

DOINGS OF THE LAWMAKERS

Doings of the State Legislature Condensed—Interesting Items from Day to Day.

The Senate spent nearly two more hours Monday discussing the Ormond solicitor's salary bill that had passed second reading Saturday and come over on objection to final reading, and then voted it through the final reading, 20 to 17, only to have the bill "knocked out" in the afternoon by the House judiciary committee by an almost unanimous unfavorable report without minority report to give it standing on the House calendar, so that it goes to the House graveyard or "do not pass" bills. Its pigeonhole will be alongside of that in which the original House bill on solicitors' salaries reposes that was defeated in the House two weeks ago.

The Senate passed the Nimocks bill, to authorize counties to levy special tax of 2 cents on property and 6 cents on poll for supplementary pensions on second reading.

Another very important measure to pass the Senate was the Pharr resolution to direct the Corporation Commission to levy such freight rates per ton per mile in North Carolina from Carolina ports inland as will counteract discriminatory long haul rates from ports of other States to the same inland towns.

A joint resolution was introduced by Elliott and put through its immediate passage that no bills be introduced after Wednesday. This was sent to the House for concurrence.

The House devoted nearly the whole day to discussing a bill from the Senate to better enforce the game laws in Beaufort and Currituck counties by relieving these counties of relation with the Audubon Society, the counties to collect their own fees for hunting, half to benefit the school fund. Finally the bill passed with fifty-odd counties added, the Audubon Society coming in for severe criticism as autocratic and ineffective.

Representative Page, of the House, appeared before the committee asking for one dollar and a half instead of one dollar a day for the boys that scurry about the floor of the House and keep the microbes of the carpet in the atmosphere, also their actual transportation expenses to and from home. The committee yielded gracefully.

The House and Senate committees voted separately on the proposition for a constitutional convention, the former against it by 7 to 3, the latter in favor 3 to 2. Representative Koonce gave notice of a minority report.

The Senate Tuesday discussed the bill requiring railroads to use electric headlights which passed its second reading.

D. A. Woodward was elected jointly by the Senate and the House as a trustee of the State University in the place of George W. Connor, who declined to serve.

Some time was spent in committee of the whole considering the machinery bill. Section 3 was amended by eliminating the \$500 extra salary allowed the Corporation Commissioners for services as tax commission. Section 33 was amended so as to make banks pay taxes to the county and municipal governments as do other corporations.

A goodly number of bills of local interest were disposed of, it being a very busy day on the whole.

Three sessions for the House and two for the Senate again Wednesday made it possible for large numbers of local bills to be cleared from the calendars in the rush that is being made now by the Assembly to clear up all work by Saturday night and have the formal adjournment Monday.

A bill carrying \$1,404,900 was introduced in the House from the joint appropriations committee for general appropriations for the year.

Deaf and dumb school, Morganton, \$53,500.

School for Blind, Raleigh, \$90,000.

Raleigh Hospital, \$115,000.

Western Hospital, \$190,000.

Eastern Hospital, \$80,000.

Soldiers' Home, \$18,200.

A. & M. College, \$70,000.

State University, \$105,000.

State Normal, Greensboro, \$105,000.

A. & M. colored, \$14,250.

Appalachian Training School, \$15,000.

Cullowhee, \$15,000.

Colored Orphanage, \$5,000.

East Carolina Training School, \$80,000.

Guilford battleground, \$200.

Stonewall Jackson Reformatory, \$30,000.

State Sanitarium for Tuberculosis, \$22,500.

Croatan Normal, \$1,250.

Dangerous Insane, \$5,000.

Representative Hindsdale's bill to pay every inmate of the soldiers' home \$6 a year pocket money was passed without reference to committee.

The House was in a killing mood Thursday, the victims being the Connor mileage book bill and the Connor employer's liability act. The former, which was the counterpart of the Barringer bill that was squelched by the Senate, provided that conductors on trains should be compelled to accept mileage from the

books as they used to do in the old days before 2-cent-a-mile rate came in and interchangeable arrangements among the larger roads. The majority against it was only four, the vote being 44 to 48. Representative Hayes, of Chatham, led the fight against the measure.

