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LETTER FROM BILKINS.

Bilkins Takes a Sleigh Ride—Bob in Harness Again—The Late Snow a Great Temptation—Betsy in Town Getting Spring Clothing and Attending all "Below Cost" Sales—She Will Run a Country General Store and Boarding-House at Bilkinsville—In the Legislature.

Correspondence Raleigh Enterprise. Bilkinsville, N. C., Feb. 7th.

Dear Editor:—I now seat myself to writ you agin. Hit seams the peepul ov this naburhood can't git erlong without hearin' frum yore correspondent once in a while.

The late snow storm, mixed with hale, wuz so temptin' that I had tu take Bob out ov hiz cave an' take a slay ride. Bob had four cow bells hung tu hiz brest, an' az the slay glided over the slick bed ov snow, the bells went gingle, gingle, gingle, an' on we sped, towards Milburney. At that butiful summer resort we halted ter take a look at the falls, which wuz kivered with ice, frozen solid, the warter runnin' under the ice, the sun shinin' on hit, made hit look exactly like a "dam of diamonds," showin' opalscent, korruskatin', cintilatin' colors—a ranebow not bein' in hit with sutch a butiful site. Me an' Bob stared an' stared at the lovely visyon till we could not hardly take our eyes off on hit. But finally I pulled Bob away an' turned his hed towards the Legislatur an' thought we could do better by comin' back ter the Capital City, at which we arrived at sun-down. After puttin' Bob "up," I went to the Legislatur to here the debate. The comitty on "keepin' hogs frum under churches" had just reported a bill that will forever keep even the razor-back hogue out frum under country churches. A quarter-inch mesh wire nettin' wuz reckommended, which wuz adopted. The debate on squirrel shootin' then cum on. And shooters had tu wate till a young squirrel got big enuff ter cut a kick-ory nut six weeks old before he (the squirrel) wuz big enuff to leave hiz mother to be shot in the spring-time. This bill had to be past ter keep Johnston County frum goin' to the Whig party, becase the squirrels were eatin' awl the spring roastin' ears near the swamp, an' nobody could shoot them till the law wuz changed. But Johnston will cum up next eleckshun with a rekord-breaking Dimocratic majority.

Betsy, havin' sed so mutch erbout the Raleigh merchants ads where they air "selling below cost," that she iz cumin' ter town ter "lay in" in stock ov spring clothin'. She will run a ginaler store an' take eggs an' other things in trade. Betsy will open in front ov the cote house at Bilkinsville, an' will awlso keep a boardin' house. She iz goin' ter be independent, so she kin feed herself an' the cildren when me an' Bob takes that trip around the world.

Yours az ever,
ZEKE BILKINS.

The Senate has agreed to vote on February 20th on the resolution declaring that Senator Smoot is not entitled to his seat. Why not on March 3, 1909? His term will expire then. Why be in so great a hurry?—New York World.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The Proceedings of the House and Senate.

Bills Introduced.

To improve efficiency of justices of peace. Jacobson.

Amend Revisal, relative to stud horses running at large in Hatteras township, Dare County. Pugh.

Amend Revisal, 3733, relative to drunkenness. Gordon.

Appoint Justices of peace for Martin County. Whitley.

Facilitate transfers of real property. Vann.

Provide for election of board of education and superintendent of public instruction for Union County. Price.

Appoint justices of peace for Cleveland. Mull.

Extend corporate limits of Wadesboro. Lockhart.

Repeal parts of Act of 1903, relative to sawdust in Yancey County, adding Mitchell. Byrd.

Amend McDowell road law. Crawford.

Amend charter of Clinton. Owen. Incorporate town of Ronda in Wilkes. Bryant.

Appoint C. P. Campbell, justice of peace in Nantahala township, Swain County. Gibbs.

Incorporate Ramseur graded school district in Randolph County. Foushee.

For relief of three widows of Pasquotank, placing them on pension roll. Ehringhaus.

To regulate charges in Pullman cars in North Carolina. Bureson.

To regulate charges for long distance telephones in North Carolina. Bureson.

To protect passengers on railroads in North Carolina. Bureson.

Authorizing commissioners of town of Jonesboro to issue bonds to establish light and water plant. Seawell.

To fix the time for ordering terms of Superior Courts in Nash County. Thorne.

To appoint F. S. Webb a justice of the peace in Bingham township, Orange County. Graham.

Authorizing Voters of Winston and other townships in Forsyth County to aid in construction of electric or other road from Winston to High Point. Buxton (by request).

Permitting trustees of Methodist Church at Morganton to remove and re-inter certain remains of dead people. Davis.

To create a new school district in Jackson township, Nash County. Thorne.

To fix the salaries of county officers in Pitt County. Fleming.

To amend section 3374, relating to persons who shall knowingly entice away from others the servants employed by the latter under contract. Drewry.

To amend section 975 of the revisal and increase the authority of Cherokee Indians to trade and barter in their own name and on their own account. Breese.

To allow married women of insane husbands to dispose of the property of their husbands without the signature of the latter. Breese.

To punish interference with trade and commerce. Reid.

Petitions were presented in favor of compulsory education and referred.

Also a claim of Mrs. M. A. Bledsoe, of Raleigh, against the State of North Carolina.

