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MR. JUSTICE ELECTED SPEAKER.

Dowd Received Next Highest Vote—Webb Protem of Senate—Voted to Meet in Joint Session to Hear Governor's Message.

At the Caucus of the Democratic members of the House held Tuesday night, Mr. E. J. Justice, of Guilford County, was chosen for speaker on the second ballot, receiving 45 votes. Mr. Dowd received 22, Mr. Murphey 18, and Mr. Manning 4. On the first ballot the vote stood Justice 41, Dowd 23, Murphey 20, and Manning 6.

Chief Clerk, Frank D. Hackett, of Wilkes, was unanimously elected. F. B. Arendell, of Wake, was re-elected recording clerk and M. D. Kinsland, of Haywood, was re-elected as engrossing clerk.

At the Senate caucus Senator Charles A. Webb, of Asheville, was elected president protem of the Senate; A. J. Maxwell, principal clerk; Robert L. Ballou, reading clerk, and Charles Strayhorn, engrossing clerk.

The Legislature convened Wednesday at 12 o'clock. The first business of the session in both Houses was the selection of the officers.

The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant-Governor Winston. The roll call showed 49 Senators present. Nominations were then called for and the officers selected in the caucus on Tuesday night were duly elected.

A resolution was passed informing the House of Representatives that the Senate had organized and elected officers.

A resolution adopting the rules and regulations of the Senate in 1905 was passed.

A resolution was passed appointing a committee of two from the Senate and three from the House to notify the Governor that the Legislature was organized and ready for business. Senators Graham and Lovell were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Senators Buxton, Webb and Daniel were appointed a committee on rules. At 1:48 o'clock the Senate adjourned till four o'clock.

At the afternoon session a message was brought to the Senate informing the body that the House had been organized and ready for business. A message was also received from the House informing the Senate that Representatives Doughton, Dowd, Stickley and Carter had been appointed to act with the Senate committee to wait on the Governor.

The committee waited on the Governor and returned with the following message: "Your committee has notified me that you are organized and are prepared to proceed with business. My message will be ready to send you Thursday morning and if consistent with your idea of propriety, I would ask that you meet in joint session in the House of Representatives to-morrow morning at an hour fixed by you that I may in person, read my message to your honorable body, as there are some things I desire especially to emphasize. This was an old custom, and I think a good one, and a personal meeting with you will be appreciated by me." A motion was then passed, appointing two Senators to meet with these Representatives from the House to arrange for a joint meeting Thursday morning. President Winston appointed Senators Aycock and Redwine. The Senate adjourned at 5:55.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

The House of Representatives was called to order at 12 o'clock by Chief Clerk Frank Hackett, who was chief clerk of the House in 1905. After all the members had been sworn in the House proceeded to elect officers.

Representative W. C. Dowd placed in nomination Mr. E. J. Justice, of Guilford. The nomination was seconded by Mr. J. S. Manning, of Durham. The Re-

publicans presented the name of Representative M. N. Harshaw, of Caldwell. Mr. Justice received 95 votes and Mr. Harshaw 32.

Messrs. Harshaw and Dowd were appointed a committee to escort Mr. Justice to the chair. Mr. Justice addressed the House, making a strong speech. In this speech he took a strong stand against the tyranny of the trusts and the public service corporations.

After the other officers of the House had been elected and adjournment was taken to four o'clock.

At the afternoon session a resolution was passed appointing a committee of five to act with the committee of the Senate to inform the Governor that the Legislature was organized and ready for business. The rules of the last House were adopted for the present.

A message from the Governor similar to the one received in the Senate was received in the House.

Mr. Doughton offered a resolution requesting the Governor to present his message to the House and Senate in joint session. This brought about quite a warm discussion, some members favoring the plan and others opposing it.

The motion was finally adopted and the House adjourned at 6:15.

Sheriff Nowell Weds.

The marriage of R. M. Nowell, the newly elected and popular Sheriff of Johnston county to Miss Mattie Mae Mizell was celebrated in the Baptist church at Lewiston, Bertie county, on yesterday at high noon.

Those accompanying the groom on his happy mission were: Dr. Geo. D. Nick, Messrs. S. P. Wood, L. D. Debnam and L. W. Richardson, of Selma, and Dr. Holland of Smithfield.

Mr. L. D. Debnam was best man and Miss Helen Sallinger was maid of honor. Rev. M. Gay was the officiating minister and the ring ceremony was used.

The groom's gift to his bride was a handsome sunburst diamond and pearl brooch.

