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WORK OF LEGISLATURE.

Brief Summary of Some of the Measures Enacted Into Law.

We make the following extracts from the Legislative Edition of the News and Observer concerning the work of the recent Legislature:

No act of the General Assembly of 1907 will do more to give it the warm approval of the people of the State than the abundant provision made for the care and treatment of the indigent insane, the dangerous idiots and epileptics. The need for enlarged accommodations and for more land so that the modern cottage system could be put into operation was widely and acutely felt. The Democratic party in convention pledged itself to make the necessary provisions. That pledge was kept in a handsome way. Early in the session Mr. Bickett, of Franklin, introduced in the House a bill to issue \$500,000 in North Carolina bonds, to provide additional buildings and other permanent improvements for the hospitals for the insane in this State. His bill was generally approved except the provision as to bond issue. The joint committee on Appropriations refused to endorse an issue of bonds with a full State treasury, but favorably recommended the bill with a provision that the money be appropriated out of the public treasury, \$125,000 per year for four years. That amendment, with other comparatively important ones was accepted by Mr. Bickett, chairman of the House Committee on Insane Asylums, and by Mr. Webb, chairman of the Senate Committee on Insane Asylums, who had charge of this bill in the two houses. It was the most inspiring event in the whole session to see the vote taken for this provision for the unfortunate classes, for with cheerfulness and heartiness every Senator and every Representative voted for the bill.

The Governor has followed in the wise action of the General Assembly by appointing five of the wisest men in North Carolina to carry out the provisions of the bill. They are: E. F. Aydtlett, of Elizabeth City; W. A. Erwin, of Durham; Charles A. Webb, of Asheville; Dr. J. W. McNeill, of Cumberland county, and J. H. Weddington, of Charlotte.

An important law enacted during the past session was that entitled: "To Prevent Usury and Extortion," and its provisions are as follows:

"That any person, firm or corporation who shall or may loan money in any manner whatsoever by note, chattel mortgage, conditional sale, or otherwise, upon any article or articles of household or kitchen furniture and shall or may take, receive, reserve or charge a greater rate of interest than six per cent, either before or after the interest may accrue, or who shall refuse to give receipts for payments or who shall fail and refuse to surrender the note and security when the same is paid off or a new note and mortgage is given in renewal, unless said new mortgage shall state the amount still due by said old note or mortgage, and that the new one is given as additional security, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and in addition thereto shall forfeit double the interest which has been theretofore paid.

Section 2784 of the Revisal was amended increasing the pay of registrars and judges of elections to two dollars per day.

The new State pension law provides that the Auditor shall pay upon warrant out of the State Treasury to every person who has been for twelve months immediately preceding his or her application a bona fide resident of the State, and who is incapacitated for manual labor and was a soldier or sailor in the service

of the Confederate States of America, during the war between the States, and to the widow of any such deceased officer, soldier or sailor, (provided the widow was married to the officer, soldier or sailor before the first day of April, 1865, and if she has married again, is a widow at the date of her application), the following sums annually, according to the degree of disability ascertained by the following grade, viz: First, to such as have received a wound which renders them totally incompetent to perform manual labor in the ordinary avocations of life, seventy-two dollars; second, to such as have lost a leg above the knee, or an arm above the elbow, sixty dollars; third to such as have lost a foot or leg below the knee, or a hand or arm below the elbow, or have a leg or arm rendered utterly useless by reason of wound or permanent injury, forty-eight dollars; fourth, to such as have lost an eye, and to widows, and all other soldiers who are now three-fourths disabled from any cause to perform manual labor, thirty dollars. If the taxes in any year shall be insufficient to pay the pensions, the State Treasurer is by the act authorized to pay the pensions out of the general fund in the Treasury, provided that in no year shall the total amount paid for pensions exceed four hundred thousand dollars.

The Whites Free Again.

Raleigh, N. C., April 3, 1907.—Governor Glenn opened the report of the Council of State this morning, and found that the Council recommended a pardon for Thomas J. White and Chalmers White, the two brothers of Concord, who are serving six years sentences in the penitentiary for the killing of Russell Sherrill, whom they charged with the ruin of their niece. Governor Glenn had referred the question of pardon to the Council for the reason that he was of counsel for the prosecution at the time the Whites were convicted. Acting on the decision of the Council of State, the Governor will at once issue the pardons, along with an official statement of the case and the reasons for the pardons. The Whites have served about two years of their sentences and have made model prisoners. One of them has been running the electric light plant of the prison, and the other has been doing service in the prison hospital and dining room. When they began service of sentence they created something of a sensation by coming to Raleigh with their counsel several days ahead of the time for beginning sentence and surrendered to the prison authorities without the intervention of an officer.

