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ZEKE BILKIN'S LETTER.

Bilkins on Reduced Railroad Rates—Thinks 2½ Cents Per Mile Too Little—In Favor of a Reformatory and Compulsory Education—Betsy Graduated in Shorthand and Now at Home—Bob Goes Into Winter Quarters.

Correspondence of the Enterprise.

Bilkinsville, N. C., Jan. 31, 1907.

Mr. Editor:—I hev heard so mutch ov late about the reduckshun of railroad rates that I've been bin studyin' the question ov nites. I see by the Enterprise that sum members want 2 cents a mile while others want 2½ cents; but the railrodes wants the rate to stay what hit iz at present. But I don't see how the railrodes can cut down the fair an' keep payin' tremendous bills fer railrode recks an' so forth. Sum Pullman cars cost \$40,000, an' 3 were burned at Piggan House Branch several weeks ergo. Then when sum-boddies \$10 cow gits knocked ter smithereens by a cow-ketcher, the value goes up immediately ter \$50. Ov coarse the cow wuz a Jurzy. An' sumbody iz awlways waitin' fer a chance ter sue a railrode, even if a yaller dawg iz kilt. But now the automatic block sistem iz goin' ter be inorgurated, insted ov the block-head sistem, fewer peepel will be kilt. Open switches will awlso be abolished.

Since Betsy graduated in shorthand, she hez bin home tendin' ter the preserves put up last summer. The pairs an' peeches wuz frozen so bad by the cold wether they had ter be cooked over ergain; the blackberries had ter be reshugared, an' the pickels revinegared. But Betsy found time ter tackle me erbout that Reformatory that the Legislatur air talkin' so mutch erbout. She sez the yuthe ov the land needs a place where they will be seperated from the vicious villyans who air steeped in crime; where they would be taut manners an' be made better boys an' gurls. If young criminuls air put with old criminuls they will never reform, but awlso becum steeped in crime. So I did az Betsy said an' am lobbyin' fer a reformatory.

Bob, sinse hiz last sickness haz gone inter winter quarters, an' will hibernete till spring.

Yours as ever,

ZEKE BILKINS.

Willow Springs News.

Mr. P. A. Fish, of Panther Branch, killed three hogs last week that weighed nine hundred and forty-four pounds. Mr. N. I. Myatt killed one that weighed five hundred and five pounds.

Mr. W. I. Adams, of Willow Springs has a cow that has twin calves.

E. M. Jordan, of Panther Branch, was coming home from Mr. T. H. Stephenson's store Tuesday night, when his horse became frightened and broke his buggy up right badly, but he escaped without injury.

JOHN F. ADAMS.

Builds up waste tissue, promotes appetite, improves digestion, induces refreshing sleep, gives renewed strength and health. That's what Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea does. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. People's Drug Store, J. E. Hamlin.

THE LEGISLATURE.**Senate and House Proceedings.****Senate.**

H. B. 272, S. B. 359—Amending the charter of the town of Saluda in Polk County. Enrolled for ratification.

H. B. 331, S. B. 357—Incorporating the town of Roper, in Washington County. Enrolled for ratification.

H. B. 259, S. B. 360—Authorizing Commissioners of Jones' County to issue bonds to raise funds to build bridges over Trent River. Enrolled for ratification.

By Mr. Breese: Providing for the erection on the site now owned by the State on Edenton street, and now occupied by the Agricultural Department and Supreme Court buildings, of rooms for the Executive, Judicial and Legislative branches of the State Government.

By Mr. Dickey: To correct the spelling of the county seat of Cherokee County, making the legal spelling Murphey, instead of Murphy, as is commonly used at present. Placed on the Calendar.

S. B. 161—Amending the charter of the town of Burlington. Sent to the House for concurrence.

H. B. 195, S. B. 206—Regulating the killing of quail in Dare and Madison Counties. (Amendment of Committee eliminating Madison County, withdrawn. It makes it unlawful to kill more than twenty-five birds in one day anywhere in North Carolina.) Re-committed by request.

S. B. 387—Correcting the legal spelling of the county seat of Cherokee from Murphy to Murphey. Passed and sent to the House.

S. B. 345—Amending section 3052 of the revisal in relation to water supplies. Sent to the House.

H. B. 55, S. B. 110—Repealing chapter 151, Acts 1905, relating to the impounding of hogs in Tyrell County. Enrolled for ratification.

H. B. 11, S. B. 315—"Restoring to the dogs of Franklin County their ancient immunity from taxation." Enrolled for ratification.

S. B. 67—Prohibiting the manufacture and sale of liquors in Macon and Catawba Counties. Sent to the House.

S. B. 74—For the protection of fish in North Pacolet and Vaughn Rivers in Polk County. Sent to the House.

S. B. 370—Creating a new school district in Watauga County. Sent to the House.

S. B. 33—Appointing R. H. Hicks, T. B. Avent and J. H. Fisher a County Board of Education for Nash County. Sent to the House.

H. B. 99, S. B. 334—For the relief of Miss Swindell, of Hyde County, a school teacher. Enrolled for ratification.

S. B. 313—Changing the corporate name of the town of Ashpole to Fairmount.

H. B. 282, S. B. 333—Providing for change of method of electing Commissioners of Vance County, so they will be chosen by popular vote. Enrolled for ratification.