The church was decorated in artistic arrangement for the occasion and the ceremony was one of peculiar interest owing to the prominence of the contracting parties. After the marriage the bride and groom left immediately for a short bridal trip.

The many handsome and costly presents attest the esteem in which the parties are held. The bride is the lovely and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Mizell, of Lewiston, and she has a host of friends. While the groom is well and popularly known as Johnston's High Sheriff.

The News expresses to the young couple its heartiest felicitations and good wishes for a long, bright and prosperous married life.

It will be of especial interest to Selma people to know that they will make their home here.—Selma News, January 3rd.

The Telephone Question.

The Merchants' Association of Smithfield has resolved to discontinue the use of telephones in their stores, residences and offices on and after January 15 except at the following rates: \$2 per month for business phones, \$1.50 for residence phones, \$3 for business and residence phones combined and \$1 for residence phones with two or more on same line. We don't know what telephone company operates in Smithfield nor what prices are charged, but the indications are that it will suffer a boycott unless it comes to the figures named.—Statesville Landmark.

The Right Name.

Mr. August Sherpe, the popular overseer of the poor, at Fort Madison, Ia., says: "Dr. King's New Life Pills are rightly named; they act more agreeably, do more good and make one feel better than any other laxative." Guaranteed to cure biliousness and constipation. 25c at Hood Bros. drug store.

COMMISSIONERS MEETING.

Usual Routine Business Transacted And Accounts Allowed—Stock Law And Bridge Commissioners Appointed—Jurors For March Term Of Court Drawn.

The Board of County Commissioners met Monday in regular session with Chairman W. T. Bailey, W. G. Wrenn, Eli S. Turlington and N. W. Smith present. Allen K. Smith being sick, was unable to attend. The principal work of Monday was the usual routine business, hearing complaints and allowing accounts.

E. Grant presented his bond as constable of Selma Township. The bond was approved and he was sworn in. The bond of C. S. Upchurch, constable of Bentonsville Township, was approved and he was sworn in.

At Tuesday's session the following Stocklaw Commissioners were appointed:

Pleasant Grove and Elevation—B. A. Coats. Ingrams and Smithfield—C. D. Smith.

O'Neals—R. H. Godwin. Wilders—A. F. Whitley. Selma and Pine Level—I. A. Ingram and James P. Eason.

The following Bridge Commissioners were appointed:

Clayton—M. M. Gulley. Cleveland—Thad Stevens. Pleasant Grove—R. L. Ogburn. Elevation—J. S. Johnson. Banner—B. D. Creech. Meadow—L. P. Johnson. Bentonsville—W. N. Rose, Jr. Ingrams—C. D. Smith. Boon Hill—G. F. Woodard. Beulah—D. H. Bagley. O'Neals—W. T. Parker. Wilders—A. F. Whitley. Wilson's Mills—C. M. Wilson. Pine Level—E. T. Futrell. Smithfield—Z. L. LeMay. Selma—C. Godwin.

The following jurors were drawn for the March term of the Johnston County Superior Court:

First week—J. W. Jones, W. D. Thomas, A. C. Johnson, J. H. Stevenson, W. H. Johnson, G. H. King, T. W. LeMay, H. V. Faulkner, R. H. Gower, J. E. Harrison, J. D. Gulley, Willis Jones, D. S. Parrish, J. L. Jones, W. T. Parker, W. H. Barnes, J. T. Edgerton, J. T. Godwin, Geo. P. Massey, D. B. Langley, J. C. Keen, J. A. Massengill, W. H. Britt, W. P. Hines, J. J. Hudson, W. J. Adams, W. G. Yelvington, H. A. Peterson, J. C. Ennis, John R. Creech, E. B. Starling, J. W. Liles, I. A. Ingram, J. C. Brown, J. A. Batten and J. W. Barnes.

Second week—Ransom G. Allen, P. G. Godwin, R. H. Stevenson, A. L. Coats, W. H. Barnes, J. A. Hinnant, D. C. Jones, Walter O'Neal, N. R. Pike, W. H. Edgerton, J. H. Allen, J. M. Rhodes, G. M. Godwin, Robert Sanders, W. L. Woodall, Alvin Crumpler, D. J. Broadwell and Jno. I. Whitley.

A Gigantic Combine.

The capital of Harriman railway properties is as follows: Union Pacific—Capital stock, \$295,000,000; bonded debt, \$200,000,000.

Southern Pacific—Capital stock \$237,000,000; bonded debt, \$371,000,000.

Oregon Short Line—Capital stock, \$27,000,000; bonded debt, \$76,000,000.

