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## TUESDAY IN THE LEGISLATURE.

**New State Revenue Bill Practically Like That of 1915 Introduced.** County Audit Bill Passes. State Good Roads Bond Issue Bill Passes House With Only One Dissenting Vote.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 13.—The House passed and sent to the Senate today the bill to amend the navigation law for the port of Wilmington by reducing the number of licensed pilots from 20 to 15 and to exempt inland waterway shipping whenever the port becomes a port of entry for such vessels.

The revenue bill came into the House through Chairman Doughton of the Finance committee and 300 copies were ordered printed. It is really a general working over of the revenue act in force the past two years, with only minor changes. Tax rates are left exactly as in force the past two years. There are some changes of only minor importance in the special taxes scheduled in Sections B, and C.

The State-wide bill directing the Corporation Commission to have books of county officers examined and to devise and install a uniform system of accounting for all counties was passed after Senator Gough renewed his efforts to have Robeson exempted and other counties joined in the effort. Senator Brenizer explained that the bill was necessarily State-wide. The measure passed 31 to 12 and was sent to the House.

The Brenizer bill for the inspection of hotels as to their safety and sanitation was explained by Senator Brenizer and amended by Senator Burgwin to limit the application of the bill to establishments of 15 or more rooms. The bill passed as amended and was sent to the House.

New bills offered in the House were: Page—Provide for the election of Moore County board of education.

Murphy—Extend aid to Confederate veterans in attending the 1917 reunion at Washington, D. C., by authorizing any county to bear the expenses for veterans unable to attend otherwise. It was given immediate passage and sent to the Senate.

Wright—Provide for county hospitals for tuberculosis.

Bills passed final reading as follows:

Authorize the Wilson County commissioners to build a court house; Primary law for Gates County; Repeal the Columbus game law.

### State Road Bond Law Passed.

Speaker Murphy laid before the House the bill by Clark, of Pitt, providing that the State may issue \$400,000 road bonds semi-annually for counties that vote for road bonds, the State bonds to carry 4 per cent and the county subsidiary bonds 5 per cent, that will liquidate the bonds in the course of 41 years. The bill passed with only one dissenting vote, that of Lloyd, Republican, of Orange County, after Clark had explained it.

A bill passed to permit high school students to attend schools in adjoining counties; also to put Beaufort County under the State-wide primary.—W. J. Martin, in Wilmington Star.

### Meeting Missionary Society.

Benson, Feb. 15.—The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church held the best meeting of the year on Wednesday afternoon, February the 14th. The splendid attendance showed an increasing interest in the work. Two visitors were present. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. J. W. Whittington, the subject being "Building for the Kingdom."

The program was as follows: Scripture Reading. "Training for Service and Worshiping Amid Difficulties"—Mrs. J. W. Whittington.

Prayer, by Mrs. R. B. Brady. Talk—Training Essential to Service, by Miss Lena Harwood.

Reading—The Will of Christ for the World, by Miss Sommers. Prayer by Mrs. Fisher.

Reading—"Limiting God," by Mrs. M. T. Britt.

Closing prayer—Mrs. Whittington. The report from the personal service committee showed that active work is being done. Mrs. Fisher was appointed delegate to attend the Woman's Missionary Union to be held at Greensboro, March 12th. After report from the Treasurer, Mrs. M. A. Peacock, the meeting adjourned to meet March 14th.

## EXTRA SESSION IS UNLIKELY.

**It Is Not the Present Intention of the President to Call Session of Congress After March 4, Is the General Opinion in Washington. The Fight in Senate to Raise Newspaper Postage Failed.**

Washington, Feb. 13.—It is not the present intention of President Wilson to call an extra session of the 64th Congress solely for the purpose of having his legislative program, including his recommendation for additional railroad legislation, enacted into law. Unless the foreign situation shall have reached a more acute stage than at present Mr. Wilson will not call the Congress together to convene immediately after March 4th.

There is not a member of the House who believes Mr. Wilson can put through his railroad legislation before March 4th. There are few, if any, who believe he will call Congress together in order that his program may be carried through. Majority Leader Claude Kitchin told the Daily News correspondent today that he does not expect an extra session nor does he believe the railroad legislation can be passed by the present Congress. This view is shared by Representative Foster, of Illinois; Frank Doremus, chairman of the Democratic congressional committee, and others.

