STILL SEEK FOR EARLY GET-AWAY

Resolutions Looking Toward an Adjournment Introduced in Senate.

RAY'S MEASURE ROUTED

Legislature Will Not Permit Charging of High Interest Rates.

RALEIGH, N. C., February 2.—The Senate played around the early adjournment proposition some more to-day, Senator Elliott introducing a resolution that the Finance Committee be requested to make its report by February 21, no new bills to be introduced after February 15, and Senator Fry introducing a resolution fixing a limit for the introduction of bills. A motion by the latter Senator to get his resolution away from the Committee on Rules was voted down by a large majority.

By 29 to 3 the Senate routed Senator Ray's measure to allow a rate of interest as high as 8 per cent in cases of special private contract. The vote followed a long debate, Senator Fry contending for the bill and Senators Doughton, Bassett, Emple and Hanking fighting it. The Committee on Judiciary had turned it down, but it came up on a minority report signed by Senators Lockhart, Kluttz, Fry and others.

Kills His Measure.

In the House Chairman Bowie, of the Committee on Federal Relations, tried manfully to get the House to change its mind about the Senate bill allowing the Governor to appoint a commission to confer with similar commissions of other States with a view toward uniform legislation by the States of the Union regarding marriage and divorce, laws of descent and property, and other things.

The House let him get the vote reconsidered by which the bill was tabled the other day, and then proceeded deliberately to knock it in the head again after Mr. Currie had declared it was utterly worthless. In vain Mr. Bowie explained that it had been recommended by the bar association.

Among the many bills passed on final reading by the House were one providing a system of regulating the registration, sale and inspection and of condimental stock foods, condition powders and stock sediments; aSenate bill incorporating the North Carolina Public Service Company, to run an electric railway from Greensboro to High Point; one restoring all property rights to pesons discharged from asylums for the insane on certificate of recovery from the superintendent of the hospital; one to facilitate the release of mortgages and deeds of trust.

Representative Grant, of Davise, introduced several bills, which show the attitude of the Republican party in North Carolina toward organized labor. One is for the protection of employees, as members of labor unions, and makes it unlawful for employer to prevent employee from forming, joining or belonging to any lawful labor organization, making, coercion or threats of discharge because of such connection a misdemeanor, penalized by a fine up to $100, or imprisonment for not over six months, or both.

Another bill prevents blacklisting of employes by providing that any employer attempting in any manner to prevent a discharged employe from obtaining employment elsewhere shall be punished by a fine of not over $500 nor less than $100, and be liable in damages to the discharged employe.

Still another bill makes the assigning of any claim for debt against a resident of this state for the purpose of having it collected by attachment proceedings outside the State, or the sending out of the State any claim against such person with intent to deprive a resident of the right to have his personal earnings exempt from application to the payment of his debt, where creditor and debtor are in the jurisdiction of the courts of this State, punishable by a fine of $20 to $50.

The other bill by Mr. Grant provides that all towns of 5,000 or more inhabitants shall maintain agencies for procuring employment for the unemployed, these local departments to report to the State Commissioner of Labor and Printing.

Dead in Companion's Arms.

MELFA, VA., February 2.—J. J. Oliver, aged forty-nine years, dropped dead yesterday while on his way to his home about half a mile from here. He had visited Keller, two miles distant, early in the morning and returned to Melfa by the noon train, apparently in good health.

While driving with a male companion, shortly after leaving this station, he fell dead in his companion's arms. Apoplexy of the brain was given as the cause of death by the doctors summoned. He was a native of Baltimore, Md., where his mother and one sister reside. He had lived in this vicinity for many years. He was a widower.

News of Petersburg

Times-Dispatch Bureau,
109 North Sycamore Street,
Petersburg, Va., February 2.

The regular monthly meeting of the Common Council was held this afternoon. The report submitted by the treasurer showed the city's cash receipts for the month of January to have been $4,629.82. The City Auditor's report showed that the disbursements during the same month were $23,870.03.

A good deal of routine business was transacted, and the usual monthly appropriations were made to the different departments.

New Issue of Bonds.

