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## WASHINGTON NEWS NOTES.

### Senator Frye Re-Elected President Pro Tem of the Senate—Notes About the Vice-President—Other News of Interest.

Special Correspondence.

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The President keeps very busy these days between "that which cometh to him daily" in the way of executive work, last interviews with departing Congressmen, and meeting and greeting the visiting delegations that still linger about the capital.

At the last cabinet meeting among other business transacted was the appointment of the five members of the Spanish War Claims Commission, ex-Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, being made president. The confirmation of these commission appointments was among the closing work done by the Senate before the adjournment last Saturday.

The White House guests for Inauguration, the President's brother, the latter's wife and daughter, his sister, Mrs. Duncan, and other members of his family have all gone, and the wheels of the official and domestic executive household are entering their ordinary grooves again.

The President looks well, bright and cheerful these days, thankful doubtless that the great ceremony is passed and over and that it reflects only credit on all connected with it.

A pretty action on his part noted by your correspondent the other day was his gift, at the reception of the members of a young ladies school who had come on for the festivities of the week and called upon the President, to each of the girls of a flower from a basket that stood full upon his desk.

MR. ROOSEVELT IN CONGRESS.

The lion of the hour for the last week has been of course the President of the Senate, who conducted himself manfully and unerringly and with characteristic coolness in the no easy task of presiding over the Senate. He showed no fear in using the gavel and brought the gray-haired Senators to order with amazing aplomb. He depreciated the applause from the galleries that was tendered him when he entered the chamber while the Senate of the Fifty-seventh Congress was in session, and on one occasion threatened if it did not immediately cease to clear them.

The scene of Senator Frye's reelection last Wednesday as the pro tempore President of the Senate, to act on occasions of Vice-President's absence, was almost touching. Senator Allison of Iowa offered the resolution, which was immediately adopted, and he and Senator Morgan, of Alabama, were appointed a committee to escort the Maine Senator to the chair. Senator Frye was almost overcome with emotion at this latest manifestation of his colleagues' appreciation of his services.

The recapitulation of the appropriations of the Fifty-sixth Congress places the total of the two sessions at \$1,440,062,545.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT IN SOCIETY.

The Vice-President is tasting Washington hospitality to the full these days, and each day since his arrival here before the Inauguration he has been the guest of honor at some noted dinner table. Among his hosts have been Commander and Mrs. Cowles, at whose home he is at present stopping—Mrs. Cowles being his sister—Senator Depew and his niece Miss Paulding, and Senator and the Misses Keen. At the latter the entire Cabinet was invited to meet him. He seems to enjoy the novelty of the situation and appears ever hearty, appreciative and good-humored.

Mrs. Roosevelt and their six children accompanied Mr. Roosevelt to the Capital on Saturday of last week to witness the Inauguration but returned on the 5th to home and study for the remainder of the season at Oyster Bay.

The Vice-President has leased for his Washington residence the splendid Bellamy Storer mansion on Rhode Island Avenue.

It is admirably adapted for large entertainments, being very spacious and most conveniently arranged for large gatherings. It is sumptuously furnished, and it is said that the Vice-President pays \$6,000 a year for its use.

This was the home while here of Secretary of State Olney. Situated directly opposite to it is Mrs. Sheridan's home and at its right the beautiful Barney Mansion, the present home of the Secretary of War and his family. Not far west of it, on the other side is Admiral Dewey's home, the Nation's gift.

MISS PAULDING'S "DISENGAGEMENT."

Quite a sensation was created in society a few weeks ago by the announcement by Senator Depew of the cancelling of the engagement of his niece, Miss Annie Depew Paulding, and Mr. John R. Edlie, U. S. N. The engagement of the two young people was formally announced at a great dinner at Corcoran House only about two months ago, and the marriage, which promised to be the marriage of the season, was to have taken place during Easter week, and an elaborate rousseau for the bride-to-be was nearing completion when the end of all the wedding plans was announced.

Miss Paulding is a beautiful girl, and has presided over her uncle's hospitable household at Corcoran Mansion with rare grace and efficiency since he came to Washington.

## FOREIGN NEWS.

Li Hung Chang is reported to be seriously ill. His death at this time would be a great loss to China.

It is reported that Germany is negotiating for arsenals at several Chinese cities in the Province of Shantung.

