

COMMITTEE OF ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE IS NOW IN SESSION

Members of Executive Committee Held Annual Session at 4 O'clock for Formulation of Campaign for This Year and Selection of Chairman.

Mr. Baily Refuses to Serve Longer. N. B. Broughton Will Succeed Him. Rev. A. J. McKelway to Announce Committee on Anti-Child Labor Agitation.

Special to The News. Raleigh, Feb. 8.—The members of the Executive Committee of the State Anti-Saloon League are gathering today for the annual session at 4 o'clock for the formulation of the campaign for a year and the election of a chairman to succeed J. W. Bailey, who declines to serve longer.

N. B. Broughton is prominently mentioned to succeed him. Rev. A. J. McKelway, of the National Child Labor Association, is here and will tonight announce a committee of 15 men from the manufacturing section of the State to direct the Anti-Child Labor agitation in connection with the election of members to the next General Assembly.

The trustees of the State University yesterday elected J. G. de Rouhae Hamilton, now principal of the Wilmington High Schools, assistant professor of history. He is a native of Hillsboro, finished at the State University and the University of the South at Sewanee, with the degree of Master of Arts; won a Columbian University scholarship, passed the examinations for Doctor of Philosophy, the degree to be conferred at the next commencement.

The board elected an executive committee consisting of A. B. Andrews, R. H. Battle, F. H. Busbee, J. S. Carr, Josephus Daniels, Claudius Dockery, J. W. Graham, Thomas S. Kennan, Dr. H. Lewis.

The report of President Venner showed an enrollment of 652, with indications that the enrollment for the year would considerably exceed that for last year.

Needs of the University enumerated in the report include additional dormitories and lecture rooms, laboratory equipment, six professors, and six assistants, to cost \$19,000 per year. Also medical building, law building, laboratories for geology, physics and biology, water works and enlarged chapel.

GAYNOR-GREENE. Franklin Ford Was Witness Today in Famous Trial.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 8.—The examination of Franklin Ford, of the late brokerage firm of Reed & Flagg, of action of R. F. Wescott, Capt. Carter's father-in-law, was resumed by District Attorney Erwin in the trial of Greene and Gaynor. In some of the transactions government proved that while on brokers' books deals appeared to have been made in the name of R. F. Cott, checks were indorsed by O. M. Carter as attorney for the "Old Man."

CONDEMNED MANAGEMENT.

Special Investigating Committee of New York Life Condemns the Former Management. New York, Feb. 8.—The report of the special investigating committee of the New York Life Insurance Company, appointed by the trustees to investigate the company's affairs, was made today and adopted unanimously by the trustees. It condemned the former management of the company and recommended various reforms.

CASE NOT TO BE REOPENED.

Case of John Hoch Sentenced to Be Hanged, is Not to Be Reopened. Springfield, Ill., Feb. 8.—The Supreme Court has denied a reopening in the case of John Hoch, sentenced to be hanged in Chicago Feb. 23 for wife murder.

TRIAL OF JOHNSON BEGUN.

Trial of Alleged Murderer of Miss Florence W. Allison in Progress. Mount Holly, N. J., Feb. 8.—The trial of Rufus Johnson for the murder of Miss Florence A. Allison of Ammors-town, January 18, has begun. The court warned the audience not to make any demonstration during the trial.

BANK CHANGED LOCATION.

House Passed Senate Bill Authorizing Change of Location. Washington, Feb. 8.—The House passed the Senate bill authorizing the National Bank at Graham, Virginia, to change its location to Bluefield, W. Va.

North Carolina Postmaster.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The fourth-class postmasters appointed are: For North Carolina, at Millington, R. D. Lowder. For South Carolina, at Burcol, Tracy H. Martin.

NO HONORARY MEMBERS.

Reports U. S. That Roosevelt Was Considered As Honorary Member of Camp A.

