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## CONGRESS TO ORDER.

WITH CRISP IN THE CHAIR THE 52ND CONGRESS IS READY FOR BUSINESS.

The President's Message—Still for Protection—The Anti-Option Bill—An Extra Session.

WASHINGTON, December 5, '92. "The house will please be in order," were the words of Speaker Crisp as he sat on the big clock facing the speaker's chair came together over the XII and they were accentuated by a sharp rap with the gavel he held uplifted in his right hand; and the last session of the fifty-second congress was open for business. The attendance was fairly good for an opening session.

Mr. Harrison's annual message will not go into congress until tomorrow, but your correspondent has read it. The general style of the message is far below that of those previously written by Mr. Harrison. It demonstrates one thing very clearly. Mr. Harrison still clings to protection.

The attendance at the opening session of the senate was better proportionately than that in the house but that may have been largely owing to the fact that a resolution adopted at the last session the anti-option bill was made the regular order for today. No help is expected by democrats from the international monetary conference now sitting, in solving the silver problem.

Unless several republican senators shall vote differently from the way they talk it is probable that the house bills for the admission to statehood of New Mexico and Arizona will be taken up and passed by the senate at this session.

The cholera scare is being worked for all it is worth to work up sentiment in congress in favor of a suspension of immigration for one year, and it is to a certain extent succeeding.

A majority of the democrats in this congress appear to think that present indications point to the necessity for an extra session of the next congress. R.

## The M. C. Midland Railroad.

Winston, N. C., Dec. 1.—At the annual stockholders' meeting of the North Carolina Midland Railroad Company, President Andrews read his annual report, which showed the road in good material condition. The financial report showed receipts less than the operating expenses. The following directors were elected: W. G. Oakman, New York; Maj. Turner Morehead, Leaksville; A. Leazar, Mooresville; Rev. W. C. Wilson, T. B. Bailey, E. M. Johnson, Mocksville; H. E. Fries, Salem; J. W. Alepugh, J. B. Vaughn, G. W. Hinshaw, Winston; A. B. Andrews, H. W. Miller, Raleigh. Oct. A. B. Andrews was re-elected president. Maj. Turner Morehead, vice president; H. W. Miller, secretary.

## A Virginia Hero.

On the 29th ult., at Petersburg, Va., a bronze statue to Gen. Ambrose P. Hill, one of the most heroic of Virginia's soldiers, and one of Lee's best corps commanders, was unveiled with appropriate ceremonies. Gen. Hill is a great favorite with North Carolinians, for most of his command were from this state and he said he would rather command them than the soldiers from any other state, because they were better soldiers. This is authentic.

Said for a Song.

CHERAW, S. C. Nov. 30.—The Cheraw & Salisbury railroad was sold today at public sale at Cheraw, S. C., and was bought by the Cheraw & Darlington Railroad Company for \$50,000.

## STATE NEWS.

The streams in the eastern part of the state are said to be rapidly filling up with carp.

Several of our state exchanges speak of the unusual amount of game in the woods this fall.

The Carteret Times says that Mr. John Seawell while out fishing caught 8,600 croakers at one haul.

Rev. W. A. Pool has resigned the pastorate of the Baptist church of Statesville on account of ill health.

The annual North Carolina Methodist Conference will be held this year at Goldsboro, beginning December 12th.

The friends of Wade Harris, editor of the Charlotte News, are pushing him for superintendent of the U. S. mint in that city.

The amount of pensions for each of the classes provided for by our State is: First class \$68; second, \$54; third, \$34; fourth, \$17.

News has been received of the death at Kerneraville of Rev. H. W. Peebles, of the Methodist Protestant church, at the age of 70.

Congressman B. F. Grady, of the third district, declares himself "in favor of an extra session and of absolute free trade as soon as we can get it."

Capt. John A. Cooper, of Wilkes, has been elected president of the First National Bank of Statesville, succeeding Geo. F. Shepherd, Esq., resigned.

According to the Goldsboro Argus, the Wilmington and Weldon railroad carried 292,143 local and 88,688 through passengers for the year ending June 30.

Cards have been issued for the marriage of Mr. Clarence W. Thornburg and Miss Susie Adams, daughter of Mr. Len H. Adams, of Raleigh. The date is December 8.

Congressman-elect Alexander replies as follows to a New York Herald inquiry: "If a proper tariff bill can be prepared by March 4 I favor an extra session. If not I think it best not to have one."

Mr. John Stanly Thomas, of Newbern, who has been a student at Princeton theological seminary, becomes dean of the celebrated New York city trade schools, in which there are 600 students.

