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REVIEW AND FORECAST OF LEGISLATIVE WORK.

NOTHING DOING TILL AFTER ELECTIONS— THE PROHIBITION FIGHT—THE LIEN LAW A LIVE ISSUE.

The Capitol, Columbia, January 18:—At noon on the 18th instant the General Assembly met and each house remained in session long enough to organize, then adjourned until twelve o'clock next day. An account of the organization has already been given in THE RECORD.

The committee assignments of the members from Williamsburg was as follows:

Mr Bryan was placed on the following committees: Agriculture, Roads, Bridges and Ferries and Claims. Mr Carter was given a place on the following committees: Ways and Means, Mines and Mining and Federal Relations. Mr Graham was assigned to the following committees: Public Schools, Hospital for the Insane and Engrossed Bills.

It will be noted that each one of our representatives was assigned to at least one committee of importance, the committees on Ways and Means, Agriculture and Public Schools ranking among the most powerful committees of the House.

Senator Bass was made chairman of the committee on Contingent Accounts and was also made a member of the following other committees: Enrolled Bills, Penal and Charitable Institutions, Immigration, Penitentiary, and Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

The committees of the Senate are not made up by the president nor by the Senate, but by a caucus of all the old senators, except the few of this class who are opposed to such an undemocratic and unfair method of selection. This plan appeals very strongly to such as wish positions that will attract attention to themselves and to such as desire to escape work, but is very subversive of selection according to fitness.

Very little real work has been done up to this time. Invariably the first part of the session is wasted in loitering and adjourning and then comes a perfect spasm of industry and the session which began in the most dignified leisure ends in a hurricane of hysterical rush. During the week just ended the session of neither house averaged an hour a day. As early as Thursday the lower house passed a resolution to adjourn from Saturday to Wednesday noon.

Several bills have been presented in both branches of the assembly but no measure of importance has received a vote and it is more than probable that there will be nothing decisive before next week. The inauguration ceremonies will be the feature of Wednesday, and then the elections will claim first place until they be over. It would break all precedents were the assembly to settle down to earnest lawmaking until after the candidates and their friends shall have been gotten out of the way; and it would be the part of wisdom to get through with the election as early as possible.

For the chief-justiceship, made vacant by the resignation of Justice Pope, the names of Justices Jones and Gary will be presented. For associate justice about a dozen men have been mentioned—too many to be here noted. The outlook appears to be at present that the race will be narrowed down to Judge Watts, Judge Hydrick, Judge Gage and Hon T P Cothran and Hon J P Carey.

Liquor and the lien law will again be the two leading subjects for "bidding, brawling and bull-ragging." Several bills on both these matters have already been presented in the Senate and also in the House. As to the first the real fight will be

CATARRH IN HEAD.

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MR. WM. A. PRESSER.

MR. WILLIAM A. PRESSER, 173 Third Ave., Madison, Ill., writes: "I have been suffering from catarrh in the head for the past two months and tried innumerable so-called remedies without avail. No one knows how I have suffered, not only from the disease itself, but from mortification when in company of friends or strangers."

"I have used two bottles of your medicine for a short time only, and it effected a complete medical cure, and what is better yet, the disease has not returned."

"I can most emphatically recommend Peruna to all sufferers from this disease."

Read This Experience.

Mr. A. Thompson, Box 65, R. R. 1, Martel, Ohio, writes: "When I began your treatment my eyes were inflamed, nose was stopped up half of the time, and was sore and scabby. I could not rest at night on account of continual hawking and spitting."

"I had tried several remedies and was about to give up, but thought I would try Peruna."

"After I had taken about one-third of a bottle I noticed a difference. I am now completely cured, after suffering with catarrh for eighteen years."

"I think if those who are afflicted with catarrh would try Peruna they would never regret it."

Man-a-lin an Ideal Laxative.

between local option and State-wide prohibition. Those who advocate the latter are strong and active and claim that they have a majority at both ends of the Capitol. On the other hand, some of the most earnest and level-headed prohibitionists of the State, among them Governor Ansel and Mr C C Featherstone, are firm in the opinion that a State-wide prohibition law at this session would be a fatal mistake because premature. And so it goes. Just what will be done, one cannot even conjecture at this stage.

One or more bills to repeal the lien law have been introduced and there is sure to be a desperate effort to pass at least one of these bills. As happened last year, the bill to repeal may be killed by the very senators who professed to favor repeal. The professions were "for campaign purposes only." It should be kept fixedly in mind that there are three separate and distinct liens on crops—the landlord's lien for rent, the landlord's lien for advances and the merchant's lien for advances. To these should be added a fourth, the chattel mortgage, by which a lien on crops not even planted at the time of execution may be created. Our supreme court has declared that a chattel mortgage on crops not planted will attach and become a valid lien as soon as the crop comes into existence. Therefore, what will be accomplished if the merchant's lien be abolished and the chattel mortgage remain as it is? This is the rock on which those who declared in favor of repeal went to pieces.

The improvement of our insurance law is the object of several bills, and radical and much needed changes in our school laws are receiving considerable attention. The trend of events is that our entire free school system will, within a few years, be completely revised.

