

## RALEIGH READY FOR LAW MAKERS

Christmas Season Brings Few Casualties; Gardner For Australian Ballot

### FOUR PRISONERS KILLED

RALEIGH, Jan. 1.—The arrival of the new year finds Raleigh and the State hopeful of a prosperous 1929. The holiday period passed happily here with few casualties and none of them serious. News from over the State chronicles the usual celebrations and that Christmas Day was fittingly observed everywhere. Special programs featured exercises in the churches and were carried into the homes through broadcasting stations from Asheville, Charlotte, Greensboro, Raleigh and the remotest corners of the land, which enabled "shut-ins" to unite with the more fortunate in imbibing joyously in celebrations of the world's greatest event.

Employer and employee took a day off and joined hands in the distribution of Christmas cheer to the unfortunate and charitable organizations executed previous plans for relief in a big way. Not a needy family in Raleigh was neglected. In addition to eighty-eight families here who received special attention, the Associated Charities received hundreds of dollars with which to provide for the necessities of isolated cases not included in the list of "opportunities."

With the passing of the holidays discussion of what the approaching session of the General Assembly may or may not do has been revived. The governor-elect announces that he will have no "spokesman," which is taken to signify that he expects to rely upon the entire membership of the two branches for support in providing legislation in harmony with executive ideas. Farm relief measures will probably head the list of legislation to be proposed by Mr. Gardner and is likely to receive first consideration.

### For Australian Ballot

He has already selected a commission composed of twenty leading agriculturalists to study modern methods of farming and this agency is expected to report observations and recommendations during the legislative session. Second in importance on the calendar of the new executive is said to be the Australian ballot, he having repeatedly declared himself in favor of an adequate Australian ballot law. The representative from his county in the General Assembly of 1927 made a strenuous effort to secure the passage of such a law, but his bill was defeated by a close margin and was not reconsidered. Representative Fall predicted a renewal of the fight two years later with O. Max Gardner leading it.

### A State Constabulary?

The members of the General Assembly of 1929 will have many proposals to talk about and many issues to pass upon. One or more bills creating a State highway patrol are expected to be introduced; a proposal to increase the tax on gasoline is predicted; another effort will be made to secure the passage of a workmen's compensation act; the State Corporation Commission may ask that it be granted the regulation of aerial transportation in the State; the fight for an eight months school term is expected to be renewed; and a determined effort to increase the school equalization fund of \$3,250,000, which is allocated to the smaller counties, to five million dollars.

And there are taxes, taxes, taxes of many classes and many kinds to be discussed and this will not be confined to members of the General Assembly. Laymen are planning to take a hand and the first against increases is going to be fast and furious. The talk about excessive taxes is general and the demand for relief insistent.

### Many Republicans

For the first time in years the Republicans are going to be able to do more than make a noise. They will have thirty-five representatives

in the House and twelve or thirteen in the Senate. It is said that they are going to fight for a reduction of taxes and for the enactment of an Australian ballot law. Coles of Wilkes, or Grant of Davie, both experienced legislators, will probably lead the minority in the House, and Senator Guy Weaver of Buncombe, in the Senate. All of the Republican members of the Assembly, and Democrats from the close counties, and coming pledged to a reduction of taxes and there is some danger of the perfection of a "working agreement" in the hope of making good their promises to the folks back home. "Retrenchment" is to be the slogan on the one hand; "A free ballot and a fair count" on the other, and majority leaders may as well prepare for the conflict.

### Coal Mine Fatalities

The death of four convicts and the injury of seven at the Carolina Coal Mine near Sanford last Wednesday afternoon brings on more talk about hiring out prisoners for hazardous employment. Notwithstanding an official inspection three months previous by an official classed as a mining expert, a cable employed in drawing cars to the surface "snapped" and the unfortunates who were being brought out at the conclusion of a day's labor dashed to their death on the retreating receptacle at the bottom of the shaft.

Two of the prisoners were killed outright, two died at the Central prison here on the following morning. The seven injured, many with broken bones, are receiving attention at the prison hospital in Raleigh and all are expected to recover. The lamentable occurrence is greatly regretted by prison authorities and the cause of the accident is being investigated by State and governmental authorities. An explosion in this mine a little more than three years ago caused the deaths of more than fifty white and negro miners, according to report of the Department of Labor and Printing, the last inspection of the mine being by F. E. Cash of Birmingham, Ala., district engineer for the United States Bureau of Mines, was in September of last year.