By Associated Press. Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 8.—Col. John S. Prather, commander of Camp A, Wheeler's Confederate Cavalry, has issued a statement denying the reports that a resolution was offered to elect President Roosevelt an honorary member of Camp A, and that the resolution "met with spirited opposition and was voted down."

BOLD BURGLARY.

Home of Mr. Richard Peeler, Employee of Post Job Office Entered. Money Stolen. Salisbury, N. C., Feb. 8.—A bold burglary was committed in this city last night. The home of Mr. Richard Peeler, an employee of the Post job office, was entered by a man wearing a mask and the robber rifled his pockets, securing \$26. Mr. Peeler saw the man, who made his escape before he could be used as a target. It is supposed he had a confederate on the outside. The officers have a clue and are working on the case today.

Burglaries and robberies have been numerous in this recently, a dozen or more houses having been entered within the past two months.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE.

President Confers With House Subcommittee Regarding Hazing Laws. Washington, Feb. 8.—A conference was held at the White House between the President and the sub-committee of the House Naval Affairs Committee respecting the proposed legislation regarding hazing at the Naval Academy. The committee is in accord with the views of the President and Secretary Benaparte that the existing laws are not quite fair and dismissal from the academy should not follow necessarily a conviction for hazing. A measure will be drawn in accord with the President's views.

THE SMOOT CASE.

William J. Thomas Testified.—He Explained Certain Oath He Had Taken. Washington, Feb. 8.—William J. Thomas, of Spanish Fork, of Utah, testified in the Smoot investigation that he had gone through the Endowment House in 1869 and had taken the oath to "avenge the blood of the prophet, Joseph Smith, upon this nation, and to teach his children to do so to the third and fourth generation." He said he was dropped from the church in the 80's because he had spoken too openly against plural marriages.

For the Senate.—McD. Watkins. White House has not made public the announcement, it is generally accepted as a fact that Mr. McD. Watkins will run for the State Senate from Mecklenburg. Mr. Watkins is one of the most valued citizens of the county and would make a useful member of the upper branch of the Legislature.

IT WAS THE WISH OF MINISTER WU

Former Chinese Minister Desired that the Imperial Commission Come to Charlotte and Inspect Our Mills. Remembers his Pleasant Visit to the Queen City.

Mr. Loomis Loomis, a prominent and well known cotton mill man and manufacturer of New York City, who is a frequent Charlotte visitor, passed through the city this morning on a Southern business trip.

Mr. Loomis was approached by a News man to learn something of the Chinese Imperial Commission that was sent to this country by the Emperor for the purpose of inspecting American cotton mills.

Mr. Loomis likes Charlotte, and he likes Charlotte people better. He asked 'The News' man to tell our citizens, first of all, that this distinguished body of men expressed themselves, individually, as being very greatly disappointed because they were not permitted to visit Charlotte and inspect our cotton mills. The members of the commission, before leaving their native country, were advised by Wu Ting Fang, formerly Chinese Minister at Washington, to inspect the Charlotte mills for sure. Wu Ting Fang, said Mr. Loomis, told several members of the commission of his visit to this city several years ago and it was on account of this that they earnestly desired to come here.

FIREMEN RESCUE 4 FAMILIES CUT OFF BY SWEEPING FIRE

Fire Swept Through the Large Apartment House on Ryerson Street Brooklyn Early To-day. The Fire was in the Fashionable Section of the City.

Scores of Tenants Driven into Streets Half Dressed. Escape of Four Families Cut Off. Firemen.

By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 8.—Fire swept through the large apartment house at No. 297 Ryerson street, in the fashionable section of Brooklyn today. It drove scores of the tenants to the street half dressed and cut off the escape of four families.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Preached Charged With Sending Obscene Letters Through Mail.—Tried To Kill Himself. Chicago, Feb. 8.—Rev. Justin G. Wade, pastor of the First Congregational church of Waukegan, Ill., arrested yesterday on the charge of sending obscene letters through the mails, attempted to commit suicide today by throwing himself in front of a train on the Chicago and Northwestern Railway. It is stated that he has a chance of recovery.

