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THE LEGISLATURE.

What Our Lawmakers Are Saying and Doing.

A Brief Review of the Most Important Bills Introduced and Passed Each Week.

The General Assembly of North Carolina met last Wednesday, January 4th, at noon.

The House was called the order by Mr. Frank D. Hackett, of Wilkes, principal clerk of the House at the last session.

The body was then organized by the election of the following officers:

Speaker—O. H. Guion, of Craven.

Principal Clerk—F. B. Arendell, of Wake.

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

Doorkeeper—John D. Kerr, of Caswell. The Republicans nominated J. A. Crisp, of Caldwell, who received twenty-one votes. They offered no nomination for the other places.

The organization of the Senate resulted as follows:

President Pro Tem—C. A. Webb, of Buncombe.

Principal Clerk—A. J. Maxwell, of Columbus.

Reading Clerk—W. L. Cohoon, of Pasquotank.

Sergeant at Arms—L. B. Pegram, of Raleigh.

The Senate at once got to work and several bills were introduced the first day, among them being the following:

By Senator Ward, An act to amend the Code so as to increase the salary of Supreme Court Judges from \$2,500 to \$3,500; also a bill to increase the salary of Superior Court Judges from \$2,500 to \$3,500.

Senator Webb introduced a bill to make the salaries of certain State officers as follows: Governor, \$5,000; Chief Justice, \$4,500; Associate Justices, \$4,000. Superior Court Judges \$3,500 and \$500 for travelling expenses.

Among the important bills introduced in the Senate Thursday we note the following:

By Webb, to regulate the manufacture of whiskey in Asheville and Buncombe.

By Wright, to make it a misdemeanor for a partner to appropriate to his own use partnership funds without the consent of his partners.

By Odell, to increase the appropriation for Confederate soldiers from \$200,000 to \$300,000.

By Ward, to amend the Code to provide for appeals in cases adjudged as contempt cases.

By Arendell, to stop the sale of liquor at the Atlantic Hotel at Morehead City.

The Governor's message was read and a resolution to have 500 copies printed was adopted.

But few bills were introduced in the House Thursday. The most important of these are the following:

Stewart, of Harnett, to reform the divorce laws of North Carolina.

Winston, of Hertford, to amend the Constitution relating to the division of the school fund.

Cowles, of Wilkes, to amend the Constitution relating to suffrage.

Mr. Stewart's bill relating to divorce repeals all laws on divorce passed since the Code of 1883, and limits divorces to the Biblical causes only.

Mr. Cowles is a Republican and his bill provides for an amendment to the Constitutional Amendment of 1900. His bill would make one year's residence in the state, instead of two, qualify the person to vote, and moved put off the time required to pay Poll tax to September 1st, instead of May 1st, and postpone the reading and writing qualification to 1918 instead of 1908.

In the Senate Friday, Scales, of Guilford, introduced a bill to allow the Governor \$1,000 a year for travelling expenses.

Webb's bill to regulate the manufacture of liquor in Asheville by allowing no distillery less than thirty-six gallons daily capacity passed final reading.

Governor-elect Glenn wired Friday night from Winston-Salem, to Senator Eller, of Forsyth, that he prefers the bill providing for an increase of the salary of the Governor should not pass on his account and asking that Senator Scales withdraw the bill. This is the bill introduced Friday allowing the Governor \$1,000 a year for travelling expenses. Glenn's position also affects the bill pending for an increase of the Governor's salary, Supreme and Superior Court judges.

The following important bills were introduced in the House Friday:

By Winborne, of Hertford, to repeal the anti-jug law, a "fraudulent act of the 1903 Legislature"; also another bill to prevent fraudulent legislation by making the title of acts a part thereof.

Koonce, of Onslow, to make carrying concealed weapons a felony.

Cunningham, of Person, to provide \$5,000 for a monument to the late Matt W. Ransom.

Winborne, of Hertford, to provide for new trials for criminal cases in the event there is newly discovered evidence; also a bill to prevent injury by hasty and improvident restraining orders, by providing that any judge can hear matters when resident judge is out of district.

In the House Saturday, Mr. Canaday, of Johnston, introduced a bill to provide for a Constitutional Amendment relating to the division of the school fund between the races.

Notable bills introduced in the House were by McNinch, of Mecklenburg, to reform the divorce laws in compliance with the demands of the religious bodies of the state which petitioned for remedial legislation.

Little, of Pitt, to pay solicitors of districts, salaries instead of fees.

