

GOVERNMENT BY COMMISSION

Bill Will be Introduced by R. H. Battle

OF DES MOINES PATTERN

Under This General Bill It Will Be Possible for Any City in North Carolina to Secure This Form of Government Without Delay.

Raleigh, Jan. 9.—The general bill which it is proposed shall enable any city in the state to adopt the much discussed commission form of government has been prepared here and will be introduced at once in the house of representatives by Hon. R. H. Battle, member from Wake county. It is a voluminous document and is patterned after the acts under which the commission form has attained such significant success in the Des Moines, Iowa, and Galveston, Texas. It is to apply to those cities which vote that it shall apply to them. On the other hand, it is understood that the New Hanover county representatives are moving for a special act to apply to Wilmington, the sentiment seeming to be that the desire in that quarter is that the commission form be provided without the strenuous disturbing effects of a local election on the question.

THREE MEN WALKED 25 MILES TO MAKE CONFESSION.

West Union, O., Jan. 9.—Three middle aged men, one a cripple, appeared in court Saturday to acknowledge their guilt of vote selling. They had walked from Rockville, 25 miles distant, to tell Judge Blair that they had sold their votes last November in order to get money to provide food for their families.

The story of the men excited the pity of the court, who gave them a month to pay \$5 fine imposed and discharged them for five years.

The grand jury Saturday, after reporting 45 new indictments, adjourned until Wednesday to enable the members to attend to private business affairs neglected for several weeks.

GRANVILLE REJOICES THAT IT IS NO PAUPER COUNTY.

Oxford, Jan. 9.—It is with great pleasure that the people of Granville learn that their county has pulled out of the list of pauper counties. From the treasurer's last report it is shown that Granville is one of the 44 counties of the state paying more than she receives from the state treasurer.

Prisoners Sent Prison Silver.

Asheville, Jan. 9.—After being convicted of larceny in the city police court, seven members of a gang of Christmas shoplifters, all negroes turned their talents on the county prison wherein they were confined and appropriated the prison supply of silverware and table linen. An inventory of the stock Saturday revealed a heavy shortage and the thieves will now be tried on the charge of stealing county property.

Town Bitter Against Cleric.

New Orleans, Jan. 9.—The Rev. Clyde L. Doyle, wanted at Amite, La., on a charge of wife desertion, bigamy, and embezzlement, was brought from Tyler, Texas, and placed in jail in this city.

So bitter is the feeling against him at Amite that the authorities decided today to hold the prisoner here for safekeeping.

Drastic Liquor Law.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 9.—A more strenuous prohibition law than any yet proposed was adopted in the house branch of the legislature Saturday. It provides as the only punishment for violation of the law a term of not less than two and not more than five years in the penitentiary.

Judge Rainey Dead.

Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 9.—Judge George P. Rainey, aged 65, one of the leading jurists of this state, died here yesterday afternoon of pneumonia. Judge Rainey was for a number of years chief justice of the supreme court of Florida. He was a Confederate veteran.

Criminal Negligence Charged.

Fayetteville, N. C., Jan. 9.—Arabelle Gilmore, whose three children were burned Friday night in a tenement, in which she had left them locked up, was arrested and jailed Saturday on a magistrate's warrant charging criminal negligence and a violation of a state statute.

Dr. Darwin Colvin Dead.

Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 9.—Dr. Darwin Colvin, who performed the first successful trepanning operation in this country, died at his home at Clyde yesterday, aged 85 years. Dr. Colvin was one of the most prominent physicians in Northern New York.

Taken to Watts Hospital.

The young daughter of Mr. L. H. Longmore, of Creedmoor, was brought to this city today and taken to Watts hospital to undergo an operation. Dr. J. K. Sanderford, of Creedmoor, accompanied Miss Longmore to this city.

CHICAGO IS STORM SWEEP

THE WIND ATTAINED VELOCITY OF 60 MILES AN HOUR.