Death Expected.

It is announced that the injuries received by Wade would probably cause death in a short time.

NO OFFICIAL GIFTS.

All Gifts Sent to Miss Alice Must Be In Name of Sovereign. Washington, Feb. 8.—Mr. Hengel-muller, the Austrian Ambassador and acting dean of the Diplomatic Corps has advised his government it is wise of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt that no official gifts shall be presented to the daughter upon the occasion of her marriage. The other Governments whatever presents are sent will be in the name of the Sovereign.

Death of Mrs. Sharpe.

Mrs. Sharpe who resides at No. 516 Smith street, died this morning at 9:30 o'clock. The deceased was about 65 years old and is survived by several children. The funeral will take place from the residence tomorrow afternoon.

CLOTHING CAUGHT FROM FIRE IN GRASS

Inez Hartgrove, 4 Years Old, of Shelby, Fatally Burned While Standing Near Grass to Which She had Set Fire. Dr. Lee, Travelling Optician is Dead.

Special to The News. Shelby, N. C., Feb. 8.—Inez Grady, the little four-year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hartgrove, was horribly burned last evening. Her clothing caught fire from some dry grass which she had set afire, and she was horribly burned before the flames could be extinguished. She is now in a critical condition, and but very little hopes are entertained for her recovery.

Dr. J. K. Lee, a traveling optician, died at his home here about 6:30 o'clock Wednesday evening of Bright's disease. The deceased was 51 years old, and leaves a wife and five children.

COL. MANN'S TRIAL.

Hand Writing Expert Says Letters "O. K. W. D. M." Do Not Resemble Mann's Handwriting. New York, Feb. 8.—Edwin B. Hay, a handwriting expert, testified in the trial of Col. William D. Mann, editor of Town Topics, on the charge of perjury that the characters "O. K. W. D. M." which it is alleged Col. Mann wrote on the letter from Count Reginald Ward, have no resemblance to the other pieces of Col. Mann's handwriting.

AND NOW BELMONT.

Meeting to Be Held Tonight to Discuss Separate Incorporation.

Following close in the wake of Dilworth, the citizens of Belmont will hold a mass meeting tonight to discuss the question of a separate and distinct town government.

BAD WEATHER TO CONTINUE.

We Are to Have More Rain and Freezing Weather. According to the predictions of Mr. W. J. Bennett, the local weather man, the present bad weather will continue tonight and tomorrow. In his report today Mr. Bennett says:

"The northern high pressure area is moving off to sea by way of the New England coast. It is followed by an area of relatively low pressure over the Lake region, which has caused somewhat warmer weather over that part of the country within some localities. The barometric depression which remained over southern Florida for the past few days, is now moving northward, and increasing in intensity. It has caused rain or sleet generally over the South Atlantic States and East and West Indies. The general northward movement up the coast, rain is indicated for this vicinity tonight and Friday."

MR. MOORE IN RACE TO THE VERY FINISH

His Friends Authorize the Statement that he Will Continue his Canvass for the Clerkship. They say His Present Position is only a Temporary one.

The friends of Mr. C. C. Moore ask The News to state that he has no idea of abandoning his race for clerk of the Superior Court; that the position of State president of the Cotton Growers' Association is only a temporary office and that as soon as he succeeds in a more perfect organization of the farmers he will return home and prosecute his canvass for the clerkship.

MONUMENT TO MAHONE.

Petersburg Council Votes \$1,000 Toward the Project. Petersburg, Va., Feb. 8.—The city council at its meeting this evening took steps looking to the erection of a monument to Gen. William Mahone in Central Park, in Petersburg. A resolution was adopted, the board of aldermen concurring, that an appropriation of \$1,000 be made out of the public treasury of this city to the Mahone Monument Association toward the erection of the monument when the association shall have secured the sum of \$7,000 in subscriptions.

