deem that public sentiment demands such elections."

The amendment was lost, the vote standing 17 yeas to 5 nays. Those voting aye were Morton, Woodley and Abell, Democrats, and Bryan and Carson, Republicans.

Then Mr. Abell's amendment was adopted by a vote of 12 to 9. This amendment is as follows:

"Provided further, that this act shall not be so construed as to apply to brandy manufactured from fruit, cider or wine, raised on the lands of the person so manufacturing, but the sale of such brandy is hereby expressly prohibited."

Mr. Abell further offered to amend by striking out section 6 of the original bill, that all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed. This was accepted by Mr. Watts. This was done, it is said, that there might be no trouble about prohibitory or dispensary laws in any of the counties or towns.

During the discussion on the bill Mr. Abell is quoted by the News and Observer as follows:

"Mr. Abell said that he should not vote for either of the three bills, as they stood. He was a temperance man. His first vote had been for prohibition and if he had his way, not only the manufacture but the sale of liquor would be prohibited in the State. But he wanted, before deciding how he should vote, to have some idea of how the various representatives of the different counties in the General Assembly would vote."

The principal feature of the Watts bill is the forbidding of any distilleries except in incorporated towns and cities.

Obituary.

At their home in Elevation township, on January 31, 1903, Miss Bessie Massengill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Massengill, passed into rest. She was confined to her bed twenty-one days with typhoid fever. She was 14 years, 11 months and 2 days old.

The Lord claimed her and she was ready to go when he called her. She was a lover of Sunday School and did all for the cause that was in her power.

She leaves a mother, four brothers, three sisters and many friends behind, but their loss is her eternal gain.

Bessie was an obedient daughter and was loved by all who knew her. May God bless the bereaved ones and may each one be prepared to meet her in heaven.

MILTON M.

A Most Fatal Gift.

Would be the power of foreseeing events. This would destroy hope. A knowledge of the future would unmake happiness. There are, of course, some things about the future we do know. If, for instance, a lack of energy, ambition and loss of appetite shows itself we know it will be followed by serious complaints if not checked. Often Liver and Kidney trouble follow quickly. In any event Electric Bitters will restore you to health. It strengthens, builds up and invigorates run-down systems. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Hood Bros., Druggist.

Gov. Aycock granted five pardons during the month of January.

Altman-Parker.

On Wednesday, February the 4th, Miss Callie Parker and Mr. Joel B. Altman were happily married at the home of Mr. E. E. Parker, the father of the bride. The morning was threatening, showers of rain coming now and then to portend evil as an old superstition has it. But nothing daunted the courageous groom who arrived on fulltime with S. P. M. Tart, J. P., and a number of relatives and friends.

The house had been previously decorated in the most tasteful manner and presented a charming appearance.

At 12 m, the ceremony took place in the parlor of the bride's beautiful home. The following couples marched into the parlor and arranged themselves before the "justice."

Mr. J. F. Altman with Miss M. E. Altman; Mr. E. W. Massey with Miss Mamie Parker; Mr. W. D. Parish with Miss Mollie Pope; Mr. J. L. Jones with Miss Hattie Alford; Mr. W. O. Altman with Miss Relia Parker. Next came the groom and the bride, and almost instantly the clouds seemed to roll away, as it were, a great curtain to reveal the beautiful scene. The shower had ceased and a brighter gleam seemed to mantle the earth. In a few well chosen words S. P. M. Tart pronounced the happy couple man and wife.

After hearty congratulations from a number of relatives and friends who had gathered to witness the nuptials, a sumptuous dinner was served, the table being handsomely decorated with flowers and very tastily arranged.

At 2 p. m. the wedding party started for the home of the groom near Peacock's Cross Roads. It was a pleasant drive through the country, and notwithstanding, "via est longa" pointed on an old store by the road, which tells a true story, the wedding party arrived at the home of the groom just before the setting of the sun. A host of relatives and friends were gathered to greet the new-made-one.

After the introductions and usual fond comments, a regular wedding feast was spread in the large and finely decorated dining room; it reminded the many joyous participants of "the good old times" we read and hear the old folks talk so much about.

The neighbors and friends just kept pouring in until the house was almost filled to overflowing.

Sweet and splendid music was furnished by Miss Butler, Wentworth's accomplished music teacher, assisted by singing and an accompaniment to the organ by several of the young men.

It was a joyous occasion heartily enjoyed by all present. After many choice wishes for the newly married couple the guests dispersed.

OLIO.

Hanna's Bill to Pension Former Slaves.

Senator Hanna today introduced a bill granting pensions and bounties to all ex-slaves who were freed by the proclamation of President Lincoln during the war of the rebellion. It provides that persons over 50 years of age and less than 60, whether male or female, shall receive a cash bounty of \$100 and monthly pensions of \$8 per month; persons between 60 and 70 years old, a bounty of \$300, and a pension of \$12 per month, and persons over 70 years old a bounty of \$500 and a pension of \$15 per month. The bill also provides for the payment of the bounty and pension to relatives who may be charged with the care of ex-slaves.