On the call for reports from committees, President Patterson, chairman of the Finance Committee, presented two ordinances providing in the aggregate for the purposes specified therein of a new issue of $50,000 in city bonds, to bear 4 per cent. interest, and to run for a period of forty years. One of these ordinances provides for the issue of $80,000 bonds for school building purposes, and to be known as such; the other provides for the issue of $70,000 in bonds for street improvements, and to be known as such. Both ordinances were referred to the Finance Committee, and, under the rules of the, Council, will lie over for one month.

In speaking to the subject matter of these ordinances, Chairman Patteson stated that while the bonded debt of the city is $1,400,000, the city's sinking fund owns securities of marketable value of $550,000; that the taxable real estate values are about $8,000,000, which will be increased by this year's assessment. The charter allows the city to issue bonds to the amount of 22 per cent. of its taxable real estate values, which would be $1,760,000. Deducting from this the present bonded debt, and the city under the present assessment would have a margin to issue additional bonds to the amount of $360,000.

Chairman Patteson further stated that in 1911 an issue of $165,000 of 6 per cent. bonds of the city will mature, which will have to be paid. Of these maturing bonds, the sinking fund owns, in round figures, $65,000, and in addition owns securities other than those of the city to the amount of between $110,000 and $125,000 that are readily marketable. So that, it is shown, the maturing issue if $165,000 of bonds can be easily cared for. Chairman Patteson stated that the annual income of the sinking fund is about $50,000.

These are interesting figures, and show the city's financial condition to be healthy and solid. With all of its extra appropriations for school purposes, public improvements, etc., the city promptly meets all of its obligations, lives within its resources, and sees no need of increasing its $1.40 rate of taxation.

Joint Session of Councils.

A joint session of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council was held at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon to fill vacancies in the Fire Commission and School Board. The resignation of James Weddell as a member of the Fire Commission was read and accepted, but as no mention was made in this call for the meeting for the nomination of his successor this was deferred.

Dr. Joseph D Osborne and T. J. Meredith were nominated to fill vacancies on the School Board. Their nominations are equivalent to election by the Council.

Death of a Young Lady.

Miss Clara Justine McKenney, third daughter of Mr and Mrs. William R. McKenney of this city, died last evening at 6 o'clock at the county home of her father, in Brunswick county, after an illness of about two years. The remains were brought to the city this afternoon, and the burial will be from St. Paul's Episcopal Church to-morrow at 1 o'clock P. M.

A committee of the Ladies' Memorial Association is soliciting contributions of money and supplies for the supper to be given on February 11 to aid the association in its patriotic work of perpetuating the memory of Confederate soldiers.

The new graded schoolhouse at Swift Creek, in Chesterfield county, has been completed, and was opened for use yesterday with a large attendance of pupils. Owing to delay in getting a flag, the ceremonies of placing the corner-stone and raising the flag were postponed until a later day.

A. W. Harris, a colored lawyer of the city, has been temporarily appointed to the position of watchman at the Federal building. It is said that about sixty applications were filed for the position, all of them, except about half a dozen, coming from white men.

Mrs. Joseph W. Seward has been ill for several days of pneumonia at her home, corner of Jefferson and Adams Street.

Insurance Proposition Off.

The Southern Insurance Company, of Fayetteville, N. C., recently made a proposition to the Chamber of Commerce to remove its principal office to Petersburg, and to erect a handsome office building in this city, on condition that stock of the company to the amount of $100,000 should be subscribed. Thinking well of the proposition as an investment and as a good thing for the city, the chamber indorsed it, and assisted in raising the $100,000 stock. It has since transpired, however, that the company has become involved in suits, and that a receiver has been asked for. Under these circumstances the Chamber of Commerce has withdrawn from the agreement, and all money, checks, etc., given by Petersburgers for stock will be returned to them. No one who subscribed to the stock will lose anything.

The report of the chief of police for the month of January shows a total of 150 arrests, included in the number being twenty-seven drunks.

