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Gazette-News Bureau, The Hotel Hamilton, Washington, Dec. 5.

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Chairman Patton and Other Recently Elected Members of the Board of County Commissioners Go into Office.

NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE FOR THE PRESENT AT LEAST

Retiring Chairman Makes Straightforward Talk—County Has Experienced Long Enough—What Has Been Accomplished.

The new board of county commissioners, composed of E. W. Patton, chairman, R. D. Buckner, R. C. Sales, John E. Patton and John W. Rutherford, were sworn in this morning by retiring Chairman J. E. Rankin, while the newly-elected county officers, with the exception of Tax Collector Crowell and the board of education, who hold until June, were also sworn in by the new chairman, Mr. Patton, and the bonds filed and approved.

The new officers and amounts of their bonds follow: C. F. Williams, sheriff, \$5000 bond; Marcus Erwin, clerk of Superior court, \$10,000; R. J. Stoekey, auditor, \$5000; J. J. Mackey, register of deeds, \$5000 and T. M. Duckett, treasurer, \$15,000 bond for the county fund and \$15,000 bond for the school fund.

The board designated the Battery Park bank as the depository for the school and county funds.

No Changes for Present. Those who had gathered expecting the new board to make a number of changes or re-elections to fill the various minor county offices were surprised when Chairman Patton announced that the board would make no change until it had carefully considered everything and all had gotten installed properly in their new duties.

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Two Desperate Duels Fought Near Paris



PARIS, Dec. 5.—Two duels were recently fought on the Grande Rue ground. Both were directed by Mons. Rouzier-Dorciere, and swords were the weapons in both cases. In the first Comte Raymond de Castellane met Comte de Lestang-Parade, as a result of a personal quarrel followed by blows. Comte de Castellane's seconds were Mons. Par-dalhe-Galabrun and Mons. Andre de Pourquieres. Comte de Lestang-Par-

North Carolina Has a Population of 2,206,287; Increase 16 Per Ct.

THE announcement that the census of North Carolina is 2,206,287, an increase of 312,477 over 1900 or a little over 16 per cent, places North Carolina third in rank of the ex-Confederate states. The ones which exceed North Carolina are Texas and Georgia. It is also interesting to note that North Carolina has increased more in numbers than any other southern state, whose population has been announced so far. By the census of 1900 North Carolina passed both Virginia and New Jersey for the first time and during the past decade has increased 105,990 more than Virginia.

ASHEVILLE STAYS IN SOUTHEASTERN LEAGUE

Representing Asheville at the meeting of the directors of the Southeastern league at Knoxville Friday night was T. M. Duckett of this city. Mr. Duckett says that the meeting was a harmonious one and it was voted to retain the present towns in the league and that the question of making the league an eight-team league may come up at a later meeting. No guarantee was put up at the Knoxville meeting by the teams, and while the chances of Asheville getting in the Carolina league are not the brightest, since no new baseball park seems forthcoming, yet the action at Knoxville does not bind this city if it has a chance to get into the Carolina association. Failing in this, Asheville is secure for a berth in the Southeastern, which is proposed to be made as fast as the Carolinas. Raising the league limit from \$500 to \$500 will enable employment of higher class players. The league season is to be played May 22 and end September 9, playing 162 games. It was decided to pool the receipts of the double-header

Table with 2 columns: State and Population. Includes Tennessee (2,184,789), Alabama (2,138,093), Florida (751,139), Maryland (1,294,459), West Virginia (1,221,119), Georgia (1,442,731), Louisiana (1,414,173), Texas (2,093,396), Virginia (1,064,406).

