

LEGISLATIVE DOINGS OF THE PAST WEEK

Columbia, Feb. 14.—Another week of the legislative session has passed into history with practically nothing accomplished in way of new legislation, which, in view of the fact that there are already many laws on the books, may not be so bad as it sounds, depending on how you look at it. But the inaction was in no sense because of lack of bills, because there are many bills of many varieties still pending.

The feature of the week was the quick passage of the appropriation bill in the house, both second and third readings being accomplished at one sitting. A determined fight was made by Representative J. E. Owens of Marlboro to make some reductions in the bill, he being particularly strenuous in his opposition to the university, but he met with no success whatever. Among the staunch defenders of the university was Representative Barr of Lexington, who made a strong appeal for adequate support of the institution. On the other hand those who attempted to inject amendments proposing increases of various items were just as unsuccessful, the bill going through practically as it came from the committee. Consideration of the bill will be had in the senate probably the last of the present week. Those familiar with lobby gossip are expecting somewhat of a fight on the bill in the senate. It is generally reported in Columbia that E. W. Dabbs of Sumter county, the head of the taxpayers' convention, with the assistance of a legislative committee from that body, have an appropriation of their own, which will be submitted to the senate for its consideration when the bill is reported out of committee. It remains to be seen how kindly the senate will take to such a suggestion.

The appropriation bill as passed by the house provided for a levy of 11 mills, or just one mill less than the state levy of last year, but it also suspended the two-mill levy for roads, thus making a reduction of 3 mills. But the ways and means committee has also introduced several revenue measures, including an inheritance tax law, an income tax law, a business tax, which if passed will further reduce the levy materially. The greater part of the session is gone, however, and unless there is practical unanimity on these bills in both houses their passage at this time is extremely doubtful. A stiff fight in either house might prevent their passage in time to become effective this year.

The house still seems to be in the killing mood and several bills met an untimely fate last week, among them one to provide for calling a constitutional convention. This bill would have provided for voting on the question of whether such a convention would be called at the next general election. Although its author, Representative Claude Sapp of Richland, made a strong fight for the bill it was killed.

The house having passed a bill providing for a forty-eight hour week in all cotton mills, the measure went to the senate, where a hearing was held last week, both proponents and opponents of the measure having a turn. The chances are that the measure will not get through the senate without a stiff fight.

The bill providing by law for a reduction in cotton acreage, championed in the house by Representative Moyer of Newberry, was laid to rest last week. A similar bill by the Senator Johnstone of Newberry is still pending in the senate, but since the house has refused to enact such a law it is not likely that it will take up much time in the senate.

Local Matters.
There have been few developments in the local matters affecting Lexington county. The delegation has not at this writing completed the supply bill, though they have devoted considerable time to it. They are bending every effort to cut corners and lighten if possible the tax burden, but the financial condition of the county is such that it will require a great deal of thought to accomplish this result, if indeed any material relief is possible.

The rural police bill had not passed when the house adjourned Friday, though it was made a special order for Monday night. The delegation is not unanimous in regard to the bill, though a majority favor its passage. All chances for adjournment within

FEDERAL PRISONER MAKES HIS GETAWAY

W. W. Herd of Detroit, Mich., serving a sentence of three months in the Lexington county jail for white slavery, and with only another month to serve, took leg bail Saturday afternoon and has not been heard of since. Sheriff Roof had taken him from his cell to cut wood in the jail yard, bringing him outdoors on the advice of physicians, and while Sheriff Roof was across the street Herd made his getaway, going in the direction of Columbia. Authorities in neighboring towns have been notified but so far nothing has been heard of the man.

MEETZE-ROOF.

Of more than usual interest in the social circles of Lexington and South Carolina is the announcement from East Orange, N. J., of the approaching marriage of Miss Annie Martha Meetze to Mr. Samuel P. Roof of this place. Miss Meetze is a former Lexingtonian, the daughter of Mrs. James P. Meetze, and is a charming and accomplished young woman. Mr. Roof has been identified with Lexington business interests for several years, and is now engaged in the cotton business here. The following announcement will be enthusiastically received in Lexington:

Mrs. James P. Meetze of East Orange, New Jersey, formerly of Lexington, South Carolina, announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Annie Martha Meetze, to Samuel P. Roof of Lexington, South Carolina. The marriage to take place in the spring.

SAND MOUNTAIN.

There will be an entertainment at Sand Mountain (new) school house, which is near the old one, on Saturday evening, February 26, 1921. Recitations, songs, dialogues and pantomimes, by the pupils. The main feature of the evening will be a play entitled: "The Making of Our Flag." Refreshments will be served. Exercises begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend.