ALLEGE FRAUD IN INSURANCE DEAL

Receivers of Seminole Company Set Up Claim of Collusion and Conspiracy.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

RALEIGH, N. C., February 2.—Alleging that the transaction was conceived and consummated in fraud of the rights and interests of the stockholders in the Seminole Securities Company, and that the officers of the Southern Life Insurance Company, and its agents in the transaction, had knowledge of the fraud and participated and benefited by it, conspiring and colluding with the officers and agents of the Seminole Securities Company, and did manage it to the irreparable hurt and injury of the Seminole Securities Company, R. G. Thompkins and others, as receivers of the Seminole Company, have instituted suit in the United States Court here, asking that the whole transaction between the Seminole Company and the Southern Life Insurance Company be annulled and the Seminole Company be reimbursed the $325,000 paid to the Southern Life Insurance Company by the Seminole officers in the deal that has stirred sensation after sensation in this State and South Carolina, the home of the Seminole corporation, during the past few months.

The complaint filed recites the whole transaction, which started last September when a block of 3,000 shares of Southern Life stock was sold to the officers of the Seminole Company at $108 per share, the Southern Life increasing its capital to $500,000 from $150,000 for putting through the deal, the principal agents in the transaction being, it is alleged, C. J. Herbert, for the Southern Life, co-operating with C. J. Cooper and other officers of the Seminole and the Southern Companies.

The complaint also sets up the big commissions paid to Herbert and others—$110,000—as an evidence of fraud.

HIGH POINT BOOMING.

Joins Municipal Association and Gets New Industries.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

HIGH POINT, N. C., February 2.—This city is now a member of the Carolina Municipal Association, the title having been conferred at a meeting of the board last night. The association will urge the Legislature that irregularities respecting municipalities existing in the present revenue act be left out of the new act.

At a meeting of the school board to-night a committee from the Junior Order urged action towards a better school faculty.

Mr. Van Brunt, who is interested in the street car and other projects for High Point, has written the Board of Aldermen not to grant a franchise to any other company than Coler and Company, as they will build a street car and gas plant.

A factory for the manufacture of wooden trays is being organized here.

The Hub and Handle Company, of this city, has been chartered by D. O. Cecell and others, capital stock $25,000.

UNEASINESS OVER BILL.

Feared That Its Passage Will Be Blow to Tobacco Business.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WINSTON-SALEM, VA., N. C., February 2.—This being the largest tobacco manufacturing town in the South, much interest is being manifested here in the antitrust bill now before the Legislature, especially what is known as subsection A, which says: "For any person, firm, corporation or association to make or have any agreement, express or implied, to lower or prevent the increase in price of any article or thing of value which any such person, firm, corporation or association may desire to purchase within the State of North Carolina."

It is reported here that the American Tobacco Company has declared that it will withdraw all its interests from North Carolina if the act becomes a law.

The fear of the opposition has been increased by Governor Kitchin coming out in favor of the bill. It is argued that his influence may induce a sufficient number of law-makers to think his way to pass it. Warehousemen all over the State will be in Raleigh tomorrow to oppose the bill introduced to reduce present warehouse charges for sale of leaf tobacco.

Flames at Spencer.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SPENCER, N. C., February 2.—Fire of unknown origin at noon to-day destroyed the dwelling and household effects of D. P. Williams, of Spencer, entailing a loss of about $1,800, partially covered by insurance. The family was away from home, and but a small amount of goods was saved.

Farmer Fatally Hurt.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., February 2.—John Adkins, a prominent farmer of Stokes county, was thrown from his mule to-day, and sustained what is regarded by attending physicians as fatal injuries. His skull is fractured. Mr. Adkins is thirty years old, and is a brother-in-law of County Court Clerk Childress, of Stokes.

Going to Italy.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

CAPE CHARLES, VA., February 2.—A carload of lumber, a United States government contribution to the earthquake sufferers in Italy, passed over the lines of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad to-day, consigned to New York for shipment. The lumber is en route from Georgia.

YOUNG MAN FOUND DEAD.

Body of Edward Wright Discovered in Father's Boat.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, N. C., February 2.—The body of Edward N. Wright, son of M. F. Wright, of this city, was found in his father's gas boat Lena, on Pamlico River, about two miles from this city, this morning.

