

BANKERS WILL MEET JUNE 19-21 AT PLACE TO BE SELECTED

Executive Committee Met in Raleigh To-day and Reached Above Decision. State Officials Observe Washington's Birthday.

Governor not to Interfere in Execution of Jessie Mitchell, Colored. Pardons for Four Men. May Purchase Plant of Wake Water Co.

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 22.—The executive committee of the North Carolina Bankers' Association met here today and selected June 19, 20 and 21 as the time for holding the annual meeting.

The decision depends on a telegram expected before the afternoon session, at 3:30. It is very likely that Toxaway will be chosen.

All the state offices are closed in observance of Washington's birthday today.

Governor Glenn declines to interfere further with the execution of the death sentence on Jesse Mitchell, the negro under sentence to be hanged in Bertie county for the murder of his wife. Two respite have been allowed the last being to March 1.

Another pardon is to Godwin Pool serving 15 years for burglary in the second degree from Hertford county. The man was found in the room of the bar-keeper who sold him the liquor from which he was drunk, nothing being stolen. He has served ten years and has a good record.

The Governor refuses to grant pardons to Gilmer Vanney, serving sentence from Wake county for incest; G. S. Davis serving a sentence from Johnston county for stealing a bale of cotton; W. D. Ellison, serving a sentence from Wake county for going into a trunk of his roommate with a false key and stealing money and John Strickland, serving one year on the roads of Anson county for larceny.

Neither of these sentences the Governor finds to have been excessive. Sheriff Duncanson, of Bertie county, was here today to commit to the penitentiary a fourteen-year-old negro boy to serve ten years for an attempted outrage on a white school teacher in that county.

McCluskey Triplets Are Dead. Stamford, Conn., Feb. 22.—Alice Roosevelt, Mary Longworth and Clara Louise McCluskey, the Stamford triplets named after the President's daughter, her husband's mother and the attending physician's wife, are all dead. Mary Longworth McCluskey, the last to expire, died late this afternoon.

YOUNG-MCLEAN NUPTIALS.

Charlotte Boy Wins a Beautiful Savannah Young Lady.

Special to The News. Savannah, Ga., Feb. 22.—An event of unusual beauty and dignity was the quiet marriage last evening at the home of the bride of Miss Maryon Morrison MacLean to Mr. Robert Burton Young.

Although a home wedding to which members of both families and the more intimate friends of the bride and bridegroom were asked, it was surrounded with general and cordial interest.

The bride, who is the second daughter of Mr. Malcolm MacLean, has always lived here and has grown up among a circle of young people to whom she is greatly endeared.

Mr. Young, while originally from Charlotte, N. C., where his people still live, at one time resided in Savannah for several years and both he and his bride are among the most popular members of the younger society set, with, with in spite of his removal from Savannah, he is still identified.

Artistic decorations by Oelschig, at once simple and lovely, beautified Mr. MacLean's home on Drayton street, and made a perfect setting for the interesting event.

Mr. and Mrs. Young left during the evening on their wedding trip, the bride wearing for the journey a tailor suit of clothing of invisible plaid, made with long coat. Her hat was of black gimpure, the brim raised at the back with knots of soft ribbon, the only other trimming being of flowers crushed between brim and crown.

After their wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Young will reside at Mulberry, Fla., where they will immediately begin housekeeping.

Mr. Young is connected with Mr. Joseph Hull's Company, the Prairieville Phosphate Company.

LOOKING AFTER HIS ABODE.

Supt. McManus Dropped in Today to Locate His Office.

Mr. P. S. McManus the genial and clever superintendent of the Charlotte division of the Southern, came in this morning to see exactly where the boys have located him in the new station building.

While on a trip down the line several months ago, Mrs. McManus decided to move her residence. She never let her husband on to her plans, so when he returned he went to his home, found the doors locked and a "For Rent" card on the front door. So the clever superintendent of the Charlotte division decided that no such state of affairs should exist as to his place of business, therefore he dropped in this morning to see where he is "at."

REICHSTAG CONSIDERED.

Passed First and Second Reading Without Amendment.

Berlin, Feb. 22.—The Reichstag today passed its first and second reading, without an amendment of the government's proposal to extend the reciprocal tariff rates to the United States until June 30, 1907.

BANDITS COLLECT RANSOM.