The defeat of the employer's liability bill was more decisive, 33 to 70. Mr. Hayes also led the hostile forces here. The bill was drawn much along the lines of the Federal statute recently enacted and also contained a clause directed against the relief department system as practiced by the Atlantic Coast Line in this State. The main provisions of the bill were to prevent the railroad companies from pleading contributory negligence in damage suits brought by injured employes or representatives of those who had been killed on duty, unless the accident occurred while the trainman was disobeying some rule or regulation of the company, and prohibiting the practice of requiring a beneficiary of the relief department to sign an agreement not to bring action for damages before receiving the relief afforded by the department.

The Blow amendments to the general public school law will be law now, the House having passed the bill on final reading.

The Senate renigged on the \$500,000 pension appropriation passed Wednesday, though adding \$50,000 to the \$450,000 included in the bill from the appropriations committee. A motion to reconsider and then an amendment putting the fund back to \$450,000 prevailed. This is still \$50,000 more than has been appropriated heretofore.

The House Hindsdale child labor bill, which has elicited much talk of an interesting and mixed character, passed second reading with some amendment and then was forced over to another day for final reading by objection on the part of Senator Dockery.

The Senate re-assembled at 7:45 o'clock.

Bills passed final reading: Relating to law of assignment for the benefit of creditors; amending certain sections of the Revisal. It prevents preferences among creditors except when one has a lien on property; joint resolution increasing the pay of pages from \$1 to \$1.50 per day.

At 8 o'clock the Senate went into committee of the whole on the revenue bill as it came from the House. Section 1 was adopted. Section 2 was amended, making the levy \$1.29 for schools and support of the poor. House amendment making the tax \$1.32 was stricken out. Also an amendment to Section 3, these sections being adopted as the present law.

The revenue bill was complete Friday in the Senate and passed final reading with some few sections reserved for adjustment through conference committees on differences between the Senate and the House on their provisions. For instance, the sections fixing taxation on express, telegraph and telephone companies were reserved because the Senate will not agree to the increase made against these corporations by the House, which also added a provision that towns be allowed to require local license taxes. The section taxing manufacturers and dealers in cigarettes is also held up because the Senate excepts to the tax of \$1,500 on makers of 500,000,000 and more as compared with the low present law tax against those handling less quantities. It is feared that this discrepancy would have the effect of knocking out the entire section as discriminatory.

A bill passed final reading in the Senate to make April 12th legal holiday on account of Halifax resolutions.

The bill to appropriate \$2,500 toward a statue to Henry L. Wyatt, came up as a special order. The bill provides that this appropriation shall be available when a like amount shall have been raised from other sources, the monument to be in Capitol Square. It developed that \$2,000 is already in hand from popular contributions through the Selma Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy. There were only three votes against it on second reading and the passage on final reading was unanimous.

The adoption of Ashe's History for North Carolina schools was attended with protest. Speaker Graham spoke for Mr. Dowd's motion, saying that the act would necessitate the changing of the State flag and he would say to the patriots of Mecklenburg that they declared their independence on May 20th, 1775. He spoke with feeling against disturbing the best historical traditions. The motion to reconsider the vote was carried.

Mr. Doughton's bill heretofore passed in the Senate to make the pensions appropriation \$450,000 and the school appropriation \$125,000 passed without a dissenting vote.

Among the bills passed on final reading were:

S. B., amend Revisal as to uttering forged papers; S. B., requiring clerks of courts to make reports to Attorney General; S. B., amend Revisal as to advertising property for public sale; S. B., amend the Revisal as to docketing judgments, requiring description of land, if given in pleadings to be written in the judgment; S. B., amend Revisal relating to marriage ceremony; S. B., amend the Revisal as to holding inquests; S. B., provide suitable solitary surround-

ings for State institutions; S. B., extend the time for settling the State debt; S. B., relative to the settlement of certain outstanding western North Carolina railroad construction bonds of the South Piedmont shift class; substitute Senate bill amend the Revisal relative to the State laboratory of hygiene graduates' tax for license fee for analysis of water sold for drinking purposes now \$50; bill provides graduated tax \$15 to \$50; S. B., allow registers of deeds to appoint deputies; S. B., provide fire escapes and protect human life; S. B., authorize the purchase of Ashe's History of North Carolina in rural schools; S. B., make the giving of worthless checks or drafts prima facie evidence of intent to defraud; S. B., authorize county commissioners to offer rewards in certain cases; S. B., forbid the sale of narcotic drugs to certain habitues; authorize furnishing of Confederate uniforms to the inmates of the Soldiers' Home; provide dormitory for Colored Orphan Asylum Oxford.

