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BILKINS LETTER.

Bilkins Attends the Session of the Legislature—Lobbying to Get an Appropriation to Enable He and Bob to Reach the North Pole, but Gets Sick Soon Afterward—Betsy to Take a Course in a Business College—Bob Getting Better—Trip Around the World Postponed.

Correspondence Raleigh Enterprise. Bilkinsville, N. C., Jan. 17, 1907.

The highest ambishun ov my life wuz ter becum a member ov the Legislatur, but hit seems ter hev bin my misfortune ter miss ther nomy-nashun by erbout 1 vote; however, I kin lobbie among 'em, an' I am now tryin' ter git a millyon dollar appropriashun to enable Bob an' me to buy Eskimo dogs and sleds in order ter be abul ter reach the North Poll, when we git ter Greenland. But the committee having the funds in hand sit down on the propysishun as not being germane ter North Carolina business. This axion of our solons give me such a shock that I hed ter take ter my bed, an' Betsy iz doin' awl she kin ter git my narves back ter a North Poll normal.

Bob iz improvin' and iz now convalescent, but he will hev ter wate till I regane my equilibygm before we start on our trip erround the world.

Betsy hez bin botherin me erbout wantin' ter take a coorse in King's Business College. She sez she wants sumpthin' to enable her ter make a livin' while me an' Bob air away on that trip erround the world. She will larn steenografy, tiperitin', book-keepin', kommershal law an' spenserian penmanship. Hit almost tuk my breth, she wanted to larn so many different "branches on the tree ov edycashun." But I giv my consent, an' jist az soon az me an' Bob air able ter start on our trip Betsy can take her fule coorse. The wether haz bin so warm here lately that Bob haz bin eatin' new spring grass. He thinks he might git good pickin' in Capitul Square while the Legislatur iz in session.

The representativ frum Bilkinsville will interduce a bill ter prevent tadpoles frum turnin' ter frogs, az the frog market would soon be overrun an' that industry would hev ter be marketted at ruinous prices.

Yours az ever,

ZEKE BILKINS.

A Relative of Both.

An Irishman in an adjoining State boarded a train in which every seat except one was occupied by two people. This seat had as occupants a young sport and a large shaggy dog. The Irishman stood by the seat expecting that room would be made for him. The young man did not take the hint, but regarded the other, who was poorly dressed, with ill disguised scorn. At last the Irishman remarked: "That's a foine-looking dog ye have with ye. What breed is it?" "It's a cross between a skunk and an Irishman." was the sneering answer. "Sure, then, it's a relative of both of us," was the instant retort.

Miss Ada Mae Felts, of Charlotte, and Mr. Sam E. Sloop, of Mt. Ulla, were married Wednesday morning, at the home of the bride's parents, Charlotte.

JUSTICE BILL ON RAILROAD.

Would Fix Rate on Three Roads at Two Cents—An Eight Hour Day—Makes it Unlawful to Permit Trainmen or Telegraph Operators to Work Longer Than Eight Hours Out of Twenty-Four—Greater Powers to Corporation Commission.

Friday morning Speaker Justice requested that Mr. Murphy, of Rowan, take the chair, and he then introduced several bills, one relating to public service corporations, one as to railroad rates, and the third giving greater powers to the Corporation Commission.

The bill relating to public service corporations provides that adequate service shall be maintained, and forbids discrimination in favor of persons or places against other persons or places similarly situated, and for violation of the same, imposes a penalty against the corporation in favor of the person discriminated against of \$500 for each act of discrimination, and makes the corporation so discriminating guilty of a crime and subject to a fine of not less than \$500, and the officers or individuals connected with the corporations who permit or assent to such discrimination guilty of a misdemeanor, and the offense is made punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, at the discretion of the court.

It makes it unlawful for any railroad company to permit any member of a train crew, or any telegraph operator or person entrusted with the movement of trains to work more than members of the train crew may work more than eight hours in twenty-four in order to bring their train to its destination when the train is on a run scheduled to be made and which is ordinarily made in eight hours.

It is made unlawful for any person to accept any free pass, transportation or frank, or accept any service from any corporation transporting passengers or transmitting messages, unless such person pays cash for service, and the same corporation charges all other persons under like circumstances.

The corporation or the officers of it causing or permitting any such employee in the classes named to work for more than eight hours per day, except is permitted in order to bring train to destination, shall be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to fine and imprisonment.

The railroad rate bill provides for a two-cent rate on certain roads and a two and a half cent rate on other roads. The Southern, Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line are in the two cent class and the small roads are on a two and a half and three cent basis, according to the total passenger earnings of each road per mile, as reported to the Corporation Commission for the year 1905.

The third bill confers on the Corporation Commission plenary power to control and regulate the public service corporations in the State.

Down in Kentucky a man served twenty-seven months in the penitentiary longer than he should have done, "as a result of an oversight of the judge." Yet what can he do about it?—New York World.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Senate and House Met Wednesday—There is One Independent in the Lower House—Only Four Republican Senators—Name of Member From Polk Not Known Here Yet, But He is a Radical.

