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## OVERMAN RE-NOMINATED

JOINT CAUCUS HELD LAST NIGHT  
Democratic Senators and Representatives of the General Assembly, in Joint Session, Name the Junior United States Senator to Succeed Himself—Senator A. Dockery Declared a Brilliant Nominating Speech and is Abridged by Green, of Craven, and Long, of Iredell—Senator Overman Escorted to the Hall by a Special Car and Accepted the Nomination at the Hands of the Observer.

Raleigh, Jan. 13.—"This vote of confidence and approval of my record in the Senate of the United States, coming through you from the people of this State overwhelms me with deepest and most profound gratitude," declared United States Senator Lee B. Overman to-night in addressing the joint Democratic caucus of the General Assembly immediately after he had been nominated by a unanimous rising vote to succeed himself in the Senate.

Representative R. H. Doughton was chairman of the joint caucus and Representative Scott, of Alamance, secretary. There were thirty-five Senators and seventy-four Representatives participating in the caucus. DOCKERY'S SPEECH BRILLIANT.

Senator A. S. Dockery made a brilliant speech in placing in nomination Senator Overman. "The day for the dissolution of Democracy is generations removed and the party is neither dead nor asleep," he declared. "External in the day of victory, I am invincible in the day of adversity," he said as a wave of applause swept over the hall. He declared that the caucus proceeding to-night was an inspiring, stirring, and a most worthy one. He said that the caucus was held six years ago, in that to-night, with profound peace and absolute unanimity, the caucus was maintaining a great and glorious record. He declared that North Carolina has always, except when traitor hands dealt the cards, sent none but the very best men to the national Senate and that in this present day, in this spirit and aggressive age, his name alone was mentioned for this great office spoke in thunder tones of his place in the pride and esteem of his people. He was greeted by a standing ovation when Senator Overman the peer of any United States Senator, his Democracy as orthodox as the religion of the Apostles.

HIS CAREER REVIEWED.  
His career was reviewed, from his initial secretaryship with Vance and Jarvis in his young manhood through his distinguished service in the Senate, the past six years with his exceptional record in the House, his assignment on committees of pension claims, public buildings, forestry and privileges and elections. He consulted the members of the caucus with laughter by declaring that as a member of the latter committee he took a conspicuous part in the famous Senator Smoot investigation, proving beyond doubt that there was enough for my man and more than he can manage and that on the Brownsville committee he proved that the negroes "not only did it but overdid it." He also mentioned the brilliant record of the Junior Senator came in for the highest encomium as he closed with the formal declaration of the nomination. For eastern Carolina Representative W. W. Graham, a member of the caucus, and for Western Carolina Senator Long, of Iredell, both were fitting tributes. Mr. Green declared that he had been sent here on an issue involving the people and that he was to have no opposition. Senator Long laid proud claim to the distinguished Senator as an Iredell school teacher in his youth and who had met with Senator Dockery in high tribute.

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TABLED FOR DISCUSSION.  
Senator Fulton declared that while Congress has the right to command heads of departments, it has no power to enforce its commands. He said he would exercise a way to enforce our power to command."

Mr. Bacon did not agree with that view from Oregon that there was no way to enforce this power. He suggested that the power of Congress to withhold salaries was one way to accomplish this end, but said because the power to enforce was difficult it does not affect the power. Senator Teller asked that Mr. Bacon's resolution be allowed to lie on the table so that it might be discussed later. He referred to a statement by Mr. Hale that Cabinet officers are not mere clerks and said that depends upon who is at the head of the government.

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## COL. H. B. SHORT A SUICIDE

DEPENDENT OVER ILL-HEALTH  
In a Fit of Melancholia Over Impaired Health and the Recent Death of His Wife One of the Leading Citizens of Eastern Carolina Shoots Himself Through the Head—Owned Five Acres at Lake Waccamaw, Was Director in the Atlantic Coast Line and the Murchison Bank of Wilmington and Identified With Other Large Interests—Survived by Three Children—Funeral Will Take Place at Wilmington To-Day.