Although Paid \$2,000, They Hold Their Prisoner for More.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 22.—The bandits who kidnaped Col. Robert Hannigan, the Deming (N. M.) ranchman, from a stage near Siler City, N. M., are alleged to have collected \$2,000 ransom money to date, \$1,000 from the Colonel and \$1,000 from his son, yet they still hold him.

Officers fear to attack the bandits in their retreat in Mongolian Mountain, lest they kill the prisoner.

FATHER OF COUNTRY IS REMEMBERED ON HIS BIRTHDAY

Senate Devotes First Hour Today to George Washington. Chaplain Hale Offered Prayer Dwelling on Importance of Commemorating Every Memory.

Prayer was Followed by Reading of Washington's Farewell Address. Blind Chaplain of House Extols Name of Father of his Country.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 22.—The first hour of the time of the Senate today was devoted to George Washington. In his opening prayer Chaplain Hale dwelt on the importance of "Commemorating every memory of him who was first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

And in accordance with the custom established a few years ago at the instance of Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, the prayer was followed immediately by the reading of Washington's farewell address by Mr. McCreary of Kentucky.

At University of Pa. Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—Washington's birthday was observed by the University of Pennsylvania with customary University exercises at the Academy of Music, the conferring of honorary degrees upon public men being a part of the celebration.

More than 3000 students marched from the University Campus to the Academy of Music to participate in the exercises.

In the House. The name of George Washington was extolled by the blind chaplain of the House in his invocation at the opening of the session today. Immediately Mr. Williams, the minority leader endeavored to get an adjournment as a holiday, but failed.

Senator Knox's Bill. Senator Knox today introduced his interstate commerce bill. It broadens the House bill and contains provision for review by courts of orders of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

N. C. STATE ARCHIVES.

Resolution Today in Senate to Return Them to This State.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 22.—A Senate current resolution was agreed to providing for the return of certain state archives of North Carolina, now in the possession of the State Department.

The army appropriation bill was then taken up.

Carter Favored Prisoners.

By Associated Press. Savannah, Ga., Feb. 22.—Letters were introduced in the Green-Gaynor trial today to show that Carter was more liberal in the extension of the Greens and Gaynor contracts than he was regarding that of A. J. Twigg, of Augusta, who was improving the Savannah river.

W. M. Currie Chosen.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 22.—W. M. Currie was nominated postmaster at Maxton, N. C., today.

They Talk of Charlotte.

Mr. David P. Byers, one of the most popular traveling men on the road, is at home for a few days. Mr. Byers tells The News man that the people far and wide, are talking of Charlotte's wonderful growth.

Boys Play Ball Game.

The two baseball teams from the fifth grades of the South graded school played a match game of baseball this morning. The final score was 30 to 17 in favor of Miss McClintock's grade. The features of the game were the pitching of the Black brothers and the catching of Fetner. Home runs were made by Paul Black, Kenneth Culpepper and Fetner.

BRIDE HOLDS UP A TRAIN.

Stops a Flyer on Which Husband Is Escaping, But Is Eluded. Freeland, Pa., Feb. 22.—A bride of eight months, Mrs. Florence Kinsey, Alderman Crellin for non-support, and on Kinsey's promise to be good he was released. At noon he went to Hazleton and she followed him to the Pennsylvania station. Kinsey took her arm affectionately and denied his intention of deserting her while they promenaded the platform.

When the flyer pulled out he rudely threw his wife off and jumped aboard. The frantic cries of the young bride were unheeded by the conductor, but the fireman, glancing back, saw her and brought the train to a stop. The woman boarded the train, but the husband slipped out ahead and alighted, followed by his wife. The train again started, but Kinsey managed to get aboard and eluded his pursuer.

SALISBURY NEWS ITEMS.

A Long List of News Briefs From City of Salisbury.

Special to The News. Salisbury, N. C., Feb. 22.—The ladies of St. Luke's Episcopal Church will give a musical concert at the residence of Mrs. J. D. McNeely, on South Jackson street, this evening. The concert is given for charitable purposes and the best talent of the city will participate. It promises to be a great success.

Dr. Julius Busby, of Spencer, has been appointed surgeon for Lane Bros. & Co., who have the contract to double-track the Southern between Salisbury and High Point.

James Manning Dunaway lectured at Spencer last night on "How to Get Married and Stay So."