Below is printed a list of the members of the General Assembly which met here Wednesday. It is complete, with the exception of the Representative for the House from Polk County. All efforts made thus far to learn the name of the Republican member elected from that far western shire have been unavailing, and now it is not likely that his name will be known here until he appears to qualify next week and take the sorry seat assigned him.

In the list below the Democratic members are not marked. The Republicans are designed by the letter "R" after their names, and the one independent has the letter "I" after his name.

It will be seen that there will be four Republicans in the Senate and twenty-one Republicans and one Independent in the House.

The list, as it has been given to the State printer is to be issued for the convenience of the capitol officials, and is as follows:

Senate.

First District—Roscoe W. Turner, Elizabeth City; A. P. Godwin, Gatesville.

Second District—Harry W. Stubbs, Williamston; R. B. Etheridge, Manteo.

Third District—C. W. Mitchell, Aulander.

Fourth District—W. E. Daniel, Weldon.

Fifth District—W. Stamps Howard, Tarboro.

Sixth District—J. L. Fleming, Greenville.

Seventh District—T. T. Thorne, Rocky Mount; J. D. Dawes, Elm City.

Eighth District—Y. T. Ormond, Kinston; J. W. Burton, Jacksonville.

Ninth District—B. F. Aycock, Fremont.

Tenth District—Thomas Perett, Faison.

Eleventh District—George H. Bellamy, El Paso.

Twelfth District—Jackson Geer, Whiteville.

Thirteenth District—N. A. McLean, Lumberton.

Fourteenth District—J. W. McLaughlin, Raeford.

Fifteenth District—T. W. Harrington, Harrington; C. M. Wilson, Wilson's Mills.

Sixteenth District—John C. Drewry, Raleigh.

Seventeenth District—Tasker Polk, Warrenton.

Eighteenth District—A. A. Hicks, Oxford.

Nineteenth District—J. W. Graham, Hillsboro; C. H. King, Blackwells.

Twentieth District—R. D. Reid, Wentworth.

Twenty-first District—J. Allen, Holt, Oak Ridge.

Twenty-second District—A. A. F. Seawell, Jonesboro; J. R. Rives, Goldston.

Twenty-third District—J. R. Blair, Troy.

Twenty-fourth District—J. F.

Efrd, Albemarle; R. B. Redwine, Monroe.

Twenty-fifth District—H. N. Pharr, Charlotte; W. R. Odell, Concord.

Twenty-sixth District—Whitehead Kluttz, Salisbury.

Twenty-seventh District—J. C. Buxton, Winston-Salem.

Twenty-eighth District—J. Guy Carter (R.), Dobson.

Twenty-ninth District—Solomon Brown (R.), Hamptonville.

Thirtieth District—Zeb. V. Long, Statesville.

Thirty-first District—J. F. Rheinhardt, R. F. D., Stanly.

Thirty-second District—O. F. Mason, Dallas.

Thirty-third District—W. A. Mauney, King's Mountain; T. T. Ballinger, Tryon.

Thirty-fourth District—W. F. Wood, Marion; B. F. Davis, Morganton.

Thirty-fifth District—E. F. Lovill, Boone.

Thirty-sixth District—J. E. Burlison (R.), Marshall.

Thirty-seventh District—C. A. Webb, Asheville.

Thirty-eighth District—W. E. Breese, Jr., Brevard.

Thirty-ninth District—Allen H. Dickey (R.), Culberson.

House.

Alamance—Dr. J. A. Pickett, (R.), Burlington, R. F. D.

Alexander—A. A. Watts, Taylorsville.

Alleghany—R. A. Doughton, Sparta.

Anosn—J. A. Lockhart, Wadesboro.

Ashe—G. L. Park, Jefferson.

Beaufort—W. K. Jacobson, Washington; B. F. Hooker, Idalia.

Bertie—Thomas Gilliam, Windsor.

Bladen—F. D. McLean, Bladenboro.

Brunswick—C. Ed. Taylor (R.), Southport.

Buncombe—Zebulon Weaver, Asheville; R. J. Gaston, Candler.

Burke—J. T. Avery, Morganton.

Cabarrus—M. B. Stickley, Concord.

Caldwell—W. N. Harshaw (R.), Lenoir.

Camden—D. H. Tillett, Shiloh.

Carteret—M. L. Davis, Beaufort.

Caswell—Julius Johnson, Yanceyville.

Catawa—M. H. Yount, Hickory.

Chatham—H. M. London, Pittsboro.

Cherokee—S. W. Davidson, Tomotla.

Chowan—C. S. Vann, Edenton.

Clay—Dr. R. T. Coleman (R.), Hayesville.

Cleveland—O. M. Mull, Shelby.

Columbus—Donald McRacken, Whiteville.

Craven—W. C. Brewer, Vanceboro.

Cumberland—Dr. J. W. McNeill, Hope Mills; H. H. Bolton, Fayetteville.

Currituck—Pierce Hampton, Watterlilly.

Dare—C. R. Pugh (I.), Wanchese.

Davidson—G. F. Hankins, Lexington.

Davie—R. T. Grant (R.), Mocksville.

Duplin—H. D. Williams, Kenansville.

Durham—J. S. Manning, Durham.

Edgecombe—Dr. M. B. Pitt, Old Sparta; P. C. Vestal, Rocky Mount.

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