GULLOWHEE MINING CO. HAS SUSPENDED WORK

Special to The Gazette-News. Sylva, Dec. 5.—This section has been in the grasp of the cold wave for the past three days. The oldest inhabitants hereabouts cannot recall a time near so cold on December 1 as that experienced this season. The Cullowhee Mining and Reduction company has suspended operations at their smelter on the Cullowhee mountain for the winter, and it is freely talked, until railroad facilities are afforded them. It is thought here that Hon. Thos. A. Cox, state senator-elect and one of the largest stockholders in the Copper company may be able to further the railroad project during the legislature. Certain it is that the south end of this county needs a railroad and cannot be developed until its construction. An illustration of the expense of the Copper company in the operation of its smelter: Wagon freight costs them 40 cents per 100 pounds to deliver coke at the smelter from Sylva and 55 cents per 100 to deliver the pig copper at Sylva; these figures are prohibitive, in that the profit is consumed marketing the product.

CHAMP CLARK IS GIVEN OVATION

Democrats Burst into Prolonged Cheering as He Enters Legislative Halls—Hailed as the Next Speaker.

HE ACKNOWLEDGED THE BIG DEMONSTRATION WITH BOW

"Uncle" Joe Cannon Received Remarkable Ovation from Both Sides as He Lifted Gravel—Short Session of Congress Is on.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Promptly at noon today both houses of congress entered on the short session of the sixty-first congress. There was a good attendance in both branches. The galleries were crowded. Upon the completion of prayer in the house of representatives Champ Clark of Missouri entered the chamber. The democratic side burst into prolonged cheering, hailing him as the next speaker. Clark acknowledged the ovation merely by bowing.

In the senate many new faces were seen. Senator Tillman, who had been absent for some time, was there. He showed the effects of a long illness and entered the chamber supporting himself by a stout cane.

Speaker Cannon Given Ovation. Speaker Cannon received a remarkable ovation when he took up the gavel to announce the opening of the session. The applause lasted several minutes. The democrats joined with the republicans in acclaiming the veteran legislator.

The present session will expire in three months by constitutional limitation and the control of the house of representatives will be surrendered to the democratic party. Early work on appropriation bills has cleared the way for prompt consideration of those measures on the floors of the two houses.

INSANE, HE WON BOSTON HEARTS

"Mons. Felix de la Chaux" Went to the Hub, Saw and Conquered Society as a French Reporter.

DE LA CHAUX EVADED HIS KEEPERS, LANDED IN BOSTON

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 5.—Members of the first, second and third families who have been fighting for the proud privilege of entertaining Felix de la Chaux during the last week will now withdraw from the scene and remain in retirement until the common or garden variety of citizens get through laughing at the delicious manner in which Mons. de la Chaux put them over the hurdles. When it became known that De la Chaux came direct to this city last Monday from Montreal, where he had eluded the vigilance of his keepers, a laugh went up that resounded everywhere but the fashionable Back Bay district and the immediate vicinity of the Boston opera house.

AMERICAN WOMAN'S LEAGUE HAS PURCHASED PROPERTY

It is Announced That League Has Acquired Lot on North Main Street—Will Build Chapter House.

It is announced that the Asheville chapter of the American Woman's league has today purchased from the Orthodox Jewish congregation, through S. Finstein, the lot on North Main street opposite the Asheville School for Girls (formerly the Burroughs) property. The purchase price was \$3000. The chapter purposes to build on this lot, beginning probably in the early spring, a handsome chapter house, which is estimated to cost \$15,000. Members of the chapter are most enthusiastic over the present status of the league's affairs in Asheville.

Heavy Snow Storm in Virginia

Winchester, Va., Dec. 5.—A heavy snow storm prevails in northern Virginia.

Fought Off Girl Employes In Her Effort to End Life

Cincinnati, Dec. 5.—Fighting off other girl employes, and with a smile and whispered "good bye," Adalena Aurora, seamstress, aged 23, hung a moment from the ninth story of the textile building and then dropped to the pavement below. When she started for the window several girl employes vainly tried to drag her away. "I must go," cried the girl. She was hanging by her finger tips to the ledge, one girl seized her by the wrist, felt her trembling hands slip from her grasp; heard the murmured "good-bye" and saw the smile.