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OVERWHELMED WITH LOCAL BILLS.

The Multiplicity of Local Measures Discredits the Work of the Legislature—A Change in the System Needed.

Having received more than two thousand measures and having enacted more than half of them, the General Assembly of North Carolina adjourned March 6. Of the thousand or more laws added to our statutes, all save a few are of exclusively local effect, many of them relating to individuals, corporations or small towns.

For a Senate of 50 men and a House of 120 to consider 2,000 measures within 60 days is absurd. They do not even assume to do so. All local measures are left to the local representatives. We have, therefore, each two years the spectacle of 170 men each with a bundle of little bills on his arm awaiting his turn to have his measure stamped with the approval of the General Assembly, each promising to stamp the other fellow's!

Obviously this condition is due to a defective system, and it will grow worse and worse until a change shall be brought about. Already the representatives of a county practically rule that county. Already half the counties in the State are in the habit of rushing desperately to Raleigh every two years to prevent their representatives from doing one thing or to force them to do another.

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Such is the working of the present system. It accounts for the failure of the General Assembly to give satisfaction; it accounts for the political oblivion that is the reward of the average member of the General Assembly; it accounts for the reluctance of strong men to stand for election to the General Assembly; and, we venture the opinion, that it accounts in no mean degree for much of the disregard for law.

We suggest that it is time to institute a change with a view to requiring our counties to relieve the General Assembly of these wholly local matters.

Commenting on the above, the Statesville Landmark says: The Biblical Recorder's analysis of the Legislature is correct. A change in the system is needed. It is ridiculous for representatives of a Commonwealth to go to the State capital and spend the best part of two months passing on local matters that should be settled in township meetings; and a system which requires or makes it necessary for delegations to be constantly invading the State capital to get their representatives to do something or keep them from doing something, should be changed. The whole business has developed into a farce that makes the Legislature a laughing stock.

The Reason. The Washington papers report that the fireworks at the inauguration surpassed all the former displays. No doubt of it. This is a fireworks administration, anyhow.

VERDICT OF CORONER'S JURY.

A. M. Kale Met Death at Hands of Earl Carpenter—D. B. Carpenter and S. S. Campbell Accessories—Inquest Held Behind Closed Doors.

All spectators, including newspaper reporters and attorneys, were barred from the coroner's inquest in the Kale-Carpenter killing affair, which was held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Harden in a house only a few feet distant from the spot where the dead man fell.

This was an adjourned meeting of the coroner's jury, the inquest having been instituted at Mount Holly on Thursday afternoon when an autopsy was held over the body of Mr. Kale. County physician H. F. Glenn made the examination. Messrs. W. G. Rutledge, C. C. Moore, M. B. Peterson, R. L. McLeod, S. J. Black, and R. P. Rankin constituted the jury impaneled by Coroner W. N. Davis.

Thirteen witnesses were examined by the jury. It required three hours to take the testimony. The jury rendered a verdict to the effect that Mr. A. M. Kale met death from pistol wounds received at the hands of Mr. Earl Carpenter, with Mr. O. D. Carpenter and Mr. S. S. Campbell as accessories.

Mr. O. D. Carpenter was bound to court in the sum of \$10,000, which bond he gave. Mr. Campbell, in default of \$5,000 bond, was committed to the Dallas jail to await the trial of the case. Deputy Sheriff Bob Rhyme was placed at the Carpenter home in Harden to guard young Carpenter who is still in a serious condition.

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A statement in regard to the purpose of Mr. Kale's visit to Harden appeared in The Charlotte Observer of Friday morning. It is as follows:

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Mr. Hutchison stated further that Mr. Kale was a faithful and capable man, one who would soon to do the act attributed to him.

The council of State has decided to sell the oyster steamer Lilly to Chas. R. Cook, of New Bern, for \$4,000. The boat cost something like \$10,000, but the Governor and his council consider they have made a good sale. The boat was made famous during the fusion administration when it was "charged" that Theophilus White, oyster commissioner, used it as a pleasure boat for himself and other state officers.