Following Governor Ansel's recommendation a bill providing capital punishment for assault with

intent to ravish has been presented and will probably become law.

Senator Bass has introduced three bills upon fish and game. These bills are on behalf of the Audubon Society and have for their object the strengthening and improving of the present laws. The substance of them will be given later.

The members of our county delegation were all present at the opening and they are in good health and at their post. W L B.

TWO PRESENT SOURCES OF EVIL.

Overproduction of Cotton and the Sale of Liquor.

Editor COUNTY RECORD:—Just a word about truck farming and tobacco planting. I hear that a great many of our large cotton planters will draw their attention this year mainly to tobacco. There are several barns going up in this county and it is probable that the farmers—Harpers and Rosemary will go into truck raising extensively.

The price of cotton is advancing, but don't be deceived. You know the rule is for cotton speculators to advance the price every year about planting time to make farmers buy more fertilizers and plant more cotton. And they fool the farmers year after year with the same old trick.

Let us plant peas, potatoes, truck and small grain, also tobacco where lands are suited, and soon our people will be independent of the speculators of Wall street, who hammer the price of cotton up or down to suit themselves.

Mr Editor, I have read with interest your Harpers' correspondent's views on the whisky question. I do earnestly hope that some plan will be carried out to rid our county and State of the sale of whisky. It is the most disgraceful traffic we have to contend with, as in his heart every one knows.

Let all the prohibitionists of Williamsburg awake and put their shoulders to the wheel and drive from our midst this blighting curse.

RED COON.

A BIRTH-DAY PARTY.

Crowd of Little Folk Enjoy Themselves at Lanes.

Lanes, January 17:—Mr and Mrs E J Parker entertained quite a number of the little folk at a birthday party last Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock in honor of the fifth birthday of their son, Master Whitfield.

After amusing themselves with out-door games on the lawn the children were invited in the dining room. The table was prettily decorated, the color scheme being red and blue. The birthday cake in the center of the table was beautifully dressed and illuminated with five candles in red and blue.

After partaking of cake, fruits, nuts and candy they engaged in various games until the shades of evening appeared, when after thanking their little host for the pleasant hours and wishing him many happy returns of the day, they returned home, some saying that they wished birthday-cake oftener. Mrs Parker was assisted in the entertainment by Mrs W D Bryan of Taft.

Master Whitfield was the recipient of many nice presents from his little friends.

CARLOS.

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THE JEFFERSONIANS,
Thomas, Georgia.

BENSON NEWS BUDGET.

W. O. W. Installation—Changes in School Faculty—Farmer Union Elects Officers.

Benson, January 19:—The local lodge of Woodmen of the World will meet January 27 to install the newly elected officers.

They will extend an invitation to Solicitor Stoll and others to be present. The Cedar Swamp Camp is in its embryo state and needs enlightenment on the subject of Woodcraft. This will be a public meeting and it will be worth the while of those who can to attend.

The community regrets very much that Miss Dora Hinnant, the accomplished music teacher, had to give up her position in the graded school on account of the injury sustained by having her buggy overturned, as was mentioned in THE RECORD a few weeks ago. We hope ere long she will completely regain her former activity.

The new piano bought from M A Malone of Columbia was installed by Mr McVeigh, his salesman, last week.

The Farmers' union met last week and elected the following officers: President, W T Phillips; vice-president, J H Tisdale; secretary, S Y Tisdale; chaplain, J S McCullough; escort, W D Phillips; business manager, W E Snowden.

Messrs J Y McGill and John Scott McGill took a trip to Manning one day last week on business.

The farmers are very slow about getting to work this year. That there will not be as much commercial fertilizers used the coming season as last is the opinion of many of the farmers, at this writing.

More tobacco and less cotton seem to be the plan to lessen the acreage of the fleecy staple, in order to bring about better prices.

Dr Isaiah Tisdale is spending some time at home arranging his business for the new year. We understand that Tisdale Bros are planning a new industry to add to their lumber business, viz., a shingle mill. This will supply a long felt want in this section.

Mr Clarence P Snowden of Indiantown was a visitor among relatives and friends here last Sunday.

Miss Carrie Lander of Greenwood, a granddaughter of the late Dr S Lander, in whose honor Lander College has its name, has accepted the place in the school made vacant by the resignation of Miss Hinnant.

Mrs Lucile McCullough, who resides at Nesmith, came up to see friends and relatives for a day or two last week.

Mesdames Josina and Beulah Chandler have moved to Kingstree, where they expect to make their future home. W. E. S.

A Horrible Hold-Up.

"About ten years ago my brother was 'held up' in his work, health and happiness by what was believed to be hopeless Consumption," writes W R Lipscomb of Washington, N C. "He took all kinds of remedies and treatment from several doctors, but found no help till he used Dr King's New Discovery and was wholly cured by six bottles. He is a well man today." It's quick to relieve and the surest cure for weak or sore lungs, Hemorrhages, Coughs and Colds, Bronchitis, LaGrippe, Asthma and all Bronchial affections. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by D C Scott.

LAKE CITY NEWS

AND NOTIONS.

