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## LETTER FROM BILKINS.

**Zeke one His Farm—Will Raise 15-Cent Cotton—Betsy Also Busy With Her Truck Garden—Will Make Winter Lettuce a Specialty—Bob Got Hail Instead of Snow and Abandoned His Sleigh Ride.**

Correspondence Raleigh Enterprise.

Bilksville, N. C., Feb. 28, 1907.

Mr. Editor:—Here I am ergin, ritin' fer the Enterprise. I am jest gittin' ready ter plow up the land ter put in a crap fer this year. Ov course, awl the farmers will be hollerin' fer a curtalemint ov the akerage ov cotton land fer fear ov makin' so much cotton that ther price will go down below zero, an' each farmer iz watchin' tother feller ter see whether he iz ergoin' ter carry out the instruckshuns ov the Farmers' Allowance er not, so the first chap, countin' on the tother chap to make a small crap ov cotton, the first chap can plant a big akerage crap an' git a big price fer hiz stapul. But tother chap iz thinkin' the same thing, so both will make reckord-brakin' craps. We farmers should hev more confidence in deelin' with each other an' should awl pull tergether az one man in regard to akerage an' awl Allowance orders.

I seed in the Bilksville Gazette tother day where they iz a new Farmers' Associashun called the "Farmers' Union," in the grate Southwest. Oaklyhoma and Texas iz full ov 'em, there bein' about a millyun ov them in awl. They belong ter the American Federashun ov Labor an' air doin' things. They awlready hev brought cotton up ter 11 cents per pound an' will make that a minimum price; the maxymum is yet ter cum.

We farmers need more ginerall literature, good farm journals an' city daily papers, good magazines and religious weeklys. We kin never keep up with Wall Street an' their fixin' ov prices on our cotton till we becum educated up ter the tricks ov the Stock Exchange. Them tarnashun tickers iz what does the work for us farmers. An' them cotton futures brakes more men than awl the war we ever had. They ought ter be a constitushunal amendmint squawshin' the life out ov them, so they could never be put on the market ergin.

Betsy iz awlso tryin' truck farm-in' on the truck plan. She heard ov sum Raleigh truckers who rented land in the suburbs ov the Capitol City, an' who now own so mutch rale estate they can't count their houses, an' hit haz awlmost run her wild ter see if she can't awlso make a fortune outen truckin'.

Betsy iz plowin' a bobtale steer, which iz not yet thoroughly broke. Sumtimes when the row iz nearly finished, the steer will take a noshun that he iz a wild buffalow, an' make a run fer the woods, carryin' the plow an' Betsy with him. Betsy iz makin' lettus her specialty this year.

Bob wuz lookin' fer a snowstorm, but got a sleet insted, an' haz given up hiz intended sleighride. I am now makin' Bob do the drawin' ov the plow. He knows that if he does not help make a crap he will cum up short on rashuns, an' he works like a man. I am fixin' up an apperrattus ter git my fertilizer frum the air by a new invenshun, which iz cheeper than the kommershal artickle.

ZEKE BILKINS.

## THE LEGISLATURE.

## Bills and Resolutions Passed.

## Railroad Employees' Hours.

The bill prescribing the hours for railroad employees, as amended by the committee, was next taken up. It limits the hours of the telegraphers or dispatchers to eight out of the twenty-four, but the Corporation Commission may, in its discretion, allow telegraphers to work as long as twelve hours where they do not consider it dangerous to travel. The hours of train crews are limited to sixteen. This does not affect any contact a telegrapher not in charge of movement of trains may have with a railroad company.

Mr. Manning explained the bill as it had been finally agreed upon by the committee. He said it made the State law conform to the bill now pending in the National Congress.

The bill was passed without opposition.

## Passed Final Reading.

Improvement of graded schools of Waynesville.

Amend charter of Elizabeth City and authorize board of aldermen to issue bonds for street improvement.

Incorporate Virginia and Eastern Carolina Railroad Company.

Relative to road law of Smith Crew Township, Warren County.

Relative to road law of Six Pound Township, Warren County.

Amend and consolidate charter of Hot Springs.

Authorize city of Durham to issue bonds for construction of sewerage plant and other purposes.

Incorporate town of Evergreen, in Columbus.

Authorize Belhaven graded school district to issue bonds.

For better working of roads of Wilkes.

Allow Thomasville to issue bonds for public improvements.

Incorporate town of Brookford, in Catawba.

Authorize county of Durham to designate site for new court-house.

Authorize Tarboro to issue bonds for streets.

Provide for better roads for Wayne.

Incorporate town of Stokesdale, in Guilford.

To re-charter town in Belhaven, in Beaufort, and repeal former charter.

To establish graded school in Madison district, Rockingham County.

Provide for working of roads in Transylvania.

To incorporate Piedmont and Atlantic Railway Company.

Provide good roads in Mt. Gilead Township, Montgomery.

Allow Watauga County to levy a special tax.

Amend and re-enact act of 1905, to establish Pinnacle graded school district, in Stokes.