FISGAN PARAGRAPHS.

Holding Cotton—Two Games of Ball Scheduled—Other Items of Interest.

Pisgah, March 18.—A dispatch printed in the Spartanburg Journal states that the Mary Louise Mills has closed for the want of cotton. Farmers are holding cotton and are determined not to sell it for less than ten cents per pound. The inference is, that the Mary Louise Mill is unwilling to pay this price.

Of course, their condition is due to the holding of cotton by the producer. For the first time the economic law that "least of production is an element in the making of prices" is asserted.

Heretofore, the price has been fixed by the cotton buyers. Now the producer finds himself able to refuse to sell the product unless he receives a fair compensation for his product.

Now is the critical time of the cotton season. The policy of holding has already increased the price.

South Carolina College will play Davidson in Charlotte, April 20; St. Mary's at Belmont base ball park, April 25.

The daughter of Jim Harper, colored, who was burned last Tuesday, as noted in our last correspondence, was so fatally burned that she only lived till the next morning. She was 6 years old. As we noted, she was burning trash, leaves and dry grass in the garden when her dress caught fire.

Mr. James M. Blackwood has moved into his home which he built on the old Jim Beattie place.

We are informed that Mr. Sam T. Whitesides has moved to the Henry Torrence place which he recently bought.

Once more our farmers are hauling home fertilizers instead of making their own fertilizers.

Mrs. Milton G. Howell who was under the surgeon's knife for the removal of a tumor Friday last is still in a precarious condition.

Mrs. Sallie Carson who was ill with erysipelas is about recovered.

Two of Esq. W. A. Falls' daughters have been quite sick with pneumonia for some time.

Four of Mr. John P. Falls' children are sick. Two are sick with grip. Two are sick with whooping cough. Mrs. Falls is sick and Mr. Falls is taking the grip-to-day (Friday).

One occasionally hears an objection to farmers storing cotton in cotton mill warehouses the charge that the cotton thus stored is used by the mills the latter holding themselves to pay the owner the prevailing price. The objection urged is that the mill, supplies itself with what cotton it needs without creating a demand on the market the consequence being the lowering of the prices.

The writer takes the ground that cotton stored in a cotton mill warehouse is held in trust for the owner of the staple thereof and that to use it the mill would become liable at law, and moreover it would be a poor business policy on the part of a cotton mill to make contract for future delivery at stipulated price without knowing what it would have to pay for raw material.

Several of Mr. John W. Blackwood's family have had chills all winter. This unusual to have the malaria in the winter months is it not.

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Insurance—The writing of Fire, Fidelity, Accident and Health Insurance in reliable companies.

Trusts—The settlement of Estates as Executors or Administrators; the acting as Arbitrators, Referees, Assignees, Guardians, Trustees, Survivors, or Agents.

Cotton—The warehousing, storing and insuring of Cotton and the issuance of negotiable receipts for same; the holding of cotton as consignees and the handling of same on commission or brokerage.

Savings Deposits—The acceptance of deposits and the issuance of certificates of deposit bearing interest and payable on demand or for a fixed period.

Loans—The making of loans on commercial paper, and the advancing of money on warehouse receipts, mortgages, or personal securities at the legal rate of interest.

Business entrusted to us, however large or however small, will have our personal attention, and we shall serve you to the best of our ability as business men and gentlemen and give you the advantage of whatever of experience or judgment we may possess.

We cordially invite you to confer with us. The Love Trust Co. Gastonia, N. C.

JAPS COVET PHILIPPINES.

Animated Discussion by Alleged Statement That the United States May Expect Trouble in Holding the Islands—Disclaimer of Japanese Minister Discussed.

Charlotte Observer.