The health board asked the council for an appropriation of \$1,000 to be expended in a general vaccination throughout the city, and for the establishment of a detention camp. Smallpox has made its appearance here, but is confined to negroes. The appropriation asked for, under the State laws, lays over for thirty days.

A resolution was adopted instructing the president of the council to designate a committee to investigate the establishment of a battlefield park near Petersburg.

TO PROTECT THE CRAB LAW.

Maryland Legislature Considering a Bill to Prevent Dredging. Baltimore, Feb. 7.—For several years lobstermen have been disappearing from the Atlantic coast. The Chesapeake Bay terrapin, too, has been growing scarcer every year.

Now comes the announcement that crabs, soft and hard shell, may soon be extinct, and in the Virginia legislature a bill has been introduced by the Representative of Accomac, the chief "crab country" which Norfolk. These factories of crabs in the winter time, while they have hibernated in the mud, the measure was approved by the Virginia board of fisheries.

Senator Heyburn Improved.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, who has been suffering from peritonitis, superinduced by symptoms of appendicitis, is reported today as greatly improved, and his early recovery is expected. Mr. Heyburn was once before threatened with appendicitis, but recovered without an operation. The same treatment was given during his present illness.

INTO SLOW TRAIN CRASHED FLYER CARRYING RUIN

Wreck. Two Locomotives and Four Passenger Cars Completely Demolished. Savannah Train Had Been Delayed.

Neither Signals nor Siding to Give Warning or Protection. Five Passengers Were Injured. The Wreck Occurred on Central of Ga. Ry.

By Associated Press. Forsyth, Ga., Feb. 8.—A rear end collision between the Chicago-Florida fast train and a train which left Atlanta at 9:15 last night for Savannah, occurred three miles north of this city on the Central of Georgia Railroad, shortly after midnight. Five passengers in the rear sleeping car of the Savannah train were injured, but none fatally. The faster train was held at Atlanta for connections and left the other train. It crashed into the Savannah train where there is neither sidetrack nor signal.

The blame has not been fixed. List of Injured. Among the injured were S. H. Bowler, of Atlanta; G. H. Ware, of East Point, Ga.; conductor Pritchett; Engineer Warshaw, mail clerk J. R. Harwell and mail clerk H. D. Walker, all of Atlanta.

The two locomotives and four passenger cars were demolished. Preceding the Savannah train two freight trains had been stalled by the breaking down of their engine. The Savannah train was stopped by disabled trains and before the signals were sent out, the Florida train crashed into the one preceding it.

DARK DAY IN CHICAGO.

Stores and Street Cars Lighted and Street Collisions Frequent. Chicago, Feb. 8.—From early morning until after noon a dense cloud of smoke and clouds hung over Chicago, making it one of the darkest days ever experienced here. All of the stores were lighted as though it were night, and street cars ran with lamps lighted and headlights blazing. At times it was not possible to see more than one square in any direction. Much difficulty was experienced in the streets, the darkness causing many collisions.

On the board of trade, for the first time in many years, there was no announcement of the price of cash wheat at the closing of the session. Dealers pronounced it impossible to determine the character of samples because of the darkness.

Ware, Mass., Feb. 8.—A mongrel dog with two heads, two mouths and three eyes, which died Saturday, has been preserved in alcohol by A. H. Eldridge. The double-headed animal had two sets of nostrils, two windpipes and two throats. In nursing the two heads would quarrel with one another for possession of the mother's breast.

THE COMPANY HAS BEEN "BOTTLED UP"

Senator Tillman Says Baltimore and Ohio has Practically "Bottled up" Red Rock Fuel Co., by Refusing to Allow Connection of Lines.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Mr. Tillman opening the proceedings in the Senate by referring to the petition as previously presented by him from the Red Rock Fuel Company, of West Virginia, complaining that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company had refused to permit that company to connect its tracks with those of the Baltimore and Ohio, thus, as Mr. Tillman expressed it, "bottling up the company."

