

Proceedings of the Legislature—No Compulsory Education Law—Insurance Legislation.

Columbia special in the Charlotte Observer: The House went on record against compulsory education to day, killing a mild bill on the subject by Mr. Aull, of Newberry, by a vote of 62 to 38. The bill required [parents and guardians to send children between 8 and 14 years of age to school for sixteen weeks in the year.

The House got back on the subject of fire insurance to-day, passing upon two important measures. One by Mr. Ayer, of Florence, to regulate fire insurance companies was killed on account of its provision doing away with municipal taxes against the companies.

A very important bill by Mr. A. G. Brice regulating the township, county and State mutual fire companies of the State, with strong provisions for the protection of policy-holders, was passed by a vote of 64 to 41. The bill limits the township mutuals to one county, the county mutuals to the county of the home office and contiguous counties, and the State mutuals to the State. All are required to report to the insurance commissioner, who is empowered to see that policy-holders are always protected.

After killing the House bill yesterday on the subject of passenger rate reduction, the Senate to-day took up Senator Toole's bill on the subject and put it to sleep by a majority of three votes.

The Senate had a lively tussle with K. P. Smith's House bill regulating appeals nisi, but did not reach a vote on account of the ratification of acts ceremony. By a majority of three votes the motion to strike out the enacting words was lost. Then Senator Rogers offered an amendment allowing the circuit judge power to increase as well as decrease a verdict. This was killed by a vote of 17 to 18.

There was an interesting contest in the House to-night over the bill of D. L. Smith, of Colleton, to abolish the immigration department, which the Senate has just voted to sustain by practically a unanimous vote. Although it is now impossible on account of the Senate's action to get a bill through, the anti-immigration sentiment in the House was aggressive and insistent.

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A Lancaster County Lady Gives an Account of Her Recent Trip to South Georgia.

Ed. The News: Well, as our brothers-in-law came from Southern Georgia to visit friends and relatives in Lancaster and the Tabernacle, section I decided to return home with them, to visit 4 sisters and 3 uncles in Southern Ga. So on the 6 of January, about 4 o'clock, we rolled out for Chester, and had to stay in Chester until after 12 that night, when we boarded the Southern for Savannah, Ga. It was a dark, stormy night, with the wind whistling by and the rain pouring down. We travelled on, with the roar of the cars to listen to and the pattering of the rain on the windows to watch, and some times it would seem that everybody on the train was asleep, conductors and all. As the night wore away and the morning dawned the wind ceased to blow, the clouds rolled by, and left us with a beautiful morning to arrive in Savannah, that being our first stopping place. We landed safe and sound. As we walked into the depot, which is the largest and most beautiful one we ever saw, there in the midst of the depot was a tank full of water, clear as crystal, and full of alligators and beautiful fish, for weary passing travellers to look upon. As we missed our train 10 minutes we could not leave Savannah for Bellville, Ga., until 5 in the afternoon. So we went down to the wharf, where we saw large steamboats, both freight and passenger, and large flats loaded with cotton coming into the harbor. We arrived in Bellville the following night, too tired to talk or eat. We only had a short time to stay, so we hustled around over a good portion of the country, with its beautiful sand and green woods and very beautiful long moss dangling thick from the trees. Did not see any muddy water out there at all. Looked strange to see even rivers and swollen streams with their waters clear. We went for a stroll down on the banks of a river. We drank water from one side of the stream, which is in Tatnal county; crossed over the stream and drank water from the other side, which is in Bullock county. We looked upon thickets of Magnolia, which we all know is a beautiful flower.

We had a pleasant time out there in that beautiful country, but were glad when it was time to start home, as we intended to stop in Columbia to visit relatives. We arrived there after night; hardly knew our nephew, who was to meet us, nor did he know us, but we found each other all right. We had a nice time while in Columbia. We soon started for Lancaster. On our way home a family came in the train, a gray haired father, the mother sick, could not hold up her head, the father reeling from the influence of strong drink. To make this object more pitiful the man in time had lost both hands. He was on the road to lose his soul. Very thankful were we when we arrived at home, safe and unharmed. A Reader of The News.

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