Rev. William Spurgeon, of England, and a noted divine, preached in the First Methodist Church at Spencer this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock.

Mr. James H. Horah will be a candidate for the State Senate from Rowan. Mr. Horah is a young lawyer of ability and will make a strong fight for the nomination.

Mr. Thomas Green, administrator upon the estate and uncle of William Green, who was run over and killed while at work on a shifting engine on the Salisbury yards in January, has employed counsel and will enter suit against the Southern Railway in the sum of \$20,000.

The land secured by the Brennen Lumber Company for the location of its immense mills is being laid off into streets preparatory to the erection of houses. The location is just northwest of the city and the new suburb will be called Belmont. Between 100 and 150 hands will be employed.

Sarah Bernhardt, the great actress, will appear in Salisbury at Meroney's New Theatre, Saturday evening, March 10th, the manager of the house having been successful in making a contract with Mme. Bernhardt's manager for a date. It will be the highest priced attraction ever booked here, a guarantee of several thousand dollars being made. Hundreds are expected to be present from neighboring points.

Mr. James Loman, of the machinist department at the Spencer shops, met with a serious accident yesterday and one which may prove fatal. A fast revolving wheel struck and a flying piece struck him in the forehead, inflicting a ugly wound. He was taken to the Whitehead-Stokes Sanatorium.

All the banks and the postoffice are closed today—Washington's birthday. Appropriate exercises were held at the city schools.

The sessions of the 15th annual convention of the State Council Junior Order of United American Mechanics are being well attended. The delegates for the most part are representative men of the State. The report of Treasurer Fulp shows receipts since last report, \$7,774.81; disbursements, \$6,541.36. There is in the treasury \$6,565.20. The total receipts of subordinate councils during the year were \$89,281.08; \$15,346.50 were paid out in sick benefits; \$19,996.25 death benefits and \$31,211.08 in funeral benefit assessments. There was at the end of the fiscal year \$20,160.73 in the treasuries of the various councils.

The value of council property, real and personal, is \$32,050.20. The secretary's report shows 153 councils in the State, a gain of 14 for the year. The membership is 12,070, a gain of 1,979. Forsyth county leads with a total membership of 1,213; Rowan has 828 and Mecklenburg 402. There are councils in 59 counties of the State.

The following officers were elected yesterday afternoon: Conciller, R. T. Pool, of Troy; vice conciller, Charles G. Lee, of Asheville; secretary, Sam. F. Vance, of Winston-Salem; assistant secretary, R. H. Fulghum, of Wilson; conductor, W. T. Brooks, of Haw River; warren, Theo. D. Brown, of Salisbury; Past State Conciller, Z. P. Smith, of Raleigh; inside sentinel, W. T. Garvis, of Charlotte. The place of the next meeting will be decided today. Several cities are after it. The meeting will probably close tonight.

THE CUBANS HONOR THE LONGWORTHS

Committees and Leading Men of Havana Received on Deck of "Mascottee" by Nicholas and His Wife and The New U. S. Minister to Cuba.

By Associated Press. Havana, Feb. 22.—The steamer Mascottee, having on board Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth and Edwin V. Morgan, the new American minister to Cuba, arrived here this morning from Florida, after a smooth trip, and was boarded by attaches of the American legation and Frank Steinhardt, the American Consul at Havana, the rest of the evening had her husband before the eyes of the Cuban Congress and President Palma's military aide de camp, who were received by the travelers on the after deck.

Congressman Govin, as spokesman of the committee, briefly and cordially welcomed Minister Morgan, and assured Mr. and Mrs. Longworth that Cuba was delighted with the opportunity of honoring the daughter of her best friend.

Mr. and Mrs. Longworth went ashore in a launch in charge of the Cuban President's aide de camp, a gaily decorated tug, chartered by the American Club, accompanying them.

Thence they were driven in an automobile to Mr. Morgan's residence in the suburb of Mariano. The Longworths plan to remain here a week.

COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE AFFAIRS OF INSURANCE CO'S.

Joint Committee of Senate and General Assembly of State of New York Make Report on Investigation of Affairs of Life Insurance Companies.

Report Covers Printed Pamphlet of 319 Pages. Matters Demanding Consideration of Legislature. Synopsis of Report.