### Changes In Laws

The Judicial Conference, consisting of members of the Supreme Court, all Superior Court judges and one member appointed from each of the twenty judicial districts, in session here during Thursday and Friday decided to ask the General Assembly of 1929 to make the same changes in the jury system that were rejected by the Legislature two years ago. Separate bills are to be offered for a jury commission, struck jury and power for judges of the Superior Court to appoint an acting foreman of the grand jury in the absence of the foreman. The Conference also agreed that Superior Court Judges in all criminal actions below capital felonies should be allowed to set forth in the sentence recommendations to the governor conditions under which a parole should be granted and the minimum sentence a prisoner should serve.

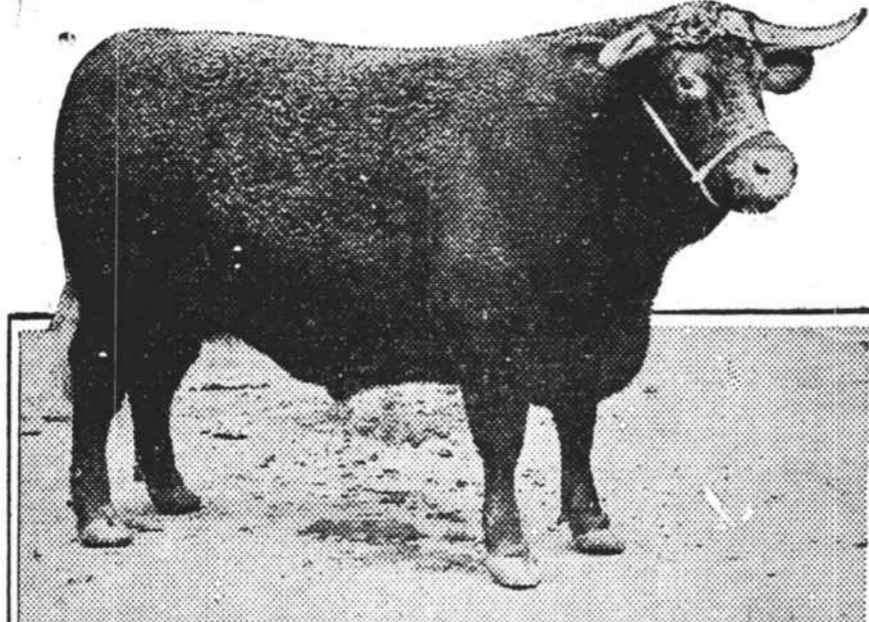
Extending the time limit for issuance of alias summonses to 90 days was favored and in special proceedings involving land cases the conference suggests that the plaintiff be required to file only three copies of his complaint with the clerk of the court instead of sending one to each defendant. The time for filing an answer would be limited to ten days instead of 30 if recommendations of the conference should be accepted.

### Doctors Want Protection

The State Board of Medical Examiners may ask the legislature to make of it "a court of record" when appeals are made from its decision to the Superior Court, the idea being to have cases submitted to the courts on records of hearings before the board. The proposal is expected to come from the legislative committee of the State Medical Society as the result of a decision rendered by Judge Thos. J. Shaw in the Carroll case tried in the Superior Court last year. Doctor Carroll retained his license for the practice of medicine and is still "doing business at the old stand."

A spirited contest is predicted

## Husky British Champion



This sturdy Devon steer was awarded first prize at the recent cattle show at Royal Agricultural Hall, London, England. It is Millbrook Stonewall Jackson, the entry of H. H. Broadmead.

over the selection of a successor to George Ross Pou, superintendent of the State's prison, with chances apparently favoring the re-appointment of the incumbents. The position carries with it a salary of \$6,000 a year and living quarters and is considered the most desirable slice of "pie" Governor Gardner will have at his disposal. Superintendent Pou has directed the affairs of the prison since 1921 and is not going to surrender without a fight.

An avowed opponent is Major James A. Leonard of Rowan, and favorable mention is being made of former State Senator D. F. Giles of McDowell, who has been a Gardner booster for a decade or longer. He fought hard for Gardner in the primary campaign against Morrison in 1920 and has kept the faith ever since. Mr. Pou is standing on his record and his friends feel that it will "put him across."

### Stedman Will Remain

It now appears to be a safe bet that Major Chas. M. Stedman, venerable representative of the fifth North Carolina district in the Congress of the United States, will be allowed to retain his seat in the house without a contest. Having made a better showing in this State than they had a reason to expect, the Republican leaders have apparently decided to "let well enough alone." There is a general feeling that Major Stedman would be in no serious danger if a notice of contest should be actually filed and brought before Congress, charges of fraud at first suggested in a talk fest of Republicans at Greensboro having faded into thin air.