Thomas Settle went to Raleigh to look after his interest at the meeting of the State returning board. He claims his election to congress from the fifth district but does not feel contented over the contest which Williams is making.

The Morganton Herald says the complete official vote of the eighth congressional district shows that 33,676 votes were polled, of which 16,916 were cast for Bower, democrat, 13,200 for Wilcox, republican, and 3,560 for Patton, third partyite.

Governor Holt offers \$200 reward for the unknown persons who nine months ago set fire to the dwelling of G. W. Livingstone in Henderson county, and completely destroyed it. Solicitor W. C. Newland of that district recommended the offer of the reward.

The legislative joint committee is called to meet December 13, to examine the bonds and vouchers of the state treasurer and auditor. The following compose the committee: W. D. Turner, chairman, Statesville; J. J. Long, Whiteville; W. H. McCluer Haysville; Z. V. Walser, Lexington; J. Q. A. Bryan, Wilkesboro.

## CONFERENCE ADJOURNS

AFTER A HIGHLY INTERESTING SESSION.

Wonderful Growth Manifested—A Healthy Financial Status—Statesville District Appointments.

WINSTON, Dec. 5.—The third annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference closed this evening. At the morning session the board of church extension reported \$2,000 assessments for the past year, with \$1,615.24 paid.

The report of the committee on church property was read, and showed: Local preachers, 200; members, 60,867—increase, 4,107; number of churches, 606½—increase, 2½; value of churches, \$640,447—increase, \$10,234.76; number of parsonages, 89—increase, 5; value of parsonages, \$112,487—increase, \$4,000; value of other property, \$66,429; number of Sunday schools, 623; scholars, 40,752.

The finance board reported the assessments for bishops last year, \$1,420; next year, \$1,440; conference funds assessments last year, \$5,000. The joint board recommended that conference raise next year for conference claimants \$5,000. The board of missions asked that \$10,000 be raised next year for domestic missions.

STATESVILLE DIST.—J. R. SCROGGS, P. E.

Statesville station, D. Addins, Jas. Wilson.

Statesville circuit, R. S. Webb.

Iredell circuit, M. D. Giles.

Mt. Zion station, J. Shelby.

Mooresville circuit, W. S. Dawson.

Mooresville station, J. A. Bowles.

Rock Spring circuit, P. L. Terrill.

East Lincoln circuit, J. W. Clegg.

Catawba circuit, J. M. Downum.

Newton circuit, G. W. Ivey.

Hickory and Lenoir station, C. G. Little.

Lenoir circuit, H. H. Jordan.

Caldwell circuit, J. J. Brooks.

Alexander circuit, J. T. Stover.

Connolly Springs circuit, W. L. Sherrill.

The Desperate Work of a Masked Assassin.

SANFORD, N. C., Dec. 3.—News has just been received here by a special messenger of the most terrible tragedy known in the history of Moore county, which happened in Packet township about fifteen miles from Sanford.

Randall McDonald, aged about 70 years, and two sisters, ages 75 and 83 years, all unmarried, resided together.

Last night about 7 o'clock some one knocked at their door. Mr. McDonald opened it and an unknown man entered and made for a gun standing in some part of the room, at the same time drawing a pistol from his pocket.

He picked up the gun and demanded their money, and deliberately shot dead the elder of the two sisters with the pistol, the ball entering the forehead just over the eye, then shot the younger one, the ball entering through the nose and passing out through back of the head.

She fell with her head in the fire, calling on the assassin to save her from the fire, which he refused to do, her bonnet and her hair being burned.

He then robbed Mr. McDonald of what money he had and made his escape.

The Trestle Crashed.

WINSTON, N. C., Dec. 1.—At 8:30 tonight a fearful accident occurred here. The two hundred foot trestle leading out from the Norfolk & Western railroad depot went down carrying with it a large Hog engine and six freight cars.

## JAY GOULD IS DEAD.

THE MOST AUCACIOUS MONEYGETTER OF THESE MODERN DAYS.

The Chief Cause of "Black Friday"—The Leader of the Gold Conspiracy—He Leaves a Fortune of Sixty Millions or more.

Jay Gould is dead!

The greatest financier of this age is carried away by consumption.

To every man in this country the announcement has a meaning.

Ten thousand ruined men will curse the dead man's memory.

At 9:15 o'clock on the morning of December 2nd, Jay Gould surrendered his earthly possessions, and entered into the stern realities of that unknown world from whence no traveler ever returneth.

In many respects he was a most extraordinary man. There was nothing in the personality of Mr. Gould to attract the attention of the stranger. He was exceedingly modest and retiring apparently, and when revolving in his mind the most stupendous financial enterprises, he appeared as cold as an icicle.