Oregon Railway and Navigation—Capital stock, \$35,000,000; bonded debt, \$21,000,000. Grand total, \$1,365,303,745.—Baltimore Sun, 6th.

Compulsory Education.

People interested in education are talking a great deal about the earnest recommendation made by State Superintendent Joyner for a compulsory law for which tax payers in any section can avail themselves, either upon petition of majority or upon a regular election as the county commissioners may deem best.

The first suggestion of the compulsory law was made some years ago by Superintendent Mebane.—Raleigh Correspondence Wilmington Messenger.

General News Items.

The Shah of Persia died Tuesday evening at Teheran.

The huge British warship, Dreadnaught is coming to American waters.

It is reported that Mexican troops killed 30 strikers Tuesday at Orizaba.

Twenty-eight thousand men are on strike in Mexico, and pillaging and violence is reported.

All the regiments of negro troops in the United States have been ordered to the Philippines.

William T. Stead, the great London editor, is making a tour of the world in the interest of international peace.

The Comptroller of the Currency believes the liabilities of the Waynesburg, Pa., bank which failed will reach \$2,000,000.

The French Government will drop the words "God Protect France" from coins and the inscription, "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity" will appear instead.

In the hearing of the case against the negro corporal at Fort Reno, Okla., for attempting to assassinate Capt. Macklin, it was developed that there was a plot to murder all the white officers.

Upon being refused a loan of \$5,000 in the Fourth Street National Bank in Philadelphia Saturday an unknown man dropped a bomb, blowing himself to pieces, killing the cashier, injuring six others and wrecking the interior of the bank; two of the injured may die, one of them being William Crump, the colored messenger, whose eyes were blown out and his scalp torn off.

Henry Hildebrand and Frank P. Hoffmyer, engineer and conductor, respectively, of the train which ran into a passenger train near Washington a few days ago, causing the death of 40 or more passengers and the injury of a large number, and who were arrested for criminal negligence, have been released on bond. The engineer's bond is \$7,500 and the conductor's \$5,000.

Will Scott, colored, was lynched at Midway, Ala., Thursday. He had recently completed a term in the penitentiary. On Wednesday night he entered the room of a young white woman at Midway and attempted to assault her. Her screams frightened him away. He was arrested, confessed and was lynched, his body being riddled with bullets, as is usual in such cases.

Senator Daniel, of Virginia, delivered a strong speech on the President's message, dismissing troops for shooting up Brownsville, making a convincing argument that Mr. Roosevelt was acting within his rights under the constitution and articles of war; Mr. Daniel demonstrated that it was not a race question but one of maintaining discipline necessary to an efficient army, dismissal being imperative whether the troops were white or black.

Will Harvey, a negro, was hanged at Mayorsville, Miss., Thursday, three minutes before notice that his sentence had been commuted reached the sheriff of Issaquena county. Harvey's attorney was notified by Gov. Vardaman that the negro's sentence had been commuted to imprisonment for life. He hurriedly called up the Issaquena sheriff, but the latter did not reach the telephone until three minutes after the drop fell. The negro was convicted of killing another negro.

In the Senate Tuesday Mr. Overman of North Carolina opposed any legislation affecting child labor, making an elaborate argument that it is not a matter of interstate commerce but a question for the individual States; he favored such laws as would protect children, contended that if Congress can prohibit interstate shipments of the products of child labor in factories, Federal authority could be exercised over all labor that produces anything that goes into trade with other states.

CORONER'S JURY PLACES BLAME.

Conductors and Engineers of Both Trains, Train Dispatcher and Telegraph Operator Held to Be Subjects for the Grand Jury Inquiry.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The coroner's inquest over the Terra Cotta wreck on Sunday night, December 30, to-night held for the action of the grand jury Harry H. Hilderbrand, engineer of the "dead" train No. 2120; Frank T. Hoffmier, conductor of that train; P. F. Dent, night train dispatcher at Baltimore; William E. McCaulley, division operator of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad; B. L. Vermillion, engineer of local train No. 66; J. W. Kelley, Jr., trainmaster of the Baltimore and Ohio, and William Dutrow, the telegraph operator at Silver Spring.

All the men held except Dent, McCaulley and Kelley were in the building where the inquest was held, and were at once placed under arrest.

