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THE LEGISLATURE.

Raleigh, N. C., March 2.—The House argued and finally passed today a bill to amend Section 1,285 of the Code, relative to the time limit for marriage of divorced parties. It provides for abandonment of two years to be the cause for divorce, neither party to remarry in five years. The bill was introduced by Self of Catawba. After argument by many members, the previous question was called by Self, General Davidson demanding the ayes and noes. The vote stood, 58 ayes and 45 noes on second reading. Objections were raised to a passage of the bill on third reading, but the rules were suspended by a vote of 60 to 30 and the bill passed final reading by 57 to 42.

Among the bills passed by the House were: To amend the act, incorporating the Guilford Battleground Association; to protect oysters, clams and terrapins in Brunswick; relating to the rules governing demurrage in the matter of placing cars by railroads for shippers. Other bills were: To amend the corporation law of North Carolina; to provide for registration of trained nurses; to give electric light and power companies the same powers and rights of condemnation as telephone and telegraph companies. It was amended, however, by Mr. Newland so as not to apply to existing actions.

Among the bills passed the Senate to-day and sent to the House were: To incorporate the Southport and Northeastern railroad; to allow Lenoir, Jones and Onslow counties to construct a road from Kinston to Jacksonville, Onslow county.

Among the House bills which passed the Senate and ordered enrolled were: To authorize the voters of Richmond county to vote on road beds; to incorporate Scotland village, Scotland county.

Senator Pharr introduced a bill to require railroads to receive cars tendered at side tracks for any warehouse connected with the railroad by sidings.

Glenn, to incorporate the Southern Underwriters. The Joint Finance Committee this afternoon agreed by a vote of 9 to 4 to recommend that the General Assembly provide for the issuance of \$400,000 bonds to run for fifty years and bear 3½ per cent. interest.

During the night session of the Senate the following bills passed and were ordered enrolled: To incorporate the Appalachian Improvement Co.; to incorporate the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank, of Wilson; to permit the sale of liquor at certain resort hotels in New Hanover, the County Commissioners being empowered to decide what places shall be termed resort hotels; to regulate the roads and drainage in Roberson; to regulate the sale and inspection of cotton seed meal.

The Senate tabled a House bill to allow damages for mental anguish.

Among the Senate bills passed and sent to the House were: To amend the code by requiring railroads to take loaded cars tendered at sidings.

The House to-night passed a joint resolution to investigate the unlawful discrimination in freight rates. The resolution provides for the appointment of a commissioner of investigation, the appointment to be made by the Governor.

Raleigh, N. C., March 3.—The Senate to-day passed a general school law as an amendment to Chapter 4 of the Laws of 1901. The section providing for township high schools was stricken out and one added, requiring county boards of education to publish on December 31st of each year statements in like manner as county commissioners are now required to publish. The bill is lengthy, embracing principally the changes recommended by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. A notable change bearing upon the race question is as follows:

"No child with negro blood in veins, however remote the strain, shall attend school for the white race; and no such child be considered a white child."

The House to-night passed the bill as it came from the Senate. The bill was ordered enrolled for ratification.

The Senate spent a good portion of to-day's session considering the bill appropriating \$200,000 for public schools. White withdrew his original bill and offered a substitute changing somewhat the method of distributing the second \$100,000. The general purpose of the bill is still to insure a four-months' term for all public schools of the State. The bill passed second reading by a good majority after two hours' argument. It will be on third reading to-morrow.

The bill allowing Robeson county to vote on moving the court house from Lumberton to Pembroke came up to-day.

McBryde, of Robeson wanted the bill passed so the people could vote on it. He plead for Senatorial courtesy. Hoey of Cleveland, said it was dangerous to let counties go to voting on such a question. There was nothing at Pembroke except two stores and a swamp. This was a motion to move the court house from a town to the country. The bill passed, 20 to 15.

Norris introduced a bill to provide half pay for witnesses in cases in which no true bill is found.

In the House Scott introduced a bill to enable the A. & M. College to erect an agricultural building; Bullard, to incorporate the Raleigh and Lumberton Railroad Co.; Murphy, to incorporate the Salisbury Railroad Co.; Drewry, a joint resolution regarding re-carpeting the Hall of Representatives; Self, to return thanks to editors and compilers of regimental histories for their work.