Chicago, Jan. 9.—One man was killed, one other fatally hurt, and much damage was done to electric signs and windows yesterday by a wind storm. The wind, which came from the west, gained in velocity until a 60 mile gale was blowing. The wind kept at its high point for some time, dropping at night to a velocity of 40 miles an hour, which weather bureau officials said would be maintained until morning. The wind was accompanied by a drop in temperature, the thermometer falling down 40 degrees above at 9 o'clock to 16 degrees at nightfall. A further drop in 10 degrees was predicted.

A large iron sign, protruding from the third floor of a building in Halsted street, was torn from its fastenings. On its drop to the street, the sign caught a smaller sign and both fell with a crash. An unidentified man was caught under the larger sign and instantly killed. Michael Morarty was struck by the smaller sign. His skull was fractured and he suffered other injuries, which may prove fatal. Several others had narrow escapes.

An electric sign at the Blackstone theatre was thrown to the ground, breaking a number of windows and slightly injuring several people.

"HELLO BILL" RINGS OFF

W. G. MEYERS, EX-EXALTED RULER OF ELKS, DEAD.

Philadelphia, Jan. 9.—William G. Meyers, past grand exalted ruler of the Order of Elks, and said to be the original "Hello Bill" of that organization, died at his home here Saturday after a long illness.

Mr. Meyers for 23 years was chief engineer of the plant of the Evening Telegraph of this city. He attended nearly every national gathering of the Elks. Whenever he entered the convention hall from every side would come "Hello Bill."

In 1895 he was elected exalted ruler of the order, at a time when factional differences existed, but during his term he brought the factions together.

Mr. Meyers was also prominent in the Masonic order.

The Troublin' Thing.

Faith, hnnets are a throbble, lad; They must be screened an' fed, An' sunned beyond your cabin door, An' carried back to bed!

Faith, love it is a burthen, lass; 'Tis ever give an' take; Aye knowin' how ye give too much, An' niver count the ache!

Och, children, ma'am, are worrisome, An' fret an' throbble fall On wimmen when their childer' come; They have no peace at all!

But song an' love an' childer' faith, These things ye're getting free, These things ye've held to pest ye so, Are th' things ye'll find and rest ye so, Ar th' things ye'll have blest ye so, When ye're as old as me!

—Arthur Stringer, in the Delineator.

The Reproof.

It was in the midst of the football season, and the students of Professor Blank's class, well aware that their lesson had been neglected, were prepared for reproof, but not for just the way in which it came.

At the end of the hour he slammed down his book on the desk and exclaimed:

"Well, that's the worst recitation I ever listened to! Why, I've actually done nine-tenths of it myself!"—Youth's Companion.

Unanswered.

To "Anxious Inquirer," who asks us if there are rats on a catboat and whether cowcatchers were first put on milk trains, we reply that the editor who knows all about such things is busy looking up whether or not Richard III, when he stopped King Henry's Bier, thus became the first temperance crusader, and will not be able to answer Anxious Inquirer until he rests up a little.—Browning's Magazine.

Enlightened.

"Before I married," said Mr. Henpeck, "I didn't know what it meant to support a wife."

"I presume you know now."

"Yes, indeed. I looked up the word 'support' in the dictionary and discovered that one of its meanings is 'endure.'"

Knows What's Coming.

Hewitt—Gruet is discharged about every Saturday night. Jewett—Yes, during the week he feels as if he were between two fires.—New York Press.

Nothing is law that is not reason.

—Sir John Powell.

The Song "Hit" of a Great Show.

"On the Old See Saw" is the name of the song that goes free with every copy of next Sunday's New York World. It is the song that has helped so materially to bring fame to "Gus Edwards' Song Revue," now playing in New York city, Gus Edwards wrote the music while Ed Gardner contributed the words. If you haven't been saving New York Sunday World songs—one every week—start now. The song is worth in itself what the newspaper will cost. Get one and you will want them all. Order from your news-dealer today.