Isham Atkinson Passes Away.

Selma, N. C., April 2, 1907.—Isham Atkinson (Col.) departed this life March 28, 1907, at 7:30 p. m. after a lingering illness of two years and seven months. He was born in Cumberland county in 1834, was 73 years old, had enjoyed almost perfect health until about three years ago. He had been a hard worker all his life; a successful farmer, turpentine distiller, mechanic, and brick mason. He was a pious Christian character, devoted father, and highly esteemed by both white and colored. He survived his wife 23 years; leaves nine children and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

Thanks to the physician and many friends who assisted us in caring for him during his illness. His loving daughter, Laura Atkinson King.

Bitten By a Spider.

Through blood poisoning caused by a spider bite, John Washington of Bosqueville, Tex., would have lost his leg, which became a mass of running sores, had he not been persuaded to try Bucklen's Arnica Salve. He writes: "The first application relieved, and four boxes healed all the sores." Heals every sore. Hood Bros. druggists.

Kenly News Notes.

Miss Myrtie Davis, of Lucama, was in town Wednesday.

Dr. Moore of Wilson was in town today, (Wednesday).

Miss Rena Edgerton of Selma, is visiting relatives here now.

Mr. C. B. Bailey, of Four Oaks, spent Saturday here with friends.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. P. H. Alford continues very sick.

Miss Carry Edgerton, of Pinkney, spent a few days here last week.

Miss Oda Aycock, of Selma, has been visiting her parents near here a few days this week.

Miss Cora Sasser, and little sister Rosa spent Saturday at the home of her brother, Mr. D. B. Sasser.

Mr. B. E. Dickinson spent Saturday and Sunday with his father, Mr. Wm Dickinson, near Spring Hope.

Rev. J. W. Alford, after spending a few days with relatives and friends here, returned to his home at New Berne Monday.

Mr. D. B. Sasser happened to the misfortune to lose about two hundred dollars worth of lumber last Thursday night at Bagley by fire.

The fire burning around the north east side of town, and the ringing of the bells Saturday night about eleven o'clock caused right much excitement, but no damage was done.

Misses Maud Edgerton and Nina Darden, Messrs. Wade Hughes, Freddie Richardson, Tyler Bailey and Simeon Darden spent Easter with Miss Crama Richardson near Spring Hope.

There was a heavy thunder and rain storm in this section Sunday afternoon, which has caused what felt almost like the summer time to feel now like the winter, but nevertheless we were glad to see the rain as it was very much needed.

Kenly April 3. Max.

Overshot Notes.

The warm days recently brought around our little annual visitor. It's a little terrapin that has "A. M. R. 1891," engraved upon its back. Some of the boys did it 16 years ago. He lives in the branch near the house, and each spring when it gets warm he comes up around the yard, seemingly to let us know that he has just weathered through another winter. THE HERALD, a few weeks ago, gave an account of a goose somewhere up North, known to be 75 years old. We don't know the age of our little friend, having been acquainted only about 16 years, but from the way he gets around we would suppose him to be as old as the goose, and possibly a few years better.

Mr. Tyrus Thornton who lived near Dunn, N. C., fell dead from his chair where he had just gone to the house of one of his nearby neighbors on Monday morning, April the first, on a business matter. We suppose heart failure was the cause of his death. His remains were brought to his old home near here where he was born 78 years ago and buried with Masonic honors under the auspices of Mingo Lodge No. 206 of which he was a member. Mr. Thornton had many friends and relatives in this community, where his early life was spent.

April 3rd. 1907. W. N. R.

Doing Business Again.

"When my friends thought I was about to take leave of this world, on account of indigestion, nervousness and general debility," writes A. A. Chisholm, Treadwell, N. Y., "and when it looked as if there was no hope left, I was persuaded to try Electric Bitters, and I rejoice to say that they are curing me. I am now doing business again as of old, and am still gaining daily." Best tonic medicine on earth. Guaranteed by Hood Bros. druggists.

