

EIGHT MILLIONS IS TO BE SPENT

In Acquiring Forest Lands; This Seems to Be the Provision of the Weeks Bill, Which Congress Has Just Passed.

NOBODY SEEMED TO KNOW WHAT SENATE WAS DOING

Senator Penrose Barely Saved from Hitting a Bum Note—Senator Overman May Be Made a Member of the Commission.

Many believe Senator Overman will be made a member of the commission to serve under the forest reserve law. The commission will be comprised of three cabinet members, two senators and two house members...

What He Knew About It. It was amusing, and not a little trying to imagine that night the lack of information respecting the exact amount appropriated, and other provisions of the bill...

Just how much the average senator knew about this money that was voted out of the treasury may be gathered by the case of Senator Penrose.

Eight Million Dollars. The bill was a long time on its way through the senate, therefore the one million appropriated for 1910 will be lost, but two million dollars will be available annually until the end of the fiscal year in 1915...

TO SPEND \$100,000 DURING THIS YEAR

Electric Company Asks Permission to Make Extensive Improvements to Car System, Extend Gas Lines.

WISHES TO LAY HEAVY RAIL ON LINES THROUGHOUT CITY

Construct and Lengthen Turnouts, Lay Line on West College, etc.—Plan to Relieve Congestion on Sq.

Exhibiting its faith in the future business growth of this city, and a desire to improve the already good schedules which Asheville enjoys, the Asheville Electric Company has applied to the board of aldermen for permission to construct and lengthen turnouts on many of the lines...

Extension of Gas Lines. The company has also asked for a general extension of the lines of the gas department on many of the streets, thus giving the people the privilege of the use of gas for lighting or cooking...

Lines to Be Rebuilt. The rebuilding consists of the following: on Montford avenue from Santee street to Riverside park, rebuilding and replacing the 40-pound rails with 60-pound rails...

The following privileges are asked for: (a) construction of a switch and turnout on French Broad avenue, not over 500 feet in length, from a point opposite Times way street to the private right of way of the company near Dewitt street...

To Keep in Advance of Traffic Demands. The idea of the company, it was stated today, is to give Asheville the best possible service and to keep the lines of the company well in advance of the present demands of traffic.

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CORN DISCUSSED; ALSO FANCY FOWLS

Enthusiastic Meeting of the Boys and Girls of the County Held Today in High School.

J. P. POLK GAVE INTERESTING AND INSTRUCTIVE "FOWL" TALK

R. P. Hayes and E. D. Weaver Spoke on Corn Growing—Other Talks—Interesting Meeting.

At the meeting of the members of the corn and poultry raisers contests at the high school building this morning, a very interesting program was carried out. There were about 100 boys and girls present with their teachers who are interested in these contests and who listened attentively to the addresses that were made.

He was followed by C. G. Brandt, one of the oldest poultrymen in the county, who gave a practical talk on the general subject of poultry. A. E. Fox then talked of the different varieties of chickens, telling of the good points of each with reference to the egg production, meat breeds, and general utility poultry.

Geo. S. Powell, a member of the contest committee was also present at the meeting but did not make a talk. A list of the prizes were read for both contests as published in The Gazette-News a few days ago.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY CO. DECLARES A DIVIDEND

First to Be Paid by the Corporation Since October, 1907—Extensive Improvements.

New York, Feb. 18.—The first dividend to be paid on the preferred stock of the Southern Railway company since October of 1907 is to be distributed on April 24, the directors of the road having declared a dividend of one per cent.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Speaker Cannon at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon made a unique ruling that as far as the national house of representatives is concerned today is yesterday. He sustained the contention that Friday's session was still in progress.

ASHEVILLE BILL GOES TO HOUSE

Commission Form of Government Charter Goes Over from the Senate to Lower House for Consideration.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE COUNTIES, CITIES, TOWNS

Bill to Prohibit Sale of Liquor Through Clubs Gets Favorable Report—State Farm-Life Schools Bill—Other Matters.

The Asheville charter bill went over to the house from the senate today. Referred to the committee on counties, cities and towns.

There were unfavorable reports for the bill to regulate banking, make appropriation for cooperative experiment farming and to create Avery county, the latter with a minority report favorably with 12 signers.

Alabama Legislature Adopts the Park Local Option Measure—Unique Situation. Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 18.—By a vote of 21 to 12 last evening the Alabama senate passed the Park local option bill just as it came from the house.

"TODAY IS YESTERDAY," SAYS SPEAKER CANNON

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Pittsburg, Feb. 18.—Eight persons were seriously injured early this morning when a passenger and a freight train on the Pittsburg Railway company collided at Monaca, Kan. The passenger train was carrying a large number of passengers.