Just before the jury retired today Charles W. Galloway, superintendent of the Baltimore and Ohio, was asked by the coroner if he had heard all the testimony and he replied that he had. He was asked if he could point out any rule which had been violated by the witness in his case. Mr. Galloway replied: "They have all been violated; all the rules relating to the movement of trains." Mr. Galloway says that in his opinion, the engineer and conductor of No. 2120, the "dead" train, were equally responsible. He was asked if he was surprised at the disclosure apparently showing laxity among the operators regarding the rules governing their position. He said:

"I am surprised at their disregard of the trust. I can only say that in operating a railroad you must depend upon the fidelity and trustworthiness of the employees. If they are lacking in that, I know nothing that will compensate for it." The verdict of the jury was that the deaths were caused "by impact, due to the act of Operator William Dutrow, in displaying an improper signal to the crew of train No. 2120," and directs that Dutrow be held for the action of the grand jury.

The jury also held for the grand jury the others already mentioned as responsible in a less degree for the deaths. The jury arraigned the block system on the Baltimore and Ohio as not affording satisfactory protection to the lives and property and signal men on the road and recommended that all block signal stations be kept open twenty-four hours a day and no additional duties be given the operators aside from working the signals and attending to their telegraphic duties.

TO ENJOY A GOOD DINNER.

How to Avoid Distress and Indigestion After Eating.

Let us show you how to enjoy a good dinner, how to regain the appetite of your childhood, and to relish your food.

There is no need of any self-denying diet list, no call for nasty and disagreeable medicine, no list of hard exercises; simply a Mi-o-na stomach tablet before each meal, and one before going to bed, and it will so strengthen the stomach that a good dinner will give you pleasure and comfort without the least fear of distress.

The best proof of the value of our advice is the fact that Hood Bros. give a positive guarantee (applying to two 50c boxes of Mi-o-na) that your money will be refunded unless the remedy cures. A guarantee like this must give you confidence in Mi-o-na stomach tablets.

Mi-o-na is not a mere digestive with only temporary relief, but a specific for all disorders of the stomach, strengthening the digestive organs and making a permanent cure.

State News Notes.

The Methodists of Mooresville are preparing to build a new church to cost \$15,000.

A charter has been granted the Edgecombe Publishing Company of Tarboro, capital stock \$10,000.

New Berne will vote, February 5, on the question of establishing a dispensary. The town is now dry.

The Asheville plumbers who were striking for \$4 per day and eight hours work, will get the \$4 but will work nine hours.

Fred Messer, of White Oak township, Haywood County, is 112 years old. He lives with his daughter who is ninety years old.

The corporation commission has made an order requiring the Southern Railway Company to build a new freight depot at the town of Reidsville.

The High Point Veneering Company has been authorized to increase its capital stock from \$50,000 to \$135,000. J. A. Clinard is its president.

The depot at Neuse, on the Seaboard Air Line road, ten miles from Raleigh, and seven loaded railroad cars, were burned Thursday morning.

Congressman Blackburn's paper, the Tar Heel, published at Greensboro, has been placed in the hands of a receiver on petition of the stockholders.

The Charlotte Observer says that Rev. P. R. Law, of Lumber Bridge, Robeson county, has contracted for the Presbyterian Standard, and will take it over so soon as the present corporation that owns it can be dissolved. Certain legal steps must be taken before the transfer can be made.

The directors of the penitentiary report to the Governor that that institution has a net surplus of \$242,134.82 from the profits, which will not be required for operating expenses next year. It is a pleasure to know that the State prison is at last paying back some of the many thousands it has cost the State in years ago.

It is learned from the Enterprise that Rev. Dr. William Walter Pharr, of Mooresville, pastor of Center and Prospect Presbyterian churches, near Mooresville, celebrated his 75th birthday on New Year's Day, having with him his children and a few friends. His wife died several years ago. Dr. Pharr has been pastor of Center church for near a half century—to be exact about 46 or 47 years. If we are not mistaken that church was his first charge when he entered on the active work of the ministry.

The negro Henry Walker who was convicted of burglary some weeks ago was hanged at Graham Tuesday. About the first of December Walker confessed that he committed the crime for which he was convicted and implicated Annie Turner and Fannie McCain. While on the scaffold Tuesday he declared he was innocent of the crime and that neither of the two women above mentioned had anything to do with it. It will be remembered that on the night of November 6th, Walker secreted himself in the home of Mr. L. Banks Holt and shot him through the head. He was at once tried, found guilty and sentenced to be hanged on December 6th. The governor respited him in order that he might give evidence in the trial of the two negro women.

How to Cure Chills.

"To enjoy freedom from chills," writes John Kemp, East Otisfield, Me., "I apply Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Have also used it for salt rheum with excellent results." Guaranteed to cure fever sore, indolent ulcers, piles, burns, wounds, frost bites and skin diseases, 25c at Hood Bros. drug store.