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## BRIEF CULLINGS OF NORTH STATE NEWS

News of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the State and Arranged For Busy Readers

### THE MORGANTON HOSPITAL.

#### Report of Sub-Committee Visiting Hospital Find Conditions Favorable.

The following report of the sub-committee of the joint committee on insane asylums which visited the State Hospital at Morganton last Wednesday, was presented to the House:

Gentlemen: Your committee, composed of fourteen members, arrived in Morganton at midnight of January 21st, and spent the entire day following inspecting the buildings, premises and colony and making inquiries of those in authority, re-visiting on the following morning some points to which the closest attention had not been paid, for lack of time. As the result of this visit, made with advance information of but a few hours to the superintendent, we feel that we are in a position to represent conditions as they normally exist at this institution.

We cannot forgo the pleasure of referring to the gratifying results shown during the past year's incumbency of Dr. John McCampbell. For the two years ending November 30th, 1908, during the whole of which time Dr. McCampbell was practically in authority, there were admitted 425 patients, 353 were removed, 1,142 remaining. The annual death rate, we find from the records, shows the remarkably low percentage of 3.4, while the percentage of recoveries, quoting from the same records, reached 34, a showing that will compare favorably with the records of the first institutions for the care of the insane in the country. The physical condition of the patients was excellent, only one of the whole number being confined in a room, and all have the appearance of considerable care. In the ward reserved for those whose mental condition permits appreciation, there is a piano, games and innocent amusements of various kinds calculated to occupy and improve the minds of the inmates. A striking feature of the interior arrangement is the well-nigh perfect system of sanitation. Cleanliness, whether relating to the personal appearance of the inmates or the institution, is a distinguishing characteristic of the hospital. Large bay windows, affording abundant and cheering light; screened porches stretching around the buildings, from which the inmates have a pleasing point of observation of the surrounding country and receive the benefit of the fresh, open air; freedom on the premises permitted those not confined in the hospital by necessity—all these appear to us to call for approval and commendation.

A ward for the female tuberculars, separate and apart from the main institution, is now occupied and the inmates are receiving the best attention. The dining hall was scrupulously clean and the food ample and substantial. The laundry is excellently equipped, having among other things, such modern appliances as electric irons. The manual labor is performed in the main by inmates.

Lights, electric power, steam heat and heated water are all supplied from the institution's own plants and no fault can be found with the service of any of them. Abundant and healthful water supply is procured by a pipe line from a stream at the summit of a nearby mountain. We found all the fresh meats and other perishables kept in a cold storage plant and in excellent condition. The grounds are kept with much

care and those immediately surrounding the building are exceedingly attractive. The institution is abundantly supplied at all seasons with fresh vegetables from the garden and colony, products almost exclusively of the labor of inmates, who appear to take a delight in their work and its results.

The dairy is model in every particular, comparing favorably with the best in the country. A herd of sixty Holstein cows supplies the 1,052 inmates with fresh rich milk twice a day. None of the milk, we were advised, is churned, owing to the desire of the authorities to provide the inmates with the richest milk to be had for its nutritive properties.

Your committee's impression of the colony, both with reference to the healthy appearance of the patients and the material results, cannot be adequately described. The farm itself is the equal of the best in the State and is being constantly improved and extended. We cannot too heartily endorse the colony plan, after witnessing the success of its operations at Morganton, and recommend that it be extended sufficiently to accommodate all patients whom the superintendent thinks would be benefited by removal to the colony.

The superintendent advises your committee that at least 40 per cent of the 460 male patients could be removed with benefit both to their mental and physical condition and that they would contribute at least 25 per cent of the cost of their maintenance through services rendered.

We cannot conclude this imperfect report of our observations without commending without stint Dr. John McCampbell, the superintendent, and his valuable corps of assistants. It should be to all the State a cause for gratification that the institution is maintaining such a high standard.

We consider the request of the directors for an appropriation of \$175,000 annually for the year 1909 and 1910 altogether reasonable and recommend that it be allowed.

**Trouble, Man Takes His Own Life.** Statesville, Special.—The dead body of Will Brown, a farmer, about forty years old, was found Thursday morning hanging at the end of a rope which had been fastened to a limb of a tree in the woods near his home in Davidson township, and as there was no evidence of foul play, the case goes on record as a deliberate suicide. Brown is a native of South Ireland, being a son of the late Colonel Brown, of that section. Years ago he went to Texas and married there, a year or so ago he and his wife separated and Brown returned to his old home in Davidson township, accompanied by his two children who are not yet grown. Some months ago his wife began suit in Texas for divorce and took some action through the courts in an effort to obtain control of the children. The papers in the proceedings were served on Brown several months ago and since that time it is thought that he had brooded over the trouble considerably.