Among the bills passed by the House were: To incorporate the Warrenton and Carolina Railroad Co.; resolution of thanks to the editors and compilers of regimental histories; to incorporate the Salisbury Railroad Co.; to authorize the Commissioners of Brunswick county to levy a special tax; to incorporate the Virginia, Carolina and Southern R. R. Company.

The House passed the bill to incorporate the Audubon Society of North Carolina for the protection of song and game birds; voting down numerous amendments to except counties. The bill makes it unlawful for any person to hunt on the land of another without the consent of the owner and requires all non-residents to procure a \$25 license before they can hunt in the State.

The Joint Committee on Agriculture this evening voted unanimously to report favorably the bill authorizing the Department of Agriculture to borrow \$50,000 and loan it to the A. & M. College to erect an agricultural building, allowing the college five years in which to pay back the money out of its regular appropriations. The building is to be completed in two years.

Among the bills passed on final reading in the House were: To protect landlords and tenants, applying to numerous counties, including New Hanover, Brunswick and Bladen.

To erect an agricultural building at the A. & M. College by borrowing \$50,000 from the State Agricultural Department. —Wilmington Star.

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.

SANDERS CHAPEL.

Mr. Millard Hill, foreman of the Oxford Orphan Asylum shoe shop, is shaking hands with relatives and friends this week.

Mr. Sam Godwin drove a bunch of about thirty home fattened beef cattle to Raleigh last week for which he received a nice sum.

Rev. Mr. Hall filled his regular appointment at Sardis church last Sabbath. The beautiful spring-like day brought out the violets and hyacinths.

Mr. James Whitley, a native Johnstonian, but now of Durham, and in some way connected with the telephone business, is in his old ranch talking to the folks in hello style. He says Durham is widening out and has a new fire engine and is going to have a United States public building and a union depot. He married up there recently.

District No. 6 school at the "Sand Hill," taught by Mr. E. F. Pearce, closed on the 3rd with appropriate and amusing declamations and dialogues, interlarded by sweet music from a local string and wind band. The modest teacher and all the pupils acquitted themselves handsomely and were frequently applauded. A neighboring school taught by Mr. David Bizzell, marched up in a body to witness the exercises and catch the cue for their own exhibition next Friday, to which all are cordially invited. About two hundred and fifty spectators encouraged the teacher and children by their presence, all of whom were well behaved. Of course we had the regular outside cigarette smokers, but it being an open air exhibition the balmy breezes bore the stink-fumes away. The teacher has given perfect satisfaction to all the patrons and bids fair to make an excellent instructor.

Mr. Solomon Daughtry, an octogenarian, is on the sick list, but he said Dr. Person would raise him again. He is the oldest person in our community, is now in his eighty-first year. He has thrice been married and has many children, grand and great grand children. He has worked on Neuse river when it was worked as the roads are now (only they made it no worse). He remembers when Smithfield was the head of steam navigation, and has seen and probably rode on the steamboats "Rough and Ready," "Johnston" and "Dibble." These steamers used to bring up freight and passengers and tow large flat boats and barges to be loaded with tar, pitch and turpentine at the various landings near the woods of their production. Huge tar kiln beds are still to be seen in our denuded woods today, and we are still known the world over as Tar Heels.

ROME DOTS.

We are sorry to learn that Miss Hettie Lee is quite sick.

Mr. Seth Lee and Mr. Moses Peacock were in our midst Sunday.

The people of this section are very glad to have the rural delivery in progress.

Miss Maggie Butler and Miss Ola West, of Sampson, visited relatives in this section last week.

The people of this section are highly pleased with Mr. T. W. Simmons and Miss Augusta Butler, teacher and music teacher, respectively, at Wentworth Academy.

On last Wednesday, February 25, at the home of the bride, Miss Callie Lee and Mr. Walter Johnson were married in the presence of a few friends. We wish them a long and happy life. RENO.

For Town Election.

The following have been appointed to hold the town election here in May:

Registrar—W. H. Sanders, Pollholders—1st ward, J. W. Suttle, 2nd ward, H. L. Graves; 3rd ward, A. G. Stephenson; 4th ward, J. T. Cobb.

ARCHER DOTS.

Miss Lizzie Wall is visiting friends in Selma this week.

Quite a number of our people attended the vocal union at Corinth Sunday.

We are glad to note that Mr. Zeb Liles is out again after being confined to his room for several days.

