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NATIONAL BANKS HOLD MEETINGS, ELECT OFFICERS

Mr. R. M. Miller, Jr., for 30 Years a Director of the Commercial National Bank, Resigned. Mr. R. M. Miller, Jr., is Elected to Take His Place.

Board of Directors of First National is Increased to Ten. Col. W. B. Rodman, and Messrs. T. W. Wade and C. A. Williams Elected To-day.

Charlotte's four national banks held their annual meetings this morning and with one single exception, officers were elected for the ensuing year.

It is a fact worthy of special mention that the banks have had the most prosperous year in their history. In fact, it is generally admitted that 1905 was the greatest year for successful banking since the civil conflict.

The meetings at all the four national banks were called to order at 11:30 o'clock and the business was quickly despatched.

At Commercial National. Mr. W. R. Robertson presided at the stockholders meeting and Capt. A. G. Brenizer was secretary. Col. W. E. Holt, president, submitted his report.

On account of my health being such that I cannot well attend to the duties that the position requires and demands, I beg, therefore to tender herewith my resignation as a member of your board of directors.

Having been associated with the bank since its organization over 20 years ago, having been one of its charter members and having also seen it grow from a small institution to the strongest bank in the State; in resigning my official position with it, I can only express a feeling of pride and satisfaction at the great results accomplished.

In my retirement, I beg to assure you that I will continue to wish for it the greatest success and prosperity.

The stockholders accepted Mr. Miller's, Dr. George W. Graham and Messrs. D. H. Anderson and C. W. Johnson were constituted a committee to draft suitable resolutions, expressing the regret of the officials of the bank; also their appreciation of Mr. Miller's long and faithful services as a director of the institution.

The following directors were then unanimously re-elected: W. E. Holt, R. A. Dunn, C. W. Johnson, Francis S. Cox, E. C. Holt, H. C. Eccles, L. Banks Holt, R. L. Gibson and D. H. Anderson. Mr. R. M. Miller, Jr., was unanimously elected to succeed his father, Mr. R. M. Miller, Sr.

At a subsequent meeting of the board of directors the following officers were elected: Col. W. E. Holt, president; R. A. Dunn, vice president; A. G. Brenizer, cashier; Albert T. Summers, teller; Archibald Graham, Jr., individual bookkeeper; Clarence G. Wearn and Herbert L. Davis, bookkeeper and Fred Nash, Jr., chief of the collection department.

At Merchants and Farmers. At the meeting of the stockholders the report of the President, Mr. G. E. Wilson, was read and adopted. The report was a very flattering showing, indicating on its face that 1905 was the most prosperous year in the history of the institution.

Following the adoption of the president's report the board of directors was elected. There is only one change. Mr. John H. McAden, succeeds Judge Armistead Howell. The board as elected follows: Geo. E. Wilson, John B. Ross, Joseph H. Wearn, W. H. Belk and J. H. McAden. The board of directors then held a meeting and elected the following officers: Geo. E. Wilson, president; John B. Ross, vice president; W. C. Wilkinson, cashier; H. W. Wilson, teller; J. H. McAden and J. W. Simpson, bookkeepers and J. C. McDonald, J. M. Long and Miss Fan Andrews, clerks.

At First National. At the meeting of the stockholders of the First National bank this morning it was decided to increase the number of directors to ten, instead of seven, as formerly. Col. W. B. Rodman, Mr. T. W. Wade and Mr. Charles A. Williams were added. The board now consists of P. M. Brown, Geo. W. Bryan, J. C. Burroughs, Frank Gilreath, J. S. Myers, H. M. McAden, F. M. McDowell, W. B. Rodman, T. W. Wade and Charles A. Williams.

The report of President Gilreath was read and adopted. It showed that the past year had been one of unusual prosperity and that the business of this institution was the largest in its history.

Along this line, one of the officials of the institution stated that he anticipated a much larger business during the coming year. Charlotte's unusual prosperous condition leads this gentleman to believe and expect that 1906 will be a record breaker.

The officers of the First National will not be elected until tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

At Charlotte National. At the Charlotte National bank the

stockholders meeting was called to order at 11:30 o'clock. Mr. B. D. Heath selected as chairman and Mr. W. H. Twitty, secretary.

The report of President B. D. Heath, was read and adopted. The report shows that the bank has passed through a most successful year, in fact the most successful in its history. The following board of directors was unanimously re-elected: Dr. R. J. Brevard, B. D. Heath, R. H. Jordan, Vinton Liddell, H. N. Pharr, Dr. J. F. Robertson, John M. Scott, C. Valaer and Charles F. Wadsworth.