**Invents Locomotive Attachment.** Spencer, Special.—J. H. Keeter, of Spencer, has just been granted a patent on a safety locomotive throttle box, which promises to be of great value to the railroad world. The device will effectually eliminate any possible delay to locomotives from defective packings in throttles and can be attached to any locomotive, at a trifling expense.

**Increase in Blockade Distilling.** Revenue officials say that the "blockade" stills are rapidly increasing. And they say that the difficulty of seizing the outfits for the making of "moonshine" or "mountain dew" has greatly increased because the blockaders have learned a new trick which makes detection difficult.—Asheville Citizen.

**Hancock Found Guilty.** Winston-Salem, Special.—After considering the case of L. G. Hancock for embezzlement for twenty-seven hours, the jury Thursday returned a verdict of guilty with a plea for mercy for the reason that some of the jurors had doubts as to the sanity of the defendant. Hancock was charged with embezzling nearly three thousand dollars while manager for the Lamblich Lumber Company. Defendant was sentenced to the State prison for five years. His counsel gave notice of appeal to the Supreme Court and he was released on \$1,500

reason of injuries sustained in such service. Amend Sec. 1708, Revisal, so as to allow publication in a newspaper in any adjoining county instead of in the nearest newspaper.

Authorize the commissioners to employ an auditor to audit and examine the books of the county officers whenever it may be deemed necessary.

Authorize registers of deeds in the several counties to appoint deputies whose acts as such shall be valid and the register responsible.

The following are among the new bills introduced:

Elliott: Joint resolution that the Assembly adjourn sine die between 10 and 3 o'clock March 3d. Placed upon the calendar.

Clark: Provide for two bank examiners instead of one.

Doekery: Appropriate \$1,000 for household furniture at the Governor's mansion.

It was a busy day running into a night session with the House, but nothing of wide or general interest seemed to have been acted upon.

In the Senate Thursday the following are among the bills introduced:

Starbuck: Incorporate Yadkin River Railway Company.

Elliott: Placing all ex-Confederate soldiers on the pension list.

Pharr: Amend 3,890, Revisal, relative to building and loan associations.

Klutz: Authorize directors of the Soldiers' Home to furnish uniforms or suits of gray for the inmates.

The following bills passed final reading:

H. B. to amend Revisal relative to licensing physicians.

Authorize boards of education to purchase Ashe's "History of North Carolina."

In the House the following new bills were introduced:

Cox, of Wake: Equalize tax assessment in the State.

Cox, of Wake: Erect suitable public buildings in Raleigh for the State, to be paid for by the State and the present Agricultural and Supreme Court Building.

Julian (by request): Appropriate \$500 toward suitably marking the birthplace of Andrew Jackson.

Morgan (by request): Adopt as a State song "Carolina," by Miss Bettie Freshwater Poole.

Hagemon: Aid Watauga Railway Company to construct a road from some point on the Caldwell & Northern Railroad to Boone, in Watauga county.

Thursday in the legislative realm was given interest by action upon two important measures. Senator Barringer's bill forbidding the mileage ticket practice failed in the Senate by Lieutenant Governor Newland's vote, and the Senate judiciary committee voted 9 to 8 for a favorable report on an anti-trust measure which follows the lines of the Manning substitute. It is termed a filing-down of the original bill.

The following are among the bills that passed final reading in the Senate Friday:

Relative to the sale of merchandise in bulk.

Relative to salaries of bank examiners, making the salaries of each of the two \$2,400.

H. B. to facilitate the release of mortgages and deeds of trust.

## DOINGS OF THE LAWMAKERS

Doings of the State Legislature Condensed—Interesting Items from Day to Day.

In the Senate Monday the following new bills were introduced:

Barringer: Provide for the punishment of safe-crackers.

Wray: Require the board of education to furnish text-books for indigent public school children.

Barringer: Relating to the compensation of solicitors.

Doekery: Resolution revising the payment of the expenses of the joint committee on the deaf and dumb in visiting the State School at Morganton.

Authorize three millions State bonds for refunding the State bonds falling due in 1910.

Senate resolution to pay the expenses of the sub-committee in visiting the State School for the Deaf and Dumb.

The following passed final reading: The substitute bill for amending Sec. 3057, Revisal, imposing a tax of \$64 on mineral water companies doing business in this State with a graduated scale of taxes.

