

APPORTIONMENT COMPLICATIONS

Republicans Almost Certain of Net Gain of 16 in Electoral College, if Measure is Adopted as it Comes from House.

THERE MAY BE OPPOSITION FROM DEMOCRATIC SIDE

Morehead, Born in Charlotte, and Receiving Much Support There, Took No Interest in Fight to Retain Charlotte Mint.

Gazette-News Bureau, Hotel Hamilton, Washington, Feb. 17.

While Congressman Webb lost his fight for the Charlotte mint by a close vote, he succeeded in inducing the house to continue the appropriation to be used in employing men to exploit southern cotton interests abroad.

Morehead was born in Charlotte, and during his campaign for the republican state chairmanship he got considerable encouragement from part of the press of that city, and yet when this amendment, of direct interest to that city, was up for consideration, that member could not be found.

It is generally reported here that Mr. McNinch of Charlotte will seek appointment as collector of western internal revenue district.

MEASURE TO STOP DEALING IN FUTURES GOES TO SENATE FROM INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION, BY 5 TO 6 VOTE—HEARING HELD THIS FORENOON—COTTON MEN AGAINST THE MEASURE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Under the agreement that they would vote today on the bill to prohibit gambling in cotton futures, the interstate commerce committee decided by a vote of six to five to report it to the senate without recommendation. Senators Clark of Arkansas and Tillman of South Carolina held the committee to its word to make the report.

Three sections of the bill as it passed the house were eliminated by the senate committee.

Would Make it Non-Effective? Some of the measure's friends say these changes would make the measure non-effective. The sections struck out are those authorizing the agents of telegraph, telephone and cable companies to administer oaths, in efforts to ascertain whether messages offered for transmission violated the laws; declaring that writing containing quotations that might induce the making of contracts violating the proposed law should be non-mailable; and providing that the postmaster general might return mail to senders when he believed it unlawful under the proposed act.

Hearing by the Committee. The committee's action was pro-

ceeded by a hearing, the entire forenoon. Representatives of the New Orleans cotton exchange and the exchanges at New York and Chicago trained their guns upon the bill. They attacked the bill as hurtful to the farmers and impossible of enforcement. The hearing was attended by a large number, and senators and congressmen from the southern states all displayed great interest.

The principal arguments against the bill were made by Judge H. Farrar, representing the New Orleans exchange, and W. B. Thompson, its president. Judge Farrar thought the courts might interpret the proposed bill, if it were enacted, so as to prevent all business, but that it would be impossible under the measure to separate the good from the evil. He contended for the right of dealers, whether merchants, spinners or farmers, to hedge in disposing of cotton.

In reply to a question by Senator Chapp, the speaker said he would approve any measure absolutely prohibiting transactions where there was no intention to receive or deliver, but that the bill in question would not accomplish that result.

SOUTHERN RY. WINS ITS CASE

After Lengthy Hearing Before Committee an Unfavorable Report on the Ray Bill Was Adopted.

MINORITY REPORT, IT IS SAID, WILL BE SUBMITTED

A Sub Committee Representing Each House Appointed to Prepare Reasonable Plan for Redistricting State.

Gazette-News Bureau, Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Holleman Building, Raleigh, Feb. 17.

The Southern Railway company won its fight against the Ray bill which exacted a forfeiture of the charter of the Tennessee & Southern railroad if the work of construction of the line from Franklin is not resumed and pushed to completion within a specified time. The matter was aired at length before a joint committee on corporations late yesterday afternoon. At the conclusion of the hearing the committee voted to report the bill unfavorably.

A minority report will be made. It is understood that the committee will offer a substitute to the general assembly giving the company 10 years in which to complete the line. Another unfavorable report from committee had to do with the "sawdust" bill of Senator Hicks, which was designed to prohibit the throwing of sawdust in any stream in North Carolina.

A sub-committee representing each house has been appointed by the joint committees on congressional apportionment to prepare a reasonable plan for redistricting the state and report to a joint caucus of the democrats of the state in next session of the legislature.

The House. Speaker Dowd convened the house at 10 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. A. J. Moncrief of the Baptist tabernacle. General bills favorably reported from committees: Amend the charter of the Baptist ordinance; amend charter of Black Mountain railway company; incorporate Fossil & Yadkin railroad; amend charter of Salem; provide state board of trade reported without prejudice; amend the Revisal relative to freight rates; regulate rates for tickets on railroads.

New Bills Introduced. Dillard of Cherokee: Authorize the governor to take recovery action to settle the dispute as to the boundary line between North Carolina and Tennessee.

Parham: Resolution against lobbying. Resolution of condolence at the death of ex-Senator N. A. McLean was received from the senate and put on its immediate passage under suspension of rules and in silence by a rising vote. This was on motion of Representative Doughton.