A DESPERADO GANG RUNNING AMUCK?

Policeman Slain at Greenville, S. C., Another Wounded—Train Held up and Robbed at White Sulphur, Ga.—Man Hunt Last Night by Asheville Officers—Bad Men Headed for Mountains, Perhaps.

SOMETHING of a stir was created on the streets here last evening shortly before 6 o'clock when word reached the city and county officers that a police sergeant had been killed in Greenville, S. C., and another police officer shot and seriously wounded while endeavoring to arrest an alleged store-breaker.

The shooting of Officers Gunnels and Johnson makes the third attack on city policemen this week. Officer Cureton having been shot by a drunken man on Wednesday. He is now said to be lying at a local hospital.

Seven Hundred Dollars Stolen. (By Associated Press.) Greenville, S. C., Feb. 18.—The express safe on the Southern railway train No. 36, north-bound, was blown open by four bandits early this morning at White Sulphur, Ga., four miles from here. Seven hundred dollars was stolen.

The Hold-up in Detail. The train was the United States fast mail, New Orleans to New York. The masked men dynamited the express car safe and stole the contents. No passengers were molested.

An Organized Band? Some of the officers here believe that the men guilty of the murder of the police officer in Greenville are members of a well-organized band of robbers; that after robbing stores in the Greenville vicinity and after the police officer was killed the gang got together and made toward the station; that they held up the passenger train and making their escape have headed for the mountains of western North Carolina, probably their intention being to get into Clay, Graham or Swain county and thence across the line into Tennessee.

Wider Goes to Sing Sing. New York, Feb. 18.—Handcuffed on one side to a negro highwayman and on the other to a murderer, Erwin J. Wilson, a bank clerk who pleaded guilty to stealing \$489,000 worth of securities from the Hanso Chinese bank, was taken to Sing Sing to serve nine years.

Kansas City, Feb. 18.—Snow or sleet or both prevails over Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas. The long drought is broken.

A SUDDEN WAVE SWEEPED OVER 'EM

A Wave of Retrenchment and Reform in House, an Unwanted Thing—Webb Made Fine Showing With Weak Case.

CHAMP CLARK IS VEXED OVER THE ROW HE STARTED

He Thinks Southern Senators Unduly Alarmed About the House Bill, Increasing Its Membership—Looks for No Adverse Effect.

THE proposed increase in the salary of the secretary to the president, the increased remuneration of the house official stenographers and the Charlotte mint were all swept away by an unwanted wave of retrenchment and reform which rolled over the house—that is how it happened. Congressman Webb, reinforced by Messrs. Small and Thomas, made an earnest and forceful if unavailing plea for the "Queen City" historic institution.

A Vermont Appendix. Bartholdt alluded to the Charlotte assay office as a sort of Vermont appendix of the treasury department, but this was not construed as a reflection upon the Vermont mint's general director. The vote was close and several members seemed to think that Mr. Webb had been "counted out" when, after a rising vote had been taken, it was announced that there was a majority of a dozen against the proposal to continue the appropriation.

Clark Is Not Apprehensive. I talked with Champ Clark just after the Missouri statesman had bought a handful of newspapers telling how he had met England and Canada by the ears by suggesting in the course of his speech on reciprocity the possible annexation of the Dominion. The speaker was obviously vexed over the row which he had unwittingly started, but he allowed that this talk about the southern states sacrificing their number because of fear of losing some representation in the electoral college reminded him of the man who was always willing to sacrifice some of his wife's relatives.

DEPARTED SENATORS ARE EULOGIZED BY COLLEAGUES

Tributes to Memory of Late Senator Dulliver and Senator Clay in the Senate.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Tributes to the memory of Jonathan P. Dulliver of Iowa, and Alexander S. Clay of Georgia, were paid in the United States senate this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Senators Cummins, Cullom, Tillman, Clapp, Beveridge, LaFollette, Gore, Chamberlain and Young spoke of Dulliver's character and life. Clay was eulogized by Senators Bacon, Overman, Talliferro, Carter, Bailey and Scott. Senator Terrill of Georgia was scheduled to speak, but illness prevented. The senate Monday will hear eulogies upon the late Senators Daniel of Virginia, and McEnery of Louisiana.

Mausoleum Equipped with Burglar Alarms. Erie, Pa., Feb. 18.—The mausoleum of the late William L. Scott, millionaire and congressman, discredited recently in Erie cemetery, has been equipped with electric burglar alarms and electric lights. Alarm connects with the home of Mrs. Charles H. Strong, the millionaire's daughter.