Tax refunds in excess of \$500, given out from the treasury of the United States show a total for North Carolina of \$6,935,576.79 of which amount the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company of Winston-Salem, receives \$6,213,808.01, the Carolina Power and Light company of Raleigh, \$151,180.45, and the Toxaway Tanning company of Rosman, Transylvania county, \$47,457.52. The total for the entire country is \$55,000,000 and the announcement shows that practically one-eighth of this refund comes to North Carolina.

### Better Get A License

Motorists who have not provided themselves with 1929 license plates are liable to a fine if their cars are operated, according to announcement of Commissioner E. A. Doughton who has issued warning after warning during the past several weeks directing attention to his decision not to grant any extensions. There are 481,045 motor vehicles in the State which should be equipped with licenses, but thousands of owners have not met the requirement.

Immediately preceding a session of the General Assembly there is always talk of adding to or taking away the functions of some of the State departments. A recent proposal would take away the supervision of the State Advisory Transportation Commission from the Corporation Commission and make it a separate and independent State agency known as the State Board of Transportation, thus confining the duties of the Corporation Commission to judicial proceedings and the prosecution of freight rates

cases to the newly created agency. Frequent objection is heard to many of the numerous commissions already in existence and the suggestion of further additions may not be received by the solons with a great degree of enthusiasm.

Announcement that Governor-elect Gardner had requested the present Commissioner of Pardons to "stick to the job" a few weeks longer from the date of his expected retrial has had the effect of bringing out applicants for the position before the new administration gets started. The latest to announce is H. L. Swain, Raleigh attorney, who is after it in dead earnest.

### DUPLICATION MEANS WASTE

The law requiring a certificate of public convenience and necessity before a public service corporation may incur expense for extension of its lines is presumed to be a public safeguard and in the public interest.

Previously any railroad might extend its lines into territory already amply served by another with result that both roads suffered from insufficient traffic and it became necessary to reduce quantity and quality of service or obtain increase of rates.

Now, before a railroad may duplicate service by building into territory already amply served, it must

obtain authority from the Interstate Commerce Commission or a State Commission and must show by proper evidence that the traffic will support another railroad, that the territory into which it proposes to build is not properly served, and that the new line is a public necessity.

In the old days roads duplicated service and built into each other's territory, with the result that traffic insufficient to support one road was split up among two or three, with resulting loss to the traveling and shipping public and investor.

We should profit by mistakes of the past. A railroad obtains its support from revenue derived from hauling traffic, and, where the traffic if split up would not be sufficient to support another road without impairment of service or increase of rates, it is in the public interest that authority to build be denied. It is a mistaken idea that merely "another" railroad means better service.

The wise course for the public to pursue is charted by law, and that is, prevent duplication of service where a community is already properly served. Nothing better assures good service at reasonable rates, as in most instances duplication means in the long run poorer service or higher rates, or both.

coupled with almost certain loss to investors.

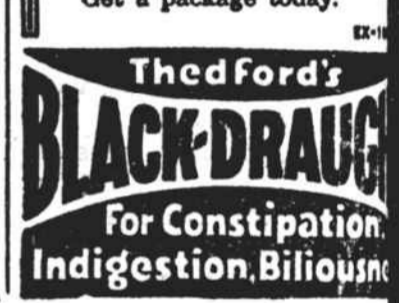
### PITY THE POOR EDITOR

When a doctor makes a mistake he buries it.  
When a garage man makes a mistake he adds it on your bill.  
When a carpenter makes a mistake it's just what he expected.  
When a lawyer makes a mistake it was just what he wanted, because he has a chance to try the case over again.  
When a judge makes a mistake it becomes the law of the land.  
When a preacher makes a mistake take nobody knows the difference.  
But when an editor makes a mistake—good night!

Patronize the Advertiser.

## Suffering With SICK HEADACHES

Mr. Charles F. Todd, of Esteburg near Waynesboro, Ky., says:  
"I was suffering with nervous headaches. About once a week I would have these headaches, and have to quit work, and go to bed for about twenty-four hours. I would have pains in my neck, and right behind my right ear."  
"A merchant at Esteburg told me to try taking Black Draught, which I did."  
"It relieved me. From that time on, I would take Black Draught as soon as I felt like I was going to have one of those headaches—and they wouldn't come on."  
"Every few weeks, I take three or four doses of Black Draught, and I feel so well, and do my work, and don't lose any more time with headaches."  
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## A Friend Sends This Observation

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