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GOVERNOR VETOES THE BILL.

Tennessee Senate Will Hear the Chief Executive's Official Disapproval of the State-wide Prohibition Bill This Morning—Opponents of the Bill See a Ray of Hope—Governor Patterson States His Reasons.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 19.—Governor Patterson this afternoon filed with the clerk of the Senate a message vetoing the State-wide prohibition bill which last week passed by both houses of the Legislature. The Governor's action followed adjournment of the Senate, after it had passed, on third reading by a vote of 20 to 13, the bill prohibiting the manufacture in Tennessee of intoxicating liquors. "The veto message will be read to the Senate tomorrow morning when it must be sustained or the bill passed over the Executive's protest. On original passage the vote was 20 to 13.

Opponents of the bill claim tonight that they can count on a change of three Senators to their side and that the fourth member, on whose vote the fate of the measure depends, is wavering.

In his veto message Governor Patterson charges that such legislation is against the Democratic platform and the doctrine of self-government; that it sets aside the recorded will of the people; that experience has taught that no arbitrary prohibition law was ever obeyed and its enactment brings no settlement of the question; that it destroys property, reduces State revenues, increases taxation, takes money from the people to send it elsewhere, foments discord, impairs the dignity of the Commonwealth, fosters hypocrisy and invites evasion and deceit in the people.

A Virulent Craze.

Illinois is just emerging from the agony of a blanket State primary election for the nomination of United States Senator, governor and other officers. It is a vain as well as a stupid and vicious attempt to transform our government until it shall cease to be a republic and become a democracy. It is all based on a specious plea that the fount is absolutely pure, but the stream is necessarily foul.

The holding of a State blanket primary for United States senator is in contempt of the spirit of the Constitution, which orders that senators in Congress shall be chosen by the legislatures of their respective States. Repeatedly Congress has refused to submit an amendment providing for the election of senators by direct vote; but the blanket primary accomplishes that very thing, and those States that like it now have it without resort to constitutional warrant for it.

Our government at Washington is partly national and partly federal, and that is its strength and its glory. The Senate is entirely federal, and under the Constitution senators are elected by federal bodies, but if the people shall elect direct, it cripples and weakens the federal nature of the government. This craze—invention of the demagogues—is now virulent in many sections of the country; but the fiercer it is the sooner it will subside.

The argument is that legislatures are corrupt, but that the people are pure; that the people cannot choose an honest man to represent them in the State legislature, but that they cannot choose a dishonest man to the United States Senate. A legislature can be watched; but a whole people cannot be under surveillance. The legislator who sells his vote is very likely to be found out, but his constituent who sells his vote can do so with practical impunity.

And what a harvest for a rich man, ambitious to be senator, is a blanket primary! He can maintain headquarters in every community, and organization in politics is what drill and discipline are in things military. The poor man, though a thousand times better fitted for senator than his rich competitor, is at the greatest disadvantage in a State primary, whereas he can show himself to the legislature and be judged at his true worth.

The reaction against this assault on the republic has already set in, and ten years hence it is quite likely the craze will have disappeared.—Washington Post.

AN EXCELLENT SHOWING.

Farmers Commercial Bank Pays 10 Per Cent Dividend and Passes 10 Per Cent to Surplus Fund.

Benson, Jan. 20.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of Farmers Commercial Bank, Benson, N. C., was held yesterday. They had been running exactly ten months, and, notwithstanding the panic, they paid to the stockholders 10 per cent on their Capital Stock, and placed 10 per cent to the Surplus account. The original Board of Directors were re-elected with the addition of M. T. Britt. At the Directors meeting just after the Stockholders meeting Mr. W. H. Royal declined re-election to the Vice-Presidency, and the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Jno. O. Ellington, President, P. B. Johnson and Preston Woodall, Vice-Presidents, M. T. Britt, Cashier.

SELMA NEWS.

Gathered and Reported by Our Regular Correspondent.

Selma, Jan. 21.—Mr. N. E. Ward is quite sick in Wilson. All his friends hope for his speedy recovery.

Messrs C. W. Richardson and L. H. Allred spent Wednesday in Raleigh.

Mrs. J. C. Scarborough of Murfreesboro, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. R. J. Noble, left for her home Thursday morning.

Work has been begun on the Ethel Cotton Mills. We will tell more about it soon.

We hear that Mr. W. B. Driver will soon begin work on a brick residence. Let the good work go on. Selma is growing right along, as the sale of lots some weeks ago showed.

Mrs. W. M. Sanders, of Smithfield, spent Wednesday here visiting Mrs. Scarborough at Mrs. Noble's.

Mr. Chas. E. Richardson, of Goldsboro, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Richardson.

Mr. Ed. W. Womack has remodelled and painted his residence, which now presents quite a nice appearance.

Mr. John W. Liles is having his house painted.