There have been 102 cases and 22 deaths from Bubonic Plague at Cape Town since its recent outbreak there.

The introduction of new machinery in the textile factories at Barcelona, Spain, has precipitated a strike and 15,000 workmen are idle.

In a recent engagement between the Germans and Chinese at Paoting-Foo it is reported that 250 celestials were killed. There were no German losses.

Right Rev. A. F. W. Ingram, Suffragan Bishop of Stepney, has been appointed Bishop of London, in succession to Right Rev. Mandell Creighton, who died January 14.

It is reported that another attempt is being made to free Mrs. Florence Maybrick from Aylesbury prison, London. She is serving a life sentence, charged with poisoning her husband.

It has been discovered that there is a secret society in the Philippines, known as Manducats, who pursue death natives who are friendly to the American cause. Recently 49 have been killed. The victims are often buried alive.

## A Worker Wins Things.

Some weeks ago, with a great show of indignation, it was announced by certain Republicans that the seat of Senator Simmons of North Carolina would be contested, on the ground of the disfranchisement of the negro voters in his State. When Mr. Simmons came up to be sworn in on March 4, however, there was not the slightest protest. His credentials were not even referred to the committee on privileges and Elections, and it is now said that all thought of a contest has been dropped. Simmons in the Senate will be a pleasant change from the windy and bumptious Deles. The new North Carolina senator is one of those quiet, efficient workers who do things—Savannah (Ga) News.

## GENERAL NEWS.

### A Partial List of the Week's Happenings Throughout the Country.

President McKinley expects to start on his trip to San Francisco about May 1.

Senator Proctor, of Vermont, has gone to Cuba, it is said, presumably on some Government mission.

Dr. Edwin A. Alderman was inaugurated President of Tulane University at New Orleans, La., Tuesday.

The Hygeia Hotel, at Old Point, Va., has been sold to the Chamberlain Improvement Company for \$100,000.

An order relieving Admiral Schley of the South Atlantic Squadron has been issued by the Navy Department.

The bill to amend the election law in Maryland to prevent illiterates from voting has passed the House in that State.

By the explosion of the boiler in the Doremus Laundry, at Chicago, Monday morning, eight people were instantly killed and 42 injured.

At Winchester, Va., Judge Harrison has rendered a decision ending the litigation over the estate of Judge John Handley, by which Winchester will get a \$250,000 library.

Charles M. Schwab, the President of the newly-formed trust—The United States Steel Corporation—is to receive a salary of one million dollars a year. His term is for five years.

The President has appointed former Senators Carter, of Montana, Thurston, of Nebraska, McBride, of Oregon, and Lindsay, of Kentucky, St. Louis Fair Commissioners. The last named is a Democrat.

The Archer Starch Factory, at Kankakee, Ill., the largest of the kind in the world, burned Tuesday. Estimated loss \$322,000; insurance about \$125,000. The explosion of a large grinder caused the fire.

Recently Andrew Carnegie offered Montgomery \$50,000 for a public library building if the city would provide a site and \$5,000 a year for support. The last Legislature granted permission to the city to make an appropriation, and the City Council has unanimously accepted Mr. Carnegie's offer.

Paris Gibson, of Great Falls, has been chosen United States Senator by the Legislature of Montana, to fill out the four years' term made vacant by the resignation of W. A. Clark last year. The legislature had been balloting daily since near the beginning of the session. Gibson is a native of New Hampshire and a Democrat.

The Senatorial dead-lock in the Delaware Legislature continued to the end and that little State is now without representation in the United States Senate. The cherished ambition of John Edward Addicks, the union Republican leader, for Senatorial honors will have to slumber two years more. The balloting was kept up for seven weeks and Addicks held his 16 votes to the end. The Republicans had a majority on joint ballot but differences in the party caused their defeat. Delaware has not had a full representation in the Senate since 1895.

A cyclone passed over the town of Willis' Point, Texas, Saturday, demolishing everything in its track. Four people were dead and about 20 injured. Fourteen dwelling houses are entirely ruined and a number of others are badly wrecked. The public school building is a total loss. The cotton seed oil mill is damaged and the largest gin plant is in splinters. Wires were blown off the poles and fences leveled. The property loss is estimated at \$50,000. Serious damage was done to property and persons were injured by the storm in other parts of Texas.