LEXINGTON CIRCUIT.

Services Sunday February 20, 1921:
Shiloh—Preaching at 11 a. m.
Hebron—Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Preaching at 3:30.
Lexington—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. Subject: "Prayer."
You will find a welcome at all these services.

H. A. WHITTEN,
Pastor.

The forty-day period went glimmering last week and it seems almost certain that the legislature will prolong its session at least one week over the regular time, and maybe longer.

There has not in a long time been a session when it seemed so hard to enact measures into law. Practically every statewide bill that has come up has met with determined opposition, which up to the present has been successful in killing a large number of the proposed laws. Things are so uncertain that most members seem averse to doing anything except marking time, not even being willing even to abolish any departments of the government, though measures aiming at several of them have been introduced. Among the rest the highway commission has come in for a good deal of criticism and seems to be somewhat in bad favor, whether justly so or not remains to be seen. Though it seems that practically no change will be made in the law under which they are operating, the appropriations for their work were cut severely by the ways and means committee. Among other things the committee sliced materially the salaries requested by this department. Among others the commission had requested a salary of \$6,000, or \$1,000 more than is paid the governor and \$3,500 more than the attorney general receives, for the state highway engineer. The house allowed him \$4,000. The chief clerk of the board was cut from a request of \$4,000 to \$2,400, a sum which the legislature seems to have fixed for the pay of such work. And so on down the line.

There is pending a bill completely revising the game laws and increasing the licensing. It has the approval of the committee in the senate and may get through if the session is sufficiently prolonged.

AGED FORK CITIZEN GOES TO HIS REWARD

William Franklin Koon, of the Fork section, died at his home on February 8, 1921, aged 81 years, 3 months and 13 days. He is survived by his aged wife and two brothers, Samuel and Patrick.

He was baptized in infancy and in early manhood was confirmed a member of St. Peter's (Piney Woods) Evangelical Lutheran congregation, which membership was retained till death.

In the war between the State Mr. Koon volunteered his services—serving in Co. I, 15th Regiment of S. C. In one of the battles he received a serious wound in the hip.

He had been in feeble health for several years. A few months ago he became very much worse and completely deranged in mind.

The funeral services were held from the home, conducted by his pastor, Rev. B. L. Stroup. The burial was in the family cemetery.

REV. LAMAR MAY VISIT LEXINGTON COUNTY

Rev. C. R. Lamar, a well-known Methodist minister from Alabama, has been employed by the South Carolina State Sunday School association as one of its field secretaries under the direction of General Superintendent Leon C. Palmer, and begins work this week. He will have special charge of the campaign of Sunday School evangelism now being conducted by the association, the purpose of which is "to promote the spirit of evangelism in every Sunday school of every denomination in South Carolina."

Dr. Lamar is a native Alabamian, although some of his ancestors came from South Carolina. After filling several important appointments in the Alabama conference, he went West and became presiding elder of the San Francisco district, and later of the Houston, Texas, district. Last year he was associated with Rev. Bob Jones and Leon C. Palmer in the state-wide Sunday school evangelism campaign of the Alabama Sunday school association, in which all denominations took part. He is an ardent believer in evangelism, in the Sunday school, and in the State Sunday school association. It is probable that he may visit this county at an early date.

CONGRESSMAN FULMER GIVES TURKEY DINNER

A number of relatives from Aiken and Lexington counties motored over Sunday and enjoyed a turkey dinner with Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Fulmer, on Russell St., Orangeburg.

Those who enjoyed Mr. and Mrs. Fulmer's hospitality were: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lybrand, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Jackson and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tyler and children, Mr. Clyde and Roye Lybrand and Mrs. Mertie Busbee all of Wagener and Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Lybrand, Mrs. Rucker and Mr. Carl Rucker of Swansea.

ENTERTAINMENT AT POND BRANCH SCHOOL

There will be an entertainment given at Pond Branch school house Tuesday evening, February 22, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The program for the evening will consist of dialogues, songs, drills, declarations and essays. We hope to make those who attend enjoy themselves for a little while. Everybody is invited. Admission free.

AT LEXINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

On next Sunday, February 20th, I will preach on Baptism both morning and night. This will close the series on Baptism. Much interest has been expressed in these services. The public is cordially invited.

F. H. FUNDERBURK.

"NO TRESPASSING" AT IRMO SCHOOL HOUSE.

A play, "No Trespassing," will be given by local talent at the school house in Irmo Saturday night, February 19, commencing at 7:30 o'clock for the benefit of the school.