Archer Items.

We had just a little snow here Monday (Easter.)

The Archer base ball team, we are informed, will organize next Saturday.

Mr. J. Leonard Boyett, of Selma, spent Easter with his mother, Mrs. Jane Boyett.

Some of our farmers are through planting corn and these cold mornings make them look uneasy.

Mrs. W. H. Austin, of Roseville is here to attend her mother Mrs. J. R. Wall who, we are glad to say, is improving.

Mr. J. W. Price, of Raleigh, formerly of this place, was shaking hands among his many friends here Monday.

After spending several weeks with her niece, Mrs. Geo. R. Stancil here, Mrs. Ann Whittenberry returned to her home at Earpsboro Sunday.

The tobacco acreage in our community will be slightly increased this year. The reports are that plants were doing well until the recent cold weather.

Misses Omega and Ola Eason entertained delightfully a number of friends Monday evening from 8 to 11. The Misses Eason are ideal hostesses and we always want to go again.

April 3. S. L. W.

Hopewell Notes.

Miss Mollie Pope spent Easter with Miss Mary Parker.

We were glad to see Miss Minnie Alford out at Sabbath School last Sunday morning.

Mr. John Langdon and family spent Saturday night and Sunday in the Spilona section.

Mr. Junius Hobbs and Harry Cook spent last Sunday afternoon in the Four Oaks section.

Mr. Arthur Johnson spent Saturday night and Sunday with the family of Mr. J. W. Alford.

Miss Mary Parker who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. O. Stephenson, returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Stephenson and family spent Easter with Mrs. Stephenson's mother, Mrs. C. E. Parker.

Miss Charity Johnson returned home Saturday after spending a few days with her sister in the Spilona section.

Mr. Walter Alford returned home Monday after spending a few days with the family of Mr. Right Smith, of Mt. Olive.

We are sorry to note the death of Mr. Willis Langdon which occurred at his home near Hopewell Friday March 22nd. He had been sick only a few days with Lagrippe.

We Two.

Don Richardson Concert.

The Don Richardson Trio gave a musical concert in the New Opera House here Tuesday night. Owing to various circumstances only a small audience was present to hear this famous trio. Those who attended were not disappointed but greatly enjoyed the superb music rendered by Don Richardson, violinist, Peter Peters, cellist, and Carl Von Lawrenz, pianist. Each is a master of his instrument and maintained his high reputation.

Mr. Richardson, whose father is a native of this county, is one of the foremost violinists of this country. The other gentlemen are natives of Germany and were educated in Berlin. It is not too much to say that Smithfield has seldom ever had such a rare treat as the concert given by these great musicians.

They carried their own piano, the sweet toned Stieff, and with them was Mr. W. E. Senn, of Baltimore, an expert tuner for the Stieff people.

We sell wire at old price. Cotter-Stevens Co.

Poienta News.

A few of our farmers have planted cotton pretty early, but some years it is best.

Mr. Emmet Coats and Miss Lillian Wood will be married today. (Wednesday).

There will be preaching at Mt. Zion next Sunday by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Starling.

Prof. Canaday came out Tuesday evening to rearrange our School District. It is to be considerably enlarged.

The pic-nics planned for Easter Monday did not amount to much, since the day turned out to be such a disagreeable one.

The Sunday School reports for the Township, at the Sunday School Convention showed up well, all being in excellent condition, much better than at any previous report.

We are pleased to note that Mr. A. D. Taylor who several weeks ago, went up to the Rex Hospital, Raleigh, to have an operation performed is doing well, and indications are that he will soon have regained his health. We earnestly hope for his speedy restoration.

Warrants for two negroes charged with assault and battery were issued Saturday. Both took leg-bail. The Constable got in sight of one of them, but it is said when the negro caught sight of him he lost no time in taking to his heels and distanced the officer in the race. The two darkies are still hiding out.

The Sunday School Convention at Oakland last Sunday was a success. The crowd was not over large, but all present were delighted with the day's exercises. Hon. B. R. Lacy, of Raleigh, was present, and delivered one of the very best Sunday School addresses it was ever our pleasure to listen to. He completely captivated the crowd and enshrined himself in the affections of all of our people. He is a speaker pleasing in manner, earnest in what he says, and at times so touching in his remarks, that his hearers, many of them, are seen shedding tears. We hope Bro. Lacy will come to see us again soon.

