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New Hampshire Affairs.

Timely Topics of Public Interest from the Capital City.

CONCORD, March 7.—This will be a bob-tailed week, at best, in the legislature, although Clerk Young of the house is hopeful that enough members will come back to the capital after town meeting to make Wednesday and Thursday real working days under the dome. But Harrie is an incurable optimist and even told a member last week that he honestly thought the legislature would adjourn on April 1. There is not much sign of it in the state of business which is: whole number of measures introduced, 418; passed both branches, 67; killed, 99. And almost all of the really important matters of the session are in the list of those upon which the final verdict has not yet been passed.

The late Colonel Rufus N. Elwell had a busy and useful life, but the one thing in his career of which he was most proud was the fact that the year when he was speaker of the house final adjournment was taken before town meeting day. That record of 16 years ago has not been equalled since that time and probably never will be again. This year many things have contributed to slow up the machine and it will take hard driving to finish up the work here in less than six weeks, while at the gait that has obtained thus far it would require a couple of months to do it.

In the house, last week, the censorship of moving pictures, labor matters and the city of Manchester, again, held the limelight. The 48 hour week for women and children, which came in from the labor committee with a 14 to 2 verdict in its favor, was killed by the house 210 to 129; but the judiciary committee was more fortunate and its 15 to 1 decision against censorship was upheld by the house 188 to 183. Miss Doe of Rollinsford made her maiden speech in favor of censorship and was clear, direct and composed in her argument and delivery. Neither of her experienced brothers, ex Mayor and ex Senator Haven Doe and Robert Doe, of the New Hampshire bar, could have done better. The arguments against the form of censorship proposed in the bill based upon its alleged impracticability and heavy expense carried the day. In the case of the 48 hour law the weighty argument against it seemed to be that existing economic conditions are not favorable for any reduction in hours of labor and amount of production.

Another divided report from the committee on labor was upon the bill to limit

Income Tax Killed.

Taxation Amendments Defeated by Big Margin.

The folly of trying to ram constitutional amendments down the throats of the voters of New Hampshire within a few months after the same amendments had been rejected by the same voters, was demonstrated at the March meetings on Tuesday, when all four of the proposed amendments were again emphatically rejected.

The proposition for an income tax was killed by many thousands of votes, both country and city uniting in the effort to bury it deep. There was also a big majority against the inheritance tax amendment, and while the proposition to reduce the membership of the legislature and the amendment to remove all restrictions upon the holding of office by women, received small majorities they both failed of the necessary two-thirds votes by wide margins.

Two Rum Running Autos Captured by Police.

Last Sunday was a rather disastrous day for the Canadian rum runners. Up at Groveton, two young chaps from Providence, R. I., were stopped by the police after firing five shots at the car, which proved to be loaded with 29 cases of whiskey, valued at about \$5000. The booze was loaded at Colebrook, to which place it has probably been smuggled from Canada by sled teams.

Down at Concord, the sheriff got a tip that an auto was en route from St. Johnsbury, Vt., loaded with whiskey and would probably go down over the Merrimack valley state road. Sheriff Wooster and Rev. Jona. Lewis started out and met the rum runners, who tried to escape, but they burst a tire and went into the ditch on the first bad turn below the Orphans Home. This car was in charge of two young men, who declared it was their first trip. Their cargo consisted of 12 cases of Scotch whiskey, 13 cases of Old Blend, and a dozen loose bottles. They claimed the booze was brought across the Canadian line on sleds and they were taking it from Barre, Vt., to Boston. The cargo was worth above \$2000 in Canada, but would retail in Boston for from \$8,000 to \$10,000.

Tax Conferences.

The State Tax commission are to hold the usual conferences in each county of the state, during the month of March, for the purpose of conferring with and advising the selectmen and assessors as to the

Meredith.

There are several new cases of measles in town.

Roy W. Sanborn, who was reported very sick last week, is now improving. He will probably be back on his job in a few days.

Miss Sarah Noyes is quite sick at her home on Waukegan street. Mrs. Horace Welts, who lives in the same house, has been very sick, but is now improving.

Mrs. Fannie C. Smith, a sister of Mrs. R. L. Smith of this town, died in Madison last Saturday at the age of 75 years. She had spent considerable time in Meredith. Burial was made in Campton.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Fay Beede, Kenneth, died last Friday, aged a year and a half. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Thomas Cate of the Baptist church.

Among the out-of-town people who came here to vote were noted Dr. S. G. Watson of Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Robinson Smith of Laconia; Sidney Moulton from Milton; John H. Morrison from Concord; Melvin Welch.

Mrs. Cordelia Turner, who has been employed as manager and treasurer of the Meredith Electric Light Co. for several years, has terminated her engagement there. Mrs. Maud Porter is now in charge of the office.

This Friday afternoon and evening the Balknap County Pomona grange hold a special meeting with Winnepesaukee grange. The afternoon session is public. In the evening Winnepesaukee grange will furnish a program.

Cards have been received here announcing the marriage in New York of Dr. Charles L. Prescott, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Prescott of this town, and Eleanor May Gillies. Report has it that Dr. and Mrs. Prescott are to settle in Laconia, where the doctor will have charge of a special medical practice.

Mr. Bryckford of Detroit has been in town this week. He is a casket manufacturer of Detroit and took time to look the plant over here. He is also president of a casket concern of Toledo, Ohio. He and his wife were visitors here fourteen years ago. They are relatives of A. S. Clough's family and were guests at The Maples camp in town.

Now if we have your attention we will give you a statement of the vote: Town clerk, E. F. Wilkins, d. 257; Edwin C. Mansfield, r., 297; selectman for 3 years, E. F. Wiggin, d. 185; James Moulton, r. 308; for two years, George Graham, d. 280;

Centre Harbor.

Leont Simpson recent end at home.

George Simpson has b for a few days.

Mrs. L. O. Dennison for several days.

The usual number of caucus and election Mea

Ben Dow has closed wards' stable and return Laconia.

The Mt. Washington being filled this year as to run the coming season

The Grange entertain evening was a very pleasant supper voted the "best" was realized towards the

The next Grange sew at the home of Angie grangers who have no materials for aprons, ple

The Ever-ready State monthly social at the Wednesday of last we good attendance and a f under the direction of Refreshments were very social hour enjoyed after

The Centre Harbor its regular meeting in th day afternoon, with a These club meeting are more in interest and reflecting the intelligence of its members upon all and accomplishments.

fell upon inauguration was in keeping, consist of patriotic airs and pian melodies, together with Inaugurals," from West describing the old-time n ing each President's l with sidelights upon the ministration of our exch Following the regular talk on the pending at State constitution, from sentative, Mr. L. P. S by remarks from Mr. T. W. Simpson and Mr. L. women of the club enta sion of these vital ques their president, Mrs. L. all were unanimously were much indebted to their efforts to make of problems awaiting us, the close of the meet saved to enter the