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**LETTER FROM BILKINS.**

**Rockefeller and the \$32,000,000 He Gave to Education Last Week—Betsy After Zeke to Make a Truck Garden—Zeke in the Legislative Lobby Trying to Save the State—Bob Not Looking Well.**

Correspondence Raleigh Enterprise. Bilkinsville, N. C., Feb. 14th.

My Dear Editor:—I hav bin studyin' the reason Rockefeller giv \$32,000,000 to edication last week. Hits a mighty large sum fer one man ter give, especially when the governmint' hez bin puttin' \$1,000 fine on him every twenty-fore hours fer runnin' so many oil refineries under so many different names. Hit wuz only a few weeks ergo he give \$11,000,000 fer edicashun. But since he gave the large amount he hez run oil up 15 cents on the barrul, an' will make the peepul pay fer hit an' make another millun besides.

Betsy iz preparing ter run a truk garden in connexshun with her grocery store and boarding house. She wants me to make her crap fer her, but I told her vegetables won't sell well in the country. Betsy gits arter me at 5 o'clock in the mornin' an' keeps up the racket till bed-time an' then wakes me up at midnite ter tell me how she wants the crap made. Betsy thinks thars millyuns in hit, but I will give her no encouragement.

I got so stirred up over Betsy's impurnitey that I harnessed Bob an' rode into town ter be redly ter meet with the Legislature the next mornin'. I think if I can catch the ear ov the committy on "Good ov the State" I kin save the commonwealth from the "menace" which sum ov them radical members air tryin' ter ingect into sum ov the anti-trust resoluitions. I hope ter stem the tide ov "down grade" members who air tryin' ter run awl the capital out ov the State; the demmygogs who air awlways howlin' at every corperashun that stick hits head above the surface. The conservative members must keep the radical ones under controle in order not ter ruin the reputashun ov the gude name ov the members of the North Carolina Legislature. The member from Bilkinsville iz opposed to anti-trust legislashun an' will vote ter give awl railrodes a fare show, which will double track an' put up a fine hotel at awl the cross roads in the State.

Bob is not looking well.

Yours az ever,

ZEKE BILKINS.

**The Spinach Crop.**

Spinach will demand the attention of the market gardener as one of the first vegetables to be planted in the spring, and where the soil is well enriched it is of easy cultivation. Very frequently at the end of the season, the gardener finds his spinach crop to have been the most profitable one of the year. Sow in drills one foot apart, using seed freely, twelve or fifteen pounds to the acre; keep the ground free from weeds by the use of the hand plough. The round-seed varieties are used for fall sowing, the prickly seed for spring. Victoria is a valuable acquisition to the list of spinach, and is now grown very extensively by the truckers of our markets.—Rural New Yorker.

**THE LEGISLATURE.**

**Bills and Resolutions Passed in Both Houses.**

The following Senate roll-call bills passed final reading in the Senate and were sent to the House for concurrence:

S. B. 635—Authorizing town of Jacksonville to issue bonds to provide fire protection.

S. B. 634—To incorporate the town of Goldston, Chatham County.

S. B.—To incorporate the town of Crouse, Lincoln County.

The following House bills passed final reading in the Senate and were ordered enrolled for ratification:

H. B. 316, S. B. 608—Providing for the working of the roads of Macon County.

H. B. 367, S. B. 565—Authorizing Caswell County to levy a special tax.

H. B. 673, S. B. 623—Amending the charter of the town of Newton, Catawaba County. Amended and returned to the House for concurrence in amendment.

H. B. 622, S. B. 520—Amending section 2707 of the Revisal, relating to tolls on ferries. Amended so as not to apply to certain counties and returned to House for concurrence in amendments.

H. B. 553, S. B. 528—To amend section 1012 of the revisal. Amended and returned to House.

S. B. 621—Relating to sale of liquor within one mile of Maple Creek Church, in Nash County. Sent to the House.

H. B. 409, S. B. 624—To establish a criminal court for the County of Pasquotank.

S. B. 158—To amend section 1097 of the Revisal, authorizing coporation Commission to compel operation of additional trains and require them to make connection under certain conditions. Sent to the House.

S. B. 471—Authorizing the Governor to expend not exceeding \$4,000 annually in the employment of counsel to appear before the Inter-State Commerce Commission at Washington in cases involving delay by railway companies in transporting and delivering freight.

Mr. Aycock opposed and said the Merchants' Association had an attorney who might look after this matter, and that they could employ additional counsel if necessary.

Messrs. Graham, Pharr, McLean, supported the bill and thought the provisions of this measure very important and necessary to the enforcement of the laws which have been passed and which this session of the Legislature may enact on this important matter of bettering freight transportation conditions in North Carolina.

Mr. Reid moved that the bill be re-committed to be considered in connection with other bills of like character, and this course was pursued. The committee will later report a substitute bill.

