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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

BILL INTRODUCED IN SENATE DESIGNED TO LESSEN THE CRIME OF LYNCHING.

EXPENSES OF INAUGURATION

Salaries of Treasurer, Auditor and Secretary of State Are Fixed at $4,500; Attorney Gen. $4,000.

Raleigh.

Senator McCoin, of Vance, rose to a point of personal privilege and denied newspaper reports published locally that he was leading an insurrection to have the old-time custom of the lieutenant governor making committee appointments changed so that the senate itself might organize and parcel out its committees.

This statement, together with the introduction of a bill by Senator Taylor "to promote .... one administration of justice and to lessen the crime of lynching," consumed the major portion of the time of the upper house, prior to Governor Bickett's swan song.

The House.

The house appointed an inaugural committee, composed of Representatives Everett of Rockingham, Pharr of Mecklenburg and Hill of Duplin. A joint resolution authorizing the expenditure of $1,500 or so much of it as is needed to cover the expenses incident to the inauguration of Governor-elect Cameron Morrison, was introduced.

Jan. 7.—The senate committee of salaries and fees at a meeting this afternoon, following a brief session of the general assembly, agreed to recommend increases of $1,500 over the present salaries of all constitutional officers.

Agreement was also tentatively made on increases in the salaries of superior and supreme court judges of $2,000 each. A joint committee session will be held Monday morning at 11 o'clock to work out a joint schedule.

Jan. 8.—The introduction of a bill by Senator Lawrence of Mecklenburg providing for the expenditure of the federal aid roads and state highways to be either overhead or underground crossings in North Carolina," featured the 20-minute session of the legislature today.

This bill does not apply to crossings in cities and towns or at crossings where gates or other means of protecting life and property are provided and efficiently operated."

Jan. 10.—The increased salaries for the constitutional officers of the state foreshadowed in favorable committee work and a well-aimed blow at the abolition of the office of state architect were the high spots in brief sessions of the senate and house today.

Into the very short session in the house this afternoon young Mr. Glover of Nash shot the bill to do away with the office of state architect, a nice paying position, created two years ago under a bill authored by Senator McCoin of Vance and approved by the state building commission.

Jan. 11.—Nothing of general interest to the state at large was introduced or acted upon by either body of the general assembly.

Jan. 12.—Passage on all three readings of the bill providing salary increases for the secretary of state, the treasurer, the auditor, the attorney general and the superintendent of public instruction, and the introduction of a bill by Representative Perton McSwain of Cleveland county, making officials serving in these offices more than two terms of four years each ineligible for the office in the future furnished headliners for Tuesday's session of the general assembly.

Under the salary increase bill passed by the secretary of state, the treasurer and the auditor will get $4,500, the superintendent of public instruction $4,000 and the attorney general who is not required to give his full time to the office, $4,000.

Death Sentence Commuted.

Taking issue sharply with the Yadkin county jury that found Robah Baity guilty of murder in the first degree in May, 1920, and sentenced him to death by electrocution, Governor T. W. Bickett maintained that the prisoner was guilty only of murder in the second degree and thereupon commuted the death sentence to imprisonment for thirty years in the State's Prison.

The Governor was supported in his findings by Rev. T. A. Candle, a minister of the Gospel who went with the sheriff of Yadkin county to Baity's still, the young man, surprised in his operations shot down the sheriff. It was also supported by the judge who tried the case and by many citizens of Yadkin who petitioned for commutation.

Baity, who served in the heavy artillery at Verdun, St. Mihiel and through the Argonne Forest, had a war record that appealed strongly to Governor Bickett.

"With this record and upon the evidence in this case, it would be a frightful thing for the country for which he offered his life to electrocute him when he is twenty-three years old, he said.

"Were I to permit it I would never sleep again. The death sentence is commuted to thirty years in the State's Prison."

State Now Outranks Kentucky.

North Carolina shoved Kentucky from the top rung of the ladder as a tobacco growing state during 1920, the Tar Heel State's crop, ranking first both in acreage and value. Kentucky had long topped the list of tobacco producing states, but the "Blue Grass" commonwealth dropped into second position last year, North Carolina's crop exceeding the value of the Kentucky crop by $27,000,000 according to Frank Parker, Agricultural Statistician.

