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### PROTECTION GENERALLY DISCUSSED IN THE SENATE

The Admission of South Dakota into the Union Discussed in the House, Etc.

By Telegram to the Citizen.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 15.—SENATE.—Mr. Voorhees, from the library committee, reported a joint resolution accepting the battle-sword of Captain Samuel C. Reed, as a gift from his son, and providing for the presentation to the latter of a gold medal. The joint resolution was placed on the calendar, and Mr. Voorhees said he would call it up on some future occasion and submit some remarks.

On motion of Mr. Voorhees, the Senate bill referring to the court of claims, the claim of the State National Bank of Louisiana, for cotton taken by agents of the Treasury Department after June 30th, 1865, was taken from the calendar and passed.

The Senate, at 12:20, resumed consideration of the tariff bill, the pending question being on Mr. Vest's amendment to strike from the free list "otter of roses."

Then ensued a long debate upon protection generally, and the effect of protection upon salt manufacture in this country. The speakers were Vest, Morrill, Hiseock, Hale, Frye, Palmer, Plumb and Teller.

After five and a half hours' discussion the bill was laid aside, and without a vote on the pending amendment, the Senate proceeded to executive business, and, at 5:55 o'clock, adjourned.

HOURS.—Mr. Springer, of Illinois, called up as the special order, the Senate bill for the admission of South Dakota and the organization of the territory of North Dakota.

The bills having been read in full, Mr. Springer, of Illinois, took the floor in explanation of the measure, and in advocacy of the substitute, omnibus bill, which he proposed to offer at the proper time. He premised his remarks with the statement that he would endeavor to secure a vote to-day.

Mr. Cox, of New York, followed Springer. He, also, was in favor of the omnibus bill, with certain amendments, but he was willing to help along any bill conference between the two houses of Congress which would result in elevating territories into the rank of States.

Mr. Gifford, of Dakota, defended the constitution adopted by the constitutional convention of Dakota, from the criticisms advanced against it by Springer, and said that the people of South Dakota were satisfied with it.

Mr. Tule, of Montana, strenuously advocated the admission of Montana, and inveighed against carpet-bag authority in the territories.

Pending further debate, the House, at 4:30, adjourned.

### Swung Up and His Body Riddled With Bullets.

By Telegram to the Citizen.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 15.—A negro named George Meadows, was hanged at the Pratt mines this morning by a mob of quiet but determined men who had him in charge all day yesterday, and all of last night. While Mrs. Kellam, his victim, was almost as positive in her identification this morning as she was yesterday, she still asked the mob not to hang him as she might possibly be mistaken. There is but little doubt that she asked this because she shrank from the responsibility of saying what she knew would cause his certain death, and the mob so regarded it. It was proven at the coroner's inquest yesterday that Meadows had previously ravished a negro girl, and the crowd this morning concluded that this solved what little doubt there was as to his being the ravisher in this case, and so swung him up and riddled his body with bullets. His body hangs at a place about one and a half miles from the scene of his crime. He protested his innocence to the last.

LATER.

The body of George Meadows, who was lynched at the Pratt mines this morning, was brought to the city to-day and taken to an undertaker, where it was viewed by an idle throng. Subsequent to the lynching Mrs. Kellam said she was positive that Meadows was the man, but had not said so because she did not wish to be responsible for his death at the hands of a mob. Last night Mr. Kellam, husband of the outraged woman, wrote an open letter to his fellow-citizens at the Pratt mines, in which he asked them to respect his wishes, and those of his wife, and let the law take its course.

### Mahone Wins the Palmetto Radicals.

By Telegram to the Citizen.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 15.—The Republican State executive committee met here to-day and decided to recommend William Mahone, of Virginia, for a place in president-elect Harrison's cabinet. A memorial to this effect will be forwarded to Harrison in a few days.

### Three Girls Burned to Death.

By Telegram to the Citizen.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—The cigar box factory at No. 175-East Fifth street is burning. Three girls are known to have been burned to death. A man has been arrested on suspicion of having set the place on fire.

### Bond Acceptances Yesterday.

By Telegram to the Citizen.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 15.—The treasury department to-day accepted \$672,000 four and a half per cent. bonds at 108 1/2.

