



Straight Dope From the State Capital

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Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 18, 1925. The fight over redistricting the State, discussion of the "evolution" bar measure, the forward march along legislative paths of the \$20,000,000 bond issue for roads bill, together with a companion measure to increase the gasoline tax from three to four cents a gallon, decision of the House committee not to recommend the establishment of a state constabulary, and various other matters of more or less importance occupied the time of the General Assembly during the past week.

The road bond measure passed in the Senate on all readings. A companion measure introduced by Sams of Forsythe, who also introduced the bond bill, provides for the revision of the regulations having to do with control of the highway fund for an increase in the gasoline tax from three to four cents to finance the new road bond issue. Passage of similar measures in the House is expected without any difficulty, thus carrying out Governor McLean's plans in this particular without any change.

"Evolution" was discussed at length before committee last week and finally a vote revealed that the education committee was deadlocked 16 to 16. Representative "Tobe" Connor stepped into the breach with a negative vote, he being chairman of the committee. The bill was thus sent back to the House with an unfavorable report. Its proponents, who aver that evolution should be taboo in the schools of North Carolina entered a minority report and the measure will have a special hearing on this report tomorrow (Tuesday) night at eight o'clock, when the subject will be up on the floor of the House.

Redistricting the State was provided for in a measure finally passed by the House creating four additional judicial districts with judges and solicitors. The bill when first introduced provided for seven new districts but was killed by the House on its second reading. Representative "Pete" Murphy of Rowan succeeded in getting a motion to reconsider the vote by which the original bill failed on second reading adopted. When the bill again came up in the House it was amended to provide four instead of seven additional districts and passed by a safe majority. Chief among the arguments presented against it was that of economy. It being averred that the extra districts will increase the cost of the State government by more than \$50,000 a year. Its proponents argued that the condition of the dockets in various counties made an increase a necessity.

The proposal to establish a State constabulary was made by Representative Wade who introduced a bill in line with recommendations of the social committee which investigated this subject. An unfavorable report on the bill was returned but it will be up again on a minority report. However the House does not appear to think of the proposition and will more than likely sustain the majority report.

A sales tax, independent of the revenue bill was sent up in the House by Representative Madison, of Jackson, on Saturday who would tax cigars, cigarettes, candies, cosmetics, and other minor purchases. The bill providing, what are commonly termed "nuisance" taxes, went to the finance committee. It is well named in the opinion of a formidable group of legislators and others.

The Senate passed a bill which provided the personal property tax on automobiles from \$300 to \$500.

tors. It is predicted this bill will have a hard road in the House which will probably show greater consideration for the "ninety and nine."

Financial legislation is expected to occupy the center of the stage during the coming week. The revenue bill it was indicated, will provide for a fifty per cent increase in the income tax rates, but other changes in the bill from the report of the State Board of assessments have not been made public. The budget report for the next biennial period containing the appropriations for departments and institutions, is also expected to be presented by the appropriation committee of the House which has had it for some time.

The legislative manual for 1925 will contain the following biographical sketches of Polk County's representatives:

FRANCIS PICKENS BACON

Francis Pickens Bacon, Democrat, Senator from the Twenty-Seventh Senatorial District, was born at Edgefield, S. C. Son of John E. and Rebecca Calhoun (Pickens) Bacon. Educated at English High School Montevideo, Uruguay, S. A., and University of Montevideo, Uruguay, S. A., (1885 to 1887). Manufacturer and mercerizer of cotton yarns. Mayor of Tryon, three years. Episcopalian—Senior Warden and Vestryman. Married 1897, Miss Anna Livingston Read Mines. Address: Tryon, N. C.

RALPH NISBET HUNTER

Ralph N. Hunter, Democrat, Representative from Polk County was born at Matthews, December 7, 1884. Son of William Henry and Martha Jane (Nisbet) Hunter. Attended Sardis School and Waxhaw Institute. Graduate of Erskine College, A. B. Degree, class 1909. Attended Erskine Theological Seminary. Minister. Superintendent of Hillcrest Institute. Associate Reformed Presbyterian. Married 1922, Miss Martha Hearst Moore. Address: Landrum, S. C.

JOHN GROVER ROACH

John G. Roach, Democrat, Senator from the Twenty-Seventh Senatorial District. Born in Rutherford County. Son of J. Winfield and Margaret (McBrayer) Roach. Attended public schools of Rutherford County, 1895 to 1906. Manager Merchandise store. Private 119th Infantry, 30th Division, A. E. F., 1918-19. Mason, Royal Arch, Commandery, A. A. O. N., Mystic Shrine, Oasis Temple. Junior O. U. A. M., Knight of Pythias, Methodist, Steward. Secretary and Treasurer Building Fund Avondale M. E. Church 1923-24. Married 1922 Miss Virginia Priscilla Edwards. Address: Avondale, N. C.

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According to those in touch with the situation a rail link between this district and the Southeast would be a blow, not only to the mines now furnishing coal to that section but to railroads handling coal for it.

As a result of the shift of the cotton mills and other industries from the North to the South the demand for power fuel has constantly increased during the past few years. The Kentucky mines have been kept from competing for this business except at a disadvantage by a range of mountains. One consideration of the officials of the Atlantic Coast Line and the Louisville & Nashville had in mind when they acquired the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio was to establish a connection so that they could enter the field.

The Louisville & Nashville has engineers making a detailed survey of possible connections between that railroad and the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio. As soon as their report is filed new construction will be begun. There have been no changes in the plans which look to a double connection between the Louisville & Nashville and the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio.

At the same time committees representing the Louisville & Nashville the Clinchfield and the Atlantic Coast Line are making detailed inspection of the Carolina Clinchfield & Ohio. They will report on the physical condition of the property. Upon this report the Atlantic Coast Line and the Louisville & Nashville will base plans for development. One of the improvements they hope to accomplish is the elimination of some of the stiffer grades on the Clinchfield doing away with the use of helper-engines in moving coal.

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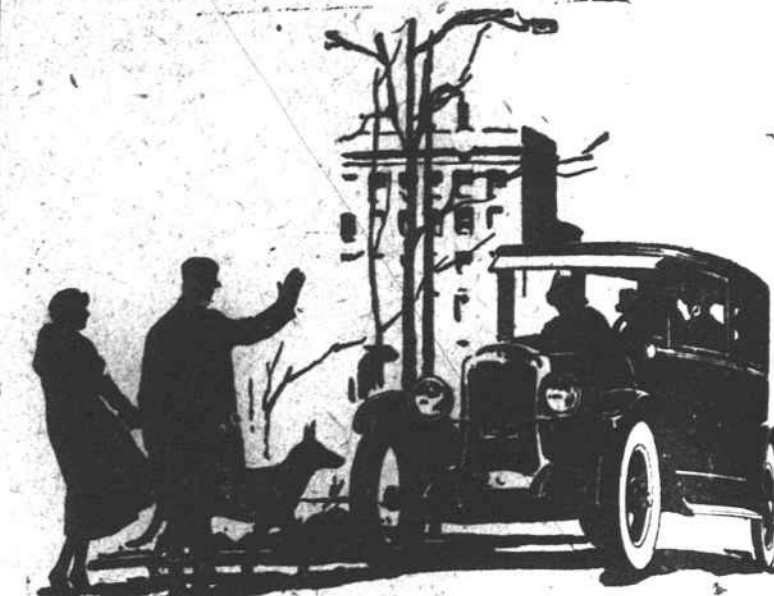
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