This state has heretofore been the king of the bright leaf belt, with Wilson the largest bright leaf market in the world. Kentucky is the leading burley tobacco producing state of the Union, with Lexington the greatest loose leaf market in the world. Although the Old North State is now king of tobacco states, Lexington still holds sway as the largest of the loose leaf markets.

Conference for Social Service.

The North Carolina conference for Social Service will hold its annual meeting here January 25, 26 and 27. The Woman's Club building has been secured for the meetings and a splendid program has been prepared. Dr. Henry E. Brunson of the University is the President of the conference and the executive committee is made up of Mr. McAlister, Mr. R. W. Stanley, Dr. Clarence Poe, Dr. S. C. Brooks, W. S. Rankin, Miss Elizabeth Kelley, Mrs. C. C. Hook, Dr. H. W. Odum, Dr. E. C. Lindeman and Mrs. Thos. W. Lingle, Secretary.

The conference has secured for its chief out-of-town speaker Judge Catharyn Sellers, of the Juvenile court being the latest development in the state's program for looking after wayward boys and girls.

Colonel Thompson to Speak.

Secretary Meredith being unable to attend the convention of the North Carolina division, American cotton association, Col. W. B. Thompson, of New Orleans, president of the Louisiana division of the association has been secured for the evening session. A telegram from Colonel Thompson states that he will make every effort to be present. He is one of the best known cotton men in the south and a close student of economics as applies to the present existing situation, will be able to advance some valuable suggestions and advice.

Strenuous Drive for Quota.

During the month of February strenuous efforts will be made in North Carolina to reach the state's quota of the $36,000,000 for Methodist educational institutions in the south.

Plans are now under way for the drive with the first state meeting in Asheville, February 7.

The Charlotte meeting will be held February 8.

The schedule for other meetings in the state is as follows: Greensboro, February 10; Durham, February 11; Raleigh, February 12; New Bern, February 13, and Wilmington, February 14.

Final Act of Clemency.

As his final act of clemency, Governor Bickett commuted to 30 years' imprisonment the death sentence imposed on Kohler Holdsclaw, Catawba county veteran of the world war for the murder of John Shirley and granted a conditional pardon to W. L. Hoke of Lincoln county.

Holdsclaw's mother and father were at the state prison visiting their son in Death Row when the announcement was received there that the pardon was going to save him from the electric chair.

Press Association Adjourns.

A strong appeal by F. I. Horne, Jr., editor and publisher of The Rocky Mount Evening Telegram, urging the association to encourage the development of the general resources of the state, various addresses on advertising, and a talk by Dr. Chas. Lee Smith, president of the University of North Carolina, on the relation of the press to the university, were among the features of the closing session of the North Carolina Press Association at its annual meeting here last week.

Advertising was the chief topic of discussion, the association going on record as favoring the employing of a full time man to look after the interests of the association in this field.

Mr. Horne, who was the association's guest at a dinner at the Yarborough on Thursday night, in his address urged the association to encourage the development of the state's resources, and to do its part in the upbuilding of the state.

Dr. Smith, who was the association's guest at luncheon at the University Friday, in his address urged the association to use its influence for the betterment of the university and the educational system of the state.

Dr. H. Q. Alderman, president of the University of North Carolina, who was to have been the association's guest at dinner at the University on Friday night, was unable to be present on account of the illness of his father.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Jno. D. Bellamy, III, Wilmington; vice president, Jno. A. Parker, Lumberton; secretary-treasurer, Jas. A. Bell, Goldsboro; executive committee, R. A. Doughton, Sparta; Chas. A. Cannon, Concord; Jas. A. Bell, Goldsboro; Jno. D. Bellamy, III, Wilmington; Jno. A. Parker, Lumberton; Jno. H. Anderson, Tarboro; Jno. H. Kerr, Washington; Jno. H. Cheek, Mooresville; Jno. W. Harden, Raleigh; Jno. Stewart Bryan, Richmond, Va.; Frank Stephens, Elizabeth City; Jno. Cowper, Durham; Jno. Sprunt Hill, Durham; Jno. Paul Jones, Charlotte; Jno. Cameron Wright, Fayetteville; Jno. Stewart Bryan, Richmond, Va.