Fast and furious is the pace of the North Carolina General Assembly in the rush to clear the calendars so that there can be final adjournment at the earliest possible minute—morning, afternoon and evening sessions being the order Saturday.

The evening session was continued to nearly midnight in order that adjournment for the session may be possible Monday. Ever and anon bills of State interest, or in which local fights developed, have clogged the wheels of legislation in the rapid grist of bills passed.

The bill that got through the Senate with the "plumage badly ruffled," in that it had provided that county boards of education be authorized and directed to purchase sets of the 'History of North Carolina' by Capt. S. A. Ashe for the rural schools, and was passed merely to authorize the purchase, came up in the House and afforded the biggest fight of the day, meeting its Waterloo in the end by a vote of 39 to 56, the fight against it being led by Representative Dowd, of Mecklenburg, and Speaker Graham. They argued that history is not orthodox in its position as to the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, in that it fixes May 21st as the correct date instead of May 20th, 1775.

The House passed the Senate bill assuring a \$5,000 statue of Wyatt, of Edgecomb, first to fall in the civil war, this statue to be in the Capitol Square, Raleigh.

The Senate passed the following: Allow J. Bis Rya to use the index of the 1905 Revisal in his digest of decisions of the Supreme Court.

Regulate the packing and sale of fish.

Increase the salary of the supreme Court marshal to \$1,500.

Increase the salary of the assistant librarian of the Supreme Court to \$30 per month.

Provide registration of deaths in towns of 1,000 and more inhabitants.

Provide additional dormitory at the colored Orphan Asylum, Oxford.

Establish a colored reformatory for youthful criminals at Greensboro, carrying no appropriation but merely giving the institution State sanction. The vote was 19 to 6.

The Senate declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill enlarging the powers of the State laboratory of hygiene, and Senators Pharr and Manning were named as a conference committee.

The House concurred in Senate amendments to the appropriations bill. The bill to increase the appropriation to the State board of health, putting a secretary in the field for all his time, was taken up as a special order, the appropriation being changed in committee from \$10,000 to \$6,000, the present appropriation being \$2,000. The bill passed and was sent to the Senate.

Some of the bills passed were: To provide for building the Statesville Air Line Railroad; Senate bill provide for examination and checking of books and accounts of State departments and State institutions by persons appointed by the Governor whenever deemed advisable; S. B., amend Revisal as to dissolution of corporations.

Expressions of appreciation of Speaker Graham as a presiding officer, and like tributes to others were passed and fittingly responded to.

Murphy, of Guilford, was recognized and proceeded in fitting words to present to Speaker Graham a handsome silver service as a token of affection from the members and clerks for the services of Mr. Graham as Speaker and for his sterling personal worth.

Speaker Graham responded, being evidently deeply moved. He declared it difficult to find words in which to do so.

Mr. Henderson, after a glowing tribute to the Confederate soldier and the women of the Confederacy, secured the passage of his bill admitting to pensions these widows married to veterans between 1865 and 1868.

THE WORK OF CONGRESS

Summary of Important Proceedings Enacted From Day to Day.

The sundry civil appropriation bill passed by the Senate just before adjournment Monday with amendments carrying \$40,000 for remodeling the White House office building to give additional room for the President, and \$25,000 for traveling expenses for the President.

On motion of Mr. Foraker an amendment appropriating \$120,000 to pay the Roman Catholic Church in Rico was adopted.

The authorization for the issuance of \$30,000,000 of Panama canal bonds in addition to former authorizations was stricken from the bill on protest of Senator Clay, who criticized the excessive cost of the canal.

The bill which was approved by the committee on appropriations Monday morning carries appropriations of about \$139,000,000 and covers a wide variety of subjects.

The forestry bill that passed the House Monday afternoon, will die, it is said, in the Senate. Congress is playing with this proposition on purpose. The Senate passes a bill and the House kills it; and vice versa. There is very little if any hope of the present measure becoming a law.

Hackett and Kitchin voted against the bill, which does not in any way mention the Appalachian Park. Messrs. Webb and Thomas, spoke for it. The bill provides that the Secretary of Agriculture may co-operate with the States in the organization and maintenance of a system of fire protection on any private or State forest land situated upon the watershed of a navigable stream and further that he may administer and protect for a term of years any such lands. One million dollars is appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30th, and each year thereafter until 1919, a sum not to exceed two million dollars, for acquiring lands located on the head waters of navigable streams, or those which are, or may be developed for navigable purposes.

