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KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE

Beecham's Message Gives Much Attention to Mob Violence.

Louisville, Jan. 4.—The legislature convened today. The silver nominations for officers of the house and senate were elected, among them a negro assistant clerk-room keeper, the caucus having directed this office be set aside for a colored silverite.

J. W. C. Beecham was chosen speaker of the house and William Goebiel of Covington chairman pro-tem of the senate. Gov. Bradley's message devoted a great deal of attention to lynchers and toll gate raiders, rebuking the community and county officers who took no steps to punish the known offenders. The present law that did not make an attempt to rape a capital offense, the governor says should be amended so that death may be at the discretion of the jury.

BLANCO TAKES COMMAND.

Havana, Jan. 4.—Captain-general Blanco has announced his intention to take personal command of the army in active operations against the insurgents. He is soon to start for Santiago de Cuba. President Caltz will act as governor-general in the absence of Blanco.

POULTRY SHOW THROWN OPEN

Last Night's Ceremonies at the Exhibition.

Address of Welcome by Zebulon B. Weaver.

Col Julian S. Carr's Eloquent Speech of Response.

Profitable Possibilities of the Poultry Industry.

Brief Speech From Attorney General Barber of South Carolina—Prizes Offered by Local Merchants.

The opening of the poultry show which was to have occurred yesterday morning, but which was postponed owing to the rush, until 8:30 last evening, was all and more than could have been expected.

Before the hour set, visitors began to assemble in the building on Patton avenue and were entertained with music furnished by a string band stationed near the door.

When the hour for the addresses arrived, there was a large audience assembled. Mr. George F. Weston, taking the platform announced that owing to a pressing engagement, Mr. Craig who was programmed for the address of welcome, could not be present, but that Mr. Zebulon Weaver would gracefully fill his place.

Mr. Weaver spoke of the suddenness of this call, and of the hesitancy with which he accepted it. He said that he might not be able to deliver such an eloquent address as the man whose place he filled, but he could extend to the visitors as hearty a welcome as any one.

"Asheville has always had her chickens on the outside, and in the name of Asheville and her officials I bid you welcome. We offer you air and water, pure and free as ever was given to man. In the days of Jupiter had there been such a great country as ours, he would never have settled down on Mount Olympus. He'd have rested on our towering peaks, to look down upon our quiet valleys and our peaceful Swannanoa. We yield to no city or no other state the honor of being more hospitable. We do hereby welcome every one of you, every noisy chicken here from the largest Shanghai to the smallest Bantam, that crows on all sides. I have thought that about Christmas when eggs are high, you men would do well to invent an egg-laying machine.

"One that would keep us supplied with the fresh product.

"I am more familiar with the old 'domingque' rooster of the barnyard than I am with your fine chickens, but I am glad to see them. And North Carolina is not professedly alone in the art of chicken raising. She is like a South Carolina fellow who was in a crowd of friends and each one was bragging of what his county could produce; finally his time came and his county being rather poor in agricultural products, he was glad to announce that his section produced MEN. In this respect is Carolina like his county, and it gives me pleasure to introduce to you one of her honorable representatives, Mr. Julian S. Carr."

COL JULIAN S. CARR

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Association:—I thank you for the great compliment conveyed in this invitation to "The Land of the Sky." With gladness I give response, ready as I ever am, to add my mite to anything which contributes to the upbuilding of North Carolina.

And where, Gentlemen, is there to be found a fairer land, or one more worthy of a loyal and devoted citizen? For myself there is a share of my nature that does not love every nook and cranny of the fifty thousand square miles, that constitutes this grand old commonwealth, from where the restless ocean combs her disheveled locks upon the sands at stormy Hatteras, to where our grand old mountains, cast their morning shadows across the line into Tennessee, then, I am frank to tell you, that I am mistaken in my make-up.

God be thanked for the blessed heritage given us, not the least favored portion of which has fallen to you men of mountains. You will please not regard your speaking as simply wishing to say a fitting thing for your country and its citizenship, made respectable by a vast array of sturdy men and noble women dead and living, made immortal by at least one great name, the Tarboro, beloved beyond measure by every true son and daughter of the state, who lies sleeping in the Asheville cemetery overlooking the roiling river on whose banks he was born.