## THE INTERNAL REVENUE.

### Congressman Cowles, of North Carolina, Surprised the Members of Uncle Sam Ransoms Committee.

By Telegram to the Citizen.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 15.—The action of the House yesterday in referring the internal revenue bill to the appropriation committee, was undoubtedly a surprise to the members of the committee on ways and means, and other representatives who struggled for months to secure the passage of the Mills' tariff bill.

The obvious purpose of the motion made by Mr. Cowles, was to secure a report of the bill to the House, and an opportunity which has not been afforded during this Congress, for members to cast their votes directly upon the proposition to repeal or reduce the tobacco tax. Numbers of similar bills have been introduced and referred to the ways and means committee, never to emerge from the committee room, and with a knowledge of Mr. Randall's views upon the expediency of reducing or repealing the internal revenue taxes.

The bill introduced to-day was referred to the committee of which he is chairman in the hope of better results than had been attained with those bills sent to the ways and means committee.

The vote by which the reference was made—155 to 90—resulted from a union of almost all the republican members with the democratic representatives from the tobacco-growing districts in support of the motion.

The fact that Mr. Randall voted against the reference is not regarded as evidencing any change of views by him, but only a protest against any infringement of the time honored practice of the House, under which revenue bills are referred to the ways and means committee.

It is intimated by some of his friends, that the decisive vote, by which the bill was sent to his committee will be regarded in the nature of an instruction in the wishes of the House, not to be disregarded, and that the bill will be speedily considered in the committee.

Yesterday's action has given rise to a speculation touching the individual views of members of the appropriation committee, but upon this point nothing definite is known. It is said that Brewer was induced to move the reference of his bill to repeal the tobacco tax to the committee on war claims by an implied promise, that it would be favorably and speedily reported back to the House.

Mr. Cowles' bill, being a revenue measure, is privileged, and can be reported and called up for consideration at any time.

### THE GERMAN LANDTAG.

#### Emperor Frederick's Address—Confidently Cherishing the Hope of Peace.

By Telegram to the Citizen.

BERLIN, Jan. 15.—The Landtag was opened yesterday. The Emperor, in his speech opening the session, declared that all the foreign relations of the country were friendly. He said that during his recent visits to friendly sovereigns he gained a conviction that Germany might confidently cherish the hope of peace. The continued blessings of peace are shown in a gratifying manner by the improved economic situation of artisans. The financial position of the country is satisfactory. An increase of two hundred million marks in the savings banks had proved that the trade had improved. The satisfactory character of finances had enabled the government to further reduce taxation. Among the measures announced by the Emperor to be introduced in the Landtag, are bills to further increase the emoluments of the clergy of all denominations; to improve the position of teachers in national elementary schools, and for regulating the stamp tax; having regard for the satisfactory results of the developments of railways; assignment of extraordinary resources to further extend them will be asked for; credit will be asked for the relief of the sufferers by floods in 1888, and a measure will be introduced dealing with the general administration of Posen.

### The Virginia Coupon Cases.

By Telegram to the Citizen.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 15.—To-day William L. Royall, counsel for the Virginia bondholders, sought to institute before Judge Hugh L. Bond, of the United States circuit court, three suits for damage and trespass. These suits have been brought against the officers of the State, treasurer Greenhour, and sheriff Winston, of Richmond, who, having refused to receive in payment of taxes coupons not proven genuine as required by the State laws, had procured judgments and levied executions on the property of the plaintiffs under the statutes. Attorney-general Ayres, on behalf of the State, filed demurrers, as to the jurisdiction of the Federal court, and Judge Bond sustained the demurrers.

### The First Messenger to Report.

By Telegram to the Citizen.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 15.—Before the Senate met this morning, E. W. Potts, messenger of the North Carolina electors, delivered to President pro-tem Ingalls, the vote cast in that State yesterday for Cleveland and Thurman. He was the first messenger to report.

### Anthony Higgins, republican, was yesterday elected United States senator by the Delaware legislature, at Dover.

## HON. MATT. W. RANSOM

### ELECTED ON SECOND BALLOT, TO SUCCEED HIMSELF.

AS UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM NORTH CAROLINA—WHEN MATTHEW IS AT THE BAT THE GAME IS HIS'N.

