

THE OATES EDUCATIONAL BILL.

Would Have the Parties in County Alternate in Naming of School Boards. New Bill to Solve Knotty Problem Provides for Appointment by Governor. "Open Formula" Bill to be Fought Out in House. Constitutional Convention Proposed by Stubbs. Pender Free Range Bill Remains Dead.

(Wilmington Star.) Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 26.—Senator Oates introduced a bill today designed to solve the knotty problem of meeting the demand of so many counties to elect their boards of education. It would have the majority party in the State nominate in all the counties in 1918 and the minority party in each county in 1920 and the majority party in the State again for each county in the next biennial election.

These nominees would all be appointed by the Governor under the bill. In this way the people would nominate and the Governor appoint and the minority party would have representation in their counties, but the dominant factor on all boards would be Democratic as long as the State is Democratic.

Senator Oates is chairman of the committee on education and this is the bill that the administration will hold out for, if the bill for a State commission to appoint should fail.

Representative Bowman offered in the House a bill to furnish farmers phosphate rock at cost.

The Roberts bill for municipal woman suffrage was made a special order for February 6.

There was long discussion of the Hoyle bill for mercy recommendations in jury verdicts for murder that would permit life imprisonment, but it went over to another day.

The joint committee on health having voted for an unfavorable report on the State Board of Health bill for "open formula" on the labels of proprietary medicines, for which there was a most strenuous hearing some days ago, and then decided to return it in the House without prejudices. Representative Page today served notice on the House that he would claim the right to submit a minority report in support of the measure, preferring to bring up the fight on the floor in this way. No date has been set for the argument and vote on passage.

Representative Harry Stubbs, who has offered a "constitutional convention" bill in at least three sessions past, turned in such a measure for this Legislature today. It would have delegates to a constitutional convention elected at the next State election and he would bar all discussion of prohibition from the convention if called.

To Adopt Cranmer Bill. The joint committee on pensions has decided to adopt the pension bill of Senator Cranmer as the basis for the pension legislation that the joint committee will recommend. This bill provides for increased pension on the basis of advancing the fourth class from \$32 to \$45, with the other classes increased in proportion.

Both houses now have duplicate bills through Senator Scales and Representative Dalton for creating a board of three examiners to examine applicants for law licenses, the examiners to pass on the examination papers and the Supreme Court to issue the licenses as at present. President Brooks, of the bar association, said this evening that he feels sure the bill will pass. No committee hearing is yet set.

The Senate voted down the Pender County free range bill today when it came up on a minority favorable report signed only by Senator Burnett, of Pender. He made a stand for the measure on the floor, speaking strenuously in its favor, but "the cards were stacked" against him in the conviction of senators that the free range is a menace to the cattle and hog industry and that Pender is not an exception to this rule.

Judiciary committee No. 1 gave a hearing this afternoon to a bill designed to give any citizen in the State a right to appeal from a ruling of the Corporation Commission and voted more than two to one against the measure. It was denominated an effort to write into law the dissenting opinion of Chief Justice Clark of the Supreme Court in the noted Anson case growing out of the contest over the passenger station of the Winston-Salem Southbound, the commission ruling for the location the railroad company insisted was necessary and the Supreme Court holding that the party desiring to appeal having no more interest in the case than any other citizen.

'Tisn't the years of a man's life that matter, but the manner of living them. The length of the thread is no part of our labor—only the spinning of it.—Eden Phillpotts.

Impatient people, according to Bacon, are like the bees, and kill themselves in stinging others.—George Eliot.

RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL.

Measure Passes House and Appropriates \$38,000,000 for Old and New Projects. Various Amendments Were Made to the Original Measure.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The annual rivers and harbors appropriation bill carrying \$38,000,000, including more than \$10,000,000 for new projects, was passed by the House today by a vote of 221 to 131. It now goes to the Senate.