At a subsequent meeting of the board of directors the following officers were elected: B. D. Heath, president; Dr. J. F. Robertson, vice president; W. H. Twitty, cashier; Franc H. Jones, teller. The same clerical force is retained.

The Charlotte Trust Company, Charlotte's youngest bank, held a meeting this afternoon.

No motion had been taken when the News went to press.

The Southern Real Estate Loan and Trust Company will hold their meeting to-morrow morning.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Southern States Trust Company was held this afternoon. At the time The News went to press the details of the meeting were not obtainable.

RUBENSTEIN COMING. Noted Russian Pianist to Come in February.

Rubenstein, the great Russian pianist, is coming to Charlotte during the month of February.

Mr. Richardson, Charlotte's well known musician, has assumed the necessary guarantee for the appearance of this world renowned musician in Charlotte.

It is useless to add that all music lovers in this city and in fact, in this entire section will be intensely interested in this announcement.

The date of the noted pianist has not been definitely settled. This will be announced later, also additional details.

FUGITIVES MUST FACE CHARGES

Gaynor and Green who for Almost Four Years Have Evaded Justice Must at Last Face Charges. Outline of Procedure in Trial of Famous Case.

Savannah, Jan. 9.—After four years spent in exile, as fugitives from law, Benjamin D. Greene and John F. Gaynor appeared this morning in the Federal court for the Southern district of Georgia, before Judge Emory Speere, to answer several indictments charging them with conspiracy to defraud the Government with embezzlement and with receiving money known to have been embezzled from the United States.

The attendance was large. Peter W. Meldridge appeared as the leading counsel for the defense and Osborne and Lawrence as associate counsel.

For the Government appeared Special United States Attorney-General Marion Erwin, assisted by Samuel B. Adams and General Thomas F. Barr, U. S. A. retired, and formerly Judge Advocate General, whom Erwin introduced to the court as assigned by the Attorney-General to assist in the prosecution.

Shortly after the opening of court, Mr. Erwin announced that at this time he desired to call only the cases of Benjamin D. Greene and John F. Gaynor. Making no allusion to the indictments standing against co-defendants William T. and Edward H. Gaynor, brothers of John F. Michael, A. Connelly and former Capt. Oberlin M. Carter, none of whom were in the city.

Mr. Erwin outlined the method of the procedure he will adopt in the trial of the cases. He will ask to defendants to plead to the several indictments against them, it being then his purpose to consolidate all charges and try the accused upon a combination. A plea in abatement was read by Col. Meldridge holding that the court was without jurisdiction because the charge of conspiracy, upon which the first bill of indictment had been found, was not an extraditable offence under the treaty obtaining with Canada. He asked to discharge the defendants from custody.

Mr. Erwin replied he would require time in which to formulate his answer to plea. He stated that pleas in abatement had also been filed last November, which were not based upon the charge of conspiracy, but upon charges of embezzlement and of receiving money of the United States that the defendants knew to have been embezzled. He was granted a recess of two hours in which to prepare answers.

SCHOONER WENT ASHORE. Was Near Little Island Life-Saving Station—Crew Refuse to Go Ashore.

Cape Henry, Va., Jan. 9.—The schooner Fannie Palmer went ashore three-quarters of a mile north of Little Island life-saving station at 4 o'clock this morning. The vessel is lying near the beach and pounding heavily. One man was landed in a breeches buoy with a message to the owners. The others of the crew refused to land.

SEVERAL LARGE CO'S. WERE CHARTERED TO-DAY BY SEC'Y.

Three Companies Chartered with Large Capitals. Annual Meeting of N. C. Grand Lodge of Masons to Convene. Plan to Elect Handsome Temp.

Rodgers and Sorrell Complete Sentence. Inducement for Negro Families to Immigrate to Mississippi. Effort Made to get Foreigners to Settle in N. C.

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 9.—The bank of Pender was chartered to do a commercial and savings business at Burgaw, Pender county, at a capital of \$25,000, authorized, \$10,000 subscription, by A. B. Groom, Jr., and others.

Another charter is to the John W. Sowers Distilling Company at Milton, Caswell county, at a capital of \$10,000, J. W. Sowers being the principal incorporator.

The Storage Supply Company of Asheville was also chartered at a capital of \$20,000 by M. F. Hoffman, A. W. Faulkner and others for the purpose of the establishment of a cold storage plant.