His manipulation of stock and bonds has pauperized thousands and driven many strong men to despair; but at last he stands where his name exerts no magic power.

Jay Gould was not wholly bad. In many elements of character he was a worthy man. As a husband and father he was comparatively faultless.

With a determined purpose and an utter disregard of honest methods, he hewed his way from poverty to the most commanding position among the millionaires of the earth.

Had he accumulated his wealth by less dark methods and used it as a Christian he would have been a benefactor to his race, and he would today slumber in the tomb with a memory hallowed by the love and homage of his countrymen; but he deliberately sought wealth by stealth, without the least touch of pity for his victims.

Mr. Gould was born May 27, 1836, and at an early age started on his checkered career as a tanner. He was a pusher and very secretive. His one and only aim was to make money, and like Napoleon, he cared not for consequences—he only inquired the result. His life was a turbulent one from his first stroke to his death. Ruined men, firms and railroads, bribery and financial panic mark the path he trod to acquire his millions. No scheme was too daring for him.

He lost or gained with the same facial expression and only thought of self. He leaves an interesting family and over \$60,000,000, but he is not mourned by a world for which he had no thought or consideration.

## Treasury Report.

The statement of receipts and expenditures show the following:

Receipts, customs \$14,269,379.94; internal revenue \$13,950,706.64; national bank deposit fund \$54,750; miscellaneous \$1,419,807.80; total \$28,794,845.38.

Disbursements, civil and miscellaneous, \$7,796,814.98; war, \$4,751,186.70; navy, \$2,763,096.15; Indians, \$559,822.47; pensions, \$13,431,871; national bank fund redemption act, \$1,108,104.50; interests, \$364,988.98; total, \$30,748,882.78.

In November, 1891, the receipts were \$26,917,126.72 and the disbursements \$27,911,002.30.

## The Vote of Wisconsin.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 1.—The official count of the vote of Wisconsin was completed yesterday. It is as follows: Peck, democrat, for governor, 178,193; Spooner, republican, 170,354. Peck's plurality is 7,844.

## GENERAL NEWS.

Charleston, S. C., has 285 bar-rooms.

\$150,000 worth of property was burned in Lynchburg, Va., Thursday.

A large cotton buyer at Athens, Ga., made \$12,000 on the rise of the staple Monday.

"There is no truth in the report that the strike at the Carnegie works will be reopened.

The North Carolina Baptist state convention meets in annual session at Raleigh, Dec. 8th.

Ex-Lieutenant Governor Antoine, colored, of Louisiana, has been convicted of embezzlement.

The monument to the memory of Gen. A. P. Hill was unveiled at Petersburg, Va., on Tuesday.

The Russian government has decided to increase the taxes upon spirits and naphtha, in order to meet the deficit in the revenue.

The Lexington, Va., bar has endorsed Hon. John Randolph Tucker for the place of attorney general in Mr. Cleveland's cabinet.

The oil mill at Barnwell Court House, S. C., was destroyed Tuesday morning by an incendiary fire. Loss \$20,000; insurance \$15,000.

The Episcopal council for the new Southern Diocese of Virginia met in St. Paul's church, Lynchburg, last week for organization.

Alabama proposes a curious remedy for negro suffrage. It is to relieve by law every negro not voting from the payment of taxes.

Cumberland county cast 3,880 votes for Cleveland. Wake cast 3,724 votes, and Buncombe 3,578 'Rah for Cumberland, Wake and Buncombe.

C. W. Parker, of Charlotte, was married Tuesday in Richmond, Va., to Miss Louise Anthony. They will return to their future home, Charlotte, N. C.

Gov. McKinney, of Virginia, is attending the Nicaragua convention in New Orleans. The questions being discussed there are of great interest to the South.

A 5-cent postage stamp issued in Alabama during the Confederacy was sold in New York Tuesday for \$780. The Scott Stamp and Printing Company were the purchasers.

The 43d annual report of the South Carolina institute for the education of the deaf, the dumb and the blind, shows that there is an increased attendance at the State's home.

The betrothal of Prince George of Wales to Princess May of Teck is to be officially announced after the year of mourning for the Duke of Clarence, her former fiancé, has expired.

In Goldsboro because a negro voted the democratic ticket his wife and other negro women attacked and beat him nearly to death. They were arrested and fined eighteen dollars each.—[Ex.

Ex-Governor Fitzhugh Lee, of Virginia, says that he expects no cabinet appointment, and has no intention of again running for governor; but is silent as to his candidacy for the United States senatorship.

A cable from London, says a despatch to the Standard from St. Petersburg says that "The appeals of the provinces to the government for help indicates that the famine will be acute though less general than in 1891."