When I contemplate the resources, beauties and history of Western North Carolina, I exclaim of her as Virgil sang of Italy:

"Here the golden corn each laughing valley fills.

The vintage redds on a thousand hills; Luxuriant forests spread from shore to shore.

And rocks unnumbered rear the postures of a giant.

Here Spring perpetual leads the laughing hours,

And Winter wears a wreath of Summer flowers.

All hail, great Mother, hail land of fame, Land rich in fruits, and men of mighty name."

All these I claim part in and beg you to keep alive and warm the traditions in which they were nurtured, the household gods they served, the beneficent example of their lives.

The mountains have ever been the home of freedom while Tyranny ruled the plains. History abounds with examples needless here to repeat, readily to be recalled by most of you.

Our own state has never called for help in time of trial or distress and been refused by the men of the west, nor will she ever be refused.

A struggling east burdened with the weight of complications distressing to the best of statesmanship has more than once took heart when a like cry to that of Flodden Field has been heard in this quarter.

"We come, we come, of Gallant Gordons many a one, And many a sturdy hardman, With Hunter and with Home," May it ever be so.

Gentlemen, you have but to view the splendid exhibit of the feathered tribe, the gallant aggregation set for your entertainment and instruction to be aware that the day of the one crop system is rapidly vanishing and that diversity of farm employment is at hand.

We brag much of the cotton crop in the south, and once deemed the fleecy staple a king; but you will be surprised to know that the ever-present hen yields the world an annual tribute greatly in excess of the value of our raw cotton.

The Colorado Poultry Journal is authoritative for the statement that the poultry earnings of the United States for 1896, were \$39,000,000. The facts are that no country in the world, can compare with the United States in poultry products, and yet we actually import such products for home consumption. When our farmers utilize our advantages, to the extent that we export poultry, we will not be such slaves to the east.

The demand for fresh eggs and choice poultry increases faster than the supply. In European countries where larger proportions of poultry and eggs are used than with us, the supply is furnished not by (Continued on Eighth Page.)

HILL HAS VANISHED

INDIAN DOCTOR DISAPPEARS DURING HIS TRIAL.

Officers Seeking for Him and Telegrams Sent Out for His Arrest—The White Coppers.

When Criminal court opened yesterday morning the trial of Walker Hill, the Indian doctor, for slander was called, but the defendant failed to put in an appearance, though his wife and his wife's niece were on hand. In explanation of the doctor's absence, Mr. E. D. Carter, one of his counsel announced to the court that he was informed by his wife that the doctor had left home an hour or so before she did for the purpose of securing an "important witness" in his behalf and that it was probably that he would soon be in court.

The judge then stated that he would take up some other business. The jury empaneled in the case, were kept in custody of an officer.

In the afternoon, however, it being apparent that the doctor would not appear, a juror was withdrawn and a mistrial had. Upon motion of the solicitor an inquester capias was issued for Hill and placed in the hands of the sheriff. Telegrams were forwarded to Knoxville, Chattanooga, Salisbury, and other points for his arrest.

It was reported in the evening that the doctor was secreted in the city, but nothing of a tangible nature was ascertained. The defendant was under a \$500 bond with C. H. Miller as security. The security it is said has deposited with him the amount of the bond so that in an event will be his loss.

The whitecapping case from Sandy Mush was called and judgments also set, taken against the absconding defendants and their securities. It was ordered by the court that if they were taken, that they be required to give a justified bond in the sum of \$500, instead of \$200, the amount of the old bond. The case was continued until the next term of the court, and Com Surrett, who has been in attendance gave bond for his appearance.

Many cases were disposed of, most of which were jail cases, and several defendants were sent to the road. Among the several bills returned by the grand jury was one against John Melman, charged with committing rape.

Detective Deaver and Deputy Sheriff McDonald accompanied by a posse, made an unsuccessful search for Hill in the city last night and up to the hour of midnight had met with no success. These officers base their belief that the defendant was lurking in the city on the ground that after every effort by wire and otherwise to ascertain if the doctor had boarded a train, no such information could be obtained. As yet the whereabouts of the doctor is unknown.

THE CHARLOTTE MINT.

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 4.—The product of the mines of North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama is assayed here. Charlotte's assay office today reports the year's production of gold as \$247,237. The silver bullion assayed amounted only to \$1,345.

