

LIVE TOPICS AT WASHINGTON

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Alleged Gold Find in Cherokee—J. Will Roberts' Congressional Aspirations.

Special to the Gazette. Washington, D. C., January 19.—Hon. J. Will Roberts, the ex-legislator of Madison county, and who has recently spent a few days in Washington, has some mature congressional aspirations. He believes he can go to congress from the Ninth district regardless of any gerrymandering scheme the democrats may formulate and put into practice. Mr. Roberts has returned to his home and will immediately begin to rope in the wires. Should he succeed, a universal and deep feeling of security will pervade business circles. Mr. Roberts would doubtless assume the leadership on the republican side, and as Roscoe Conkling would remark, the galleries would have a vociferous and hilarious old time when he and Mr. Bailey came to cross colloquial swords.

There is good reason to believe that John Hart, formerly of Asheville, will get the postmastership at Spartanburg. It is said at the postoffice department that there is a rather queer situation with reference to the contest over the Spartanburg office. There are several applicants, all considered good men, and no one applicant has said aught against the other. Mr. Hart at one time conducted a large machine shop in Asheville.

There is a quiet but persistent undercurrent rumor to the effect that steps have been taken to remove District Attorney Bernard. Yesterday your correspondent discussed the rumor with an official who was, in all probability, informed with regard to the matter. In reply to a question the gentleman referred to said he did not think any "formal" steps had been taken to remove Mr. Bernard. It is not clear why that word "formal" should have been used. At any rate it is practically certain that Mr. Bernard will return to Washington in a few days to make some further explanations relative to the conduct of his office.

An old soldier arrived here today from Cherokee county to investigate some matters pertaining to his pension claim. A considerable portion of Senator Pritchard's time and attention is given to these pension matters. When the soldiers come here and make personal application for pensions every courtesy is shown them. Senator Pritchard's reception room in the Malby building is a very busy place, but work is suspended to receive the old soldier and his wants are attended to. When it is necessary a messenger is sent with the veteran to show him the way to the G. A. R. hotel. If a soldier belongs to this organization no charge is made for his temporary entertainment. The soldier from Cherokee says the gold fever is prevalent in his county; that last week several rich finds were made on Valley river, a few miles from Murphy. He says that three companies are working night and day to get out the precious metal. The object of the night work is for the purpose of guarding the mines as much as anything else, he says. Some of the ore is so rich that should any of it be stolen it would be a considerable loss to the owners.

The probability of an extra session of Congress is fully realized. A large number of members have expressed the opinion that an extra session will be an absolute necessity. Several important bills are up for consideration and others will be, and it will be difficult to discuss them all and get them all through in the short time that remains. Mr. Linney said this morning that he did not see how an extra session could be avoided. The Star last evening was very positive in its prediction of an extra session, saying that certain desired military legislation can not be had at the present session, and that there are indications of considerable inaction during the present session. Senator Platt of Connecticut remarked to a friend today that there would certainly be an extra session.

The friends of Judge Ewart are still firm in the belief that he will be confirmed. As telegraphed to the Gazette, Senator Spooner has peremptorily declined to have anything further to do with the case, and thus, the friends of Judge Ewart contend, will have a favorable effect on the contest. Another Senator who it is believed was strongly against the confirmation has said that he will make no active opposition. One of the best known attorneys of Charlotte has written Congressman Linney that the fact that this city is unqualifiedly in favor of the confirmation of Judge Ewart, a large number of well known lawyers are making endorsements of Judge Ewart and they make special reference to the matter of "judicial temperament," about which so much has been said. An effort is being made to have an early called meeting of the sub-judiciary committee and have some action taken in the Judge Ewart matter without waiting until next Monday, the regular time for meeting.

Senator Pritchard was one of the pall-bearers at the funeral of Congressman Angley, and was also among those who

SMOKE TRAYLOR'S MAGISTRATE CIGAR

were appointed to accompany the remains of the distinguished statesman to Lewiston. Official business, however, prevented his serving in the latter capacity. W. A. H.

WOOD'S PLAN MAY AGAIN BE SET BACK

Now Understood that Santiago Receipts will Have to be Distributed.