Nearly Forfeits His Life.

A runaway almost ending fatally, started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. For four years it defied all doctors and all remedies. But Bucklen's Arnica Salve had no trouble to cure him. Equally good for Burns, Bruises, Skin Eruptions and Piles. 25c at Hood Bros., Drug Store.

No More Distilleries in Johnston.

Soon after the assembly of the Legislature Representative Ed. S. Abell introduced the following bill in the House:

"The General Assembly of North Carolina, do enact:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to manufacture whiskey from grain, or malt or any other substance in the county of Johnston. That no license from the United States Government shall be construed as permitting the establishment of a whiskey distillery in said county. Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than fifty dollars, or be imprisoned not less than thirty days nor more than one year, and during such imprisonment may be sentenced to work on the public roads. And the distillery apparatus and all liquors made shall be forfeited to the general school fund of said county.

Sec. 2. That all persons found at a whiskey distillery in said county shall be prima facie guilty of the violation of this act, and upon conviction shall be subject to the penalties of section one.

Sec. 3. That no witness shall be permitted to refuse to answer any question upon the trial of any bill of indictment for the violation of this act, upon the ground that the answer to said question would tend to criminate him or her, but the witness will be required to state all the facts within his or her knowledge; but it shall not be legal for said witness to be indicted for any offence committed by him or her prior to his or her examination, and which offence was disclosed by examination.

Sec. 4. That it shall be unlawful for the commissioners of Johnston county to grant license to retail spirituous liquors outside of incorporated towns in said county.

Sec. 5. That nothing in this act shall be construed so as to prevent the manufacture of brandy from fruits and grapes.

Sec. 6. That this act shall be in force and effect from and after the 1st day of June, 1903."

This bill soon passed its several readings in the House. Wednesday it passed its final readings in the Senate and was ordered enrolled.

The passage of this bill means that every government distillery in Johnston county will soon have to stop business. The Legislature has done well in passing this act. Now let it continue the work by giving the people of the entire State the legislation they want.

Farming on a Big Scale.

Last year Ex-Senator Matt. W. Ransom sold to one firm at one time 1,550 bales of cotton raised in 1901. Some time ago he sold 100 bales of last year's crop. On Tuesday of this week he sold the remainder, 1,350, at 9 cents per pound and received sixty one thousand seven hundred dollars. He is said to be the largest cotton farmer in the State.

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Boy Killed by Negro.

Drs. Anderson and Dickinson, of Wilson, were called to Jerome January 31, to operate upon the eight-year old son of Mr. L. R. Batten, Postmaster at Micro. The wound was upon the head and made by a pistol in the hands of Pet Bunn, a negro, who had stolen some goods from Fitzgerald's store in this town a few nights ago. The negro, the boy and one of the Fitzgerald's were in the store that night. Upon being accosted with the crime, the negro said he got the goods from Smith's store, also in this place. One of the Fitzgerald boys told the negro to wait until he came back and went out to see if the negro had told the truth about getting the goods from Smith. As soon as he stepped out the negro walked out of the door pulled out a pistol and fired at the boy. The ball struck the boy in his head just above the eye. It ranged around the skull between the brain and bone lodging against the extreme back part of the head breaking loose a piece of bone about the size of a dollar and lodging just against it.

This occurred Tuesday evening, January 27th. When Drs. Anderson and Dickinson came the child was just living. The operation was most successfully performed. They sawed the piece of bone that was extracted from the back part of the head against which the ball rested. The bone all around the skull where the ball had traveled was loosened and cracked. He regained consciousness and was growing better, when mortification, brought on by the length of time before the operation, caused his death on Sunday.

His funeral was preached in the presence of a large crowd by Rev. Mr. Nobles, of Selma, after which the remains were taken to the old family graveyard at Parrish's Memorial church, there to await the resurrection morn. He leaves a father, mother, four brothers and one sister to mourn their loss. Weep not father and mother, but strive to meet your precious darling in heaven, where you can strike hands on that beautiful river where there will be no parting, no sorrow, but where there will be joy forever.

W. B.

An Aged Man Gone.

On February 5th, at his home in Elevation township, Mr. Larkin Barbour, passed away at the revered old age of eighty-four. His death was not unexpected as he had been afflicted with a cancer for the past few years, which continued to grow worse until the end.

He was born in 1819, and led a peaceful life, having served as a faithful confederate soldier through out the civil war; and had lived a consistent member of the Primitive Baptist church for thirty-one years.

He was loved by all for his kind demeanor and cheerful disposition. He leaves two brothers, one sister, seven children, and a host of great grandchildren, relatives and friends to mourn his death.

His remains were interred at the family burying ground Friday evening, in the presence of a large concourse of people, who extend their sympathies to the family of the bereaved.

J. R. B.

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