Waddell, Jarvis, Clingman and Alexander Left by Long Odds—Clingman Makes a Covert Attack Upon Ransom.

[Special Telegram to the Citizen.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 15.—The Democratic senatorial caucus met here to-night. Thirty-seven Senators and eighty-three Representatives were in attendance, and public interest in the proceedings was unprecedented. R. A. Doughton presided, and R. M. Furman and T. B. Womack acted as secretaries.

There was much discussion as to whether the general public should, or should not, be admitted to the galleries. It was finally decided that the galleries should, for the first time, be open to the general public, and they were soon packed with people.

Upon motion, the venerable Thos. L. Clingman, of Asheville, was given leave to address the caucus, this being a most unusual proceeding. The General then made a covert attack upon Senator Ransom.

It was 10:30 o'clock when the caucus began its real work—the choice of a Senator to succeed Ransom.

Senator H. W. Stubbs nominated Matt. W. Ransom.

Senator J. T. LeGrand nominated Alfred M. Waddell.

J. J. White, of Randolph, nominated Sylvania B. Alexander.

Senator W. R. Williams nominated Thos. J. Jarvis.

Representative J. S. T. Baird, of Buncombe, announced that by request, he presented the name of Thos. L. Clingman.

Total vote cast, 121; necessary to a choice 61.

The first ballot resulted as follows:

Ransom, 60.

Alexander, 25.

Waddell, 21.

Jarvis, 14.

Clingman, 1.

W. H. Kitchen, 1.

The result of the second ballot was as follows:

Ransom, 69.

Alexander, 26.

Waddell, 15.

Jarvis, 9.

Clingman, 1.

Kitchen, 1.

Mr. Ransom was then declared the nominee, and the nomination was made unanimous.

Ransom, Alexander, Jarvis and Waddell were given three cheers, and invited to address the caucus, and did so, amid great enthusiasm.

### HON. MATT. W. RANSOM.

The senior Senator from the State of North Carolina to the Congress of the United States, at Washington, is the honorable gentleman whose name prefigures this sketch. He was born in Warren county, this State, in 1826, and is now, therefore, sixty-two years of age. For more than half a life-time he has been a conspicuous personage, and a man of recognized ability and pronounced influence in North Carolina. Shortly after his graduation from the University, at Chapel Hill, in 1847, he was admitted to the bar, and five years later he was elected Attorney-General of the State. Few men have merited or won such success so early in life, and fewer have followed it with so continuous a public service. In 1858 he resigned the Attorney-Generalship, and was not again in office until the year 1859, when he was a representative in the State Legislature. And again, in 1859 and 1860, he filled that position. He was sent as a Peace Commissioner from the State of North Carolina to the Congress of Southern States at Montgomery, Alabama, in 1861. On the breaking out of the civil war he entered the Confederate army, and rose successively through the positions of Lieutenant-Colonel, Colonel, and Brigadier-General to that of Major-General. In the last named rank he served until the close of the war, and surrendered with Gen. Lee's army at Appomattox. As a soldier, Gen. Ransom showed himself to be a courageous man and a brave and skillful officer, and he endeared himself greatly, by his humane management and courteous bearing, to the men of his command. Returning to his native State at the close of the war, Gen. Ransom resumed the practice of the law, at the same place, and it was not until the year 1872 that he again entered public life. Then, for the first time, he was elected to the Senate of the United States, a position he has occupied continuously until the present time, having been re-elected in 1876, and 1883. At the expiration of his present term, in March, 1889, he will have been eighteen years in the highest office within the gift of the people of his own State, an honor of which he and the State may be proud. Senator Ransom is a man of marked ability and of broad culture. Though he has seldom made set speeches in the Senate, yet his efforts have been characterized by those qualities of conservative good sense, and of elegant expression and grace of delivery that are peculiarly his own. "Speech is silver, but silence is golden." Perhaps it is owing to a wise observance of this truth that Senator Ransom has wielded more than an ordinary influence in the Senate and has accomplished so much for his State; and has been instrumental in procuring for our river and harbor improvements on our Eastern coast, best testimony to his success in this regard.