## IN THE HOUSE.

Thursday's sessions of the House was largely taken up in discussing the revenue bill which passed its third reading.

A great number of bills were passed, the majority of them being local measures.

The following bills of interest to this county passed third reading:

Relating to stock law in Johnston county.

To regulate stock law in Johnston county.

The following bills passed the House Friday:

Capt. Carraway's bill to repeal all laws exempting graduates of colleges from standing examination to teach in public schools.

To incorporate Clayton Banking Company.

To prohibit manufacture and sale of liquor in Chatham county.

To appropriate \$200,000 to the public schools.

The bill was passed without a dissenting vote. It provides that one hundred thousand dollars shall first be allotted to the counties on a per capita basis of school population. The State Board of Education is to control the other one hundred thousand dollars, and use it to give a four months term in the districts of the counties not able to have a four months' term.

The House Saturday passed the permanent registration bill, which will prevent the disfranchisement of the illiterate white voters of the State by the constitutional amendment. The Republicans and Populists present, with the exception of Mr. Dean, of Macon, voted against the measure, thus putting themselves in the position of voting against giving the ballot to the uneducated white voters, for the constitutional amendment is already law. There was quite a breezy and interesting debate over the matter, in which Mr. Ebbs, Mr. Rountree, Judge Allen, Mr. Craig, and others took part.

The machinery act was considered by the committee of the whole and adopted.

Several local measures were passed.

The House Monday at the morning session passed the machinery act practically as it came from the committee. Judge Graham's amendment to reassess property this year was lost, as was also a proposition by Mr. Smith to strike out the portion providing for a Board of Tax Commissioners.

The bill to encourage schools in establishing free libraries was passed after some discussion. The State Board is to appropriate \$10 for this purpose to every school whose patrons shall first contribute \$10 toward the purchase of books. Five thousand dollars is the limit allowed the State in this direction. The county board is also to give \$10 to each district thus starting a library.

The London Libel Bill passed with practically no opposition. The bill provides that newspapers shall not be liable to punitive damages where they publish in good faith statements that are not true regarding the character of a person providing that a correction is made within ten days after notification of the error.

A pleasing incident of the day was the presentation of a beautiful gold-headed cane to Speaker Moore by the pages of the House. At the request of the boys, Mr. Jenkins, of Granville, made the presentation speech.

Judge Connor gained unanimous consent to introduce a resolution in regard to one of the most venerable, gifted and patriotic of North Carolinians. Several members named Col. Creecy forthwith.

The resolution was that the General Assembly endorse and recommend for use in schools and elsewhere, Col. R. B. Creecy's newly completed book of historical sketches of North Carolina, entitled "Tales of Grandfather," and that \$200 be appropriated for the purchase of copies for the State Library. The resolution was adopted immediately.

The following bills passed third reading:

Act to regulate the manufacture and sale of liquor in Clayton township, Johnston county.

Act to encourage the building of paper and pulp mills and tanneries in Haywood and Swain counties.

Act relating to insurance, making it possible for a man to recover on his life insurance policy in this State.

To reform youthful criminals, providing that whenever any person under 17 shall be convicted of an offense for which the punishment is imprisonment or work on the roads, the judge or mayor shall give such person into the custody of the parent or guardian for correction. If there is no parent or guardian, the criminal is to be bound out as an apprentice to some responsible person. An inquiry is required on the part of the clerk of the court. An affidavit of at least two freeholders is required as the character and fitness of the person to whom the convicted person is bound out. This takes the place to some extent of a reformatory.

In the House Tuesday the following bills were passed:

Act to amend the stock law of Johnston county.

Act requiring the legislative committee appointed to examine the books of the State Auditor and State Treasurer to also examine the books of the Secretary of State and the Commissioner of Insurance.

Act placing the A. and M. College under control of the State Board of Agriculture.

Act to regulate the sale and control of intoxicating liquors in Rowan county.

Act for the relief of Thomas Woodall, of Johnston county. Joint resolution for the payment of fees and expenses in contested election cases.

To establish dispensary at Kenly, Johnston county.

To amend chapter 98 and 714, Laws of 1899, relative to dispensary at Smithfield.

To prevent kidnapping and secure to parents the control of their children. Makes kidnapping or enticing of all minors a crime.

To incorporate Smithfield Fire Company.

To discharge drunken solicitors.