The stockholders of the Bank of Selma met in the bank last Tuesday. A most satisfactory report was made by the president and secretary. All the old officers were re-elected.

Mr. William Richardson, of Selma, was appointed by Grand Master Gattis at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge to attend the unveiling of the monument to the Confederate dead at Johnson's Island which will be some time in the summer. He was imprisoned there during the war.

Governor Chamberlain Elected Senator in Oregon.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 19.—Gov. George E. Chamberlain, a Democrat, was today elected United States Senator to succeed C. W. Fulton, receiving a majority of each House of the Legislature, which voted in separate sessions.

The two houses will meet in joint session tomorrow for the purpose of ratifying the election of Chamberlain. Forty-six votes are necessary to a choice, and Chamberlain today received 53 or 7 more than required to elect.

\$50,000 Fire in Durham.

Durham, N. C., Jan. 19.—A fierce and quick fire yesterday morning about 3 o'clock destroyed the municipal building, the fire originating on or under the stage of the opera house on the second floor, from a defective flue, and quickly spreading over the building. The total loss is estimated at \$50,000, with insurance amounting to more than \$40,000, as full insurance is allowed public buildings.

Known By Other Names.

There are no set of diseases so misnamed as those that pertain to the stomach, liver and bowels. Many think their nerves are deranged, their heart diseased, their kidneys weak, their blood impure, when in reality they have stomach or bowel trouble. Try Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, the wonderful regulator, and see how quickly you will find yourself cured. It is absolutely guaranteed to do what is claimed, and if you want to try it before buying, send your address for a sample bottle to Pepsin Syrup Co., 119 Caldwell Bldg., Monticello, Ill. It is sold by Hood Bros. at \$1 a bottle.

Dr. W. H. Northington's Southern remedy for skin pain. Used over 60 years. Price 25c. Guaranteed by all dealers.

AND TENNESSEE GOES DRY.

State Prohibition passed Over Veto of the Governor, Who Won His Nomination Advocating Local Option in Contest With Carmack Who Stood for State-wide Prohibition.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 20.—Over the veto of Governor Patterson both Houses of the Legislature today passed the Senate bill which prohibits the sale of intoxicating liquors within four miles of a school house in Tennessee and is in effect a State-wide prohibition act. It is effective July 1, 1909. The vote in the Senate was the same as on original passage.

The house acted at 5:40 this afternoon the vote standing 61 to 36, the original vote there having been 62 to 37. In each house the passage was effected through a combination of Republican and "State-wide" Democratic strength. The galleries were packed in both Houses and the debates followed the reading of the Governor's message were bitter.

The action of the Legislature today practically brings to a close one of the most bitter and sensational political fights in the history of Tennessee. State-wide prohibition was the main issue in the recent contest between Governor Patterson and the late E. W. Carmack for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination and, though Patterson, who advocated local option, won the nomination, the Legislature, elected in November last at the same time that he was, has, after stormy times, gone against him. This came, however, with the aid of Republicans who gave the bill 22 votes in the House and 5 in the Senate.

The bill to prohibit the manufacture of intoxicating liquor in Tennessee, after January 1, 1910, passed the Senate today and is expected to pass the House tomorrow.

DOWN FOUR OAKS WAY.

The Four Oaks Debating society is progressing nicely. The query for next debate is "Resolved That Capital Punishment Should be Abolished." The Four Oaks Milling Company are making full time now. Their meal is of the best.

Miss Neva Sater, of Raleigh, is visiting her sisters here, Mrs. Chas. and Robt. Wellons, and Miss Flora Sater.

Mr. J. W. Stanley made a business trip to Smithfield Friday.

Mr. W. H. Lee and Miss Norah Eldridge, two of our popular young people, were married Sunday afternoon at Four Oaks. They will reside in Four Oaks where Mr. Lee is doing a mercantile business. We wish them much success, long life and happiness.

The farmers in this vicinity are getting ready for business again, building fence, cutting stalks and plowing, etc.

Mr. F. A. Truett was in our midst Sunday.

We are very glad to hear that the Legislature is being petitioned for an enlargement of our town limits.

Mr. Johnson and Miss Page, of Benson, visited friends here Sunday.

We are glad to learn that Mr. A. B. Adams' baby is almost well.

Dr. Shelling, noted eye specialist, is with us for a while.

HELLO BILL.

ARCHER NEWS.

Mr. L. M. Barnes, of Clayton, spent Sunday at home.

Several cases were up before justice Eason last week, most of which were turned over to the Superior Court.

Mr. Clarence Hinton and Mr. Archie Castleberry left last week for Egypt, Ga., which place they will make their future home.

Mr. Harvey Carman, of Snow Hill, Md., and Mr. Jesse Thompson, of near Smithfield, were the guests of Mr. George M. Hinton last Sunday.