### Archbishop Croke's Denunciation.

By Telegram to the Citizen.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Archbishop Croke has donated fifty pounds to the fund for the relief of evicted tenants. In his letter accompanying the donation, the Archbishop says: "There is no other land, savage or civilized, where such scandals, and unchristian-like scenes could be enacted without a fierce contest and even bloodshed. The sending of Crown forces to demolish the dwellings of the poor for the benefit of the pampered few is a crime that cries to Heaven for vengeance."

### A Deadlock Still Prevails.

By Telegram to the Citizen.

CHARLESTON, W. Va.—The deadlock in the Senate continues, and it is not likely that the body will organize for some time.

### Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were recorded in the office of the register of deeds yesterday.

David Neal to T. C. Starnes, one lot on Mulberry street—consideration, \$900.

J. A. Penley and wife to G. K. and C. A. Wilhem, thirty-six acres of land in Buncombe county—consideration, \$987.50.

M. F. Head and wife to J. A. Ray, ten acres of land in Buncombe county—consideration, \$100.

There will be two sales at the Buncombe warehouse to-day.

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

### BILLS INTRODUCED YESTERDAY.

The Senate Pays the House a Visit—Measures Taken With Regard to the Repeal of the Internal Revenue.

[Special Telegram to the Citizen.]

RALEIGH, N. C., January 15th.—In the Senate to-day, Turner, senator from Catawba, was sworn in.

Bills were introduced to extend the jurisdiction of magistrates in the matter of bail in criminal cases;

To prevent the sale of pistols;

To allow the commissioners of Watauga county to levy special taxes;

To amend the road laws of the State so as to work roads by taxation.

The bill changing the name of New Garden school to "Guilford College" was passed.

The president announced the following as the committee on the Railroad Commission: Payne, chairman; Pugh, Means, Reid and Thomas.

The bill changing the term of the Superior Court of Henderson county from three to two weeks was passed.

A resolution was introduced to furnish justices of the peace with the landlord and tenant law.

The following were the principal bills introduced:

To repeal the law appropriating money to the State Guard, and to appropriate the same amount to ex-Confederate soldiers;

To provide for teaching the rudiments of agricultural science in public schools;

To allow the people to elect county officers;

A bill to regulate assignments was introduced;

To regulate the duties of trustees and assignees by providing that no debtor be allowed to prefer any class of creditors above another.

To give special veniremen the same fees as regular jurors.

A resolution was adopted requesting our Representatives and instructing our Senators to use their efforts to secure a repeal of the Internal Revenue.

The bill to repeal the county government law was tabled.

At noon the Senate accompanied by its officers proceeded in a body to the House of Representatives. President Steadman announced the object of the joint session to be the announcement of the result of the election of State officers.

After the votes of all the counties had been compared, the speaker of the House announced the result, whereupon the Senate returned to its chamber.

### Carried Off by "Conjured" Cake.

By Telegram to the Citizen.

DANVILLE, Va., Jan. 15.—A remarkable case of poisoning has created some excitement here. On Sunday, Jack Coats, colored, an inmate of the jail, received a slice of molasses pudding from his wife. He thought it was "tricked" and refused to eat it. "Squire Powles, another inmate of the jail, ate the puddings, was soon taken sick, and to-day died in great agony, with every symptom of acute poisoning. The woman who made the pudding has been arrested, and an inquest held, but no decision has yet been reached. There is much excitement among the negro population because of the superstition that the pudding was "conjured."

### Senators Sent Back.

By Telegram to the Citizen.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 15.—The State Legislatures voting separately to-day, re-elected to the United States Senate, Messrs. Frye, of Maine; Mansdown, of Nebraska, and Hoar, of Massachusetts.

### Wreckage Coming Ashore.

By Telegram to the Citizen.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 15.—The Cape Henry life-saving station reports that wreckage is coming ashore from the British steamship *Lord Warwick*.

### Atlanta's Population.

By Telegram to the Citizen.

ATLANTA, GA., January 15.—The just completed census of Atlanta gives a population of 74,676.