The North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons convenes in its 119th annual session tonight. The most notable business committee on building the Grand Lodge Temple here met this afternoon and adopted a report to the effect that they have adopted plans for a fire-proof building to cost \$129,000, one that will be a monument to Masonry generations to come, and to ask that the Grand Lodge confirm the award of contract and authorize the committee to proceed with the work of erection.

Also that the subscription of the Grand Lodge be increased from \$10,000 to \$25,000 in the capital stock.

The committee reports that they paid during the year \$20,000 for the Raleigh Savings Bank property on Fayetteville street, the site for the Temple being now fully paid for.

That with the additional subscription of \$15,000 by the Grand Lodge and assets in hand there will still be needed \$35,000 additional, and the committee believes that with the proper effort this amount can be raised among the Masons of North Carolina.

A special venire of jurors to try R. H. Lilliston and Harry Clark on the charge of the murder of Charles G. Smith in the union depot here Friday of the State Fair week, was drawn in Wake Court this morning. The trial was set for Friday. The murdered man was from Petersburg. All three were fugitives.

Ex Sheriff J. Rowan Rogers and J. P. Sorrell today completed the service of their sentence of six months in jail as punishment for their crime of embezzlement and tampering with men summoned to serve on the jury that would try the famous damage suit of Gattis vs. Kilgo, in the county last summer. It will be remembered that they went to see several of the prospective jurymen in the interest of President John C. Kilgo and B. N. Duke, the defendants and assured them that they would be rewarded for standing by them. The most rigid investigation, however, revealed no connection whatever between the two men and the defendant Kilgo and Duke.

Rogers and Sorrell have both finished up considerably during their imprisonment.

T. G. James is here from Sharkey.

THE LEGISLATURE OF S. C. CONVENES

Gov. Heyward's Message Treats of His Efforts to Suppress Lawlessness. Principal Business of Body Will be Consideration of the Dispensary Law.

Columbia, Jan. 9.—The General Assembly convened today. Governor Heyward's message treated among other things of the efforts he has made to suppress lawlessness.

The principal business to be transacted at this session will be the consideration of the dispensary law, which has been repudiated by nearly half the counties in the State.

JUDGE PAYNTED ELECTED. Kentucky Legislature Elects U. S. Senator.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 9.—The two branches of the General Assembly, separately, voted to elect Judge T. H. Paynter as U. S. Senator to succeed Hon. J. C. S. Blackburn.

FOURTEEN PERISH IN LANDSLIDE IN N. Y. LAST NIGHT

Landslide at Haverstraw Last Night in Which Fourteen Persons are Thought to Have Lost Their Lives. No Bodies Have Been Recovered.

Several Tenement Houses are Carried Down in the Catastrophe Into Great Clay Pit. Large Force of Men Busy Searching for Bodies.

Haverstraw, N. Y., Jan. 9.—At least 14 persons are believed to have perished in a landslide which carried several tenement houses down in a clay pit here last night. Up to 9 o'clock this morning none of the bodies have been recovered, and it is believed that all the missing are dead. A large force of men was kept busy at work in search for the bodies.

Seven Houses Went Down. Undermined by the shifting clay that had been softened by yesterday's snow-fall, several homes with their three-score sleeping occupants, toppled over the brink of the pit and crumbled to pieces. The houses which were of wood were set afire from the overturned stoves and the debris was soon a mass of flames.

Some 50 or more tenants escaped with more or less serious injuries. The landslide occurred on Rutland street, in the east end of the town, where two blocks of houses are supposed to have been undermined by workmen digging clay for brick making. The catastrophe occurred without warning and while the victims were asleep. Seven houses went down in the crash. They had stood on the brink of the pit a 100 feet deep, and when the clay gave way they were carried to the pit's bottom. The landslide broke the water mains, shutting off the supply of water and greatly impeding the work of rescue.

The flames spread to other buildings and but for the timely arrival of hundreds of volunteer fire fighters the fire might have wiped out the town. The landslide came gradually at first. The ground, weakened by rain and snow, showed crevices near the edge of the street late in the afternoon and in the evening portions of the bank began to give way. The street was not thickly populated, for most of the former dwellers had left on account of a fear of just what happened.

Many residents left their houses early in the evening before the final crash came. The bank caved from 20 to 60 feet within at the top, and for a distance of two blocks from Division to Jefferson streets, lengthwise. A portion of the street, side of Division street likewise fell.

Later it was estimated that 20 or more persons were dead.