Resolution that copies of names of deserters from the Tenth Congressional district during the civil war be furnished the register of deeds of each county.

The House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the divorce bill, so their will be no divorce legislation this session.

A message was received from the Governor by both branches of the Assembly recommending the sale of school bonds if necessary to provide for appropriation made to public schools. The cash and boards in the hands of the Board of Education amount to \$177,593. The message strongly advised against any bond issue to meet expenses; it said the poor unlettered people cannot afford to hoard funds for education in the future when they need money now. The funds referred to accumulated from the sale of public and swamp lands. Connor introduced the bill in accordance with the recommendation of the Governor's message.

James Martindale, a white man, aged 26 years, six weeks ago, near Carthage, criminally assaulted Mrs. Brown, a young married woman, while on her way to teach school. He was carried to Raleigh to prevent lynching, and was in jail there 40 days. Two weeks ago he was taken to Carthage. Friday morning a mob stormed the jail, took him out and hanged him in the outskirts of the town. The fact had developed two years ago that Martindale had assaulted a young sister of his wife, and this added to the intensity of feeling against him.

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## STATE NEWS.

### Short Items of Interest Culled From our State Exchanges.

The Impeachment trial which was to begin Monday, was postponed till yesterday.

The Wells-Whitehead Tobacco Co., at Wilson, have completed arrangements to increase their capital stock to \$100,000.

Lieut. Clarence O. Sherrill, who recently graduated at West Point with high honors and was assigned to the engineering corps of the army, was last week ordered to Manila for duty and has started there.

The bulletin of the State Board of Health issued Friday reports smallpox in 16 counties. In Caswell there are 20 cases and in Nash the same number. In all 101 cases are reported. Influenza is reported in 45 counties, pneumonia in 30.

Edgecombe county had a wholesale jail delivery Saturday night. Four prisoners escaped—all colored. They made a hole about 12 inches square through a brick wall and crawled through. One of the prisoners was recaptured at Rocky Mount.

Governor Aycock has appointed the following directors of the State Prison for the term of four years, beginning to-day: E. L. Travis, of Halifax, Chairman, Julian S. Mann, of Hyde, Nathaniel O'Berry, of Wayne, J. A. Brown, of Columbus, and W. E. Crossland, of Richmond.

Mr. Butler's last act in Congress was to get through a bill giving St. John's Masonic lodge at New Berne \$6,000 for property destroyed by the Federal troops during the war. The bill failed at last, however, by the President's failure to sign it, whereat the New Bernians are much disappointed.

Gov. Aycock has pardoned John Abrams, a white man of Raleigh, who was under a sentence of seven years for bigamy. The case was an odd one. The magistrate who performed the second marriage ceremony assured Abrams that as the latter and his wife had been separated seven years, he could, of right, remarry. Wife No. 1 has since obtained a divorce.

A coroner's jury at Winston-Salem Friday rendered a verdict that the death of Rand Hart, a young white convict, was caused by brutal beating. The testimony given by all the witnesses showed that Hart was brutally beaten on Tuesday with switches and a rawhide by Pink Fulton, one of the guards. The guard was discharged Wednesday night. Papers were issued for his arrest.

The Proximity Manufacturing Company, the president of which is Mr. Caesar Cone, and the business of which is one of the largest in the State, has determined to provide educational facilities for its employes. They have been studying the needs of the employes in this line for some time, and are the first people to announce that they are to take practical measures to carry out the promise lately made to the legislative committee by the cotton mills to facilitate in every way possible the comfort and advantage of their employes.

This Legislature has thus far granted charters to the following railways: Washington and Plymouth; Southport, Wilmington and Western; Atlantic and North-western; Santeetla; French Broad and Southern; Elkin and Alleghany; White Oak River and Onslow; Raleigh and Virginia; South and Western; Hilton; Southport and Northwestern; Blue Ridge and Atlantic; Greenville and Vanceboro; Scotland Neck and Roanoke; Duplin and Onslow; Trent River and Cape Fear; Rutherfordton; Marion and Northwestern; Jackson Springs; New River Valley; Charlotte, Monroe and Columbia; Thomasville and Eldorado; Asheville and Weaverville; Rutherfordton, Hickory Nut Gap and Asheville; Atlantic and Northwestern; Kernersville. All lines in all 26 counties.