Mr. Tillman presented a letter from Governor Dawson, of West Virginia, saying he has no doubt that an investigation will show that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company practically controls the Baltimore and Ohio, Chesapeake and Ohio, and Norfolk and Western, which are the only means whereby West Virginia products can be shipped to the markets in the East or the West. The Governor requested an investigation and Senator Tillman said he would ask the Senate to order an inquiry unless the House, which has the matter under consideration, took some action.

Passes Bill.

The Senate passed the bill placing the telegraph operators of the Civil War on a pensionable status. The Senate agreed when it adjourned today, to adjourn until Monday.

Six Months for a Hug.

Petersburg, Va., Feb. 8.—Harry Knight, a young man from Savannah, Ga., was before the mayor's court today, charged with chasing two young women on the streets and hugging one of them against her consent.

NEW BERN NEWS.

Great Bridge Across Newport River to Be Completed by June—Hotel in Prospect.

Special to The News. New Bern, N. C., Feb. 8.—The great bridge which is to convey the A. & N. C. R. R. across Newport river to Beaufort, will be completed by June. The completion of the road to that point will be celebrated by appropriate ceremonies. The road will not have the terminus in Beaufort, but will be extended to the coast, where a coaling station will be established. Enterprising real estate men are already purchasing property near the proposed site. The Atlantic Hotel has not yet been leased. It is believed by many that a hotel to be built at Beaufort will largely supplant the Atlantic, as Beaufort affords some advantages not to be had at Morehead.

The price on all grades of lumber has been considerably advanced. This has somewhat reduced the local building. Judging, however, by the number of floaters and large ocean barges taking in cargoes of lumber at the various mills, the Northern trade is still brisk. The raising of cabbage for the early market is quite an industry here. The truckers realize good profits from the sale of this vegetable. Irish potatoes and peas are also planted largely. The police are thinning out the superfluous dogs. One killed a day or so ago had exhibited unmistakable signs of rabies. Several others had been bitten by him. When it is remembered that New Bern has something like ten thousand dogs, it is not surprising that almost every other one owns a dog, the sum total of the "yaller cur" amounts up. The condition of the streets is somewhat improved today. There had no convulsions yesterday and seemed to be resting well.

DEATH OF MR. FESPERMAN.

Passed Away At the Presbyterian Hospital This Morning. Mr. Lawrence H. Fesperman died this morning at 9 o'clock at the Presbyterian hospital after an illness of about six months. Mr. Fesperman was taken to the hospital about two weeks ago. The body was removed to his home at Belmont from where the funeral services will take place tomorrow afternoon. The deceased is survived by a widow, Mrs. Sarah Fesperman and one son, Mr. E. L. Fesperman, formerly of this city but now of Raleigh.

WIFE DISAPPEARS.

She is Daughter of the Husband's Dead Spouse, Causing Strange Relationship. New York, Feb. 8.—An alarm has been sent out by the Jersey City police for Mrs. Max Bosch, of No. 226 Central avenue, who disappeared last Sunday afternoon. She took away her two children, Louise, eight years, and Martha, four years old.

All three were dressed in their best, and the two girls carried with them their dolls and doll carriages. Although Mrs. Bosch has before disappeared on two occasions she never before took her children with her. Her husband is apprehensive that some accident has befallen his wife. He is fifty-eight years old and she is only twenty-eight. He has a tailor shop in Central avenue, near St. Nicholas Catholic Church. A strange phase of the disappearance developed yesterday. According to Bosch he married a widow with a daughter. She died years ago. He made a death-bed promise that he would marry her daughter. When the daughter reached the age of eighteen he married her, in accordance with the death-bed promise.

NO FOOTBALL FOR HARVARD IN 1906

Faculty Express Opinion to Committee on Regulation of Athletics that Harvard will Take no Part in Intercollegiate Football During Year 1906.

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 8.—The faculty of Harvard has expressed its opinion to the committee on regulation of athletic sports that inter-collegiate football should be prohibited to Harvard students in 1906.

PRESIDENT AS UMPIRE.