Some of the friends of Postmaster General Burleson did their utmost to whip senators and congressmen into line to vote for his pet provision for an increase in the second class postal rate which is aimed directly at the newspapers of the country, but they failed. The senate by a vote of 37 to 34 refused to attach the amendment.

Senator John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts, himself a business man of recognized ability and one of the ablest statesmen in the senate, very properly sized the matter up today when he said: "At almost any other time I would be very glad to see a reasonable increase made in carrying second class mail matter, but I do not believe this is the time to place additional burdens upon an industry which is already suffering its share of the universal rise in the cost of materials without adequate means of offsetting this cost."

"Print paper has advanced by leaps and bounds during the past year to such a degree that where contracts have not been made which go over for the next year, or where the producers of print paper are not willing to provide on substantially the terms of the past for their regular customers, the increased cost to the publisher is going to be enormous."

"In many cases it will be enough to wipe out the profits of what have been very profitable publications; and as to those which have not been profitable, in many cases, in my judgment, it will practically ruin them. At such a time as this, without giving them a hearing, for the senate to increase a cost which may bring about ruin of more or less publishers, seems to me to be unfair and ill-advised."

"I have discussed this subject with a great many publishers during the last year, and almost all of them agree that they should, under normal conditions, pay a higher rate of postage for their publications. But this is not the right time, and for that reason I have opposed the department's plan."—Parker R. Anderson, in Greensboro News.

## SUN NEVER SETS ON U. S. FLAG.

**John Bull's Once Unique Boast Is Called by Uncle Sam.**

Great Britain is no longer the only nation that can say that the sun never sets on its territory. Since the United States acquired the Danish West Indies it can make the same boast.

Hitherto the little island of Culebra, which is virtually a part of Porto Rico, has been our most easterly point of land, and the island of Balabac in the Philippines our most westerly point. The distance between them is a little less than 180 degrees, or half the circumference of the earth. St. Croix, in the Danish West Indies, is 38 miles farther east than Culebra—enough to bridge the gap. Just as the sun is rising on St. Croix it is setting on Balabac.—Youth's Companion.

## MAN WRITES FROM GEORGIA.

**Confirms Statement of Selma Correspondent Relative to Weather. Says He Was Teaching in This County at the Time. Neuse River Froze Over from Bank to Bank. Fish Also Froze in Pond. Some Cold Weather in South-Central Georgia.**

Editor of The Herald: Judging by your Selma correspondent, there has been a "spell" of cold weather up your way of sufficient intensity to cause some questioning as to whether any like it was ever experienced before. The Weather Table submitted in proof of former visits by icy breezes from the north country was interesting to me, and, incidentally, set my mind to moving in reminiscent channels.

During the month of January, 1893 I was teaching the "Bucklesberry" school, some six or seven miles west of Princeton, in Johnston County. The weather was so intensely cold that finally we closed temporarily and waited till warmer weather. Near the school house there was a lagoon which was frozen over to a depth of a foot or more. One day I missed two or three of the boys who were usually in school; and the next morning, when they returned to their classes, I inquired as to the cause of their absence the day before. Somewhat furtively they answered, "We went fishing." Under the circumstances I was skeptical, and so informed them, whereupon, to satisfy me, they volunteered to go with me at the noon recess and show me where they caught them. On the way, which was only 200 yards or so, they gave a great account as to their luck the day before. Reaching the lake I saw dozens of holes which they had cut in the ice, where they could see the fish firmly embedded, and from which they secured, so they informed me, a nice string. It began to snow soon after reaching the place; however not before one small fish was found and cut from the ice with an axe which had been brought along. The proof was sufficient to establish their truthfulness, so their truancy was pardoned. Two of these boys, I remember, were Charles and Wilber Massey, and they probably live now somewhere in Johnston County.