The House increased the appropriation for Norfolk harbor from \$270,000 to \$360,000 and retained as a continuing project \$1,425,000 for deepening the channels leading to the harbor at Tampa, Fla., to 27 feet, \$300,000 of the amount being made available in this bill.

The President, although opposing the proposed public buildings bill now awaiting action in the Senate, has expressed his approval of the river and harbors measure in so far as appropriations for existing projects is concerned.

The House struck out a provision to create a commission of cabinet officers and members of the Senate and House committees to investigate river and harbor improvement, drainage, reclamation, irrigation and flood control problems, with a view to recommending to Congress next December plans for co-ordinating all such activities.

This plan, favored by the President, was eliminated on a point of order after a lively parliamentary fight; but another flood control bill is pending in the House.

The vote by which the bill passed was not along party lines.

GOOSE LAID EGGS FOR 17 YEARS

Indiana Fowl Sets Admirable Example for Lazy Hens.

Henry Ulman has not the goose that laid the golden egg, but he says he has the grandmother of the goose family in Spencer County, now 21 years old.

The goose has a record of having produced eggs for its owner for seventeen years, retiring from active duty two years ago.—Rockford (Ind.) Dispatch to Indianapolis News.

Wife's Hypocrisy.

"I am just rinsing out a few things that I was afraid for the girl to do," says the wife, when a neighbor catches her doing the week's washing in the bathtub.—Forth Worth Star-Telegram.

PRUDENCE Points the Way to Prosperity

PRUDENCE Is the Crown of Common Sense

Prefer PRUDENCE To Folly

All the Virtues Range Themselves On the Side of PRUDENCE

If You Seek Pleasure Read PRUDENCE

PRUDENCE Makes the Heart Glad

BIG WARSHIP ADDED TO FLEET.

Superdreadnaught Mississippi, the Third War Craft to Bear That Name, is Launched. Daniels Chief Speaker. Something About the Great Engine of War.

The great red-coated hull of the superdreadnaught Mississippi on Thursday was moored to a pier at the plant of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company at Newport News, Va. The battleship, the third American man-of-war to bear her name, was launched there Thursday before a distinguished company, including Secretary of the Navy Daniels, Senator Vardaman, most of the Mississippi delegation in the House of Representatives and ranking naval officers and other guests.

As the hull began its journey down the ways to the waters of the James river where the second Mississippi was christened as a part of the fleet of the Grecian government three years ago, Miss Camille McBeath, of Meridian, Miss., daughter of the Democratic committeeman from that State, broke the traditional bottle of champagne across the battleship's steel prow.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels was the principal speaker of the luncheon tendered the sponsor by the builders at Old Point Comfort. Mr. Daniels bore out that the first Mississippi port Commodore Perry across the Pacific to Japan for the opening of the commerce of that country to America and the world and that also it was upon the decks of this ship that Lieutenant Geo. Dewey first earned fame when the Mississippi helped Farragut pass the forts below New Orleans and later ran the formidable Confederate ram Manassas aground and finished her with a couple of broadsides. The first Mississippi career was ended, the Secretary said, when she went aground after the bold attack on Fort Hudson and was blown up. Lieutenant Dewey was commended for his bravery and gallantry upon this occasion, the Secretary said.

The United States battleship Mississippi, launched January 25 at Newport News, Va., will be even a larger ship than the Pennsylvania, the new flagship of the Atlantic fleet. She will have for sister ships the Idaho and New Mexico. The old Mississippi and Idaho were sold to Greece a few years ago.

The Mississippi's dimensions are as follows:

- Length over all, 624 feet. Beam, extreme, 97 feet 2 1-2 inches. Draft, 28 feet 6 inches. Displacement, 32,000 tons. Horsepower, 32,000. Speed, 21 knots.

She will have powerful armament, consisting of the following guns:

- Twelve 14-inch breechloading rifles. Twenty-two 5-inch breechloading rifles. Four 3-inch anti-aircraft guns. Four submerged torpedo tubes. The fourteen-inch guns are mounted in four turrets, three in each turret.