Santiago, Jan. 19.—Telegrams received by officials from Havana confirm the belief that the province will no longer derive exclusive benefit from its revenues but that the large receipts at this and other ports will be distributed among the other provinces. The order has come from Havana to give the estimated probable expenses and forbidding the expenditure of customs moneys without the approval of the division commander. Unless the government at Washington intervenes General Wood's extensive plans for improvements will be seriously hampered.

COLUMBUS' REMAINS WELCOMED IN SPAIN

People Looked on the Ceremonies as a Symbol of Spanish Empire's Burial.

Seville, Jan. 19.—A great crowd, many in mourning, today witnessed the ceremony of transferring the remains of Columbus from the boat which brought them from Cadiz to the cathedral here.

Salutes were fired, there was a funeral procession and a solemn requiem mass was said.

The people seemed to think that the burial of the Spanish colonial empire was symbolized.

BOYS IN BLUE HONOR MEMORY OF ROBERT E. LEE

Parade by Thirty-First Michigan in Savannah—Sumptuous Dinner to the Soldiers.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 19.—The men of the Thirty-first Michigan volunteer infantry had an excellent example of southern hospitality today when they were given a sumptuous dinner at the grounds at Camp Onward by the lady friends of the three local companies that formed part of the First Georgia regiment, which has been mustered out. The officers were entertained separately by some of the officers of the old First Georgia. After the dinner there was a parade by the Thirty-first Michigan, the famous Chatham artillery and Georgia Hussars in honor of General Robert E. Lee's birthday.

WHEN WRITING TO CUBA.

The Gazette yesterday received a card from L. B. Alexander, of the First North Carolina, which stated that letters for that regiment in Cuba should not as formally be addressed "via Tampa" as new and quicker routes have been established. The simple address, "First North Carolina Regiment, Havana, Cuba," will meet the most prompt delivery. Mr. Alexander in his card says: "A postoffice has just been opened at corps headquarters, and all mail for the entire corps will come to camp promptly on arrival of boats."

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MAGEE, THE DARK HORSE

Will Probably Succeed Quay In the Senate but Quay is Still Confident.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 19.—Senator Quay left for Washington this afternoon. He said the situation was satisfactory to him and that he had not the slightest doubt of his re-election. There was no material change in the ballot today. It is not expected that a ballot will be taken for another week. There is a suspicion that some democrats are waiting for a chance to break to Senator Quay but if they do so the rest of the democrats and independents will refrain from voting and thus prevent an election. A compromise candidate seems likely to be the outcome and Chris Magee, of Pittsburg, is likely to be the man.

DOUBT IN WEST VIRGINIA

Republican Caucus Nominee Lacks Two very Necessary Votes.

Charleston, W. Va., Jan. 19.—N. B. Scott was nominated tonight by the republicans for United States senator. The republicans have a majority of two in the legislature but three members purposely absented themselves from the caucus tonight and the election of the caucus nominee is in grave doubt.

POST OFFICE BILL HUNG UP IN HOUSE

Metropolitan Appropriation Voted Down—Bill Still Pending.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The refusal of the house today to take up the Brown-Swanson contested election case from the Fifth district of Virginia necessitated a premature consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill and the session was devoted to that measure. It went through the committee of the whole practically as it came from the special committee. An item appropriating \$171,000 for expediting the mails from New York and Washington to Atlanta and New Orleans was stricken out by a large vote.

When the bill reached the house a motion to recommit was made with instructions to omit "newly acquired territory" from the operation of the bill. On this year and nays were demanded, whereupon the house adjourned, leaving the matter pending business.

MORE RUMORS ABOUT ALGER.

Washington, Jan. 19.—There are many rumors in circulation here that Secretary Alger is about to leave the Cabinet. In some circles it is positively declared that the resignation has been handed to president McKinley, to take effect when the army investigation commission makes its report. It is admitted in the best informed circles that the secretary of war is displeased greatly over the decision to have Commissary-General Egan court-martialed, but, while making this admission, these people say that Mr. Alger is going to bury his pride and stay in the cabinet until he has evened all scores against his dearest enemy, Nelson A. Miles. There is no doubt that before the Egan court-martial fairly is begun the secretary will make an attempt to involve General Miles. All the other members of the cabinet claim that they have heard nothing of the rumored resignation or of any intention on the part of Mr. Alger to resign.