Neuse River, which was nearby, was frozen over from bank to bank to a depth of two or three inches. Some days afterwards, when the ice began to break up and the snow melted, there was a large freshet in the river which swept away Richardson's bridge, and possibly others along the stream. I remember well also the phenomenon of the 20th of January, referred to by your correspondent, and agree with him as to its wonderful beauty. But these were not the only cold days I have experienced. Here in McRae, a more southern latitude, on the morning of the 3rd inst., the thermometer registered nine degrees above. And this was cold some, especially for south-central Georgia.

E. E. ROSE.

McRae, Ga., Feb. 12, 1917.

## SOME TALK OF PEACE LEAGUE.

**Resolution Presented in Congress Looking to Organization. Call to All Nations.**

Washington, Feb. 14.—The first move to secure direct action toward President Wilson's proposal for a world league to enforce peace, was made in the senate late today by Senator Robinson, of Arkansas. The legislative bodies of every nation in the world would be invited to send representatives to meet in joint session at some place in the United States to discuss international peace under the terms of a joint resolution introduced by Senator Robinson.

The resolution also provides for an invitation to the judges of the Hague convention to meet in the United States simultaneously but in separate session and make recommendations to the executive body from time to time. The resolution carries an appropriation of \$600,000 to defray the expenses of the international congress.

Senator Robinson will make an effort to have the measure considered at an early date.

A flight of 1,300 miles from Atlantic City to Palm Beach was completed by F. K. Jaquith, an aviator in the elapsed time of eighteen hours, according to Mr. Jaquith's figuring.

## TEACHERS MEETING AT SELMA.

**Supt. Coon, of Wilson, Makes Telling Address. Ladies of Civic League Serve Luncheon. A Most Formal Reception Given by Selma School. A Few of Those Who Were in Attendance.**

Selma, Feb. 14.—The first meeting of the Association of Teachers of City Schools of Johnston County was held in Selma last Saturday. The teachers of the schools of Kenly, Benson, Smithfield, Wilson's Mills, Micro, Pine Level, Four Oaks, Princeton were present in a body. Of the Clayton school, Supt. Huggins, and Misses Hall and Knight attended.

The teachers were addressed by Supt. Charles L. Coon, of the Wilson County Schools. The subject of Mr. Coon's talk was Phonics in the Whole School. But Mr. Coon touched upon other themes of interest to the teaching profession—the certification bill that is at present being considered by the Legislature. Mr. Coon's idea is that some of the provisions of the bill render it worse than useless as law under which Carolina will advance. He called particular attention to the discrimination that is made against the country teacher in favor of the teacher of the town school; he insisted that all teachers should read and study this bill "prayerfully" before sending an endorsement of it to Raleigh.

The different departments held meetings and elected officers and decided upon a program for the next meeting.

The ladies of the Civic League served as a luncheon to the visiting teachers Brunswick stew and coffee. Mr. M. C. Winston, member of the Board of Trustees, sent some delicious barbecue, a dainty dessert was also served and the Johnston County teachers declared themselves overpowered by the hospitality of the Selma folks.

A reception to the visiting teachers was tendered by the teaching corps of the Selma school in the evening at seven-thirty o'clock. This was not at all a formal affair but was more of the nature of a hand-shaking glad-to-be-with-your-Selma-teachers affair which was attended by a number of our prominent citizens. A program of games was arranged by the committee, and Miss Kelly won the prize which was presented to her by Mr. Boseman of the Selma school. Miss Kelly responded gracefully with a speech that was much to the point, assuring the Selma teachers and patrons that might be present that she highly prized an honor conferred by the Selma school as it was at present leading the county in educational endeavor. Supt. Vermont, of Smithfield, was also happy in his remarks, pointing out to the Selma people that while they unquestionably were in the vanguard of educational progress (and he congratulated them for that) a large part of the praise was due to the Johnston County pioneer in education, Ira T. Turlington, who led Smithfield to build a new school building. This action was soon followed by Kenly, and then Clayton caught step, followed by Benson, and finally Selma. Each builded better than the preceding town, until now the next town would have to surpass Selma. While that will be a difficult thing to do, Mr. Vermont said, yet it will be done and to the glory of old Johnston, until finally our county will be a leader in educational progress.