COASTS SWEEP BY GALE. N. C. and Va. Coasts Swept by Severe Gale—Great Velocity of Wind.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 9.—The Virginia and North Carolina coasts were swept by a severe gale last night, the wind reaching a velocity of 42 miles at Cape Hatteras and 40 miles at Virginia Capes. The temperature here last night dropped 24 degrees. The combined battleship and cruiser squadrons were at anchor at Hampton Roads during the gale. They rode through the storm in safety.

CONCERN TO PRINTERS. New York, Jan. 9.—Out of 247 houses in this city 210 have signed the eight hour day and closed shop with the printers, according to a statement issued by President McCormick of Typographical Union No. 6.

SIMMONS PRESENTS HIS RESOLUTION

Asks President to Send to Senate Names of Canal Officials With Salaries Exceeding \$3000. Will Call Resolution To-morrow. Other Legislative Matters.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Mr. Simmons presented to the Senate resolutions asking the President to send to that body the names of all officers, agents and other employees of the Panama Canal Commission, whose salaries are more than \$3,000, giving the amount paid to each. Gave notice he would call resolution up tomorrow.

Will Investigate. All matters relating to the Panama Canal, government of the Canal Zone and the management of the Panama railroad will be investigated by the Senate Committee on Inter-oceanic Canals.

This was decided today at the first meeting of the committee. The investigation will begin Tuesday next, although there may be a special meeting in the interim to take up the nominations of the canal commissioners.

THE GINNERS REPORT. Considerable Excitement On the Local Exchange.

The floor of the cotton exchange on East Trade street this afternoon was a scene of considerable excitement.

The cause was the report of the National Ginners Association which came in promptly at 2 o'clock.

During the day the cotton market eased off considerably. March cotton sold as low as 11.34 and at the time for the report to be issued the price was 11.39.

As soon as the ticker announced the figures—9,721,000—the market bounded up about 25 points. March was soon selling around 11.65 and it was about at these figures when the hour for closing arrived.

The Charlotte operators were a little confused as to what the report would be. Some expected it would be in favor of the "bear" side, while others thought just as strongly that it would favor the "bull" side. There was general rejoicing among the "bulls" when the exact figures were announced.

It is generally conceded that the report of today indicates a higher market. It is also assumed that the crop will be about ten million bales.

LAWSON MAY TESTIFY. Attorney General Hadley Says Lawson Will Be Invited to Testify.

New York, Jan. 9.—Attorney General Hadley, of Missouri, who is conducting the hearing in connection with the suits brought against the so-called Oil Trust by Missouri, said Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, will be invited to testify.

The officers and teachers of the Second Presbyterian church, Sunday school are invited to attend a special meeting in the church parlor at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon. The meeting will be of interest to all and all members are urged to attend.

DAMAGE BY FIRE TO BIG WAREHOUSES

Fire Started From Spontaneous Combustion and Caused Loss of Between \$125,000 and \$150,000, to Owners of Big Brick Warehouses in Boston.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 9.—A fire in a group of five six-story brick warehouses, owned by the Factory Buildings Trust at the corner of Wormwood and A. streets in South Boston, caused the loss of between \$125,000 and \$150,000. The fire started from spontaneous combustion in the rooms of the Railway Supply and Manufacturing Company.

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BULLETIN ISSUED BY THE CENSUS BUREAU

Ginned Up to Jan. 1

9,721,173 Bales are Ginned Up to Jan. 1

Bureau Give Number of Bales Ginned to January 1, as 9,721,173, Counting Round as Half Bales.

Washington, Jan. 9.—According to the bulletin issued by the Census Bureau, 9,721,173 bales of cotton were ginned to January 1, 1906, counting round as half bales and excluding lint. The number of round bales included is 263,424; Sea Island bales, 98,829. There was no report for the corresponding period of last year and comparative statistics are not available.

CREW RESCUED. Reported That Crew of 11 On Fannie Palmer Were Rescued.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 9.—A message from the coast this afternoon said: "Captain Nash and the entire crew of 11 men on the stranded schooner Fannie Palmer have been safely rescued."

Business Change. W. B. Puckett has bought the interest of his partner, R. C. White, in the restaurant and fish market at No. 221 West Trade street. Mr. Puckett will continue the business along the lines that have made it one of the most popular establishments of the town.

PHILIPPINE TARIFF BILL.

Mr. Banyong Opened Discussion—Opposed to the Bill. Washington, Jan. 9.—The debate on the Philippine tariff bill was continued in the House today. The discussion was opened by Mr. Banyong, of Colorado, who opposed the bill in the interest of the beet sugar industry.