When found, the young man was frozen and his skull crushed. The body was brought to this city and viewed by Coroner Joshua Tayloe, who, after examining, pronounced an inquest unnecessary, as there were no evidences of foul play. It is thought that Wright in some way became entangled in the machinery, which fractured his skull in three places, and this, together with the exposure, caused his death. Wright was well known here and popular. He was engaged in the river traffic.

His Leg Cut Off.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

FREELING, VA., February 2.—It has been learned here that William Vanover, formerly of this place, had one of his legs cut off by a saw at a lumber mill in Lincoln county, W. Va.

SAVAGE ATTACK MADE ON JUDGE

Prisoner Resents Punishment, and Starts Fight in Court-Room.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WINCHESTER, VA., February 2.—Enraged upon being fined and bonded to keep the peace for murderously assaulting James McIntosh with a sharp stone, Edward Knight made a savage attack upon Justice C. W. Wilson in court to-day. As he rushed upon the justice, Knight was caught by Court Officer Massey, who had leaped across the bench, and after a desperate struggle he overpowered the prisoner. A mob gathered in the meantime. While order was being restored, Knight was sentenced to jail, and hurriedly taken from the court room.

ATTEMPTS TO END LIFE.

No Cause Known for Deed of Young Lumber Dealer.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEW CHURCH, VA., February 2.—Sylvester E. Purnell, thirty years of age, a member of the firm of J. S. Gordy & Bros., lumber dealers, of Painter, Va., attempted to end his life yesterday at the home of D. T. Justice, Wattsville, near here, with whom he boarded, by sending a bullet from a 32-calibre revolver through his brain. At present no cause can be ascertained for his rash act.

Purnell, who is a native of Snow Hill, Md., came here about six months ago and entered in business. He was a prosperous young business man and highly respected. He is a widower, having buried his wife about one year ago. There is but little hope of him surviving.

Mass-Meeting Held.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ONANCOCK, VA., February 2.—The interdenominational mass-meeting in the interest of foreign missions yesterday in the Baptist Church was largely attended. Among others, the following ministers were present: E. T. Carter, Chincoteague; W. E. Warren, Modesttown; R. F. Staples, Parksley; L. B. Boney, Accomac; J. R. Taylor, Marionville; J. W. Reams, Bay View; Amos Clary, Richmond; J. W. Stiff, J. C. Cornick and W. F. Gardner, Onancock.

Scalded to Death.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

FREELING, VA., February 2.—A child, aged five, of John Baker, who lives in the Cumberlands, was scalded to death. Another of the children was seriously, though not fatally, burned. A vessel of hot water was accidentally overturned, the children being in the way of it.

Moonshiners in Jail.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

FREELING, VA., February 2.—Several of the moonshiners of Cumberland Mountain have been placed in jail at Clintwood to serve sentences imposed upon them by Judge McDowell at his recent term of court at Big Stone Gap.

Local Option Election.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

DANVILLE, VA., February 2.—A petition asking for a wet and dry election in the district of Franklin county which embraces the town of Rocky Mount, has been in circulation for some time, and enough names to order an election has been secured. Rocky Mount has two saloons, each paying a license of $2,000. Both sides claim they will be victorious.

Waives Examination.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

DANVILLE, VA., February 2.—George Pugh, former ticket agent for the Southern Railway here, who is charged with embezzling $2,250, waived a preliminary hearing to-day in the Mayor's Court. Application for bond was heard before Judge A. M. Aiken, of the Corporation Court, and Pugh was released on a $2,500 bond. The trial will likely come up in March.

Studying Road Problem.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BUCKINGHAM, VA., February 2.—Mr. Scott, assistant to State Highway Commissioner Wilson, was here yesterday and addressed the Board of Supervisors on the methods of working the public roads. The board did not take action on what is to be done, but adjourned to meet Saturday, February 6, when the matter will be gone into more fully.

Real Estate Changes.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., February 2.—Hugh D. and George A. Scott have purchased of Mrs. E. B. Wallace a brick residence on Main Street in this city. Mrs. Wallace has purchased a residence in another part of the city.

J. L. Carter and T. M. Jones have purchased a part of the Buchanan estate in Spotsylvania county, 120 acres, for $1,600, and each will build a residence on the property.