MATTERS MOST DISCUSSED AMONG THE LEGISLATORS

The Defeat of the Superior Court Project—Winston's Suffrage Bill—Russell's Attitude—Personal Notes.

Special to the Gazette. Raleigh, Jan. 19.—The legislature has received many compliments on the personal of its members, and I heard the first criticism yesterday. It was by an Asheville man. He said: "This legislature is a nerveless body; it fears popular opinion and is always considering what the people will say. It hesitates about taking important action." Yet this contains the suggestion of a compliment. However, the above characteristics undoubtedly defeated the proposal to establish new superior courts. It was urged that the people would not like the expense and some members were glad the governor's demand that he have a majority of the appointments of the proposed courts' officers gave them an excuse for refusing the courts. The criminal court people should watch sharp lest after these courts are abolished the legislature may forget to establish new ones. The two houses are democratic in a broad sense. People crowd into the ante-rooms and side halls, sit on the members' seats and make themselves at home. At first there were buckets of water for drinking, but now the legislature has ventured to install water coolers and tin dippers. One of the representatives who is making a good reputation is Hon. R. L. Leatherwood, of Swain county. Mr. Leatherwood is a hard worker, and although a new member obtained for a constituent, Mr. J. H. Elmore, of Swain, the best legislative office—engrossing clerk. Candidates for superintendent of the penitentiary must wait patiently until something turns up. No one is pushing measures to oust Captain Day, although Speaker Connor is, it is said, preparing a bill to remove the captain. It will be a satisfaction to candidates to know this for when Judge Connor is satisfied with a measure Captain Day will be out for good. There is the same state of affairs in regard to the railroad commissioners. Their removal and the election of new officers is only a matter of time, however.

The republicans are few and wily, so they managed to hold a meeting Tuesday night without attracting attention. They say the governor was not there. Neither was Colonel V. S. Lusk. It was a "family reunion," the republicans say. The suggestion in the Gazette that Colonel Lusk has injected courage into the governor was verified by Governor Russell's reconsideration of his intention that he would appoint the democratic caucus nominees judges and solicitors. "Reconsideration" is the proper expression because the three members of the caucus steering committee who saw the governor were satisfied from what he said that he would appoint democrats as the court officers and it was on this belief and this only that they called the caucus.

The statue in front of the capitol, which represents George Washington bareheaded, annoys every legislator. The members think the great man should not be bareheaded. The members from the Atlantic seaboard are assailing the legislature with bills to erect lighthouses at Old Topsail Inlet and Chuckamuck sound, to regulate fishing with seines, Dutch nets, etc.

J. Frank Ray's committee on propositions and grievances is a very general sort of committee; in fact, using the expression respectfully, it is a sort of "hotch potch" committee. It considers all kinds of bills, charters, pension claims, dispensary, and it gets most of the resolutions.

The Winston bill to submit a constitutional amendment on the subject of suffrage, based on the Louisiana law, has been placed in charge of two of the most capable members of the committee on constitutional amendments. It is probable that it will be made shorter, but not materially changed.

Representative Josh Curtis believes in pushing his bills from the day of their introduction. He sees that they reach the committee and then he presents his case, gets the bills back before the house, and has succeeded in getting the house to pass them.

The legislature and outside parties in attendance seem not to appreciate its importance, not to realize that it opens the way for the easy election of two United States senators, a governor, state officials and other valuable offices. There are those who do, however. The members are not overconfident of success two years from now, although they have the power to pass an election law and submit an amendment which will remove a great part of the republican party. The legislators act as if the next election would be close, and that they must make a record for it.

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SEMI-FINALS ON THE LINKS

Finals Played Today and Prizes Awarded—A Golf Club at Hot Springs.