Warren: Allow road bonds by Person county. Koonce: Allow Onslow county commissioners to meet Tuesdays; provide home for aged and infirm in Onslow and issue bonds therefor.

Parham: Amend graded school law of Thomasville. Taylor: of Hertford; Change the name of Chowan Baptist Female institute to Chowan college.

McPhaul: Prevent the sale of pistols and cartridges to minors. Judd: Amend the law relative to cotton weighers.

Weatherproof: Provide a board of control for Laurinburg. Privitt: Amend the law relative to the Edenton graded schools.

Hope: Amend the charter of Clayton. Richardson: Provide for the sale of property belonging to Rutherford; (Continued on page 2)

SEN. MARTIN PRESENTS SEARCH AND SEIZURE BILL

Measure Would Make it a Misdemeanor to Have in Possession More Than Two Gallons Liqueur.

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A bill introduced by Senator Martin would make it a misdemeanor in Buncombe and Asheville to possess over two gallons of intoxicants. It authorizes search warrants on authority of superior court or police judge or mayor having jurisdiction. There is a provision that no private residence can be searched.

Hurricane Raging on German Coasts. Cuxhaven, Germany, Feb. 17.—A hurricane is raging on the German coasts. Several craft grounded in the Baltic sea. Many vessels in damaged condition, took refuge here.

Hutchinson, the English Amateur Golf Expert



NEW YORK BANKERS MAY GO BACK TO SIX-TEAM LEAGUE

Disturbed by Report That They Would Be Investigated, Message is Sent to Wickersham.

Washington, Feb. 17.—New York bankers, disturbed by a report that the department of justice was about to investigate the New York City clearing house for alleged violations of the Sherman anti-trust law, have submitted to Attorney General Wickersham a brief explaining the organization and functions of the association.

New York bankers took alarm at the recent attempt to have the grand jury investigate the clearing house association of New Orleans. As far as could be learned no proceedings against the New York clearing house is contemplated.

When the directors of the Southeastern baseball league meet in Knoxville next Saturday night, they may determine to return to the six club organization. Also to eliminate Rome, Gadsden and Anniston, or at least cut out two of the latter places.

Anniston was only recently admitted to the league in conjunction with Bristol, when it was determined to maintain an eight club organization.

If the plan as now proposed is carried out, the league will include Knoxville, Asheville, Johnson City, Morristown, Bristol and either Cleveland or Rome. It is stated that there is a strong sentiment in favor of dropping Rome and admitting Cleveland, while others are said to favor keeping Rome in the league, and permitting the circuit to remain the same as last year with the exception of substituting Bristol for Gadsden.

However, it is said to be quite probable that Rome may have to go also, and that Cleveland will be the southernmost point in the league.

The chief reason advanced for this probable revision of the Southeastern circuit is that of railroad fares. It is stated that Rome and Gadsden paid little more than the guarantee last year, and that on account of the long railroad travel between the upper East Tennessee and North Carolina points in the league and Rome and Gadsden, it was a great financial sacrifice that these teams visited Rome and Gadsden. Cleveland is much nearer Knoxville and all other points in the league, and it is also declared to be as enthusiastic a baseball town as either Rome or Gadsden.

T. M. Duckett will attend the meeting of the directors Saturday, representing Asheville and will lend his influence in favor of making the league with these proposed changes, thus cutting down the circuit. It is said that the change will cut down the mileage about half and also eliminate hotel bills incident to the long jumps. It is also stated that Moffett of the Knoxville club is in favor of the change, in fact that all the clubs, which are not affected, favor the plan.

It is likely that Cleveland will have representatives at the meeting to petition for admittance.

PEOPLE WILL NEVER ACCEPT BONILLA, SAYS PEACE ENVOY

He is in League With Fruit Trust of United States, Declares Rosales—More Fighting.

Peurto Cotoz, Honduras, Feb. 17.—"The people of Honduras will never accept Manuel Bonilla for president, because he is in league with the fruit trust of the United States."

This declaration, made by General Rosales, the peace envoy of President Davila, does not give promise of an early settlement of the revolutionary troubles.

Bonilla is determined to resume fighting if the presidency is not turned over to him.

SLASHED WIFE'S THROAT; THEN COMMITTED SUICIDE

Jealous Husband Pursued His Wife and Murdered Her; Then Suicided.

Philadelphia, Feb. 17.—With a razor in each hand George Quigley pursued his wife from her room in West Philadelphia and on the front porch of their home slashed her throat, then returned to his room, committing suicide. The police attribute the tragedy to the husband's jealousy.

PITTSBURG, PA., HAS ANOTHER SCANDAL

Voters' Civic League Finds That Members of the School Boards Have Been Grafting.