Disagreement as to Patronage "Territory" Settled at White House, Tillman Brings Out. Washington, Feb. 8.—Senators Bacon, Spooner, Tillman and others for four hours today debated the extent to which the Senate should go while negotiating a treaty with a foreign power. The conference at Algerias furnished the object lesson. Mr. Bacon contended that the Senate had a right to make the President who negotiates a treaty and need not wait until it was presented to the Senate for ratification. Senator Spooner took the opposite view.

Senator Tillman asked Mr. Spooner about the recent visit of himself and Senator La Follette to the White House when "appointments" were under consideration. Mr. Tillman's point was that it is as fitting to advise the President before making a treaty as before making an appointment. Senator La Follette blushed and looked embarrassed when Senator Tillman made a categorical inquiry concerning the distribution of Federal patronage between the Wisconsin Senators.

PROVISIONS OF THE R. R. RATE BILL, PASSED BY HOUSE

The Hepburn Bill Passes House by Vote of 346 to 7. The Bill Complies Specifically With the Recommendations of President Roosevelt And his Views.

Gives Inter-State, Commerce Commission Power to Alter and Fix Rates Complained of, Gives Definition of Words "Railroad" and "Transportation."

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 8.—The Hepburn bill voted on in the House today complies specifically with the recommendations of the President. It gives the Interstate Commerce Commission authority, when a rate has been complained of, as "unreasonable" by a shipper, to investigate that rate, to state whether or not it is unreasonable and if found unreasonable to name a rate which is to be just and reasonable and fairly remunerative, which is to be the maximum rate to be charged.

This rate so fixed, is to go into effect 30 days after it is announced by the Commission, subject during that time to be set aside or suspended by the Commission or by the courts. After it has gone into effect it is to remain the rate for three years. During this time, the opinion has been expressed by those who have participated in the debate that the rate may also be reviewed by the courts and, if found to be in conflict either with the terms of the act, or with the constitution, by being confiscatory, can be set aside by the courts.

Another important feature is the definition of the word and in a manner to include all auxiliary instrumentalities of the common carrier and to bring them within control of the Commission. This power to name a reasonable rate and the inclusion of the auxiliaries within the jurisdiction of the Commission are said to be new features. All the other provisions are modifications of the existing law. They include publicity of railroad methods, which is to be aided by a prescribing system of bookkeeping, enlarging the Commission to seven and increasing the salaries of the members to \$10,000 per year.

The Vote.

The House passed the Hepburn Railroad Rate bill by a vote of 346 to 7. Those voting against the bill were Messrs. Littlefield, McCall, Perkins, Sibley, Southwick, Vreeland and Weeks.

Pension Bills.

The House then took up the Pension Appropriation bill. Public Building Bill. The Senate passed the bill appropriating \$100,000 for the erection of a federal building at Fernandina, Fla.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Passed By Stonewall Jackson Chapter on Death of Mrs. Clarkson. At a meeting of the Stonewall Jackson Chapter U. D. C., Saturday February 3rd, the following resolutions were adopted:

"We, the members of the Stonewall Jackson Chapter, North Carolina Division U. D. C., desire to place on record the deep sense of our loss by death of one of our most beloved members, Mrs. Lizzie Yates Clarkson, who on the 20th of January, 1906, entered into eternal rest.

"While we deeply mourn her loss, we bow in submission to the will of God.

"May her memory be to us, who remain, a continual inspiration, to more faithful service in our work.

To her bereaved family we extend our heartfelt sympathy; May the God of all comfort abide with them in their sore affliction.

"That a page in the Chapter minute book be devoted to her memory. That a copy be sent to the family." MRS. ARMISTEAD BURWELL. MRS. W. R. BURWELL. MRS. A. L. SMITH, Committee.

THE CRIMINAL DOCKET.

Was Completed Today—267 Cases Have Been Docketed. Deputy Clerk William Moore today completed the criminal docket for the two-weeks' term that begins next week.