By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 22.—The report of the joint committee of the Senate and Assembly of the State of New York appointed to investigate the affairs of the life insurance companies, covers a printed pamphlet of 319 pages.

The matters demanding the consideration of the legislature for the purpose of remedying the existing evils and establishing more securely the business of life insurance in this State, are grouped under the following heads: Organization of life insurance corporations; control, or rights of policyholders in the election of directors; reformation of stock; investment, including syndicate participations; limitation of new business; political contributions; lobbying; limitation of expenses; valuation of policies; rebate; surrender values; ascertainment and distribution of surplus; remedies of policyholders, or right to resort to the courts; forms of policies; publicity and State supervision; penalties.

The committee recommends that article 11 of the insurance law be so amended as to permit the formation, thereunder, of mutual corporations, without capital stock, to transact the business of life insurance and for such other purposes as are authorized to be connected therewith in case of stock corporations; provided that at least 500 persons have subscribed to become members, therein, in the aggregate amount of at least \$1,000,000, to be insured upon their lives and shall have each paid in one full annual premium in cash upon the insurance subscribed for. And, provided further, that it shall make the same deposits with the Superintendent of Insurance that are required of the stock corporation form for similar purposes.

Section 200 permitting the incorporation of companies upon the co-operative or assessment plan, should be amended so as not to permit such companies to be incorporated in the future and the foreign companies of this sort not already transacting business in this State should not be permitted to enter the State.

Concerning the so-called Mutual companies, the committee says: "Notwithstanding their theoretical rights, the policy holders have had little or no voice in the management. Entrenched behind proxies easily collected by subservient agents and running for long periods, unless expressly revoked, the officers of these companies have occupied unassailable positions and have been able to exercise despotic power.

The most fertile source of evils in the administration has been the irresponsibility of official power. However, much this may be expected in the case of absolute stock control, in that of a Mutual company it proceeds from a flagrant disregard of the law of its being.

While it would be plainly unwise that the management of a life insurance company should be rendered unstable or that its personnel should be frequently changed, it is of first importance that the officers should realize their direct responsibility to those whom they represent and should rely for their continuance in office upon proved efficiency and not upon the practical inability of the policy holders to depose them.

With these objects in view the committee recommends a plan providing for the participation of policyholders in the election of officers, voting to be limited to those who have been insured at least one year before election and whose policies are still in force when the election is held.

As to the stock companies, the committee recommends mutualization. In the subject of investments of life insurance companies, the committee after declaring against "Syndicates" recommends that the law be amended so as to provide among other things that no investment in stock of any corporation shall be permitted, except in public stocks of municipal corporations.

That investments in bonds secured to the extent of more than one-third of the value of the entire security therefore by hypothecation of corporate stocks shall be prohibited.

That no loans shall be made upon stocks and bonds which are not the subject of purchase under the above provisions.

The statute should also forbid all syndicate participations, transactions for the purchase and sale on joint account, and the making of any agreement providing that the company shall withhold from sale for any time, or subject to the discretion of others, any securities which it may own or acquire.

The committee recommends the limiting amount of new business which each of the larger companies may take to \$150,000,000 a year and that no company doing business in the State, except the industrial companies shall issue policies in excess of certain prescribed limits.

The contributions by the insurance corporations for political purposes should be strictly forbidden. Neither the executive officers nor directors should be allowed to use the moneys paid for the purpose of insurance in the support of a political candidate or platform.

The devious methods taken to conceal payments of this sort are confessions of their illicit character. They illustrate the manner in which the executive officers have treated the funds of the company virtually as their own, abusing their power to disburse them without proper accounting. Whether made for the purpose of supporting political views or with a desire to obtain protection for corporation, these contributions have been wholly unjustifiable. The committee recommends passage of an unequivocal and drastic measure to remedy evil.

Lobbying: Nothing disclosed by the investigation deserves more serious attention than the systematic efforts of the large insurance companies to control a large part of the legislation of the State. Their operations have extended beyond the state and the country has been divided into districts so that each company might perform conveniently its share of the work. Enormous sums have been expended in a surreptitious manner. This course of conduct has created a wide-spread conviction that large portions of this money have been dishonestly used.

Andrew Hamilton, who, within ten years, received upwards of \$1,000,000 from the New York Life on the warrant of its president in connection with its bureau of legislation and taxation, has remained abroad and has failed to render any proper account, showing the disposition of the money.