Typo.

Death Near Benson.

Benson April 4.—Died at his home near Benson, Monday morning, April 1st, 1907 Mr. Enoch Moore, of pneumonia, as the result of a recent attack of measles. His remains were taken to Johnson Union Church, 4 miles west of Smithfield, and buried Tuesday where many friends and relatives had gathered to pay their last respect to the departed one.

Mr. Moore was 54 years of age and had been a consistent member of the Freewill Baptist Church for a number of years. He was an industrious farmer and loved and respected by his community. Besides his immediate family and friends at his bedside to witness the sad sight, was Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Thompson, of Fremont. The bereft family desires to extend their thanks to the neighbors and friends, and especially to Mr. J. C. Stancil, for their kind and courteous treatment toward the family during Mr. Moore's sickness. He leaves a widow and five children to mourn their loss.

A FRIEND.

A Lochinvar Of The Pasture.

"Shorty" Price and Miss Charley Johnson were married last Thursday by Rev. W. P. Donnell. Only the bride, groom and minister were present. The marriage ceremony was performed in a pasture near the bride's home. "Shorty" and his bride were riding the same horse, the girl being in front. When the preacher requested them to lock hands the bride-to-be reached back and presented her hand. After the ceremony was over the happy couple galloped off over the pasture on their way rejoicing.

—Kiowa (I. T.) Sentinel.

General News Items.

The city of Newberry, S. C., had a \$200,000 fire Friday.

The experience of the Nebraska railroads has shown that the 2-cent rate increases the traffic.

John Jacob Astor, Robert W. Golet and Cornelius Vanderbilt are said to have lost between \$8,000,000 and \$9,000,000 by the recent slump in Union Pacific and other stocks.

Dun's Weekly Review of Trade reports the continuance of the tremendous demand for goods in all lines, and there is no let up in the satisfactory business throughout the United States.

President Roosevelt Friday, issued an order requiring the Philippine Commission to give the Filipinos self government, as peace seems to be restored among the Christian sections of the islands.

Bishop John C. Granberry, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, died suddenly at his home in Ashland, Va., Monday. Bishop Granberry was born in Norfolk 76 years ago. He was elected Bishop in 1882.

A cablegram from Manchester, England, says the stocks of cotton in European manufacturing centres and yet to arrive are sufficient to run the 85,000,000 spindles till the present year's crop is ready for market in September.

The Commission appointed to inquire into the sanity of Harry Thaw have unanimously agreed that he is sane and the trial will be resumed where it was interrupted two weeks ago when Jerome demanded the appointment of a Commission.

The citizens of San Francisco have raised a fund of \$100,000 to hound down all bribers and grafters in that city, and are determined to run down the high and low rascals; those back of the movement are armed in fear of attempts to assault or assassinate them.

Strickland-Thompson.

Pine Level, N. C. April 3.—The marriage of Miss Gussie Emma Thompson to Mr. G. H. Strickland which occurred last Wednesday night, March 20th at 7:30 o'clock was a social event of particular interest. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Thompson, near Princeton, and was witnessed by many friends of the contracting parties. The home was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The attendants were as follows: Mr. Rufus Creech, of Smithfield, with Miss Maude Strickland, Mr. Sidney Thompson with Miss Ila Braswell, and Mr. Loyd Strickland with Miss Lucy Daughtry. As the bridal party entered the parlor Mr. Daniel Langdon, of Princeton, awaited them, who took their vows and after a benediction pronounced them no more twain, but one, soon after which many congratulations and hearty good wishes were received. The bride was attired in white china silk. The bride is highly refined and possesses all the charms of person which go to make sweet womanhood, while the groom is an energetic and popular young man. Evidencing the esteem and popularity of both bride and groom were many handsome presents, which were much admired. Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the home of the groom near Pine Level where the sweetest of music awaited them, rendered by the Creech boys.

A WITNESS.

The Price of Health.

"The price of health in a malarious district is just 25 cents; the cost of a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills," writes Ella Slayton, of Noland, Ark. New Life Pills cleanse gently and impart new life and vigor to the system. 25c. Satisfaction guaranteed at Hood Bros. druggists.