Messrs C. L. Barnes and A. R. Barnes made a business trip to Smithfield Monday.

S. L. W.

Brave Fire Laddies.

often receive severe burns, putting out fires, then use Bucklen's Arnica Salve and forget them. It soon drives out pain. For Burns, Scalds, Wounds, Cuts and Bruises its earth's greatest healer. Quickly cures Skin Eruptions, Old Sores, Bolls, Ulcers, Felons; best Pile cure made. Relief is instant. 25c at Hood Bros.

TRUST MUST OBEY LAW.

Decision of Tremendous Importance Upholds Texas Oil Fine of \$1,623,900.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 18.—Lawyers and public men generally agree that the most staggering blow yet struck at Trusts and combinations in restraint of trade was delivered today by the Supreme Court of the United States in the famous case of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company of Texas, which lost on every point on which it appealed from the decisions of the Texas Courts. The company was ousted from the State of Texas and fined \$1,623,900 for long-continued violation of the Texas Anti-Trust law.

This sweeping and epoch-making decision of the highest tribunal in the land goes to the very heart of the question of State Legislatures to shape laws as they may see fit, with the aim of relieving the people of the exactions of illegal combinations.

In its decision the Supreme Court held that under the police powers of the State the latter could not be limited in its choice of methods for dealing with the evils of monopolies unless it imposed fines that were so grossly excessive as to constitute a clear violation of the provision of the Constitution forbidding the taking of property without due process of law.

PLEASANT GROVE ITEMS.

Mr. J. C. Coats spent Sunday with relatives in Coats.

Mr. Z. N. Lambert, from Clayton, spent Sunday in this section with relatives.

On last Sunday, January 10, Mr. Nassie Barnes and Miss Flonnie Godwin were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The writer wishes them much happiness.

According to the indications of the weather we will have some more marfages to report soon.

Mrs. Nancy Lambert, from near Clayton, who has been visiting relatives in this section for the past two weeks, returned to her home Sunday.

Mr. H. D. Lambert, teacher of Rehoboth school, spent Sunday up this way.

HENRICUS

PRINCETON ITEMS.

Rev. W. H. Puckett filled his appointment Sunday. At the close of the sermon there were enough funds raised to pay the church debt.

Miss Clara Finlayson returned to Henderson last Monday.

The "Spelling Bee" came off last Friday night at Princeton academy. It was the citizens of the town vs. school in which the town came out victorious. The town had some of its oldest citizens as spellers and no doubt the recollection of the old Blue Back helped them out.

W. C. Massey lost a fine mule last Friday.

J. H. Howell lost a valuable horse last Tuesday.

Our Post Master, Mr. Geo. E. Braswell, went up to Pine Level Sunday and claimed Miss Lucy Little as his bride, returning on the 8 p. m. train.

W. J. Mason left last Saturday for Nebo, N. C., to visit his father, Mr. Pree Howell is in charge of the section force during his absence.

Dr. A. G. Woodard has purchased of D. E. McKinne a valuable town lot and is now having erected a fine building thereon to be used as a Drug store and office.

A. F. Holt is having a two story brick building put up on the lot he purchased of G. T. Whitley.

J. D. F.

Princeton, Jan. 19.

Overman Re-Elected Senator.

Raleigh, Jan. 19.—The election of Senator Lee S. Overman to succeed himself for a second term in the Senate of the United States was the feature in both branches of the General Assembly today. The vote in the Senate was 36 to 8 and in the House 90 to 26, Judge Spencer B. Adams being honored by the minority with the complimentary nomination. The speeches in nomination were made in the Senate by Senator Klutz and Senator Britt, respectively, and in the House by Representatives Julian and Grant. In the House the full Democratic strength was voted, there being 30 Republicans in that body.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Two Bills Introduced of Local Interest to Johnston County—The Robeson County Bill Discussion—Bill to Punish Public Drunkenness.

Another week has passed away without the passage of any very important bills by the General Assembly. Quite a number of bills have been introduced but they are generally of a local nature.

Perhaps the most important measure introduced so far is the bill for the regulation of trusts and monopolies. This measure which has been introduced in both houses of the General Assembly contains the famous sub-section A which created so much discussion in the General Assembly of 1907. If the bill is passed, according to the News and Observer North Carolina will have a trust law with teeth.

The warmest discussion of this session so far was by the members of the House upon the bill authorizing Robeson County to issue bonds exempt from county and municipal taxation. The committee to which the bill was referred struck out the clause exempting the bonds from taxation declaring this to be unconstitutional. The measure passed its second reading and when it came up for its third reading, the Representative from Robeson objected to its passage and asked the members to vote against it as the people of his county did not want the bill passed unless it contained the exempting clause. He declared that the measure was a local one and was supported in his contention by several members of the House, while others declared that it was not a local measure and if passed would set a precedent that would be far-reaching in its effect. Final hearing on the bill was postponed until February.