The weight of metal thrown at a broadside of the twelve 14-inch guns is approximately 17,000 pounds, and the amount of powder used in each broadside is 4,800 pounds.

The ship will be driven by four propellers, one on each of four shafts. Nine boilers of standard type will furnish steam for the six main turbines. These turbines are of the Curtis type, and four of the six weigh approximately 160 tons each. In the building of these turbines approximately half a million packing pieces are separately installed one at a time. These blades, if placed end to end would cover thirty-eight and a half miles.

The only fuel on board ship will be oil. No coal will be burned.

This battleship, if it could be transported to a city street, would cover more than three blocks, filling the thoroughfare completely from side to side to the roofs of five-story buildings, with the military masts towering 100 feet still farther in the air, or if stood on end alongside the Washington monument with stern on the ground the bow would tower sixty-nine feet above the top of that monument.

A. and M.'s New Descriptive Circular.

The A. and M. College has lately issued a 64-page circular containing a number of good illustrations of buildings and interiors. These pictures are well selected and well executed. The text covers the points which usually concern prospective students, including entrance requirements, curricula, rules of government, self-help, rooms, and expense. Young men who are inclined to seek technical training for life should write for copies to the Registrar, West Raleigh, N. C.

"Take whatever comes, whether of joy or sorrow," says The Toledo Blade. What else can you take, anyway, these high cost days?—Cincinnati Tribune.

BUSINESS LOCALS

CAR LOAD WIRE FENCING JUST received. See us for prices that are right. Cotter Hardware Co.

YOU CAN GET SALT FOR YOUR meat from the store of Floyd C. Price, Pine Level, N. C.

EGGS FOR HATCHING—13 FOR \$1 from the best pen of Rhode Island Reds in the County. Will have to have two weeks notice. T. S. Ragsdale, Smithfield, N. C.

CAR LOAD WIRE FENCING JUST received. See us for prices that are right. Cotter Hardware Co.

200 TONS OF 7 1/2 PER CENT Cotton Seed Meal at \$43.50 per ton—Cash. Austin-Stephenson Co., Smithfield, N. C.

A CAR LOAD OF ONE AND TWO-horse wagons just arrived at Cotter-Underwood Company's, Smithfield, N. C.

SEED COTTON—DON'T LET YOUR cotton waste in the fields. It is easier saved than made. We pay highest market prices for seed cotton. ANY KIND. Farmers Mercantile Co., Selma, N. C.

GUANO FOR YOUR PLANT BEDS at Cotter-Underwood Co., Smithfield, N. C.

THE SMITHFIELD BUILDING & Loan Association has helped a number of people to build homes. It will help others, and maybe you. New series of shares now open. See Mr. J. J. Broadhurst.

FOR SALE—SEVERAL GOOD second hand mules. John T. Cole, Four Oaks, N. C.

SEE OUR LINE OF STOVES AND Ranges—we have them from \$10.00 up, with all the ware. Cotter Hardware Company.

WANTED A GOOD FARM HAND—One with family preferred. Leonard H. Stephenson, Benson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 4.

YOU CAN GET YOUR TOBACCO canvass and some Plant Food Fertilizers for your tobacco beds from Floyd C. Price, Pine Level, N. C.

WE HAVE TOBACCO BED CANVASS. Austin-Stephenson Company, Smithfield, N. C.

IF YOU WANT TO BUY A NICE mule cheap, see Cotter-Underwood Co., Smithfield, N. C.

NOW IS AN IDEAL TIME TO paint and we have it—either Lead Oil or ready prepared. Cotter Hardware Company.

LET US PRINT THEM—THE UP-to-date business man would not think of writing his business letters on plain stationery. Neither should the live wide-awake farmer. Name your farm and then come to The Herald Office and let us print you some nice note heads and envelopes. You will then take a greater pride in your farm.