The following teachers registered at the Selma School as being in attendance:

Prof. Chas. L. Coon, Wilson, N. C. Miss Minnie G. Somers, Benson. Miss Mabel Kurfees, Benson. Miss Julia Canaday, Benson. Miss Lena Harwood, Benson. Miss Gladys Pierce, Benson. Mr. T. T. Lanier, Benson. Miss Matilda Gray, Pine Level. Miss Addie Creech, Pine Level. Mr. R. P. Merritt, Pine Level. Miss Mollie Brown, Pine Level. Mr. J. B. Bridges, Princeton. Miss Gertrude Golston, Princeton. Miss Sally Wright, Princeton. Mrs. F. G. Lucas, Four Oaks. Miss Shaw, Four Oaks. Miss Cuthbert, Four Oaks. Miss Haynes, Four Oaks. Miss Pittman, Micro. Miss Bennett, Micro. Miss Kerns, Micro. Mr. J. W. Bennett, Micro. Prof. M. A. Huggins, Clayton. Miss Willie Hall, Clayton. Miss Madeline Knight, Clayton.

## CLAYTON NEWS LETTER.

Clayton, Feb. 14.—Mrs. M. M. Gulley, of Nashville, arrived Monday to spend some time with her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Godwin.

Miss Mamie Moore left Monday for Clinton, S. C., to visit Mrs. D. H. Hayes.

Misses Ora Raper, of Wilson, and Mary Spence, of Goldsboro, spent last week here the guest of Mrs. R. B. Ellis.

Mrs. L. M. Edgerton and Miss Blanche Ellis left Tuesday for Fremont to visit relatives.

Mrs. Owen and Mrs. Wilson, of Raleigh, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Penny last Sunday, returning to Raleigh in the afternoon, accompanied by Mrs. Penny who will spend several days with them.

Mr. Joseph Turley, of A. & M. College, spent last week-end here with his parents.

Mrs. M. E. Gattis spent a few days this week with friends at McCullers.

Mrs. C. M. Austin and Mrs. Vick Austin visited relatives in Benson last week.

Misses Madeline Knight and Willie Hall spent last week-end in Selma the guests of Miss Alta Dedham.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Poole, of Selma, were in town last Sunday.

Misses Sid Godwin and Telza Barnes spent Monday in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Avera spent last week-end with relatives at Benson.

Mr. Allen S. Smith, of Smithfield, was in town Monday.

Mr. Elkie Gattis, of Four Oaks, was in town a few hours Sunday afternoon.

On Friday night of this week there will be an entertainment given in the auditorium of the Graded School for the benefit of a fund to beautify the grounds. The program will consist of songs illustrated by Life Pictures. The other part of the program furnished by the teachers will be very unique. Admission ten and fifteen cents.

Mrs. R. C. Sears, of Apex, arrived Wednesday to visit her parents for a few days.

Mr. P. A. Carter, of New York, has been visiting his brother, Mr. C. W. Carter, this week.

Mrs. J. W. Barham, of Selma, is visiting her parents.

Mrs. Frank Moring, of Raleigh, visited her sister, Mrs. C. W. Carter, this week.

Among those who visited up to Raleigh Wednesday afternoon were Mrs. A. B. Hollowell, Mrs. R. B. Ellis, Miss Carrie Austin and Mr. Zeb Austin.

Mr. J. A. Wellons, of Smithfield, was in town Wednesday.

Deputy Sheriff Ogburn, of Smithfield, made a short business trip here one day this week.

## Attend President's Reception.

The last state function given at the White House by President and Mrs. Wilson this season was given Tuesday evening last, says the Washington Post. The function was in honor of Speaker Champ Clark. A large number of Senators and Representatives with their wives were present. We note that of the North Carolina delegation, the following attended:

Representative and Mrs. Edward W. Pou, of Smithfield; Representative and Mrs. John H. Small, of Washington, and Senator and Mrs. Lee S. Overman, of Salisbury.

Miss Elizabeth Kelly, Smithfield. Miss Madeline Trotter, Smithfield. Mrs. T. J. Lasiter, Smithfield. Miss Irene Myatt, Smithfield. Miss Annie Sue Winborne, Smithfield.