S. B. 468—"To amend section 3844 in regard to railroad carrying freight." Sent to House.

Senate bill amending section 3135 of the Revisal relative to time when caveat to will may be filed. Passed second reading and returned to calendar.

H. B. 656, S. B. 585—For the relief of certain citizens of Hertford County concerning subscriptions to

a railroad in that territory, etc. Enrolled for ratification.

S. B. 632—Authorizing Orange County Board of Education to pay certain claims. Sent to House.

H. B. 559, S. B. 582—Amending chapter 297, Acts 1899, relating to Wake County Commissioners. Enrolled for ratification.

H. B. 129, S. B. 480—To repay to A. and M. College a loan of \$7,500 used in construction of a sewerage at the college.

Several Senators objected and others thought the money to reimburse the college should be paid out of Agricultural Department funds.

Mr. Drewry explained that the funds used (on the authority of approval of the Council of State) were taken from the maintenance appropriation funds of the college and was now needed to pay ordinary running expenses of the institution.

Messrs. McLean, Hicks, Aycock, Howard, Breese and others criticised the management of the Agricultural Department, which they thought always had plenty of money, and referred to the friction existing between the officials of the A. and M. College and the Department of Agriculture.

The bill finally passed final reading and was ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

H. B. 220, S. B. 298—To prevent delay in settling cases on appeal from the Superior to the Supreme Court. Enrolled for ratification.

S. B. 265—To prevent destruction of timber by fire, etc., in Wilkes, Caldwell and Catawba Counties. Sent to House after being amended so as to include several additional Counties—Cherokee, Burke, McDowell, Mitchell and Yadkin.

H. B. 220, S. B. 652—Authorizing the trial judge the benefit of the time spent by defendants while awaiting decision appeals to the Supreme Court.

Mr. Mason explained the bill and in reply to questions from Mr. Hicks, stated that even if the time thus involved took the entire original sentence, it were better than keeping the defendants in jail at the expense of the county—if the prisoner elects to go to the roads and spend the time working for the county—it being optional with the prisoner whether he goes to work pending appeal or not.

Mr. Graham and Mr. Daniel thought it a humane bill and the committee reported it favorably because it appealed to them as a merciful provision. The bill passed second reading, but on objection was returned to the calendar for final reading.

**Bill for Care of Insane.**

The Bickett-Webb bill for the better care of the insane, including epileptics and dangerous idiots, reported back from the joint committee on appropriations and passed by the House to-day was received in the House near the close of the session and on motion of Mr. Webb was immediately placed on its second reading and passed without opposition.

The bill as amended by the Committee on appropriations, appropriates \$500,000, not more than \$125,000 for each of the next four years, beginning with the present year of 1907, to be available and to be expended under the direction of the

Hospital Commission which it authorizes.

The bond feature is eliminated from the original bill, but provides that if the \$125,000 is not available in any year from the funds in the State Treasury, then the State Treasurer is empowered and authorized and directed to borrow such amount as shall be needed to make up a part or the whole of said sum, etc.

The expenditures of the Hospital Commission are to be approved by the Council of State, when such expenditures exceeds the sum of \$5,000.

These are the only essential changes in the bill, which has already been printed in full in the Evening Times.

**Compromises in Married Life.**

"If marriage meant the wedding of a saint and an angel there would be no problems to solve, no perfection to attain, no progress to make. This may be why there are no marriages in heaven. On earth, it is different; husband and wife are strongly human. No matter how lovingly united or how sweet their accord, they never have the same temperaments, tendencies or tastes. Their needs are different, their manner of looking at things is not identical, and in varying ways their individualities assert themselves. At any critical moment if both express at the same time a desire to differ to the other's taste, the result is foreordained for happiness. This makes matrimony not merely union, but unison and unity. The spirit of compromise does not mean a continuous performance in the way of self-surrender and self-sacrifice; it does not mean ceasing to be a voice and become an echo; it does not imply or justify the loss of individuality; it means simply the instinctive recognition of the best way out of a difficulty, the quickest tacking to avoid a collision, the kindly view of tolerance in the presence of weakness and errors of another, the courage to meet an explanation half-way, the generosity to be first to apologize for a discord, the largeness of mind that does not fear a sacrifice of dignity in surrendering in the interests of the highest harmony of the two rather than the personal vanity of one.—From September Delineator.

A well-known artist was walking with a friend one day, when his companion suddenly discovered he had a tooth in bad condition. As the pair was passing a drug store the man with the throbbing molar asked the other: "What would you advise for the toothache?"

"Why," innocently replied the artist, "the last time I had toothache I went home and my wife kissed it away."

The friend paused a moment and then asked, "Is your wife at home now?"—Exchange.

There is nothing like prayer for producing calm self-possession. When the dust of business so fills your room that it threatens to choke you, sprinkle it with the water of prayer, and then you can cleanse it out with comfort and expedition.—Rev. James Stalker.