DEPOSITORS TO BE PAID IN FULL

Report of State Bank Examiner Is Anxiously Awaited

CARNEGIE STILL SILENT

Ironmaster Declines to Discuss Affairs of the Carnegie Institution Which Was Closed Saturday After a Most Sensational Financial Career.

New York, Jan. 9.—Interest in the Carnegie Trust company's failure was centered today in the forthcoming report of State Bank Examiner O. W. Cheney, as to the exact status of the bank's resources. That the institution's affairs are in a more or less tangled condition was made evident by Mr. Cheney's attitude when a reporter called upon him Sunday morning at his apartments in West Eleventh street.

"It is impossible," said Mr. Cheney, "to give even approximate figures on the situation. It will be at least four days before the experts now going over the trust company's books will be able to complete gathering the information which is now awaited by the depositors."

Carnegie Still Silent.

Andrew Carnegie refuses to break his silence so far as the closing up of the company is concerned.

"It is plain," said Mr. Carnegie, "that I cannot discuss the matter."

According to the latest statement given out on November 19 the trust company had total deposits of which there were \$8,896,700 preferred deposits were \$4,765,380.

The difference of \$4,131,000 was subject to the legal reserve law. Hence the 15 per cent reserve that should have been in the vaults would have amounted to \$609,000. It is certain that less than this amount was on deposit when Mr. Cheney stepped in.

John T. Howell, president of the company, reiterated today his belief that the depositors would be paid in full.

The trust company has already made a bid for southern business. After the advent of Leslie M. Shaw, shortly before the panic of 1907, the policy of southern advertisement for the bank was adopted, and as a result many institutions through the southern states used the Carnegie as a depository. The number of individual depositors is said to be small.

Friend of Mayor Gaynor.

This southern interest was further accentuated by the entrance into the company of W. J. Chamings, a prominent Nashville business man and a friend of Mayor Gaynor. Mr. Chamings tried his best to induce the mayor to use his influence with financial interests to prevent the closing of the bank, but in vain.

This appeal to the mayor may have been induced by the knowledge that the city was such a heavy depositor with the company.

As stated yesterday, the mayor's chamberlain, Charles H. Hyde, had on deposit with the Carnegie \$650,000 when the doors were closed. If any such plea were put up by Mr. Chamings, he failed to move the mayor.

The public interest in the city's connection with the suspended trust company is centering on the reason why Hyde intrusted so large an amount of municipal funds with the Carnegie.

This interest is naturally heightened by the absence of Mr. Hyde from his office and the complete lack of news from him for the last 23 days.

At first it was thought that Joseph G. Robin was involved in the crash, but this has been disproved, though it was the knowledge that he had been involved with the company that really caused its downfall. It is said now the bank is out \$45,000 from its acquaintances with him.

BURBANK STUNTS TO BE TESTED ON ANIMALS.

Boston, Jan. 9.—Experiments in the breeding of animals similar to those carried on by Luther Burbank with plant life are announced by Dr. William Ernest Castle, a scientist at Harvard University. What Dr. Castle has been able to do is to breed a race of guinea pigs with four toes on the hind foot, where usually there are only three, to invent a new color for a guinea pig, the cinnamon, which was not known to naturalists till his were bred; a silver guinea pig that is also new to science, and two kinds of rats that are far enough apart in color to be called varietal, although they were reared from the same ancestors.

Told Him.

"What's that boy yelling at?" asked the farmer of his son.

"Why," chuckled the boy, "he's just yelling at the top of his voice."

Sometimes Gets Embroidered.

Scandal is the one thing that never gets worn out at the edges by being passed around.—Chicago Record-Herald.

He is happiest who renders the greatest number happy.—Desmala.

May Turn Dinner Into Harmon Boom

Baltimore, Jan. 9.—That the big democratic dinner here on January 17, which will be attended by hundreds of prominent democrats from all parts of the country, and was planned as a harmony affair, will turn out to be the means of formally launching the boom of Governor Harmon, of Ohio, for president, is the growing belief here.