Miss Ella Whitley returned to her home near here Saturday, her school having closed last Friday night.

After spending a few days with relatives and friends in this community, Miss Jimmie Batten returned to her home in Selma Saturday.

Miss Maud Robertson, who is attending school at Wendell, came home Saturday. She was accompanied by her friend, Miss Alma Boykin.

Last Wednesday was a busy day here when our people came together as one man and went to work to finish the Baptist church at this place.

Master Herman Whitley went to Wendell Sunday. He was accompanied by his sister, Miss Ellie, who will enter school there today (Monday).

The school near Mr. Berry Barnes' taught by Miss Annie Lee closed Friday with appropriate exercises. Miss Lee seems to have given entire satisfaction.

Mr. R. J. Castleberry was called to the bedside of his invalid mother near Cary Friday. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Ida, who will remain for some time.

A large and appreciative audience listened to an excellent lecture delivered here in the Baptist church last Saturday night by Rev. A. R. Flowers, of Wendell. His subject was "Choice" and we think such lectures cannot fail of accomplishing much good. B. X.

BAPTIST CENTER.

Services will be conducted by the pastor next Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Della and Rena Ellis spent Saturday night and Sunday at Mr. Jeff Ferrall's.

Miss Ruth Stephenson, of Smithfield, visited her grand mother, Mrs. Sarah Barber, last week.

Hurrah! for our legislators. May God bless them in the noble fight against liquor, and bless our Governor for the aid he is giving them.

The "varmints" have been walking again. They frightened some children and grown ups too, one night last week. He is in the shape of a goat this time.

Mr. Bytham Barber, who has been staying with his mother, Mrs. Sarah Barber, has gone back to his pretty bachelor quarters on the Smithfield road.

Mr. J. C. Hardee has just completed a fine large barn. Mr. Hardee is an enterprising farmer who advocates good quarters for his stock and good roads for them to travel on.

Last Sunday, March 1, Mr. Tilden Bradley and Miss Lelia Murphrey were happily married. Sunday morning Tilden drove over to Clayton for the bride elect. They passed through this part of the vineyard about noon, and to the many friends they met on the road they gave a smiling "good morning." They drove straight to Mr. Alf Sanders, J. P. and were married. They took supper at Mrs. Needham Branham's and several young people called to see the happy pair. Long and happy may their voyage through life be. B. C. HUSTLER.

Working Overtime.

Eight hour laws are ignored by those tireless, little workers—Dr. King's New Life Pills. Millions are always at work, night and day, curing indigestion, Biliousness, constipation, sick headache and all stomach, liver and bowel troubles. Easy, pleasant, safe, sure. Only 25c. at Hood Bros. Drug Store.

AVERA'S MILL NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lassiter, of Smithfield, were in our community Sunday evening.

Mr. T. J. Lassiter, of Smithfield, was in our midst Sunday and attended church at Pisgah.

Mr. J. W. Parker, who has been teaching school near Mr. Doc Jones', has returned home on account of his health.

Messrs. Oscar Altman and Lonnie Smith, of Peacock's Cross Roads section, were visitors at the "red hill villa" Sunday.

Miss Annie Lassiter, teacher of the Spilona public school, was in our section Sunday afternoon and attended church at Pisgah.

The members of Hopewell Free Will Baptist church have raised quite an amount and are proceeding to lathe and plaster and finish up the church.

Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Lassiter, with their daughter, Miss Nellie, of Spilona, were visiting in our section and attended church at Pisgah last Sunday.

Mr. T. J. Gentry, one of Smithfield's tobacco hustlers, finds his way into our section quite often, and judging from the cheery face he wears, he likes to visit the "red hill." He was with us last Sunday afternoon.

Miss Althea Jones has returned home from Four Oaks, her school at that place having closed. She seems pleased with her success as teacher, and has many samples of work to show that the pupils of that district have made much progress this session.

Mr. R. E. Stephenson, a former teacher of our community, was home to see his parents and friends the fourth Sunday. He is a stenographer in the trainmaster's office at Charlotte, having recently been promoted to this responsible position.

Messrs. David Lassiter and Ransom Strickland, of Four Oaks, will give a musical concert at Hopewell school house Saturday night, March 14th, for benefit of the organ fund of the church. The concert promises to be a good one and a goodly number should attend.