Washington, March 17.—When the Senate convened to-day, Mr. Morgan sent to the desk the account of the legislative session proceedings of yesterday, printed in a Washington paper. The article related to statements alleged to have been made by Mr. Morgan in a four-hour speech to the Senate yesterday. When the reading was concluded, Mr. Morgan addressed the Senate, protesting against the character of the report and condemning any persons, whether members of the Senate or not, who divulge executive session secrets. He submitted a resolution directing the Senate committee on foreign relations to make inquiry into the protocol of January 31, 1903, and the award to the Santo Domingo Improvement Company, of July 14, 1904. He asked that the inquiry be made to ascertain whether there was any fraud or oppression used and what had been the proceedings in bringing about the execution and enforcement of the award. On objection by Mr. Cullom, the resolution went over under the rules.

Mr. Teller called up his resolution of inquiry, and offered certain amendments. Adoption of the resolution was objected to by Mr. Cullom, Mr. Lodge and others, and it again went over.

During the discussion Mr. Teller took up the subject of executive secrets and said the trouble was that the Senate tried to make a secret matter which should be considered in legislative session.

Mr. Cullom said he had often thought it would be a good thing to discontinue Executive sessions entirely.

Mr. Carmack had read an alleged interview with representative Hall, of Iowa, in which he said that the Japanese aspire to gain possession of the Philippines, and that the United States may expect trouble in holding the islands. The Senator declared that the views expressed were in harmony with reports made by the United States naval

officers in Eastern waters. Mr. Lodge had read an interview with the Japanese minister, denying that any such purpose was held by his government.

Replies to Mr. Carmack were made by Senators Dooliver and Allison, on the grounds that the interview attributed to Mr. Hull did not express his sentiments, and the Senators questioned the correctness of the statement of the Japanese minister, and this was met by Mr. Carmack with the statement that such a reply was the very kind that could be expected from the Japanese minister under the circumstances. Senator Spooner discussed briefly the relations between the Philippines and this government and said that he believed the time would come when the islands would have their own government.

The Interurban Trolley Lines.

Charlotte Chronicle.

The Chronicle is glad to have assurances that the people interested in the inter-urban scheme of electric roads think with a reasonable degree of certainty that they will shortly begin work on the line between Charlotte and Gastonia. This electric road will pass through a beautiful section of country and one that is quite thickly populated. The road bed will be comparatively level and the cost of construction will be cheap. It will be a great developer of the country along its line and that it will be a profitable venture for those who put their money in it, no one can doubt. Gastonia and Charlotte do a large amount of business with each other and the volume of this will be largely increased when the facilities of quick and frequent daily communication, such as would be given by an electric car line are secured. But the Gastonia line is only a starter. There is always more or less difficulty attending the launching of such enterprises, but once this road is built and in operation, promoters will find but little difficulty in securing all the aid needed in building lines to Concord and Monroe. We expect in a few years to see Charlotte the hub of a great electrical car wheel.

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SEA LEVEL CANAL PLANS.

Decision is the Matter Not Necessary for Five Years at Least.

Washington Post.

There is authority for the statement that the question as to whether the isthmian canal shall be made a sea-level waterway or constructed on the lock system is one that need not be determined at the outset of the work. In fact, it is stated that work could progress for five years or more before this matter would necessarily be decided, and without in any way retarding the progress of construction or causing any delay. The explanation is made that the same excavation work would be required for the one as for the other. Thus ample time would be given for a most exhaustive consideration of the subject and for a thorough study of all the engineering problems involved before determining upon the character of the waterway. While it is not necessarily a

legislative question, yet a decision to adopt the sea-level plan would mean that a much larger sum would be required for the construction of the canal than Congress has authorized for the completion of the project, and Congress would be called upon for a further authorization, thus indirectly bringing the question of a sea-level canal before the legislative branch of the government.

The Executive and the commission have under consideration a strong recommendation in favor of a sea-level canal.

Mrs. Mary Fox Vandaman, mother of Gov. J. E. Vandaman of Mississippi, died Saturday at Jackson, Miss., aged 63 years.

Former President Grover Cleveland celebrated his 86th birthday Saturday at his home in Princeton, N. J.

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