The deficiency bill, carrying appropriations amounting to more than \$19,500,000, about \$2,250,000 of which was added by the Senate, was passed by the Senate Monday. Senator Hale met no delay in the disposition of the measure, which was passed after two hours debate.

During the reading of the conference report on the penal code bill by the Senate Tuesday Senator Teller took the floor and spoke on the Panama canal. He contended that the sentiment in Congress had been for a sea level waterway at Panama until the Spooner act of 1902 was adopted by a small majority. Since then every six months the plans for the canal have been changed and each time the new plan was heralded as the very best one that could be adopted.

Mr. Teller said the general construction of the series of locks such as proposed at Panama was subject to dangers under any condition. "I doubt," said he, "whether if the canal was finished the Secretary of the Navy would take the risk of sending the ships of the navy through them."

The ships subsidy bill was rejected by the House of Representatives Monday by a vote of 172 to 175.

The principal feature of the bill is the provision that American mail steamships of 16 knots or over and of not less than 5,000 gross tons shall be paid \$4.00 per nautical mile outward-bound on routes of 4,000 miles or upward to South America, the Philippines, Asia and Australasia.

Congress practically cleared its desks, both houses working under high pressure, Wednesday and Wednesday night.

Legislation should be enacted by Congress giving a permanent character to the secret service force of the government, according to the report of the select committee of the House to investigate this force, submitted to the House Wednesday. The committee was appointed to investigate the amount of appropriations devoted to secret service work and the number of employes engaged therein.

Behind closed doors the Senate paid Vice President Fairbanks one of the most remarkable tributes ever given to a presiding officer. He was presented with a magnificent silver service, costing \$1,185, as the gift of the entire body of Senators and with a loving-cup as the present of the Democratic members.

The presentation of the silver service was made by Senator McCumber. Senator Daniel spoke for the minority, dilating upon Mr. Fairbanks' uniform fairness. He suggested that if at any time Mr. Fairbanks should tire of the monotonous service in the Republican party Democrats would be glad to welcome him. He facetiously suggested that it would not be well for Mr. Fairbanks to take more than one draught from the flagon before breakfast if it should happen to get filled with other than buttermilk.

A bill was passed by the House Wednesday night authorizing the Secretary of Commerce and Labor to co-operate through the coast and geologic survey and bureau of fisheries with the fish commissioner of North Carolina in making surveys of the waters of North Carolina, where fishing is prohibited by law. The bill is designed to preserve and increase the shad supply of North Carolina.

TO REFOREST MAINE.

A Man Who Plants Thousands of Trees Offers Prizes to Others.

A plan for the reforestation of the State of Maine has been submitted to the governor by B. C. Jordan, of Alfred. Mr. Jordan offers to give the State \$1,000 on condition that once in eighteen years five prizes shall be awarded for the five best lots of young forest growth.

These lots are to consist of not less than ten acres, accurately surveyed and plotted, the majority of the trees to be not less than ten or more than thirty feet high and not less than ten or more than thirty years old when the prizes are awarded. The varieties of trees to be grown are specified and cover a long list from white pine to elm.

Mr. Jordan believes that the incentive afforded by such prizes would do much to bring about better forestry conditions. Maine has many thousands acres of waste land, now almost worthless but naturally well adapted to timber growth, and which, according to a writer in Suburban Life, by a small expense for care and forest cultivation could be made easily worth in fifty years \$100 an acre.

In this way the State instead of being one of the poorest in the Union might be made one of the richest. Fifty years is a large part of one person's life, but a very small part of the life of a State. Mr. Jordan himself set out from ten to fifteen thousand trees the last summer and states that he hopes to set out many thousands every year as long as he lives.

Running Wild.

"Miss Mabel," began the young man, whose chin wobbled a little in spite of him, "I hardly know how to say it, but I feel as if the time had come—or perhaps I should have said that I am impelled to—there is a moment in every man's career, you know, when he is no longer—I dare say you have not been expecting anything of the kind, but the fact is—and I am in a position now that warrants me in offering—which is the reason why I have hesitated until now—because there are so many things to be—in short, the difficulties in the way have been—"

"Mr. Packard," interrupted the young woman, with a smile of encouragement, "will you please try to run your trains of thought on the block system?"—Chicago Tribune.

SPECIAL SESSION CALLED.

President Taft Issues Call For Special Session of Congress For March 15th.

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