It is understood that he is the favorite of the Maryland contingent, and will be the guest of honor. Just how his name will be presented has not yet been determined, but it is more than likely that the toastmaster at the banquet will take the initiative when presenting the distinguished Ohioan, and the thousand voices present will do the rest. A representative of the Ohio boomers who are pushing Harmon to the fore has been here several days, and the movement is now being planned.

Governor Wilson, of New Jersey, will not be present to interfere with the demonstration. It has not yet been decided whether Governor Harmon will speak at the Lyric meeting, but it is probable that he will appear at both the meeting and banquet, the address in the afternoon being more of an academic one, dealing with democratic policies from the Jeffersonian standpoint.

Senatorial Fights Developing Rapidly

Washington, Jan. 9.—Senatorial developments are occurring rapidly in a number of states where elections for one or more senators are pending.

In Iowa, the situation has suddenly resolved itself into a deadlock, the solution of which is not yet in sight. Thirteen standpat members of the state senate, walked out of the republican caucus with the progressives proposed to choose a committee with power to call a caucus to nominate a candidate for United States senator. The 16 progressives remained and chose the committee. Thirty-five standpat members of the legislature have signed an agreement not to go into caucus to select a senator. This makes a caucus impossible and the candidates will go into the open session a week from Tuesday if the situation remains as it is.

Senator Young is demanding a special primary and this may come about.

The Colt campaign managers in Rhode Island have given out a statement saying they have votes enough pledged to Judge LeBaron B. Colt to prevent the election of Henry F. Lippitt, the Aldrich candidate.

REPRESENTATIVE STEWART DIED SUNDAY IN RALEIGH

Raleigh, Jan. 9.—Representative John L. Stewart, member of the house of the North Carolina general assembly from Montgomery county, died at Rex hospital Sunday afternoon and his remains were carried on the 8:40 morning Southern train today to his late home at Star for interment. He was 79 years old and had been ill only a few hours, having been carried to the hospital Saturday evening suffering from a deep cold and congestion. He died of angioneurotic adenitis of the throat. He was a Confederate veteran and left a leg on the battlefield. He has been here several sessions as a laborer and in the last campaign the democrats ran him for representative and he led his ticket in his county. He leaves four children, all grown and a farm and other property. He is said to have told a number of his friends before he left home that he feared he would not live through the session.

MARRIED TWENTY DAYS NOW SUED FOR DIVORCE

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 9.—Arthur Talmage Abernethy, of a prominent North Carolina family and well-known in Washington and Philadelphia as well as in the west, as a newspaper writer, has the distinction of being a groom and a defendant in a suit for a divorce in 20 days. On December 17 Mr. Abernethy married Miss Ivey Pearle Diggs, of this city. They were residing at the Neddco hotel until Friday, when she went to her family, and it now develops, entered suit for divorce yesterday. The bill of particulars is yet to be filed, and both parties decline to discuss their separation.

ONLY WOMEN CAN VOTE.

Men of Ohio District All Disfranchised for Selling Ballots.

West Union, O., Jan. 9.—Following the wholesale indictments for selling of votes in Adams county, every male elector in Billtown school district has been disfranchised, and only women are qualified to vote at the next election for school trustees, and only women will be eligible to hold the office of trustee.

Three women have already announced themselves as candidates for trustees next November.

Durham Has Already Laid off in the Independent, a New Journal.

Greensboro Record.

Its about time for starting a new paper in those towns that have made such a wonderful increase in population. Asheville, Durham and Winston should be and no doubt are "shining marks" for such an enterprise. This is one of the good (?) results of a large increase in population.

MRS. SCHENK IS NOW ON TRIAL

Charged With Poisoning Millionaire Husband

INSANITY WILL BE PLEADED

Senatorial Attempt to Murder Packer by Administering Deadly Drugs by Wife and State Hides Identity of Witnesses and Methods to be Employed.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 9.—Laura Farnsworth Schenk, accused of poisoning her millionaire husband, John O. Schenk, pleaded not guilty when she was arraigned before Judge Lewis Jordan in the criminal court this morning.