Murphy, of Rowan, to prevent the fraudulent sale of merchandise in bulk.

The House was in session only an hour and the Senate only half an hour Monday. In the House Winborne, of Hertford, introduced a bill to amend chapter 29, Laws of 1899, allowing women married in North Carolina who move out of the State and who are brutally treated and coming back into the State, enters suit, shall be granted divorce with privilege to remarry, but the husband shall not remarry. This applied only to causes prior to 1899 and the Winborne bill is to have it apply to cases since that time. It was referred to the judiciary committee. Winborne says the desire is to have all divorce bills introduced as early as possible so all can be considered together.

Strobach, of Wake, introduced a bill to prevent misrepresentation of goods in advertising by merchants in the public prints.

Graham, of Granville, to increase the minimum fourth class pension to \$20 per year.

Austin, of Nash, to prevent persons from beating their way on trains, by giving magistrates jurisdiction to, punish.

In Memoriam.

On December 23, 1904, the Death Angel visited the home of Mr. Frank P. Whitley and bore away his dear and devoted wife Alice Cornelia. She was born July 8, 1855.

She professed faith in Christ at the age of 16 and joined the Methodist church and remained a faithful and devoted follower of her Lord to the end.

She was a devoted wife, a loving and never tiring mother, and a kind and sympathetic friend and neighbor. She leaves a husband, five children, a mother, one sister and one brother, and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

Weep not loved ones. She's not dead, but liveth and resteth in the arms of her dear Savior's whom she loved so well, watching and waiting for her loved ones to meet her in that happy home beyond the skies.

A FRIEND.

STATE NEWS NOTES.

Items of Interest to North Carolinians Clipped and Culled from the State Papers.

An orphanage of the Christian Church is to be located at Elon College.

The receipts of the Raleigh post office for 1904 were nearly a million dollars.

The Cravea county farmers have agreed to reduce cotton acreage at least 25 per cent.

Wilmington is the fifth cotton port of the world. She exports seven times as much as Charleston.

The Commissioners of Wayne County have again refused to grant license to saloon keepers in Pikeville.

Rev. G. N. Cowan has resigned as pastor of the Baptist church at Kinston to accept the pastorate of the church at Bristol, Tenn.

Wake County will lead in the length of its school term for the new year. The new apportionment will give a seven or eight month's term throughout the county.

The board of directors of the North Carolina Railroad Company met in Raleigh Tuesday and declared the usual 7 per cent. dividend on capital stock. The State's part of this dividend is \$210,000.

J. P. Brewer, of Grade, Alexander county, has one of the smallest girls to her age in this country. She is nearly fifteen years old but only 36 inches high and weighs 36 pounds. She wears a child's size shoe.

County Superintendent of Health Pridgen, as the result of an inspection in Sand Hill township in Lenoir County has discovered twenty cases of small pox. The disease is confined to negroes, is in a very mild form, and all the cases have been quarantined.

The Asheville Gazette-News says that if Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Treadway, of Sandy Bottom, Madison county, live to March 3d they will celebrate the 73d anniversary of their marriage. Mr. Treadway is 94 and his wife 93 years old.

Fire at Rockingham early Saturday morning destroyed the livery stable of M. L. Hinson and 32 mules and horses perished in the flames. Three storerooms, a dwelling and shop were also burned. The loss, which is considerable, is partially covered by insurance.

Mr. Hugh McRae, head of the bonding house of Hugh McRae & Co., has donated \$10,000 to the city of Wilmington for the purpose of establishing an agricultural and mechanical school there. The city aldermen have agreed to appropriate \$2,000 annually for that purpose on condition that the county commissioners do likewise. This assures the school.

There has been talk of a dispensary at Lexington, the main reason assigned being that the prohibitory law is not enforced. But a joint meeting of all the congregations in that town, held at the Baptist church, decided that no dispensary is wanted. Instead a committee was appointed to devise ways and means to enforce the prohibitory laws and all the people present pledged themselves to aid in the enforcement.

General James D. Glenn will be private secretary of his brother, Governor-elect R. B. Glenn. Gen. Glenn is now law agent for the Southern railway, with a residence in Greensboro. The duties of the position are exacting, and his health has never been restored completely since his stroke of paralysis last summer. The position of private secretary is very close to the governor, and while its duties are lighter than a railway position, it is by no means unimportant.