A full house is desired. A small admission fee will be charged so that there need be no trespassing by those who attend. The management promises your money's worth.

LARGE LIQUOR HAUL MADE LAST FRIDAY

One of the largest liquor captures in Lexington county since the dry laws were enacted was made last Friday when Sheriff E. Austin Roof and State and government agents took into custody three men driving a big touring car loaded with bottled in bond booze. It is said that the machine in which the men were transporting the goods became disabled on a bad stretch of road just out of Lexington Thursday night, and people in the neighborhood became suspicious Friday morning and notified the sheriff. Before the officers of the law arrived at the scene the parties with the whiskey had succeeded in getting away, going in the direction of Columbia. Sheriff Roof notified Columbia authorities to be on the lookout and he himself followed and overtook the car at Brookland bridge, but in the meantime the liquor had been taken from the car and hid away in the woods near Hook's store, the officers of the law later locating 16 1-2 gallons. The boy in charge of the car admitted to the officers his full connection with the transaction.

The men claim to be from Savannah, and two of them gave their names as J. H. Wrentz and J. D. Smith. The other, only a boy, was released. The men stated to Sheriff Roof that there were two more cases of bottled in bond goods in the woods, but the officers were unable to find it.

A preliminary hearing was held before Magistrate Hendrix Monday morning, the two men being released on a bond and bound over to general sessions court.

The automobile in which the liquor was being transported is being held by Sheriff Roof, but it is stated that certain holders of a mortgage over the car are arranging bond for the car also.

ST. STEPHEN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Divine services on Sundays at 11:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Divine Services on Wednesdays at 8:00 p. m. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.

The morning theme for Sunday, February the 20th, will be: "Continuing in Prayer Bring Results." The evening theme will be: "Without Prayer One Is Not a Christian." The theme for Wednesday, February the 23d, will be: "Christ's Forgiving Spirit Is Revealed." To all of these services the public is cordially invited.

ARTHUR B. OBENSCHAIN,
Pastor.

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church

There will be services on Sunday, February the 20th, at 2:30 p. m. The Reverend Arthur B. Obenschain will preach. The theme will be: "The Word of God Is Sufficient for Its Purpose."

COTTON FIGURES FOR MONTH LESS THAN LAST YEAR

Washington, Feb. 14.—Cotton consumed during January amounted to 366,270 bales of lint and 23,549 bales of linters, the census bureau announced today.

Consumption in January last year amounted to 3591,921 bales of lint and 27,273 of linters.

Cotton on hand January 31 in consuming establishments amounted to 1,273,067 bales of lint and 231,275 of linters, compared with 1,952,326 of lint and 276,546 of linters a year ago; and in public storage and at compresses holdings were 5,545,368 bales of lint and 336,961 of linters, compared with 3,758,329 of lint and 324,965 of linters.

Cotton imported during January amounted to 24,024 bales, compared with 104,485 in January last year.

Exports amounted to 606,002 bales, including 5,246 bales of linters compared with 929,671 bales, including 7,391 bales of linters.

Cotton spindles active during January numbered 31,509,021, compared with 34,739,579 a year ago.

Statistics for cotton growing states were:

Consumed, 366,270 bales, compared with 330,793; held in consuming establishments, 623,751 bales, compared with 1,105,967 and in public storage and at compresses, 5,201,362 bales, compared with 3,481,165.

Cotton spindles active, 14,766,743, compared with 14,913,924.

REV. WM. D. QUICK WAS BURIED TODAY

The Rev. William D. Quick, 74 years of age, died at his home in Lexington county Monday after an illness of about three years duration. He was widely known throughout the entire state and will be mourned by many.

The Rev. Mr. Quick was born in Marlboro county December 11, 1846, and was a faithful minister in the Methodist Episcopal church, South, for 30 years. His devotion to his family and church was second only to his faithful service to his master. He was a true friend and a kind and helpful neighbor.

He was married in 1871 to Miss Mary E. King of Union county, N. C. He is survived by his widow and four children; Mrs. Anna P. Rawlinson of Lykesland and Misses Addie and Alice Quick and a son, W. T. Quick of Lexington.

Funeral services were held at his late residence at Lexington yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. H. A. Whitten, assisted by the Rev. J. R. T. Major. Interment took place at Brown's chapel in Richland county this morning at 11 o'clock.

MENTION FOURTEEN TO SUCCEED GAGE

The State.

Possibly 14 or more candidates will be in the field to succeed Associate Justice Gage when the election comes up in the general assembly. From the present indications the vacancy on the supreme bench will have plenty of aspirants. No date has as yet been set for the election, but it will be held during the week, according to a number of legislators.