The officers of the Equitable, from whom light might have been expected on disbursements of their company either have remained out of jurisdiction or have been disabled by illness. On account of the absence of the necessary witnesses and lack of proper voices, the committee has not been able to trace the moneys said to have been disbursed in connection with legislation. They suggest the necessity of requiring a strict accounting from those who are responsible for payments as well as from agents who have received moneys.

Regarding the contention of the insurance companies that they have been continuously menaced by the introduction of improper and ill-advised legislative measures in many states, the committee states that insurance corporations have a peculiar advantage in opposing legislative measures which are really antagonistic to the interests of policy holders, because a large number of voters are policy holders and because the state department of insurance protects them. They therefore maintain that the employment of agents to disburse large sums, and of clandestine methods to defeat legislation, is wholly inexcusable.

Continuing the committee says: "Pernicious activities of corporate agents in matters of legislation demand that the present freedom of lobbying should be restricted. They have sought suspension upon important proceedings of the legislature and have exposed its members to consequent assault. The legislature should free itself from the stigma which now attaches to the progress of the measures affecting important interests."

Recommendation is made that the evil be corrected by publicity of moneys expended in connection with matters before the legislature.

Professional services in promoting legislation may be entirely honorable and are frequently necessary. The committee therefore recommends that the Legislative law be amended requiring every person retained or employed for compensation as counsel or agent to promote or oppose the passage of bills to file with the secretary the name of his employer together with a brief description of the legislative matter with reference to which the service is to be rendered.

Fees contingent upon legislative action should be prohibited. Expenses: The committee deems it inadvisable to

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DR. AYERS SAYS A REVOLUTION IS NOW IMMINENT

Says Trouble is Due to Deep Seated Antipathy to Government. Feeling of Dissatisfaction is Spreading and Revolution will Probably be Outcome.

Desire to Overthrow Manchu Dynasty. Boycott of American Goods. Expression of Revolutionary Purpose. Student Class Influential.

By Associated Press. San Francisco, Feb. 22.—Dr. T. W. Ayers, who has been engaged in hospital work in North Carolina for five years, in connection with the Southern Baptist Mission, has arrived.

In a discussion of the situation in China, he said: "All of the trouble now brewing in China is directly attributable to the deep seated and unconquerable antipathy toward the government.

"A feeling of dissatisfaction is spreading, and to my mind, revolution is imminent.

"The anti-foreign feeling is merely one of the expressions of the movement which has for its purpose the unseating of the Manchu dynasty and the establishment of a Republican form of government in its stead.

"The boycott on American goods, similarly, is an expression of the same revolutionary purpose.

"The student class has become a numerous and influential body.

"These students, who are members of the better classes in China, are responsible for the growth and propagation. The anti-foreign feeling is not directed particularly toward the missionaries. The doctrine that is being spread abroad in the Empire is that the foreigners are there to grab territory and the Chinese can see that the missionaries are not in China to make money or grab territory."

HALF OF FACE BEAUTIFUL.

Other Half Hideously Marked With Freckles and Pimples—Living Examples.

New York, Feb. 20.—At the beauty parlors of Mrs. Anna Ruppert, New York's leading complexion specialist, located at 32 West 25th street, New York City, two young women have been on exhibition with the right side of their faces entirely cleared of freckles and pimples and the other sides left as they were, hideously marred.

Madame Ruppert selected this plan of proving the efficacy of her renowned Face Bleach. No clearer demonstration could be given as the comparison is startlingly wonderful. Madame Ruppert offers to mail free her new book, How to be Beautiful, which gives a full description in detail of her method, to any one suffering from either pimples or freckles, who will write to her.

Another Will Harris. Lying on one of the desks in Clerk J. A. Russell's office is a notice of a divorce suit that will come up at the next term of the civil court. The parties to the suit are Will Harris and Virgie Harris. At first glance the reporter suspected that the wife of the notorious outlaw Will Harris had given up the idea of ever seeing her partner again. On closer examination it was found that the Will Harris named in the document is from Gaston county and he, it is, who desires the matrimonial bonds to be severed.



BUST OF WASHINGTON Which Constitutes the Latest Evidence of the Franco-American Fraternity



RICHARD A. MCCURDY, The Dethroned President of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, Who Will Have to Pay Back.