Rev. J. W. Suttle filled his regular appointments at Pisgah church Saturday and Sunday, and as usual preached two very instructive sermons. The sermon on Sunday evening was "a warning to young men," and was highly appreciated by the large congregation present.

The church and friends of Pisgah Missionary Baptist church raised a good sum last Sunday evening, and the building will be shortly finished. The plastering will be finished and the building painted. We are proud to see our churches coming to the front and we expect to see all the churches in our community in first-class condition soon.

Wednesday night, February 25th, the Monumental Literary Society met at Hopewell school house, elected and installed a new cabinet of officers. Mr. J. F. Woodall made an impressive parting speech, which we believe will be a stimulus to greater efforts by the society. The society will greatly miss this one of its most active members, but we hope to have him back again. The society changed its time of meeting to Saturday night for the future.

The public school near Mr. W. H. Hobbs' closed Wednesday, February 25. The exercises consisted in the awarding of prizes, distributing candies among the little folks and an address by Mr. J. R. Barbour, of Elevation, on "Home Influences," which was much appreciated by the friends and patrons of the school who had gathered to witness this, the closing of one of the most successful schools that has been taught in our section for many years. Mr. J. F. Woodall, the teacher, has not only worked hard in the school-room, but has shown much interest in the literary society and in the general upbuilding of the community, and has given entire satisfaction as a teacher. OLIO.

SELMA NEWS.

Mr. I. T. Wood went to Enfield Tuesday.

M. C. Winston went to Raleigh Wednesday.

Mrs. A. Jones visited friends in Clayton last week.

Mrs. C. W. Richardson spent Sunday in Wilders.

Miss Agnes Driver is visiting her uncle, W. B. Driver.

Miss Rena Parker is visiting relatives at Wilson's Mills.

Feb. B. Witley spent Sunday at his old home in Wilders.

Miss Lizzie Wall, of Wilders, is visiting Miss Jimmie Batten.

Rev. M. A. Adams will preach in the Baptist church here next Sunday.

Dr. A. Z. Taylor, Dentist, will go to Kenly next Monday for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Avera, of Smithfield township, were in town Wednesday.

Mr. C. R. Ashley who ran the Star warehouse here last season was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Chas. H. Smith, of Wake county, spent last Sunday here visiting H. D. Hood, Esq.

Robert Millard Nowell spent Sunday and Monday in Wake county visiting a sick sister.

Mrs. R. B. Carrington returned Saturday after an extended visit to relatives in Manchester, Va.

Wm. Richardson, the general agent of the Masonic Mutual Relief Association of Washington, D. C., went to Raleigh Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Edgerton went to Raleigh Monday to hear "Bob" Taylor, ex-Governor of Tenn., in his celebrated lecture, "The Fiddle and the Bow."

Frank Adam's comedy company will play the laughable comedy "Uncle Hez" here Friday night. The papers speak well of it. We hope they will have a good house and that the ladies will leave their big hats at home so that those behind them can see.

A bill has been introduced into the legislature to force the railroads to give passes to the judges, the Governor and other State officers. Why did not the Senator who introduced the bill add all county and town officials. The judges and State officers are well paid and are able to pay their fare. Let all ride free, if any.

Mr. Ed. L. Utley, with the sheriff of Cumberland, his counsel and a few relatives, passed through here Tuesday on his way back to Fayetteville jail to await the decision of the Supreme Court. While here he passed part of his time sliding down Sam Mitchener's toboggan slide and seemed to enjoy it very much, though at first he was afraid to slide too fast. He was neatly dressed and appeared to be of an effeminate nature and one who would not be taken for a murderer; and, in all probability he would not now be a murderer were it not for that accursed thing, whiskey. Cumberland county is a prohibition county by its own vote and no doubt the one who had the whiskey, which made Utley drunk, shipped in, in jugs, thought he was doing a "big thing" to evade the law; but did he ever think that he was indirectly responsible for Hollingsworth's death? SENEX.

Debating Contest at Benson.

On Friday night 14th instant, there will be a joint contest and debate at Benson Academy between the Benson Literary Society and the Mt. Vernon Springs Debating Society.

The event gives promise of an interesting meeting since it has been brought about by a challenge from the last named society.

The query is: "Resolved that the South is destined to become the equal of the North in intelligence, wealth and power." Benson boys take negative. The public invited. X.

Buck's Stoves at H. H. & B. Co.