Authorize town of Murphy, Cherokee, to issue bonds for water-works. Improve roads of Anson County.

Amend charter of town of Columbia.

Improve public roads of Selma Township, Johnston County.

Incorporate town of Burnsville, in Yancey County.

Authorize town of Hickory to issue bonds.

Incorporate town of Bonsal.

Road law for Madison.

Authorize and direct Montgomery County to build bridge over Little River.

Provide for road improvement of Richmond County.

Amend and consolidate charter of town of Mebane.

Amend, revise and consolidate charter of town of Garner, in Wake.

Amend act of 1901, relative to Polk road law.

Authorize Belhaven, in Beaufort County, to issue bonds.

Authorize city of Hickory to establish electric light plant and issue bonds.

For improvement of streets of Hickory.

Provide for issue of bonds by Louisburg graded school district.

Incorporate town of Hokerton, in Greene.

Establish Iola graded school district, in Macon.

Authorize Green County to levy special tax.

Amend charter of Wendell, in Wake.

Allow Wilmington to issue bonds in sums of \$500,000 and \$400,000.

Provide for election in Liberty Township, Yadkin, relative to Statesville Air Line Railway.

Provide for redemption of bonds issued in Onslow County.

Authorize town of Canton to issue bonds—\$65,000.

Authorize Bryson City to issue bonds.

Incorporate Lenora graded school, in Caswell County.

Concurrent resolution relative to amending the Constitution of the United States so that United States Senators be elected by the people.

To prevent public drinking on passenger coaches.

To restore dentistry to its former position as a branch of surgery.

Provide close season for quail and partridges in Gaston County.

To make it unnecessary in real actions to prove title out of the State when the State is a party to the action. A large number of counties were exempted from this act.

## Calendar Bills Passed.

For better working of roads of Brunswick County.

To extend corporate limits of the town of Grafton.

To improve the roads of Caldwell County.

To amend law relating roads of Montgomery County.

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To extend corporate limits of Clifton.

To amend Chapter 641, Acts 1905. Authorizing Carteret County to sell old and build new court house and jail.

Incorporating Franklinsville graded school in Randolph County.

Relating to graded schools of Cameron, Moore County.

Establishing new school district in Windsor, Bertie County.

In promoting good roads in Mitchell County.

To provide for working roads in Cedar Grove, Orange County.

Authorizing Union County to issue bonds for bridge purposes.

Relating to charter of town of Germantown.

Respecting the working of the roads of Halifax County.

Authorizing Iredell County to levy special tax for road purposes.

Authorizing Iredell County to issue bonds.

Authorizing Pitt County to issue bonds.

Amending charter of the town of Rocky Mount.

Establishing graded schools in Warren County.

Incorporating Indian Trail in Union County.

To charter the town of Pine Level.

To punish stealing of railroad brasses (amended by Mr. Pharr).

H. B. 880, S. B. 1006—To establish a graded school at the town of Cameron, Moore County.

S. B. 983—To enable the town of Greenville to issue bonds.

H. B. 653, S. B. 1008—Prohibiting the sale of liquor near certain churches in Sampson County.

H. B. 665, S. B. 1005—Amending the charter of Harrellsville, Hertford County.

H. B. 995, S. B. 1002—To protect fish, etc., in certain parts of Martin County.

H. B. 997, S. B. 1001—Amending Section 1311 of the Revisal, relative to Landlord and Tenant Act.

H. B. 1008, S. B. 1000—Amending Section 3382 of the Revisal, relating the obstruction of streams in Watauga County.

H. B. 1202, S. B. 996—To amend Section 1959 of the Revisal, relating to drawing jurors in Rowan County.

H. B. 1201, S. B. 997—Extending the provisions of chapter 339, Acts 1903, relating to a special tax in Rowan County.

H. B. 945, S. B. 993—Concerning the compensation of commissioners of Beaufort County.

S. B. 1030—Amending the charter of the town of Weldon.

S. B. 1024—For the relief of former Sheriff Green of Stanly County.

S. B. 1021—To prevent fast driving across bridges in Jacksonville, Onslow County.

S. B. 1001—Providing for systematic retirement of trustees of Burlington graded school trustees.

S. B. 1014—Conferring police powers upon sheriffs and deputies at Draper, etc.

S. B. 1013—To validate certain acts of justices of the peace in Harnett County.

S. B. 1022—Relative to courts of the Fifteenth Judicial District.

S. B. 775—Amending the charter of the town of Farmville, Pitt County. Sent to the House.

S. B. 769—Prohibiting the sale of liquor within certain distances of churches.

S. B. 768—Providing for removal of court house from Bakersville to Spruce Pines.

S. B. 988—To establish a liquor dispensary in Coleraine, Bertie County.

S. B. 588—Fixing the time for holding courts of Nash County.

People who believe that big accidents come in threes will put together the sinking of the Larchmont, of the Berlin off the Hook of Holland and of the Austrian-Lloyd Imperatrix off Crete. More than 500 persons have probably been lost in these three accidents.—New York World.