SECRET ORDER INSTALLATIONS—LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICE—CONCERNING POSSUM.

Lake City, January 18:—At the last regular meeting of Lake City Lodge of Knights of Pythias the following officers were installed for the year now current, to wit: Chancellor Commander, W L Bass; Vice-Chancellor, D E Motley; Prelate, B E Cooke; Master of Work, E J Wilks; Master-at-Arms, Mack Webster; Keeper of Records and Seals, J D Singletary; Master of Finance, W L Askins; Master of Exchequer, N Brown; Inner Guard, J W King; Outer Guard, L A Thomas. This lodge now numbers in the neighborhood of a hundred members and is growing right on.

D Gordon Baker, Esq., of Florence was in town last Friday on professional business.

Road Engineer Graham was here Saturday. He says he is rapidly laying his plans and getting matters in systematic shape for prosecuting the duties of his office.

J D Gilland, Esq., of Kingstree was noted on the streets a few days ago.

The Lake City Telephone Co has entered into a contract with the Southern Bell Telephone Co, under which the local exchange will be connected with the long distance system. The connection will be made right away. This will put all local phones in direct communication with the outside world, which it were needless to say, is much desired and will be an immense convenience.

The many friends of Dr L B Johnson and his bride—and there is a host of friends of both here—wish for them the kindest and most beneficent that this life can give.

Mrs G F Stalvey and little boy reached here last Thursday from Moultrie, Ga.

Mr D B Knight was in Wilmington a part of last week on business.

Mr Geo C Haselton is now assistant cashier at the Bank of Lake City.

Mr D E Motley was called a few days ago to the bedside of his mother in Virginia. She was taken suddenly and seriously ill.

Mr Simon Peston, a sprightly youth who runs a farm and a mercantile business at Half Moon Bluff, made us a pleasant call one day right lately.

Mr and Mrs H G Askins and children came up from Kingstree Sunday and spent the day in town at Maj S M Askins's.

Why are the 'possums so fat this winter? We have had the honor—yes, distinguished honor of sitting in the presence of four cooked ones since the frost cast the leaves of the autumn trees and without exception they were literally encased in oil. What is the cause? Was it the mild autumn and bountiful crop of 'possum dishes, or was it nature preparing for a hard winter?

On Tuesday evening, January 12, 1909, Lake City Camp, No 268, W O W installed its officers for the coming year as follows: C C, D E Motley; Adv. Lt, A Weaver; Banker, B Wallace Jones, Jr; Clerk, J L Richardson; Escort, J M Godwin; Watchman, J A Cook; Sentry, J J Matthews;

Manager, H C Fulmore; Physicians, S B W Courtney and W L Whitehead.

After the installation, Hon P H Stoll, from Kingstree, made a very impressive talk on the good of the order, which was very much enjoyed by all present. At the conclusion of Mr Stoll's address all were invited over to a vacant store, where an elegant supper was spread. Each of us can truthfully say that this was the most important part of the occasion. The committee deserves great credit for the way everything was arranged. The "Choppers" are under obligation to the young ladies for their excellent services. About 12:30 the crowd began to disperse, not knowing whether or not they would be able to get home.

W. L. B.

A Splendid Show at Thomas Opera House.

The Mason-Newcomb Stock Company, which is playing a week's engagement at Thomas opera house, has gained a reputation as being one of the best shows of its kind that has ever visited here. The plays of this company are dramas of the high class order, and every part is taken splendidly. The specialties between acts are without doubt the best ever seen on the local stage. Kingstree theatre goers should congratulate themselves on having secured such good attractions for the entire week. Tonight will be presented a Western comedy-drama entitled "A Girl of the West," which the management assures us is one of the best in their entire repertoire. There will be an entire change of play and specialties each night.

Saturday night for the amusement of its audience this company is going to give away to the person holding the lucky number, a real, live white baby. This baby is not unlike other children, for it cries, eats and sleeps and is perfectly healthy in every respect. Numbers will be secured at the door every night as you pass in. So every one save their numbers, for it only takes one to draw the prize.

There will be a special matinee Saturday at 3:30 for ladies and school children. This play is especially pleasing, and has gained quite a reputation for this company in the large cities. "His Country Sweetheart" will be the play for the matinee, with an entirely new line of specialties. Prices for the matinee will be 10c for children under 12 and 20c for grown people. There will be no reserved seats. The doors will be open at 2:30 so the first to come will secure the choicest seats.

3 cans Flat Iron Corn 25c.

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Visitors from Connecticut.

Mr J H Burgess of Moulton, who is attaining wide celebrity as a trainer of bird dogs, is entertaining a party of Northern sportsmen. These visitors have taken out regular licenses and will spend a couple of weeks bird hunting under ciceronage of Mr Burgess. The party is composed of the following: Fred J Wolff, Wm Patterson, Guy Orr, Dr Chas B Keeler, Woodcock and Alan Patterson, all of whom reside in New Canaan, Ct, and are substantial business men. These gentlemen are heartily welcome and we hope that they may be so pleased with this favored portion of the Sunny South as to eventually make Williamsburg county their permanent abiding place.

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