Fire at Greenville at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning destroyed two tobacco warehouses, four prize houses and several smaller buildings, together with half a million pounds of leaf tobacco. The total loss is fully \$60,000; insurance \$40,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The presidential electors assembled in the Senate Chamber, at Raleigh Monday all being present, and cast twelve votes for Parker, for President and for Davis for vice president. Frank S. Spruill was elected messenger to carry the vote to Washington. Speeches were made by electors Abernathy and Spruill, nominating Parker, and by Crawford and Bond, nominating Davis.

POLENTA NEWS.

Death of Mrs. Johnson—Our Good Teachers—Personal Notes.

Our section is the healthiest we have ever known. We don't know of a single sick person.

There will be preaching at Elizabeth next Sunday morning by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Fisher.

Mr. John Hardee will sell fruit trees again this year. He made quite a success of it last year.

The acreage in cotton in 1905 will be at least 25 per cent. less in all this section than last year. More grain than ever will be put in. The tobacco acreage will be slightly increased.

The Morgan-Ward nuptials were somewhat of a surprise to some of us. Miss Ward, that was, has a host of friends in this section, all of whom wish for this young couple a blissful union.

"Forget the past and live in the future," was the text from which Rev. Mr. Townsend, the pastor, preached at Shiloh last Sunday morning. The subject was bawled in a masterly manner. The crowd was not as large as usual, owing to the extreme cold weather.

Mr. H. T. Garrard, of Norfolk, Va., is spending a few days at his old home. We are always glad to shake his hand, and hope his stay will be longer than usual. He has traveled much, but says, to his way of thinking, this section of country beats all he has ever been in.

This township is to be congratulated on the excellency of its white public school teachers. Miss Les at Myatt's School House, Miss Williams at Polenta Academy, Miss Jones at Red Hill, Miss Wagstaff at Holland's School House, Mr. Millard Turner at Mt. Zion—all up-to-date teachers, and giving entire satisfaction—and the children are learning under them, too.

Mrs. Lula Johnson, wife of Mr. James Johnson, and daughter of Mr. Bartlett Johnson, died at her father's residence on Saturday evening last at 2 P. M. Several months ago whilst living in Smithfield, she was taken down sick with typhoid fever and has ever since been confined to her bed, the disease finally terminating into consumption, which caused her death. She was a consistent member of Shiloh Missionary Baptist church, a devoted wife, kind and affectionate mother and an obedient and loving daughter. She leaves a son, father, sister, two brothers, and a host of friends to mourn her demise. Her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Shiloh Sunday evening, a large course of sorrowing ones being present.

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Sickening Shivering Fits

of Ague and Malaria, can be relieved and cured with Electric Bitters. This is a pure, tonic medicine; of especial benefit in malaria, for it exerts a true curative influence on the disease, driving it entirely out of the system. It is much to be preferred to Quinine, having none of this drug's bad after-effects. E. S. Munday, of Henrietta, Texas, writes: "My brother was very low with malarial fever and jaundice, till he took Electric Bitters, which saved his life. At Hood Bros drug store; price 50c., guaranteed."

THE DIVISION OF SCHOOL FUNDS.

Representative Canaday Introduces a Bill for a Constitutional Amendment.

House bill No. 18 introduced in the House by Representative Canaday last Friday provides for a constitutional amendment to be submitted to the people for ratification at the next general election. The intent of the proposed amendment is to secure a more equitable division of the public school fund between the white race and colored race.

Section 1 embraces the proposed amendment. That section 2 of article IX of the constitution of the State of North Carolina be, and the same is hereby amended by striking out the following words which conclude said section—"but there shall be no discrimination in favor of, or to the prejudice of either race," and inserting in lieu thereof of the following: "but the General Assembly may divide the taxes raised under this Constitution between the races in such manner as the General Assembly may deem just and equitable."

The remaining three sections define the manner in which the election is to be conducted. The bill was referred to the committee on Constitutional Amendment. Another bill of quite similar import has been introduced by Judge Winborne, of Murfreesboro.

This bill is in accord with the instructions given our Senator and Representatives. It will be remembered that the following resolution was unanimously passed by the last Johnston County Democratic Convention: "Resolved, that said Senators and Representatives are instructed to use their best endeavors to secure the passage of an Amendment to the Constitution of North Carolina empowering the colored race to levy taxes to be applied solely to the education of the colored children."

KENLY NEWS.

Mr. Claude Darden, of Falcon, has accepted a position with Mr. R. A. Hales.

Mr. Charlie Creech, of Four Oaks, is spending a few days with Mr. I. J. Creech.