Rumors she would plead guilty were denied by Attorney Frank A. O'Brien, of counsel for the defense. Prosecuting Attorney J. B. Handlan had expressed himself of the belief Mrs. Schenk would plead guilty and the defense has summoned only one witness. Attorney O'Brien said fourteen would be summoned tomorrow.

While refusing to disclose the identity of his witnesses, Prosecutor Handlan said yesterday he had summoned 24 witnesses, seven of whom were physicians. None were relatives of either Mr. or Mrs. Schenk.

Defense Not Decided.

Attorney Frank A. O'Brien said yesterday, counsel for Mrs. Schenk had not decided on their plan of defense. This, he said, was impossible, owing to the extraordinary method of proceeding by agents of the state.

There had been no preliminary hearing, there was a special grand jury, with concealment of the identity of the witnesses testifying there. Counsel for the defense had been ordered not to approach any of the state's witnesses, and now the prosecutor is even keeping secret the names of the witnesses summoned, so that counsel for the accused woman know nothing of the state's plans, of who Mrs. Schenk's accusers are, and just how she is accused of administering the arsenic in the food, drink, and medicine of her husband.

Mrs. Schenk Powerless.

Counsel for Mrs. Schenk have complained bitterly of the prosecutor's methods, but they are helpless to alter the situation, and are compelled to actually wait until the prosecutor delivers his opening address to the jury before they will have even a hint of his plans and can prepare a defense of their client.

Counsel for Mrs. Schenk will make an effort to prove hereditary insanity, and will try to prove John Schenk at least at one time was an arsenic fiend.

"I do not anticipate any trouble securing a jury," said the prosecutor yesterday. "The case will consume all of two weeks. A reason for my secrecy is the threat of many witnesses to leave the city. I have all along anticipated a plea of guilty, and thought it might never be necessary to disclose the names of witnesses, some of whom are prominent residents of the city."

The whole city is in a state of suppressed excitement today, on the eve of the trial. John O. Schenk took his usual ride with his two children Virginia and Robert, in his big black limousine car today. He will not be present at the trial, either as witness or spectator, the state cannot call him.

LAURA.

While we've never been guilty Of reading her books, Is Laura Jean Libbey As young as she looks? —Birmingham Age-Herald.

While we are conducting This search after facts, Is Laura Jean Libbey As young as she acts? —Youngstown Telegram.

And here is another The hardest liddle— Is Laura Jean Libbey As wise as she writes? —Nashville Tennessean.

Here's one other question By which we are harried; Is Laura Jean Libbey Still single or married? —Los Angeles Express.

And to this one again, Please an answer contrive, Is Laura Jean Libbey Now dead or alive? —Virginian Pilot.

And still here's another, We wish to insert, Did Laura Jean Libbey Wear a real hobble skirt? —Durham Sun.

DURHAM DEVELOPMENT CO. ELECTED OFFICERS TODAY.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Durham Development company held this morning at the Banner warehouse, the following directors and officers were elected for the ensuing year: John W. Pope, president; George W. Watts, vice-president; G. C. Farthing, treasurer and J. A. Warren, secretary, Messrs. P. W. Vaughan, T. J. Lambe, John W. Pope, J. B. Mason, J. A. Warren and G. C. Farthing directors.

A Strong Combination The Durham Sun Daily The Durham Recorder Semi-Weekly Since "THE SUN" took over "THE RECORDER" the management has decided to issue "The Recorder" as a Semi-Weekly instead of as a weekly. The combination of "The Recorder", the Oldest Weekly Newspaper in North Carolina, to be issued twice-a-week, and "The Sun", the most aggressive Afternoon Daily in the State, offers advertisers a rare opportunity. To subscribers it appeals specially. Think of It! The Durham Sun, Daily, One Year - \$3.00 The Durham Recorder, Twice-a-Week, 1 Yr. - .60 The Sun and The Recorder One Year, 416 Papers, - \$3.50 in Advance Combined Circulation Over 6,000