Calendar—Bills Passed.

S. B. 536—Amending the road law of Stanley County. Sent to the House.

S. B. 545—For the improvement of the roads of Henderson County. Sent to the house.

S. B. 544—Authorizing Pitt County to issue bonds. Sent to House.

S. B.—To pay Mrs. M. S. Calvert for Stenographic work. Sent to House.

S. B. 613—Authorizing change of name of Leaksville-Spray Academy to "Institute." Sent to House.

S. B. 610—Authorizing trustees of Kernersville to apply certain funds to erection of a school building. Sent to House.

H. B. 452, S. B. 435—To increase pay of jurors in Montgomery County.

S. B. 319—To amend chapter 83, Acts 1901, private laws, relating to charter of Weldon. Sent to House.

S. B. 533—Authorizing Greensboro Market Street Church to re-inter remains of dead. Sent to House.

H. B. 602, S. B. 583—For the relief of Commissioners of McDowell County.

H. B. 477, S. B. 567—Authorizing Orange County Commissioners to apply certain surplus funds to general purposes.

S. B. 537—Amending charter of the town of Carnegie. Sent to House.

H. B. 421, S. B. 403—For the improvement of Walker Memorial Hospital at Wilmington.

H. B. 509, S. B. 510—Changing the dividing line between Lee and Whiteville townships in Columbus County.

S. B. 425—Abolishing office of public works at Tarboro. Sent to House.

S. B. 535—To appoint tax collectors in school districts of Catawba County. Sent to House.

H. B. 432, S. B. 339—Amending chapter 2, section 24, Acts 1905, relating to increase of pay for jurors in Jones County.

H. B. 541, S. B. 577—Amending charter of Manhattan Railway, Flume and Transportation Company.

H. B. 420, S. B. 402—Authorizing Y. M. C. A. of Wilmington to issue bonds.

S. B. 13—Incorporating Whetstone Lodge, No. 515, A. F. and A. M. Sent to House.

S. B. 492—Amending charter of Forsyth Banking and Trust Company. Sent to House.

H. B. 439, S. B. 597—Amending chapter 57, Acts 1903.

H. B. 497, S. B. 408—Amending section 61 of the Revisal.

H. B. 150, S. B. 222—Regulating pay of jurors in Cherokee County.

H. B. 512, S. B. 410—To make general election law apply to Harnett County.

H. B. 505, S. B. 409—Amending section 1311, increasing number of commissioners of Wilson County.

New Laws Ratified.

The Lieutenant Governor has signed the following enrolled bills and they are now law:

H. B. 566, S. B. 161—Amending the charter of the town of Bulington.

H. B. 145, S. B. 249—To protect primary elections, etc., in Union County.

H. B. 145, S. B. 203—Regulating the pay of jurors in Nash County.

H. B. 293, S. B. 292—Amending chapter 66, section 2763, Revisal.

H. B. 88, S. B. 178—Regulating pay of jurors in Beaufort County.

H. B. 63, S. B. 420—Regulating terms of Supreior Court in Columbus County.

H. B. 579, S. B. 266—incorporating the town of Spruce Pines.

H. B. 194, S. B. 304—To prevent insurance companies and prevent diversion of funds for political purposes, etc.

H. B. 53, S. B. 180—Repealing chapter 370, private laws 1905.

H. B. 306, S. B. 522—Establishing a liquor dispensary at Windsor, Bertie County.

Faith News.

Correspondent Raleigh Enterprise.

Faith, N. C., Jan. 30, 1907.—A beautiful home wedding occurred here to-day at the home of the bride's parents when Miss Sallie Raney was married to Mr. Luther Holshouser. The attendants were Mr. Martin Shine and Miss Cora Barger, Mr. Jno. Peeler and Miss Ida Julian. Rev. V. Y. Boozer officiated. The young couple will live in Faith, where they own a nice home of their own.

Fifteen thousand cubic yards of granite blocks and rubble stone are being hauled from the quarries and piled up at the side of the big road leading from Salisbury to Mt. Pleasant to be crushed up next month by the county road force to make good roads. These square blocks are laying around the quarries here by the hundreds of car-loads and can be bought for almost nothing.

The J. T. Wyatt Granite Company is opening up the largest ledges in this country on the mountain and putting in a short tram railroad track to run their granite from the quarry to the cutting yard.

Fifteen thousand feet of curbing is now being shipped from here to Asheville, N. C., window sills for Burlington, N. C., and millstones for Statesville, N. C.

"VENUSUS."

In Case of Fire.

A Germantown man was talking about the famous Dr. Henry Van Dyke, of Princeton.

"When Van Dyke was a little chap," he said, "I went to school with him.

"One day before school closed for the Christmas holidays, we expected a visit from a certain director. This director always questioned the children about one thing—namely, what they'd do in case of fire. So the teacher coached us all the morning before he came, preparing us finely on the course to be taken if fire should break out.

"Well, sure enough the director called, but when he got up to address us, he said:

"It is good to be here at this jolly Christmas season among so many rosy, smiling young faces. You are a very bright looking lot of children, and I wonder what you would do now if I were to make you a little speech on the best way to celebrate Christmas?"

"Quick as a flash young Van Dyke piped out:

"Form in single file and march quickly out."