TO INTIMIDATE GOV. BUSHNELL

Crowd of Hannaites With a Brass Band

Invade the Executive's Office at Columbus.

Insults Thrown at the Governor by Congressman Weaver.

Remarkable Vituperative Harangue by the Mob's Spokesman.

Bushnell Defies His Neighbors' But Declares He Has Taken No Part Against Their Candidate.

Columbus, O., Jan. 4.—The most remarkable demonstration in Ohio's political history occurred today. Seventy republicans of Springfield, the home of Governor Bushnell, headed by a brass band, pushed its noisy way into the Governor's office. It was a clear case of assault upon the chief executive of the state. Hanna's friends and a rabble from Columbus' streets joined the hand-full from Springfield. Bushnell waiting for them, calm and determined. A few personal friends were with him, but the Hannaites were in a big majority. Congressman Weaver said:

"Governor, I think you know these men, your neighbors."

"I know some of them," said Governor Bushnell, carefully, for much of the crowd was not prepossessing.

Then Weaver delivered a remarkable vituperative harangue accusing Bushnell of treason, hurling insult after insult at the governor.

Though Mrs. Bushnell was sitting in a corner, the crowd refused to respect and she had to take refuge in a private office. "My republicanism has never been questioned until today," shouted Governor Bushnell. "Why do you come here to dictate to me?"

At this defiance, Bushnell's friends cheered. The Hanna sympathizers hissed. Bushnell said: "If you have no respect for my office, please have respect for the pictures of the republicans on these walls." He pointed to pictures of Hayes, Garfield and McKinley.

"Never has my republicanism been questioned," continued Bushnell, "until today when it is done by my neighbors, among whom I have lived forty years. I have taken no part against your candidate."

"Will you take part for him?" yelled a Hanna man.

"I have no vote in the legislature," the governor replied. "I did my duty last spring when I appointed Marcus A. Hanna senator. I will not detain you longer."

This was a polite invitation to get out and several of the governors neighbors left.

A YOUNG BOY KILLED

WILLIE HAMPTON ACCIDENTALLY "HOT DEAD"

By a Pistol in the Hands of a Playmate—Sad Tragedy on Elanston Street.

Just after dark last night Willie Hampton, son of John E. Hampton was accidentally shot and instantly killed while at play with some boy companions.

The boy was about 15 years old. He had gone to the home of Mrs. Waincoat on Elanston street near Bethel church, to spend the night with his friends. Shortly after his arrival, Willie and three of the Waincoat boys engaged in play on the upper floor of the house. The oldest, Lawrence, 14 years of age was handling an old thirty-eight calibre revolver found in the room, and while attempting to break it, the weapon fired, the ball striking young Hampton in the eye, penetrating the brain and causing almost instant death. The cries of the family alarmed the people engaged in a prayer meeting at Bethel church and in a few moments the house was crowded.

One of the Waincoat boys immediately went for Dr. B. B. Glenn, who arrived at the house about 10 minutes after the shooting. He found Willie Hampton lying on the floor dead. He was probably not conscious at all after the shooting. The ball

had entered the centre of his left eye, passed straight through his head and fractured the occipital bone to the right of the back of the head. Lawrence Waincoat implored Dr. Glenn to save his little companion's life and was almost out of his senses when he learned that the boy was surely dead. Dr. Morris arrived a few minutes after Dr. Glenn.

The family of the unfortunate lad was immediately notified and the mother and oldest brother repaired to the scene. Arrangements were at once made to have the body brought to the family residence on Heywood street where a large congregation of sympathetic friends had gathered. The scene at the home upon the arrival of the body was a sad one.

Mrs. J. B. Pittman a sister, now in Columbia, South Carolina, was notified by wire of the death of her brother and will no doubt reach home in time for the burial, arrangements for which will be made today.

At 11 o'clock last night Mrs. Pittman telegraphed that she would be in Asheville on the afternoon train.

BRYAN BANQUETTED

ON HIS RETURN TO HIS HOME IN NEBRASKA.

Notables From Many States Present to Welcome Him—George Fred Williams' Silver Speech.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 4.—William J. Bryan and party returned this afternoon from Mexico. He begged to be excused from being interviewed about his impression of Mexico under the silver standard, but stated that he might later make an extended statement. He returned however as firm in his belief in free silver as ever. Tonight he was tendered a complimentary banquet by a local club. A number of notables from Kansas, Colorado and Missouri spoke. Bryan was the last on the



GEORGE FRED WILLIAMS

list and his speech will not be reached till early this morning.