Scott (by request): Regulate military affairs.

In the House on Monday new bills were as follows:

Morton: Relative to the sale of non-intoxicating beverages, allowing the sale of those having not more than 2 per cent alcohol.

Barnes, of Hertford: Enlarge and remodel the State house and issue bonds in the sum of \$500,000 to pay the same.

Hageman: Provide for the maintenance and enlargement of Appalachian Training School.

Linsley: Require the State board of education to furnish necessary books to indigent children.

Graham: Establish State drug commission and prevent the sale of adulterated drugs.

Koonce: Increase the annual appropriation for Confederate pensions from \$400,000 to \$500,000.

A number passed final reading, being of local or private interest.

One of the most interesting features of the Senate Tuesday was a preamble and resolution by Senator Barringer looking to the removal of the State capital from Raleigh to Greensboro.

Senators, as a rule, seemed to take the proposition anything but seriously, and there were amendments from Senators from various quarters of the State to have their respective towns designated as the seat of the State government. Senator Doekery wanted Rockingham; Means, Concord; Fry, Asheville; Klutz, Salisbury; Bassett, Rocky Mount, and there were others.

The following new bills were offered:

Doughton: Amend the Revisal relating to weights and measures.

Blow: Provide special tax for maintenance of four months' school in every school district in the State.

On motion of Senator Ormond the vote by which the bill for the betterment of rural free delivery service had passed earlier in the day was reconsidered.

The bill by Senator Klutz to provide fire escapes and protect human life came up as special order and passed its final reading after a number of minor amendments.

The following bills were introduced out of order:

Means: Prohibit the sale of liquors in Cabarrus county, except in medical dispensary.

Long, of Person: Amend 4730, Revisal, in regard to securities deposited with the Insurance Commissioner.

In the House Mr. Morton of New Hanover raised a sensation under the personal privilege rule. A number of bills consumed the day.

The House was in session three hours Tuesday night, and after passing a great number of roll-call bills on second reading and on final reading, many important local and private bills, adjourned to 10:30 Wednesday morning.

Representative Taylor's joint resolution is one of far-reaching import, calling on Congress to make suitable appropriation for deepening the Wilmington and Southport channels, and constructing the necessary canals across Florida for a short route to the Gulf of Mexico and the Panama canal in carrying out the scheme of the transcontinental railway for a port of entry south of Hatteras, and especially with the idea of meeting the great commercial opportunities of the South to be afforded by the opening of the Panama canal.

A goodly number of bills passed final reading being of private or local nature in the Senate Wednesday. The following are of more general interest:

House resolution calling upon Congress to provide pensions for persons disabled in the war.

## MATTERS OF CURRENT NEWS

Items of Interest Gathered By Wire and Cable

GLEANINGS FROM DAY TO DAY

Live Items Covering Events of More or Less Interest at Home and Abroad.

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R. L. Patton, a veteran of the Civil war and a survivor of the Custer forces which were massacred by Indians at Big Horn, died of paralysis at Mount Airy, N. C., last week at the age of 78.

Capt. Henry McCrea of the Georgia, and Capt. Greenleaf A. Herriam of the Missouri, had to quit their commands before the fleet left the Pacific coast and died soon after. They were thus deprived of what all the others of the fleet are justly proud.

It is said that it would be difficult for the men of our great fleet to decide at which port visited the people tried hardest to show them respect and make them welcome.

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**Here and There.**

Seldom is a smooth tongue without a sting behind.—Irish.

Politeness is the essence of refined thought.

Better a master be feared than despised.—Dutch.

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**Hole in Fence, Girl Gone.**

A good joke is told on one of our over-the-river neighbors, who several years ago had a family of good looking daughters, who were smart and good workers. They, of course, grew up and the boys, as is natural, took a fancy for them and wanted to marry them, but the old gentleman for some reason (perhaps best known to himself) objected and used every precaution to prevent any of them from marrying, and especially one young fellow, who was distasteful to the old man. As time passed on this young fellow and his girl went on with their courting unbeknowning to old man. He had the house surrounded with a strong paling fence and there was no means of ingress or egress, except through the gate, which he kept pretty well guarded both night and day. They knew they would have to run away if they got married. So one morning he awoke to find a hole in an unguarded part of the fence and his girl was gone—gone to get married against his will or wish. He was at his wit's end. None of the family claimed any knowledge of the elopement, but the old man thought differently. Turning to his other girls, whom he suspected would soon follow suit, he said: "If you want to go, go now while the way is open."—Gaffney (S. C.) Ledger. So. 9-'09.

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