H. B. 273, S. B. 245—Appointing trustees to take over and hold bonds of Caddle Creek Railway Company until same become due. Enrolled for ratification.

S. B. 321—Amending chapter 130, Acts 1905, in relation to time for

hunting squirrel in Bertie and Martin Counties. Changes time from October 15th to October 1st. Sent to the House.

H. B. 26, S. B. 143—Repealing the law which requires four days' labor on public roads of Durham County. Read two times and returned to calendar.

S. B. 153—Construing certain penal statutes. Read twice and returned to Calendar.

H. B. 32, S. B. 276—To regulate the running of automobiles and other vehicles. (This is the bill of Representative Douglass, of Wake. It was considered too drastic, and was about to be tabled, having very few friends, apparently, when Senator Drewry asked that it be re-committed to the Senate Committee on propositions and Grievances, as he now had a bill before the Senate Committee that he hoped would be found more acceptable). The bill was re-committed.

S. B. 262—Fixing the penalty for larceny of autos and other road machines; was also postponed, on motion of Mr. McLean.

H. B. 287, S. B. 246—Appointing court stenographers for Warren County. Enrolled for ratification.

S. B. 330—Providing for court stenographers for Wake County Superior Court. Sent to the House.

S. B. 348—Extending time for obtaining grants for land entries. Amended by committee that "no vested right be divested or impaired by this Act." Sent to the House.

H. B. 194, S. B. 304—To prevent ticket scalping in criminal actions. Enrolled for ratification.

H. B. 230, S. B. 221—To make valid certain deeds and the registration thereof. Enrolled for ratification.

H. B. 74, S. B. 217—Correcting a mistake in chapter 28, Acts 1901, private laws. Enrolled for ratification.

New Laws Ratified.

The Lieutenant Governor signed the following enrolled bills to-day and they are now the law:

H. B. 92, S. B. 147—Amending section 1382 of the revisal, relating to the hunting of squirrel in Pender County.

H. B. 123, S. B. 171—Empowering town constables to execute any process or notice same as township constables.

H. B. 181, S. B. 213—Empowering the killing of certain animals in Graham County.

H. B. 44, S. B. 149—Modifying section 1994 of the revisal, relating to killing of quail in Swain County.

H. B. 217, S. B. 306—Increasing number of Commissioners in Harnett County.

H. B. 60, S. B. 179—Amending chapter 465, Acts 1905.

H. B. 337, S. B. 375—Regulating pay of Jurors of Rutherford County.

H. B. 159, S. B. 186—For the protection of pheasants in Anson County.

H. R. 354, S. R. 502—Resolution appropriating \$20,000 additional to Jamestown Exposition exhibit of the State.

Important Bills to be Considered.

It was announced that the Aycock anti-trust bill will be considered by the Joint Committee on the Judiciary of the two Houses next Friday afternoon.

Breese Bill for Additional Capitol Building.

The bill (S. B. 386) introduced by Senator Breese, of Transylvania, provides: That \$750,000 be appropriated from the sale of State bonds to that amount, as provided in the bill.

That a Commission be created to carry out the provisions of the bill composed of the Lieutenant Governor, speaker of the house, two Senators and three representatives.

That this Commission shall meet not later than April 1, 1907, and organize, and advertise for bids, etc., for the erection on the site now occupied by the old "National Hotel," now known as the Agricultural Building and used by the Department of Agriculture, the State museum, and the building now occupied by the State Supreme Court and library and the State Library, Attorney General and Commissioner of Labor and Printing, suitable rooms "for the use of the ample accommodation of all the Departments of the State Government, and the Supreme Court and its Library, the Department of Agriculture, the Insurance Commissioner, State Museum and also a hall of records."

That the present Capitol building be used exclusively by the legislative branch of the State Government, the lower first floor being used as committee rooms, etc.

That the \$750,000 of bonds run for thirty years, interest rate to be agreed on.

House.

Petitions were presented as follows:

From citizens of Hertford, for legislation to protect railroad passengers from accident and untimely death. Winborne.

From citizens of Gaston, regarding killing certain game birds. Mangum.

From citizens of Alexander, for repeal of homestead law. Watts.

From citizens of Rowan, for an election on repeal of homestead law and for enactment of a garnishee law. Julian, by request.

Bills Introduced.

Amend Charter Savings Bank and Trust Company, of Elizabeth City. Ehringhaus.

Authorize County Board of Education of Granville to establish special school district in Oak Hill township. Royster.

Change dividing line between Lee and Whiteville townships. Columbus, McRackan.

Incorporate town of Garland in Sampson.. Kennedy.

Authorize town of Dunn to establish dispensary upon majority vote. Clifford.

Make general election law for cities and towns applicable to the County of Harnett. Clifford.

Allow city of High Point to substitute 5 per cent for 6 per cent bonds. Gordon.

Regulate hunting in Vance. Taylor.

Incorporate town of Grover City, in Craven. Brewer, with petitions.

Amend Revisal, relative to contracts between cropper and tenant, applying to Swain and adjoining county. Gibbs.

Re-enact charter of Washington & Vandemere Railroad. Hooker.

For relief of James Thomas in Beaufort, a young man shot by a convict guard, Hooker.