LEAGUE TURNS ON THE LIGHT; DECLARES IT WILL PROSECUTE

Graft Prevalent to Such an Extent That it Cannot Be Described—Some Cases.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 17.—Graft in the Pittsburg school board as exposed in a bulletin issued to the public by the Voters' Civic league, yesterday has not yet received official notice from the district attorney who, after reading the bulletin, said he would wait to ascertain if the league would make informations and take up the prosecution of the alleged offenders, as it did in the councilmanic graft cases last spring.

The league declares that it intends to prosecute the offenders, but they were so numerous that the arrest of all would clog the wheels of justice. The bulletin is therefore given to the public as a warning to the wrongdoers that they might mend their ways.

The names of the individual members of the school boards are not given, but the personnel is attacked, the charge being made "that the majority are gamblers, bartenders, saloon keepers, political employees, placed on the boards to control votes and others."

The charge is made that grafting through contracts is prevalent to such an extent that it cannot be described. A few cases cited show that as low as \$25 was paid to board members and as high as \$1,000 for votes to place contracts. On one contract of \$200,000 it is asserted that one third of the amount was paid to school board members in graft.

"Teachers have been forced to pay for their apartments, janitors and transient officers held up and when everything else failed, the grafting directors can always borrow money from agents and contractors who do business with the school. The money is never returned," says the report.

"School picnics have become popular in recent years, especially with the lower wards of the underworld. They have been seen drunken women of the tenement on the dancing platform and gamblers plying their vacation on the grounds."

Glenn Curtiss Performs Stunts. San Diego, Cal., Feb. 17.—Using one hydro-aeroplane, Glenn Curtiss alighted on the water alongside the armored cruiser Pennsylvania and was hoisted aboard. Soon afterwards the aeroplane was dropped back into the water and the aviator flew away to hanger on North Island.

Negro Confesses to Murdering Recluso. Panama City, Fla., Feb. 17.—The body of Richard Hancock, aged recluso reputed to be wealthy was found at his home with three bullet wounds in the back. Richard McNeill, a negro arrested, confessed to committing the murder.

SLAYER OF YOUNG GIRL IS FOUND DEAD ON MOUNTAIN

Mitchell Lilek, Who Killed His Sweetheart, Succeeded Rather Than Be Captured.

Pottsville, Pa., Feb. 17.—Mitchell Lilek, who last night fled from Brocton after shooting and instantly killing Miss Alice Hyland, aged 19, because she objected to his attentions, was found dead on a mountain side half a mile from the scene. Rather than submit to capture he shot himself.

TWO DOZEN ADDED TO MEMBERSHIP

Poultry and Pet Stock Association Has Nearly Wiped out Deficit. Treasurer Reports.

PRIZES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS OF ASHEVILLE TO BE OFFERED

Enthusiastic Meeting Last Night—Press Committee Named—An Address by Mr. Mason, Etc.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Asheville Poultry and Pet Stock association was held in City hall last evening when several matters of interest were transacted. Vice-President Jacobson of the association added to the interest of the meeting by presenting 24 new members with dues paid. Mr. Jacobson was given a vote of thanks for his efforts in securing new members. The report of Secretary-Treasurer Paul Brown showed that the association has about wiped out the deficit of more than \$150 left by the last administration. Every member of the association was urged to secure as many members as possible during the next week or ten days. It is believed that before the end of February the association will have more than 200 members; that all indebtedness will have been wiped out and that there will be a balance in the treasury. The members are enthusiastic and are determined to make the 1911 show the best ever held in this section of the state if not in the entire state.

James H. Caine, editor of the Citizen, and Earle Godbey of the Gazette-News, were unanimously elected honorary members of the association. A. L. Stockton resigned as a member of the executive committee, giving as a reason press of business. Luke Dixon was elected a member of the committee to succeed Mr. Stockton. On motion a press committee was decided upon. President Polk appointed T. B. Harris, James S. Coleman and A. L. Stockton.

The secretary and treasurer, on motion, was authorized to send a communication to Superintendent Tighe of Asheville for thoroughbred poultry. There will be three cash prizes for the three best pens of any breed and then ribbons.

Many members of the association have agreed to furnish thoroughbred eggs from well selected pens to the girls of the county at a greatly reduced rate.

Mr. Mason, the agricultural and horticultural agent of the Southern railway, who is doing a splendid work in this section, was present last night and made an interesting talk to the members of the association. Mr. Mason is heartily co-operating with the poultry raisers of Asheville and Buncombe county. He is a young man; a pleasing talker and likewise a man who knows just what he is talking about.

BOUNCED FROM SPRINGY BED TO DEATH UPON THE STREET

Three Years' Old Child Bounced Too High and Went Through the Window.

New York, Feb. 17.—Morris Solomon, an infant three years old, jumping up and down upon a springy bed near the fourth story window, bounced too high and shot to death through the window to the street below, today.

Mrs. Sage Gives \$40,000 for Libraries

New York, Feb. 17.—Mrs. Russell Sage, it is announced, has given \$40,000 to provide libraries for New York's dream.