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WORK OF THE SPECIAL SESSION.

Though a short one the special session of the legislature which has just adjourned made a great deal of important history. To settle satisfactorily to pretty nearly all right thinking people the vexing and complicated railroad rate problem in accordance with the spirit of the compromise entered into by the governor and rai roads was a matter of great importance to North Carolina, industrially. "Righting a wrong" or "showing magnanimity" or whatever view one takes of the act, the purpose to restore better and more cordial relations between the railroads and the people has, we believe, been successful, and it will be welcomed throughout the State, and assist towards the revival of business. In the rate matter the legislators did their duty like men, and are commended almost universally for it.

Other important legislation was accomplished at the short session, which, also, will have great bearing on the history of the State, among which was the enactment of a State-wide prohibition law to be submitted to the people for ratification on May 26th. The same cool judgment and sense of fairness prevailed in this as in the rate matter and for it the legislature is warmly commended all over the State. In answer to the cry of the great temperance sentiment they gave to the people the opportunity to rid themselves, at one stroke, of the legalized manufacture and sale of whiskey in North Carolina. This will promote the cause of temperance and give great impetus to that progress in the cause which has been so marked in recent years. The issue will carry by a large majority, with the assistance of the friends of temperance.

The special session of the legislature has done well.

VALUE OF B. AND L. ASSOCIATIONS.

There is no better method that we can think of for saving money than by investing in a few shares of building and loan stock. Almost any young man who is working for a salary can save enough from his wages to make the monthly payments on a few shares of this stock, and the money thus invested hardly be missed, as it is more than likely it would be otherwise spent, for things not absolutely necessary. Another feature of building and loan associations is that of enabling those of small means to build and own homes, and it is this that makes such associations of so much value to a community. Rocky Mount is under obligations to the two building and loan associations of the city for the nearly two hundred homes they have been instrumental in building and the great permanent wealth they are adding to the city in that way. Many people, too, now enjoy the inestimable pleasure of living in homes of their very own, free from rent, by and through the building and loan associations, who could not do so but for their existence.

A LAUDABLE MOVEMENT.

The movement by the Ministers Union to provide a cozy reading room and club for the young men of Rocky Mount is a most laudable one and should appeal at once to benefactors who are interested in the moral uplift of the youth of the community. To no other cause is due young men's treading the paths of sin so much as the fact that vice furnishes more allurements which appeal to the social part of man than does virtue, a deplorable, but none the less true order. Essentially social beings, young men will consort together and the opportunity to do so under influences that are helpful instead of harmful is greatly to be desired and to be encouraged. Such a place it is proposed to make this reading room, with the surroundings all that can be desired for the physical comfort as well as mental.

All power to the promoters of this project and may their efforts be crowned with great success.

When asked last week if he were going to obstruct the Appalachian-White Mountain park this year, by Representative Aiken, of South Carolina, Speaker Cannon said: "I don't see how I can interfere any further. When the South and New England get together, that is a hell of a combination." The people of this country have known for a long time that it takes a hot combination to get through any bill Uncle Joe opposes.

Thaw has been confined to the mad house, having been acquitted on the grounds of insanity. Verily, his counsel made the defense too strong. If he suffered from hereditary depressive mania all his life, up to the killing, as was proven beyond a doubt, it was too much for his counsel to ask of the court to believe that the killing of Stanford could cure him. Judge Dowling was right; Thaw is too dangerous to be turned loose on the public.

The anti-Bryan Democrats who have been so active in trying to muster up a showing against the Nebraskan might, as a last resort, get out a search warrant for that opposition they say exists.

Are you a stockholder in a home building and loan association? If you are not, come and let me convince you that stock in Rocky Mount Homestead and Loan Association will pay you a better rate of interest on your small savings than any investment you can make. The 12th series of stock will be open for subscription February 1st, 1908. R. L. Huffines, Secretary and Treasurer.

STATE NEWS.

The State Bankers' Association will meet this year at Morehead, June 24th, 25th and 26th.

Mrs. Geo. W. Beavers has been appointed an R. F. D. Carrier on a route from Siler City.

Three stores were burned at Oriental, Pamlico county, Thursday, causing a loss of $10,000.

Judge Pritchard, sitting at Asheville, refused to appoint a receiver for the South Carolina dispensary.

The next meeting of the State Press Association is to be held in the Selwyn Hotel, at Charlotte, on April 22-23.

The Republican State executive Committee selected Greensboro as the place for the Republican State Convention this year.

The president has withdrawn the name of I. M. Meekins as postmaster at Elizabeth City, on account of the charge preferred against him.

Assurance is given that the medals and diplomas won by North Carolina exhibitors at the Jamestown Exposition will be awarded in March.

The election in Saratoga, Wilson county, Monday, on the question of "saloons" or "no saloons," resulted in a majority for the "wets," the vote being 23 to 15.

Gov. Glenn refuses to commute the sentence of Frazier Jones from hanging to life imprisonment and Jones will be executed at Greensboro Saturday, 8th, for wife murder.

Fire which is believed to have been of incendiary origin, at Morehead City, Thursday night, destroyed one whole business section on Railroad street, entailing a loss of about $35,000.

Mrs. Kate R. Beckwith principal of Swan Quarter high school, has been tendered and has accepted the position of associate principal of the American College of Aesthetics in Florence, Italy.

Mrs. Hawkins, wife of a farmer living near Stanley, saved the lives of herself and child by jumping from the second story window, with the child in her arms, when the house was burning Saturday.

On May 1 a monument will be unveiled at Salisbury to the dead of Maine buried there during the civil war, and the governor of Maine and other State officials will come to North Carolina for the exercises.

A team belonging to M. L. Jackson was killed by coming in contact with a live electric wire which had fallen from the weight of ice, at Salisbury, Saturday, and the driver was knocked senseless in attempting to rescue the horses.

The two-year-old son of Mr. W. W. Duncan, Agent of the Southern Railway at Spencer, was seriously if not fatally scalded by falling in a pot of boiling grease Saturday. The child was so badly burned that the skin on its body peeled off.

William E. Huggins, 22 years old, clerk in the A. C. L. offices at Wilmington, was found by the side of the railroad tracks at that place Monday morning with both arms cut off and otherwise injured. He mag die as a result of his injuries.

Harley Rogers, of Buncombe county, has entered suit for damage against the Southern Railway because his hair turned gray from fright he experienced in a narrow escape from death while crossing the company's track at a public crossing.

Two men, strangers, committed criminal assault on Mrs. S. L. Buck in New Bern Sunday night, in the absence of her husband who was at church. A large posse was formed and every effort made to capture the men but so far this has not been done.

Gov. Glenn granted a pardon to Geo. A. Sumner, convicted embezzler of Singer Sewing Machine Co's. funds at Greensboro and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. Sumner has served two years and physicians say imprisonment will hasten death.

Mrs. J. M. Underwood, a young white woman, aged twenty years, and her two-year-old son was burned to death near Raleigh Satuday. The woman's husband, a farmer, was at church when the fire started and, with the congregation, rushed to the house, which was near the church. No screams or cries were heard, but in the ashes were found the charred bones of the mother and her two-year-old boy.