### GOVERNOR FOWLE.

A Bright Day in the Political Annals of North Carolina.

To-morrow Hon. Daniel G. Fowle will be inaugurated Governor of North Carolina, with ceremonies becoming the dignity and importance of the occasion.

It will be a bright day in the political annals of North Carolina. It marks the fourth splendid triumph of the Democracy in gubernatorial elections since the war, and is the latest in a series of consecutive victories that tell of the might and majesty of the glorious party that under the leadership of Zebulon B. Vance rescued the State from the Republicans in 1876; that with Thos. J. Jarvis and Alfred M. Scales in 1880 and in 1884 preserved the fruits of the victory then acquired; and that in 1888, with the eloquent, gifted and beloved Daniel G. Fowle gained a yet firmer and stronger hold upon the seat of power.

It will be, indeed, a proud and a great day, and all true North Carolinians will rejoice to see the man of power passing once more from stainless hands to yet other hands as stainless and pure.

That the patriot who assumes the chief magistracy of North Carolina to-morrow will make us a great and wise and good Governor, no one doubts, and he will enter into his high and responsible station attended by the plaudits, the good wishes, and the blessings of a million of white people.

## THEY WANTED DRESSES.

### And Got Them in a Way That Didn't Suit Thrash, Hough & Co.

Yester morning special detective P. H. Thrash went to Hendersonville to capture some parties, who, by means of false statements, had secured goods to the amount of \$8.35 from Thrash, Hough & Co., general merchants, at the old depot. He effected a capture and a compromise satisfactory to the firm above named, and returned to the city last night.

Thrash, Hough & Co., are paymasters for the Graham Manufacturing Co., and on Monday, five parties, claiming to be employes of the Graham company, bamboozled Mr. Hough out of the goods; representing that they were on the night force of the company, and would pay him with an order, on pay-day. Mr. Hough, believing their statement to be true, let them have the articles wanted—chiefly dress-goods, and the parties, among whom were two women, left the store, and later on, left Asheville.

Inquiry was made at the office of the Graham Mfg. Co., and the pay-roll showed that no such persons were at that time in the employ of the company.

Detective Thrash then started in pursuit of the offenders, and they were allowed to go their way, after the bill due Thrash, Hough & Co., and the costs attached, amounting to \$14.35 had been paid by them.

The arrest was made on the top of the Blue Ridge, within four miles of the South Carolina line, by sheriff Israel, of Henderson, and detective Thrash.

Thrash, Hough & Co., have learned a lesson by this occurrence that will be of benefit to them in the future, and the guilty parties arrested yesterday, will no doubt remember hereafter, that the Pinion Detective Agency of Asheville, is always "up to snuff."

### A NEW OPERA HOUSE.

#### A Much Needed Institution to be Established in Asheville.

There is considerable talk among certain gentlemen in the city, looking to the erection of a really first-class opera house, with all modern advantages and improvements. Such an institution has long been needed in Asheville, and that it will pay those who invest their money in the enterprise, is almost an assured fact.

The present opera hall is small, very inaccessible, and is on the third floor of the court house; only one exit, and should a fire or panic take place in the building, there is but little doubt that a great many people would be seriously, if not fatally injured.

Again, strictly first-class opera companies shun the city on account of having no conveniences in the way of using the special scenery which most of them carry with them, and because the opera house here is too small to accommodate the people who would turn out to witness the rendition of good plays by good companies.

If what we have heard be true, Asheville is destined, in a short while, to have one of the best arranged and most conveniently located opera houses in the South, and one that will be a credit to our progressive and go-ahead mountain metropolis.

Let's have the opera house ready and there will be no lack of real amusement-making combinations to constantly occupy it.

In the language of Col. Sellers, "there's millions in it," and the investors in the enterprise will pocket them.

### PEARSON IN RALEIGH.

Trying to Secure the Endorsement of the North Carolina Republicans.