Massachusetts was represented by Hon. George Fred Williams. He said: "The Massachusetts democracy is in line for Bryan, and the Chicago platform in 1900. The Boston democratic fight now is overwhelmingly for the Chicago platform. The tendency in our state is to put national issues aside in local contests, but when national issues are drawn the silver democrats are in the ascendancy in the state."

Bryan said he would not consider any proposition that he is to run for congress this fall, and refused to discuss the possibility of being induced to do so.

GEN. HAGOOD DEAD

One of the Most Conspicuous Public Men of South Carolina.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 4.—General Johnson Hagood, aged 69, died at Barnwell today of Bright's disease. Next to General Hampton and Butler, his position in war and peace, was more conspicuous than any other public man in the state. Graduating from the Citadel Academy in '47, he was soon appointed deputy adjutant general of militia and entered the confederate service under General Beauregard as colonel of militia.

He participated in the siege of Sumter. After the first battle of Manassas he was made brigadier general and subsequently was recommended to Lee for promotion for gallantry. In the siege at Petersburg, Hagood's brigade dwindled from 2,800 to 700.

He took a prominent part in exposing the financial frauds in the state under the negro government and in redemption of '76. In 1880 he was elected governor, voluntarily, retiring at the end of his term.

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ROBBERS IN AN EXPRESS CAR

Held up the Messenger and Opened the Safe,

As the Train Was Moving Out of Kansas City.

Reported That the Thieves Secured Ten Thousand Dollars.

Leaped From the Car as the Train Slowed Down and Escaped.

Twenty-Five Armed Men Searching the Locality for the Robbers—The Express Messenger Though Fully Armed Was Intimidated.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 4.—The Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf railway's port Arthur express was held up by two men a short distance beyond the city tonight. While the express officials, as usual, declare that the robbers obtained little or nothing, it is stated from reliable authority that the bandits secured at least \$10,000.

While the train was bowling along the express messenger, B. N. Hyde, was startled by the pressure of a six-shooter behind his ear. When he hastily turned he was confronted by two men. One covered him with a revolver and commanded him to keep silent. The other hastily opened the local safe which was unlocked and began stuffing money and packages into his pockets. They worked quietly, taking nearly everything in the car of any value. They made no attempt to open the through safe.

The train slowed at the Chicago and Alton crossing. The men opened the door of the express car, jumped off and disappeared in the darkness.

The robbery was reported to the police within half an hour. A special train was immediately sent to the scene with a number of detectives. The county marshal also sent out a number of deputies.

Altogether about twenty-five armed men are beating through the brush between the Missouri river and the Pittsburg and Gulf track in search of the robbers. Messenger Hyde was fully armed. The express officials say that if he had any nerve he could easily have captured one of the men. The messenger described the men as young with smooth faces.

WILSON'S APPEAL

In Railroad Commission Case Laid Before Supreme Court

Washington, Jan. 4.—James W. Wilson, who was removed from the office of chairman of the railroad commission in North Carolina by Governor Russell, which action later was sustained by the Supreme court of that state, has appealed to the Supreme court of the United States for relief, alleging his removal was without good and sufficient cause. Wilson alleges that Russell refused to hear his side of the case and when quo warranto proceedings were instituted in the Supreme court of Wake county to vacate the office for the benefit of L. C. Caldwell, appointed to succeed him, that the court refused to submit the question of fact to the jury, and found Caldwell was entitled to the office.

TAKING STOCK NOW.

When this is done there will be a big lot of bargains offered to close out old lines. Our stock must be always fresh and new. J. H. Law, 35 Pat. Ave. 280-2

We feel very sure everybody had a very merry Christmas from the number of presents we sold. We desire to wish everybody a very happy New Year, and express thanks to our patrons for making a success of an institution that has been admired and complimented by our resident patrons, and the visitors to the city, especially from large places.

We have endeavored in every way, in selection of design, in quality of goods, and by giving very low prices, to please, and hope we have succeeded far beyond the usual requirements of this busy season.

Again allow us to thank you for your kindness, and wish you the compliments of the season.

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