Tuesday the House and Senate balloted separately for United States Senator electing Senator Lee S. Overman to succeed himself. They met in joint session Wednesday to canvass the vote.

Representative Norton, of New Hanover, has introduced a bill for the separation of white and colored convicts in the camps and other public works of the State.

Senator Turner, of Harnett, has introduced a bill relating to the control and management of automobiles on the roads of Johnston and Harnett counties.

Representative Myatt, has introduced a bill to increase the pay of supervisors of public roads, jurors, and the County Commissioners of Johnston county. This bill has passed the third reading in the House.

Bills were introduced in both Senate and House Wednesday to abolish the fee system of solicitors and place those officers on a salary basis. Senator Blow's bill provides that the salary shall be \$2,000 per year.

Representative Myatt introduced a bill Wednesday "To repeal the laws of 1907 relating to fees of officials of Johnston County."

When the General Assembly adjourned Friday, it adjourned in honor of the birth of General Robt. E. Lee and most of the members went to Chapel Hill to hear President Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton University, deliver an address on Lee.

Senator Gay has introduced a bill to punish public drunkenness, which provides that any person found drunk or intoxicated upon any of the public highways, or at any public gathering, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than two dollars nor more than ten dollars for each and every offense.

A Splendid Building.

The new hotel building just completed at Kenly by J. T. Edgerton & Brother is one of the best in the county. On the first floor are five store rooms, besides the hotel office. The postoffice has been moved to one of these. The owners occupy 3 of these rooms, having moved their stock of goods across the street to the new building. Upstairs is Hotel Glenn with large sample and dining rooms and parlor and a large number of bed rooms. It is one of the best equipped hotels in Eastern North Carolina and will gain a liberal patronage. The owners have spent considerable money in the erection of this building and it does credit to them and their town.

400 AUTOMOBILES BURNED.

Huge Freight Storage Sheds at Boston Are Burned. Little Insurance is Carried on the Valuable Machines.

Boston, Jan. 17.—Four hundred automobiles of various styles were totally destroyed in a fire that swept through the old freight sheds of the Providence division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad in the rear of the Park square station, this morning.

The value of the machines is estimated at from \$700,000 to \$900,000 and very few of them were insured because of the high premium demanded on account of the character of the building in which they were stored.

In addition the train shed at the end of the station was practically destroyed with its contents, which consisted of a board bicycle track and pavillion, known as the Winter Garden, in which were merry-go-rounds and various devices for entertainment.

Those Damaging Roads Must Repair Them.

We have recently heard of much complaint of the condition of the roads in some sections, caused by the heavy log and timber wagons and road engines. When saw mill men and others with heavy teams, wagons and engines, damage the roads it is their duty to repair such damage. We respectfully call the attention of the public to Section 3778, of the Revisal of 1905, which reads as follows:

"Section 3778. Damage to road by hauling logs or wood. If any person, company or corporation shall damage any public road, bridge or causeway by hauling logs or sawmill timber thereon, and shall not repair the damage done thereto within five days after being notified of said damage by the overseer of said road, or by any member of the board of supervisors of the township in which said damaged road is situated, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars, or be imprisoned not exceeding thirty days; provided, if any person shall pay the damage as assessed by the board of supervisors for injury to said road, the payment of such damages shall be a complete bar to any criminal prosecution under this section, and if any criminal prosecution shall have been commenced prior to the payment of said damages, all further prosecutions in said criminal prosecution may be ended by the defendant paying the cost necessarily incurred in said criminal prosecution and satisfying the court that said damages and all proper costs have been paid."

Small But Strange Fire at Kenly.

Last week one of the gins at the large ginney at Kenly owned by the Dunn Oil Mill became badly chowed and must have started a fire but no one knew anything about it at the time. A bale of cotton packed soon afterward was carried up town and that night was discovered to be on fire which seemed to start from the inside of the bale. The fire was extinguished and part of the cotton saved. Next morning it was found that another bale ginned after the choking of the gin, had caught fire where it was standing on end in the cotton yard and had burned up in three feet of another bale which did not take fire. It was remarkable that other cotton and the entire ginney was not burned.

Founders' Day At B. U. W.

Founders' Day will be celebrated at Baptist University for Women on January 28. Dr. Henry Louis Smith, of Davidson, will deliver an address and President Vann will furnish a brief sketch of the history of the school, while special music will be rendered, also. The Students Association will give their annual reception on the evening of the same date. The public is cordially invited.

Pinecues for the Kidneys are little golden globules which act directly on the kidneys. A trial will convince you of quick results for Backache, Rheumatism, Lumbago and tired wornout feeling. 30 days' trial \$1.00. They purify the blood. Sold by Hood Bros.

Cotter-Underwood Co. have a fine lot of young mules they will sell cheap.