Special to the Richmond Dispatch.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 14.—Richardmond Pearson, of Asheville, who has been so earnestly endeavoring to secure the endorsement of the North Carolina Republicans for a cabinet position, arrived here this afternoon. A caucus was called for to-night of the Republicans in the Legislature. Your correspondent learns from Z. V. Walser, who is a leader of the Radicals in the House, that the object of the caucus is to endorse both Blaine and Sherman for the Cabinet. Walser says he is leading the movement of younger Republicans to cut loose from the old Radicals who are entangled in all sorts of quarrels and antagonisms. He says he believes the young Republicans will stand by him. He says that the endorsement of Mahone was a great piece of folly and is injuring the Republicans in this State, even though it was so quickly rescinded. Pearson, nevertheless, hopes to be able to get some encouragement from the caucus.

The Radicals in the Legislature in their caucus Wednesday night closed the doors against most of their outside brethren and after a long conference endorsed Mahone for any Cabinet position which the new President may feel disposed to fill Southwards. This has been stated in this correspondence. But they have taken water, night before last they caucused and rescinded the resolution endorsing Mahone. The latter now stands just where he did before the North Carolina Radicals "marched up the hill and then down again." All the preceding is luck for the Democrats. The Radicals never have been more demoralized, with the relations between the factions more strained.

### Ten Pounds in Six Weeks.

Mr. B. H. Snyder, of Florence, Ky., has been in Asheville for six weeks. During that time he has gained ten pounds in weight. He was suffering greatly from severe lung disorders upon his arrival here, and is now almost completely relieved of them. He was advised to come to our city by his physician in Florence, and did so. He is pleased with the city, and says that it contains every advantage and benefit claimed for it by its friends and more beside.

Mr. Snyder's case is another of the many relations of the scurrilous and slanderous reports, industriously circulated throughout the country by the would-be friends of the queen city of the West.

## FRISKY TERIAN ORPHANAGE.

### Let us Make an Effort to Secure Its Location Within Our Borders.

We noticed last week the resolution of the Synod of North Carolina to establish and maintain a church orphanage. Such an institution would enlist the support of the Presbyterians throughout the State, including such large and influential churches as those of Charlotte, Wilmington, Raleigh, Greensboro, Winston, etc., and the point at which it is to be located will therefore be a centre of great interest.

We refer to it again, because we learn that a convention is to be held in Charlotte soon, to determine what inducements can be offered by the presbytery of Mecklenburg for the location of the orphanage within its bounds, and we would be glad to see a movement started to secure this institution for Asheville, which undoubtedly offers as many natural advantages as any other point in the State. We suggest to our public-spirited citizens that they look into this question, and, if possible, make an offer of suitable property.

Such an institution would tend to develop adjacent property, and, if located in any one of our suburbs, would enhance values to an appreciable extent, and located in Asheville would form another strong tie between her and her sister cities of the State.

### JUDICIAL ADVISING.

#### What Commissioner Patrick Says It Has Done for Western North Carolina.

Commissioner of immigration John T. Patrick in his annual report to the Governor, relative to the work done in his department during the past year, has the following to say about our God-favored section:

"Considerable attention has also been given to advertising the mountain section as a summer resort for those who have to leave the more Southern States during the summer months, and by proportionate endeavor made in this line thousands of people can be induced to visit the western section of our State, and annually leave many thousand dollars among the people of that part of North Carolina.

Nothing can better illustrate the effects of the judicious advertising of mountain resorts than the prosperity of Western North Carolina. Its unrivaled scenery and unexcelled climate during winter were known only to residents and a few travelers, but by advertising it the curious who were first attracted, and they noised it abroad until the mountain section is not only an acknowledged and famous watering place, but its mammoth hotels are unequal to the demand for accommodation."

### THE REBUS AWARDS.

#### Answers Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Win the Prizes Offered by Brevard & Blanton.

At three o'clock yesterday afternoon, the judges, Mrs. J. S. Adams, Mrs. O. H. Henry and Miss Eliza Merrimon, began the opening of the answers to the rebus advertisement of Brevard & Blanton. The attendance of those interested was very large, and the answers sent in were numerous.

Answer No. 3 won the fifteen dollar silk dress, and was sent in by Mrs. Isaac E. Norton.

Answer No. 1 secured the five dollar pair of pants, and was sent in by Mr. G. S. Tennent.