Mr. Paul Liles, of Tarboro, spent Saturday and Sunday night with friends here.

Miss Beatrice Earle, of Nashville, is visiting her brother, Mr. S. S. Earle, this week.

Miss Susie Sauls, of Goldsboro, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. S. S. Earle, this week.

Mr. D. T. Perkins went to Greensboro Sunday to spend a few days with friends.

Mrs. John Wilder, from near Louisburg, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. W. T. Bailey, this week.

Mrs. Hilliard Richardson and her son, Jimmie, spent a few days with her daughter, Mrs. W. T. Bailey, the first of the week.

Mrs. Dora Gilbreath and little son, Hal, of Smithfield, came Thursday to spend a few days with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Darden.

Messrs. Teacher and Bailey, young men from Fremont, have opened a general merchandise store in the old Racket Store, recently vacated by J. T. Edgerton & Bro.

Mr. A. J. Smith, telegraph operator at Spencer for the Southern Railway, has resigned his position there, and accepted a position as book-keeper for G. G. Edgerton & Son.

A large number of the farmers of Beulah Township met here Thursday, January 5th, to discuss the cotton situation and appoint delegates to the County Convention. A number of speeches were made and a resolution passed to reduce the acreage this year to five acres to the horse. The following were elected to attend the county meeting: Messrs. D. H. Bagley, Ephriam Pittman, Nathan Jackson, W. A. T. Durham, J. H. Hales, and Eli Godwin.

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GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

The Japanese Ministry of Marine reports that 395 mines have been cleared within a forty miles radius of Port Arthur.

The nomination of the negro Crum to be collector of the port at Charleston, S. C., which has been pending for a long time, was confirmed last week by a strict party vote—33 to 17.

An enthusiastic mass meeting at Meridian, Miss., Tuesday attended by more than a thousand merchants, bankers and farmers, endorsed a plan to hold cotton for ten cents and decided to reduce the acreage this year and to use less fertilizer.

Fifty per cent. of the Russian officers captured at Port Arthur will voluntarily go to Japan as prisoners of war. The others will sign the parole offer and return to Russia. The total number of prisoners is 878 officers and 23,049 men.

More than 500 farmers of Laurens county, Georgia who are holding 10,000 bales of cotton for better prices, held a monster mass-meeting Saturday, elected delegates to the coming convention in New Orleans and pledged themselves to reduce cotton acreage 25 to 50 per cent.

The farmers of Anderson and York counties, in South Carolina, Columbia, Greensboro and Pell in Alabama; met Tuesday and pledged themselves to reduce their acreage 25 per cent. with a corresponding reduction in the use of commercial fertilizers. York county farmers decided to hold present stock for 12 cents.

Standing beneath the draped folds of the American flag while the walls about him and the floor beneath him trembled in response to cannon that roared a salute in his honor, Alva Adams was Tuesday inaugurated as governor of Colorado. The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice Gabbert. At the side of Governor Adams stood the athletic form of the retiring Governor James Peabody, who will at once begin what will be an energetic and bitter fight for the governorship.

Greatly in Demand.

Nothing is more in demand than a medicine which meets modern requirements for a blood and system cleanser, such as Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are just what you need to cure stomach and liver troubles. Try them. At Hood Bros. drug store, 25c., guaranteed.

Farmers Association in Meadow.

A part of the farmers in Meadow township, Johnston County, met at Peacock's X Roads Saturday, December 31st, 1904, for the purpose of organizing a farmers association.

We organized with W. S. Eldridge president and L. A. Johnson secretary.

Mr. H. M. Johnson explained the object of the meeting. The following resolutions were passed:

1st. Whereas, the price of cotton is entirely too low and that the farmers of Meadow township recommend that the remainder of the present crop of cotton be held for prices that justify the farmers to produce it.

2nd. Whereas, we have too much cotton on hand for good prices and we recommend that the crop for 1905 be reduced in acreage as much as twenty-five per cent. It was then moved that we meet again Saturday, January 14th, 1905, at two o'clock. We hope to see more of the farmers come out.

L. A. JOHNSON, Sec.

Spoiled Her Beauty.

Harriet Howard, of 209 W. 34th St., New York, at one time had her beauty spoiled with skin trouble. She writes: "I had Salt Rheum or Eczema for years, but nothing would cure it, until I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve." A quick and sure healer for cuts, burns and sores. 25c. at Hood Bros. drug store.