Wilmington, Jan. 13.—His health lately impaired and his spirit broken since the recent death of his wife, in a fit of melancholia this morning at his home at Lake Waccamaw, Columbus county, Col. H. B. Short, one of the leading men of this section of the State, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a pistol.

His death ensued almost immediately, the body having been found shortly afterwards in the room where the deed had been committed. No one about the home heard the report and was horrified when he saw what had been done. Colonel Short had recently returned from a sanitarium, North, where he had been under treatment, and for a time it was thought he had greatly improved.

NATIVE NORTH CAROLINIAN.  
Mr. Short was son of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Short and was born at Williamson, but removed with his family to the fine short estate at Lake Waccamaw early in life. He was educated at the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company and of the Murchison National Bank, of Wilmington, besides having other large interests.

He remains were brought to Wilmington this afternoon on a special train upon which members of the family left this morning upon learning of the tragedy. The funeral will be held at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the residence of Mrs. Skelding, and the remains will be interred in Oakdale Cemetery.

Full Text of the Resolution Adopted at the Recent Meeting of the South Carolina Cotton Manufacturers' Association—Believe That to Be the Solution of the Child Labor Problem.  
Special to the Observer.

Greenville, S. C., Jan. 13.—That the action of the Cotton Manufacturers' Association, taken at its recent meeting in Charleston in reference to a compulsory school law, may be fully understood, President Elihu A. Smythe, to-day gave out the full text of the resolution adopted, which is as follows:

First: That the association renews its recommendation to the Legislature that there be passed a general compulsory education law, requiring the compulsory education of children under 14 years of age.

Second: That provided there be passed such compulsory education law, this association feels that there is no objection to advancing, under its auspices, school law, may be fully understood, President Elihu A. Smythe, to-day gave out the full text of the resolution adopted, which is as follows:

## PLAYS GOLF IN RAIN

Mr. Taft Sticks to the Links in Spite of the Cold Rain—Hitchcock and Hammond Leave.

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 13.—In a cold rain which continued all day, Mr. Taft covered the golf course this morning by hitting over the balance of the day to his own work aside from giving a short space of his time to Dr. Henry S. Pritchett, of New York, president of the Carnegie Fund for the Founding of the Taft School.

Mr. Taft's train would arrive about 11:30. The student body will turn out in full force and there will also be a large party from Covington to greet the speaker. Mr. Taft will also address the young lady students of Agnes Scott College at 12:30 p. m. later in the day.

Slips on Pavement and Dies From Injuries.  
Merrick, Tenn., Jan. 13.—Charles J. Locke, 75 years old, for many years employed on newspapers in this city, and struck on his head, dying soon after.

Cement Users' Association Elects Officers.  
Cleveland, O., Jan. 13.—Officers for the ensuing year were elected at today's session of the National Cement Users' Association. George C. Walters, of Atlanta, Ga., was elected fourth vice president.

THE SESSIONS VERY BRIEF.  
Neither House Holds an Hour of the Session Today—The Senate Session Closed at 11:30 and the House Session at 12:30.

Raleigh, Jan. 13.—The Senate discussed at length to-day the joint resolution by Senator Elliott for the General Assembly to adjourn sine die February 15th, and after a considerable number of speeches, the speaker adjourned at 11:30 and the House session closed at 12:30.

To Prosecute Papers Carrying Liquor Advertisements.  
Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 13.—The Georgia Anti-Saloon League to-day announced that it will prosecute newspapers of the State for printing whiskey advertisements on the ground that these papers are hired agents and collectors for whiskey houses, in violation of the State prohibition law.

Carrie Nation Arrested in England.  
Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, Eng., Jan. 13.—Carrie Nation, the American anti-saloon crusader, was arrested here to-day while engaged in a raid on a saloon.