BEING CONSIDERED. Various Questions Regarding Work in Pay. Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 9.—The rates of pay, work day hours, and rules and regulations governing the organization, are questions today before the joint protective board of Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America of Southern Railway Car Department in session here. It is understood that the organization will ask for shorter hours and the entire board will go to Washington about March 1st to formally present their request.

COTTON RECEIPTS.

The receipts of cotton at the city platform today amounted to 7 bales and the best price was 11 3/4. For the same day last year, the receipts amounted to 2 bales and the best price was 7 cents.

EXPIRES ON THE STREET.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 9.—James Wilkes, sixty years of age, a tailor, died on the street suddenly today from asthma. He has no relatives here, and it was difficult to identify him except from papers in his pocket.

FIRST TRIAL UNDER 1903 HAZING ACT BEGINS THIS A. M.

Midshipman Stephen Decatur, Jr., of New Hampshire Acquitted of One Charge, is the First Defendant Before Court—Martial Under New Law.

The Charge is "Encouraging or Countenancing Hazing," John Paul Miller of Kentucky Will be the Next Cadet to Face the Court—Martial.

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 9.—The first court-martial of a midshipman under the act of 1905, providing for dismissal for "encouraging or countenancing hazing," began today, Midshipman Stephen Decatur, Jr., of Portsmouth, N. H., being on trial. The charge is supported by one specification, that Decatur countenanced the hazing of Fourth Classman Gaylord Church, of Meadville, Pa.

There is also a charge of hazing under the act of 1874, under which there are two specifications. No courts-martial have been called under the latter act previous to this because it was believed that the Superintendent of the Naval Academy had powers of summary dismissal under it. The recent opinion of the Attorney General holds that such power can only be exercised after conviction before a court-martial.

Decatur has already undergone one trial for hazing and been acquitted. The next midshipman to be tried is John Paul Miller, of Lancaster, Ky., also a member of the first class. There are charges under both acts against him, each supported by four specifications. Among the midshipmen of the fourth class whom it is alleged that Midshipman Miller hazed is Henry G. Cooper, Jr., of Oxford, N. C., who was stricken with paralysis in the class room about a month ago and whose previous hazing was rumored at the time, but denied by him.

Double Jeopardy. Decatur pleaded "not guilty" to the first charge. Regarding the second charge the counsel submitted the plea that the accused is put in double jeopardy by being twice tried for the same offense. Decatur has already been acquitted of hazing Church in practically the same manner as alleged in the specification. The court adjourned in order to allow Judge Advocate Harrison to examine the question involved.

LOVING CUP FOR MCALL. Nine Hundred Clerks Will Celebrate Ten to Fifty Cents.

New York, Jan. 9.—Nearly 900 clerks of the New York Life Insurance Company are to give a loving cup to President John A. McCall.

Only the clerks who have already been allowed to contribute to the cost of the cup. No officer of the company will be asked or allowed to put in a penny, and the contributions of the clerks will not exceed fifty cents in any case. They will range from 10 cents to 50 cents, and it is expected to raise about \$40,000.

It has been reported that Mr. McCall is going into the real estate business, now that he is out of the New York Life. But it is said at his former office that nothing is known there of his intention. It has also been reported that he was going to make an extensive trip to Europe. John McCall, when asked about the latter report said: "There is absolutely no truth in it."

LABOR TICKET IN ALABAMA. To Contest For All State and County Offices.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 9.—United Labor league of Alabama at a meeting here today decided to put on a labor ticket for all State and county offices at the election this year. The league is made up of representatives from every labor union in Alabama, and this is the first effort of that organization to enter into State politics.

THE OLDEST NEGRO WOMAN. Died in Pennsylvania at the Age of 135 Years.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 9.—Mary McDonald, a negro who claimed to be 135 years old, is dead at the Home for Aged and Infirm Colored Persons in this city. She claims to have been born Nov. 14, 1770, in a settlement known as Frogtown, near Valley Forge, Pa. She often told of the scenes in Washington's camp at Valley Forge.

FRENCH SENATORS RETURNED. Paris, Jan. 9.—The triumphal election of one-third of the membership of the Senate has resulted in the return of most of the former senators. The supporters of the government in many instances received increased majorities.

Ohio City Had Dry Sunday. Springfield, Ohio, Jan. 6.—For the first time in nearly fifteen years this city has experienced a "dry" Sunday. The orders of the chief of police were obeyed in all parts of the city. Only one arrest for drunkenness was made. The man declared he procured the liquor in another city. There are 150 saloons in the city.