At least seven circuit judges are being prominently mentioned as successors of Justice Gage, who died at his home in Chester last Sunday. These are Circuit Judges W. H. Townsend of Columbia, Thomas S. Sease of Spartanburg, Edward McIver of Cheraw, Ernest Moore of Lancaster, Hayne F. Rice of Aiken, S. W. G. Shipp of Florence and R. Withers Memminger of Charleston.

In addition to the seven judges whose friends are seeking to promote them there are several formidable candidates from the law profession who have been placed in the running by friends. Among these are Jesse F. Carter, dean of the Bamberg bar; Gen. Milledge L. Bonham of Anderson; Prof. E. Marion Rucker of the University of South Carolina law school; Arthur R. Young, state senator from Charleston; J. Hardin Marion, state senator from Chester, Charles Carroll Simms of Barnwell, president of the State Bar association, and L. D. Lide of Marion.

Senator Marion was mentioned as a candidate to succeed Justice Hendrix, but he was unwilling for his name to be used. Col. Mendel Smith has been mentioned frequently but said yesterday he is not a candidate.

Other candidates may appear before the election day and the situation looks now as if the assembly faces a hard task in making a choice from the above list of well known men.

PLAY AT HOLLOW CREEK SCHOOL 26TH

The pupils of the advanced grades of Hollow Creek school will give a play at the school house on Saturday night February 26, for the benefit of the school, to which the public is cordially invited.

REFRESHMENTS.

The ladies of Liberty will serve refreshments Saturday night, February 19, beginning at 7 o'clock. The proceeds will go for the benefit of the school. Come all and have a good time, and help a good cause.

BIG TIME PROMISED TO PALMAFESTA QUEEN

The committee in charge of entertainment during Palmafesta week in Columbia, March 28 to April 2, has announced an arrangement with the Columbia Aircraft Corporation by which the young women delegates from the various counties will have an opportunity to view Columbia from the clouds.

The two big Curtiss planes "Oriole" and "J. M. 4" will be put in commission and piloted by Lieut. E. T. Gaines and C. H. Siebenhausen, two experienced army aviators. Daily flights will be made over Columbia and the surrounding country, furnishing a real thriller for the fair delegates who care to make the flight.

Forty local daily and weekly newspapers in South Carolina are now conducting contests to secure the most popular young woman in each county. The delegates will go to Columbia for gala week as the guests of the capital city and the Palmafesta association, all expenses being paid. During the big week an election will be held in Columbia by which the Queen of Palmafesta will be chosen from among the county delegates.

Moving pictures of the Queen and all delegates will be taken by one of the prominent national film services. While in Columbia, the young ladies from the various counties will be chaperoned by State house officials and their wives. An endless programme of society gaiety and entertainment is being planned by Columbia society folk.

Palmafesta week will be crowned with interesting features including the state-wide automobile, truck and tractor show; the spring style show; automobile, trades, floral and baby parades; special musical and theatrical attractions, daily band concerts, fetes, dances and nightly exhibits of fireworks featuring South Carolina historical events in specially designed set pieces. The Packard agency of New York is furnishing professional models for the fashion show which will be staged at the State Fair Grounds. The Automobile show has been thrown open to all members of the South Carolina Automotive Trades Association and will be one of the largest ever held in the South.

Fill in the coupon below with the name and address of the young lady you wish to represent Lexington at the festival and mail or bring it to The Dispatch-News office.

EXERCISES AT ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL SATURDAY, 26TH.

There will be a debate on the subject: "Resolved, That Washington did more for His Country than Lincoln," given by the members of the Literary Society of St. John's school February 26, beginning promptly at 8 o'clock.

There will also be other exercises and amusements. The public is invited to attend. So remember the date and time.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY EXERCISES AT PINE VIEW

There will be given at Pine View school house on Washington's birthday, the 22nd, an exercise by the advanced grades of that school. The exercise will begin at eight o'clock, after which the ladies of the Improvement League will serve refreshments.

Come one and all and enjoy the occasion.

A PLAY AT HOLLOW CREEK.

The play, "Deacon Dubbs" will be given at Hollow Creek school house by the high school students on Saturday night, February 26, 1921. Come to see the Deacon. You are invited. Admission 25c and 15c.

VOTING COUPON

Queen of Palmafesta

"PALMAFESTA"

So The Dispatch-News.

Gentlemen:

My choice for Queen of Palmafesta is:

Name

Address

This coupon good for one vote. A Yearly, Paid-in-advance Subscription to This Newspaper counts 100 votes.