CANVASS FOR TOBACCO BEDS. Austin-Stephenson Co., Smithfield, N. C.

IF YOU HAVE NOT ARRANGED for your Magazines for 1917, you may be able to save money by subscribing through The Smithfield Herald.

20 TONS OF 7 1/2 PER CENT Cotton Seed Meal at \$43.50 per ton—Cash. Austin-Stephenson Co., Smithfield, N. C.

SEND US TEN CENTS AND WE will send you a copy of Turner's North Carolina Almanac for 1917. Herald Office, Smithfield, N. C.

IF YOU HAVE A FARM YOU wish to sell, write Box 123, Smithfield, N. C.

TWO OF THE BEST NOVELS OF the year are "Prudence of the Parsonage," and "Prudence Says So." Price \$1.25 each at The Herald Office, Smithfield, N. C.

A FEW MORE COPIES LEFT OF "When a Man's a Man." This is Harold Bell Wright's most popular novel. It is claimed to be the best selling novel in the United States today. Price \$1.35 at Herald Office.

YOU MAY HAVE AN ALMANAC, but you need a North Carolina Almanac which is better. You should buy a Turner's—worth 10 cents. Beaty & Lassiter, Smithfield, N. C.

FOR RENT. The William Stencil farm in Wilders township near Archer Lodge. Good buildings and orchard. One-horse crop. Apply to, W. L. STENCIL, Selma, N. C.

Rayo LAMPS advertisement featuring an illustration of a man reading by a lamp. Text includes: "but the Rayo Lamp will help you to read for hours without a strain. Steadier than gas—more restful than electricity—cheaper than either. No troublesome lamp-shade or chimney to remove when lighting. Clean — Steady — Portable Use Aladdin Security Oil—the most economical kerosene oil—for best results. STANDARD OIL COMPANY (New Jersey) BALTIMORE, MD. Washington, D. C. Norfolk, Va. Richmond, Va. Charlotte, N. C. Charleston, W. Va. Charleston, S. C.

Another Lot Bibles advertisement. Text: "We have just received a new lot of Bibles and Testaments. Bibles from 35 cents up to \$3.00. Testaments from 10 cents up to \$1.00. Large Type Edition Testament and Psalms for 50 and 75 cents. The Herald Office Smithfield, N. C.

INAUGURATION President Woodrow Wilson Washington, D. C. Monday, March 5th, 1917 \$10 Round Trip VIA SOUTHERN RAILWAY. Text: "From Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill, Burlington, and all intermediate points to Greensboro. \$10.65 from Goldsboro; \$10.70 from Selma. Round trip tickets for this occasion will be on sale March 1, 2, 3, 4, and for trains scheduled to arrive Washington by noon March 5th. Tickets will be limited returning to reach original starting point by midnight of March 10th, 1917, or by depositing ticket in Washington and paying a fee of \$1.00 final limit will be extended to April 10th, 1917. Special Pullman Sleeping Cars will be operated from Raleigh and Durham, and from all points for special parties of twenty-five or more. For sleeping car reservations, and complete information, ask Southern Railway Agents, or address, J. O. JONES, Traveling Passenger Agent, Raleigh, N. C.

OUR Furniture Talks advertisement. Text: "PEOPLE TALK ABOUT IT, TOO. We unhesitatingly assert that our line of Furniture is the most complete and up-to-the-hour that has ever been displayed in this market. WE FURNISH YOUR HOME COMPLETE. We invite you to come in and MAKE us prove our assertion. But when you see our line of goods you will have all the proof you want. NEED ANY OF THESE? Bed Room Suits, Easy Rockers, Living Room Sets, Dining Room Sets, Kitchen Furniture, Chiffonieres, Library Sets, Iron Bedsteads. HUNDREDS OF OTHER ARTICLES, useful and ornamental. It is to YOUR interest to become a customer. Cotter-Underwood Co. Smithfield, N. C.