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THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE
North Carolina's Executive Makes Suggestions To The Legislature

THE STATE IS NOW PROSPERING
The Governor Speaks of the State's Resources and Recommends Such Legislation as Will Bring Highest Development.

The Biennial message of the Governor was read in both houses of the State Legislature on Thursday.

INTRODUCTION.

The Honorable, the General Assembly: I congratulate you as you enter upon the discharge of your duties that you find in the State an excellent condition. Her citizens of all callings are prosperous and the revenues of the State are adequate for all the needs that you will be called upon to supply.

He also recommends the most liberal appropriations for pensions that the resources of the treasury will permit. The Governor urges a law against trespassing on railroad property. PUBLIC ROADS. Much progress has been made in the building and improvement of our public roads during the past two years.

PARDONS. As required by law, I transmit herewith the list of pardons, commutations and reliefs granted by me during the past two years.

NORTH CAROLINA RESOURCES. We have all the chief minerals found in other States, our granite and marble especially being of the finest quality and inexhaustible.

HOSPITALS FOR THE INSANE. I transmit herewith the reports of the various hospitals for the insane. The information which they contain will put you in possession of all the facts needed for your guidance in the performance of your duty.

PENSIONS. No braver men ever went to the front in battle than the North Carolina soldiers in the civil war; no more heroic women ever suffered with quieter patience than those of our State during the period of that awful contest.

CONCLUSION. After four years of service to the State, I cannot retire to private life without expressing to the people through your body my appreciation of their generosity to me.

LEGISLATURE AT WORK
Work That is Being Done By the North Carolina Lawmakers.

Senate Proceedings. Lieutenant Governor Turner called the Senate to order promptly at noon, with nearly all the fifty Senators in their seats.

Senate Committees. Following are the Senate committees: Proposition and Grievances—Duls, Bragaw, Thorn, Arendell, Jones, Turner, Turrentine, Shaw, Williams, Long of Iredeil, Taylor.

Senate Proceedings. The opening prayer was made by Rev. Dr. I. McK. Pittinger, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd. The oath of office was administered by the presiding officer.

Senate Proceedings. The election of officers of the Senate was then entered upon. Mr. A. J. Maxwell was nominated for chief clerk by Senator Ward, of Craven.

In the House. Sharp at noon Principal Clerk Frank D. Hackett, called the House to order and requested Rev. R. F. Bumpass, of Ederton Street M. E. church, to offer the opening prayer.

Senate Proceedings. There were very few spectators in the galleries, but the lobbies were well filled. The swearing in of the members and the subscribing to the House roll was a tedious process.

Senate Proceedings. At 1.30 Chief Clerk Hackett announced that every member of the House of Representatives was present and duly qualified, and the next business would be the election of a speaker.

Senate Proceedings. The first named Senator is chairman of the committee. Friday was a busy day with the Legislature. Many bills were introduced, mostly however, unimportant ones.

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Harrison, to protect game in Halifax county. Referred to committee on propositions and grievances.

Crisp, to incorporate Granite Falls graded school, in Caldwell county. Referred to committee on education.

Harrison, to protect consumers of barber shops. Referred to committee on propositions and grievances.

Allen, to repeal chapter 736, laws of 1901. Referred to committee on propositions and grievances.

Allen, to abolish office of standard keeper for Currituck county. Put on calendar.

Taylor, to regulate the fees of certain officers in Brunswick county. Committee on salaries and fees.

Stronach, to prevent misrepresentation in connection with sale of merchandise. Referred to committee on finance.

Butler, to re-establish the office of treasurer for Sampson county. Referred to committee on finance.

Graham, of Lincoln, to amend law relating to drainage in Lincoln county. Referred to committee on agriculture.

Butler, to authorize commissioners of Sampson county to pay any surplus remaining from bond fund into the county treasury. Referred to committee on finance.

Henderson, to allow commissioners of Henderson county to sell real estate. Referred to committee on counties, cities and towns.

Turlington, to amend private laws of 1901, relating to bond issue and poll tax in town of Mooresville. Referred to committee on finance.

Graham, of Granville, to amend the pension law so that the minimum allowance for fourth class pensioners shall be \$20. Referred to committee on pensions.

In the Senate the following were among the bills introduced. Eller, to amend charter of the town of Sulm.

Fleming, to authorize commissioners of Pitt county to levy a special tax. Wright, to amend section 1,027 of The Code.

Toms, bill to supply the clerk of the Supreme Court of Henderson county with certain books and have certain books rebound.

Stringfield, bill to repeal part of chapter 365, private laws of 1903. Ward, bill to amend chapter 29, public laws of 1897.

Coxe, bill to amend section 192 of The Code.

Williams, to amend chapter 28, public laws of 1904, fixing the time of holding the courts of the 10th judicial district.

Taxes Must Raise \$10,000,000. Austin, Tex., Special.—The 29th session of the Texas Legislature convenes at noon for the regular session.

Number of the Prisoners. Washington, Special.—The Japanese legation received the following telegram from the Foreign Office at Tokio under date of today.

There is but one Democrat in the Kansas Legislature. Wild dogs are becoming a nuisance and danger in the jungles of India.

The bubonic plague in India is said to be now destroying 40,000 persons a week.

The gold mining industry in Lapland has been closed owing to the bad results obtained.

American dentists practicing in Germany are now prohibited from using the title "doctor."

According to the census returns, St. Joseph, Mo., is the healthiest city in the United States.

A janitor who lived on twenty-one cents a day has just died and left \$98,000 to the city of Boston.

Out of nearly 19,000,000 visitors to the World's Fair it was found necessary to make only 1439 arrests.

In his last report Secretary S. P. Langley, of the Smithsonian Institution, makes the assertion that the National Zoological Garden at Washington is the leading thing of its kind in this country.

A Hungarian blacksmith recently sent, as a present to the Emperor of Austria, a horseshoe, a pair of pinces, a file and a knife, all ingeniously nailed to a goose's egg, without the egg being broken.

It is stated that M. Pelletan has signed an order to begin building ten defensive submarines. Six of the small boats, which will not weigh more than forty-four tons, will be constructed at Cherbourg and four at Rochefort.

The Russian Government has under consideration a plan for a deep canal between the Baltic and the Black Sea, which will utilize the channels for the great rivers Dwina and Dneper for the greater part of the distance between the two seas.