Prof. L. T. Royall, Smithfield. Prof. G. T. Whitley, Smithfield. Prof. A. Vermont, Smithfield. Prof. J. H. Gentry, Wilson's Mills. Miss Bess Finley, Wilson's Mills. Miss Blanche Jones, Wilson's Mills. Miss Bessie Llewellyn, Wilson's Mills. Miss Hester Ann Farrior, Wilson's Mills.

Many of the teachers did not register in the visitor's book, as is seen by the list above, but in all there were some sixty-five or seventy Johnston County teachers present. All expressed themselves as having been royally entertained in the most accessible town in Johnston, and unanimously decided that the New Selma School building is the place in which to hold teachers meetings hereafter.

## AT THE CAPITAL OF BANNER.

**Much Opposition to Proposed New County. Mr. Shep Penny Happens to an Accident While Cranking His Car. A Full Budget of Local and Personal Items of Interest.**

Benson, Feb. 15.—Mr. W. R. Coats, of Four Oaks, was a visitor to Benson yesterday.

Prof. Fitzgerald, Superintendent of Schools, made a brief business visit to Rocky Mount Sunday.

Mr. Jake Greenhal is gone to Baltimore where he will spend several days visiting his parents and buying goods.

Messrs. S. F. Ivey and J. R. Barbour attended Recorder's Court at Fuquay Springs Wednesday.

Dr. Wilson and Mr. Black Grantham, of Newton Grove, were here Tuesday, returning from Raleigh where they had been on business.

Mr. Alonzo Parrish returned Tuesday from Raleigh and other places where he had been for several days.

Dr. Floyd Johnson, of Cerro Gordo, was here Monday and Tuesday on a visit to relatives.

Mr. J. E. Wilson was a visitor to Smithfield Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Rev. J. T. Stanford left yesterday for Raleigh where he is attending the Ministers' Conference in session there.

Mrs. George Holland and Mrs. Milton Smith left Sunday for Baltimore, where they are buying goods for the Holland Company. They will return the last of the week.

Mr. J. A. Wellons, of Smithfield, was here Tuesday on business in the interest of the opposition to the Jarvis County movement.

Mr. W. C. Walton, of Pleasant Grove township, was here Monday on business. He says that his entire family has been sick with measles for some time.

Messrs. James Raynor, J. T. Lee and Darryl Allen attended Court in Lillington Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Miss Jewel Hall, of Fayetteville, has been here this week on a visit to her grandmother, Mrs. S. J. Duncan.

Mr. J. H. Godwin was a visitor to Smithfield this week, Monday and Tuesday, on business.

Mrs. J. A. McLeod, of Lillington, was here several days recently on a visit to relatives and friends.

Mr. Walter Strickland has accepted a position with the Citizens Bank & Trust Company of our city. His many friends are glad to have him return to Benson to live.

Mr. C. T. Johnson left today to spend a few days in Raleigh with his wife who is in Rex Hospital undergoing treatment there.

The entire faculty of the Benson School went up to Selma Saturday to attend the Teachers Meeting held there Saturday afternoon.

The regular services were conducted at the Primitive Church here Sunday, by the pastor, Elder J. T. Coats, of Coats, N. C.

Mrs. Mollie West spent Sunday and Monday here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Dixon.

Mr. Shep Penny had the misfortune to get his chin badly hurt last Friday while cranking his automobile. Medical attention was rendered and he is out again.

Messrs. M. T. Britt, W. H. Slocumb, Mrs. Britt, Mrs. J. H. Rose and Miss Myrtle Ashcraft went to Raleigh Saturday on business.

The people of Benson will go to Raleigh Friday to be present at the Joint Meeting of the Legislative Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns, when the Jarvis County question comes up for discussion before the committee. The people of our town are opposed to any movement that will place us in a new county that will not be of any advantage to us whatever, and at the same time, place upon us additional tax burdens to build up the town of Dunn. We are content to remain in Johnston County and our people will fight to the finish any movement that will create a new county out of any portion of Johnston.

Mr. R. L. Flowers went up to Greensboro and Raleigh Monday and Tuesday spending a few days on business matters.

James Stillman has remitted to President Poincare a check for 1,000,000 francs (\$200,000) for distribution among the children of members of the French Legion of Honor who have been killed in the war.