The semi-finals of the Swannanoa Country club's golf tournament proved an interesting feature on the links yesterday. The playing was spirited and was watched by a large number of members and friends. Dr. C. Y. Jordan and Miss M. Neubold won with 5 up and 4 to go from Mr. J. West and Miss Howland. The same result was reached in the match between Mr. D. C. Waddell and Mrs. Warden and Dr. Cheesborough and Miss Helen Doyle, the former winning.

The finals of the tournament will be played today. Two handsome first prizes and two second prizes will be awarded.

Mr. McDonald Shroder, the golf professional, recently spent a week in Hot Springs changing and improving the links of the golf club recently organized there. Mr. Shroder caused a number of bunkers and streams to be placed on the links, thus increasing the hazards and making the links very sporty. Hot Springs has many golf enthusiasts and a tournament has been arranged for next week. It is expected that tournaments will soon be arranged between the Swannanoa and the Hot Springs clubs.

UNNATURAL MOTHER LOCATED BY POLICE

Believed to be in Danville, Va., and Efforts will be Made to Have Her Arrested.

The police are making strenuous efforts to locate Ellen Blakely, the unnatural mother who deserted her two months old babe last Sunday. Through hard work the police have obtained a description of the man in whose company the woman is said to have left the city. They also believe they have ascertained his right name and address. The name of the deserted child's father has also been discovered.

It is known that the Blakely woman boarded the north bound train and is at present believed to be in Danville, Va. The police will endeavor to have her arrested there.

The baby is being cared for by Mrs. Smith, though her circumstances make the increased expense a burden. She will probably return it to the Blakely woman's people in Craven county, Ga.

FARMER DEWEESE INSANE.

Robert Deweese, a farmer in the neighborhood of Barnardsville, is incarcerated in the county jail here because he is a lunatic. He had been suffering from mental aberration for some time and a few days ago he became violently insane. A party of friends brought him to the jail here. Deweese is a young married man and has two children. The cause for his loss of reason has not been known.

SHAMPOOING.

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PERSONALS.

R. L. Neilson, of Greensboro, was in the city yesterday.

W. R. Crawford and R. D. Gilmer, of Waynesville, arrived in the city yesterday.

Miss Ada Guder has returned from an extended visit in Lebanon, Ky., and Quincy, Ill.

Colonel V. S. Lusk returned from Raleigh yesterday morning. He states positively that he has not influenced any of the governor's actions.

Mr. Warman, of New York, arrived here Wednesday, to visit his invalid brother at the Knickerbocker. He left yesterday with his brother for Scranton, Pa.

Mrs. R. H. Flemming, wife of the mayor of Laidlow, Ky., and her niece, Miss Fannie Clesson, who have been stopping in the city, left yesterday for Savannah, Ga.

J. D. Rattines, of Chester, S. C.; E. H. McCutchen, of Hoboken, Pa.; Reuben Gentry, of Danville, Ky.; B. Marks, of Philadelphia, and George C. Walters, of New Orleans, are at the Hotel Berkeley.

Avery Elliott, of T. C. Smith's pharmacy, has returned from a business trip to Burnsville.

H. Hewston, of this county, is back from a trip out west.

A. V. Lawson, representing Arnold, Hennigar & Doyle, wholesale boot and shoe jobbers, is in the city soliciting orders.

Miss Bessie Splan, of Winchester, Ky., entered the Asheville college, yesterday as a student.

Arthur Mader is here from New York, to join his wife, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bearden, on Bearden avenue, for a few days.

Mrs. A. Dowell is here from St. Louis, visiting her father, Dr. A. Crawford, on Grove street.

Judge and Mrs. Marcus Erwin returned from a visit in Chattanooga, yesterday.

Miss Fria Hornbeck arrived here from Mt. Sterling, O., yesterday, to spend the winter.

After a sojourn of several days in Asheville, B. F. Kohler left for Tryon, last evening.

Mr. Thomas Spencer Cobb, who has been a guest at the Berkeley for the past month, leaves town today on a commercial trip in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

Remember the fire sale at 28 South Main street. The entire stock of A. Trifield, slightly damaged by his recent fire, is being sold regardless of cost. 298 S. C.

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