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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6, 1899.

OPENING OF CONGRESS.

The fifty-sixth congress assembled in Washington Monday and both houses adjourned for the day after holding short sessions.

Representative David B. Henson, of Iowa, the Republican caucus nominee, was elected speaker of the house of representatives. The Democratic caucus nominated James D. Henderson, of Tennessee, who will be the Democratic leader during the present session.

Objections were made to Representative-elect Roberts, of Utah, being sworn in and taking his seat. Formal resolutions presenting charges against the bigamist were offered. These charges will be considered by a committee and until the matter is settled Roberts will not be sworn in.

All of the North Carolina delegation, except Senators Pritchard and Butler, were present at the first day's session.

Mr. Atwater, the independent Populist representative from the Fourth district, attended the Democratic caucus and voted with the Democrats, although there was a Populist candidate for speaker.

Our representative, Mr. Kitchin, is stopping at the National hotel. In the house of representatives he occupies a seat by the side of Congressman Bailey, of Texas, Democratic leader in the fifty-fifth congress.

The two principal things of interest in congress to North Carolina are, of course, the settlement of the contested election cases in the house and the confirmation of Ewart in the senate. Respecting the former North Carolinians are hopeful that both Mr. Crawford and Mr. Bellamy will be permitted to retain their seats. There are ten contested election cases and the fiat has gone forth that they must all be determined by the end of the first session. The Republican majority is only thirteen, which is uncomfortably close. The Republican leaders know how hard it is to keep a quorum present, and they intend to unseat as many of the opposition as possible and preserve the least show of decency.

In the death of Gen. Robert B. Vance, which occurred at his home at Alexander, near Asheville, last week, North Carolina loses one of her best and most distinguished sons. He was a brother of the late Senator Zeb Vance and was about seventy-two years old at the time of his death. He filled many positions of trust and honor and was elected to various offices. For twelve years he faithfully represented the Ninth district in congress, retiring on account of ill health. General Vance was a Confederate soldier of distinction. He entered as colonel of a North Carolina regiment, and at the battle of Murfreesboro, when General Raines fell, Colonel Vance took charge of his brigade and remained in command through the battle. Shortly after he was made a brigadier-general. Near the close of the war he was captured and finally released on parole by President Lincoln that he might secure clothes for the Confederate prisoners. He was not allowed to come South, but made a trip through the North and secured a large amount of clothing and \$75,000 in money, which relieved a great deal of suffering among his comrades.

SAYS THE RICHMOND TIMES:

It is simply impossible for any party, the Republican party or the Populist party, or by whatever name it may be called, which relies upon the negro vote to succeed in the South. It may triumph now and then, but its reign will be brief. The whites will not tolerate the rule of such a party.

Accepting this as a fact, and the truth of the statement cannot be denied, it is hard to understand why any Republican should fight the constitutional amendment. Of course it is to be expected that those Republican politicians who profit by the negro vote will oppose any measure looking to the retirement of the negro from politics, but the rank and file of the party should not be influenced by these designing men and their selfish views. It is never our purpose to aid or encourage the Republican party in any way, but we know it to be a fact that the only way by which the party can attain to any degree of respectability and decency in the South is through the elimination of the ignorant and vicious negro vote. The constitutional amendment offers such an opportunity to the Republicans of North Carolina.

It is announced upon what is presumed to be good authority that David B. Hill, former United States senator from New York, will support the nominee and platform of the next Democratic national convention, even if the nominee is W. J. Bryan and the platform a reiteration of the Chicago platform. From which it is to be inferred that Mr. Hill wishes to again occupy a position of prominence in the party. We hope he will be welcomed back into the ranks and made to feel at home. His services may be needed.

A STATEMENT is going the rounds of the press to the effect that S. M. Holton, a Republican lawyer of Durham and a brother of Chairman Holton, of the Republican state executive committee, says he does not believe it possible for a man to serve the United States revenue department in any capacity and be honest and honorable. This is a pretty broad assertion, but we all remember Zeb Vance's opinion of the "red-legged grasshoppers."

STATE NEWS.

An unknown white man was run over by a train in Charlotte Friday night and instantly killed. Game is said to be more plentiful on the sounds and along the eastern coast of North Carolina than it has been in many years.

Captain Zebulon B. Vance, Eleventh United States Infantry, a son of the late Senator Vance, has been designated as recruiting officer at Raleigh.

The football team of the University of North Carolina defeated the University of Georgia in an interesting game at Atlanta, Ga., on Thanksgiving day. The score was 5 to 0.

Representatives from Trinity and Wake Forest Colleges met in Raleigh last Thursday night and debated the question, "Resolved, That United States senators should be elected by popular vote." The debate was won by Wake Forest on the negative.

The Southern Railway will soon replace the present rail between Asheville and Morristown with 80-pound rails, reduce the heavy grades and otherwise improve the road. The contemplated changes will cost near a half million dollars.

President Bryan, of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railway, has been North a fortnight, buying equipment for his road, under direction of the directors, who unanimously adopted a resolution authorizing him to borrow \$50,000 for that purpose, to put the road in proper shape.

The Traveling Men's Union of America was last week organized in Charlotte. The objects of this association are, primarily, to bring about concerted action of all traveling men and their employers to secure a 5,000-mile interchangeable mileage book and an excess baggage allowance of 250 pounds from the railroads.

A movement is on foot at Sedalia, Mo., to have 100,000 persons contribute 25 cents each to a fund of \$25,000 to be presented to the widow of Capt. Charles V. Gridley, who commanded Admiral Dewey's flagship at the battle of Manila.

Additional Correspondence.

McLeansville Items.

The free school at this place commenced last Monday.

Miss Olive Ward has returned from Troy and has taken charge of the school at Murphy school house.

H. T. Wright, our miller, has been quite sick, but is now improving slowly. Hopes are entertained for his speedy recovery.

Last week Dr. A. P. McDaniel had the misfortune to lose one of his fine gray horses of the match. It died of inflammation of the intestines.

Miss Lizzie Tate, sister of your townsman, Mr. John A. Tate, came up from Graham Saturday and is visiting her brother-in-law, Capt. Wash Forbis.

Mr. Jas. M. Hendrix and family were down Thanksgiving day, and were the guests of Mr. J. W. Paisley. We think he enjoyed himself finely with his gun and dog.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Lizzie McLean is most of the time confined to her bed. She is quite advanced in years. We hope she will soon be restored to health.

Col. John R. Stewart, of your city, paid us a brief visit last Saturday. He had been over to look after the interests of his plantation and returned to your city same day. Colonel, when you come again make your visit longer and enjoy the company of some of our fair sex.

Thanksgiving day passed off quietly around here, but your correspondent did not have any turkey. He was deeply impressed that ye editor could give him one, provided he would go after it in the city, as he believes you had more given to you than you could possibly consume.

Our post master has been appointed by the Southern Railway as ticket agent. He will give us a first-class post office on the fourth-class order, as he has made some improvements in the office, and we think will handle the freight before long. But oh! will we ever have a depot?

Mr. William G. Cobb, of this vicinity, showed us a radish, which measured 19 1/2 inches in circumference, 12 inches long and weighed 4 1/2 pounds. We have surrendered our turnip to our Summerfield brother, but we hold good our radishes until defeated. Next will be a prize for the heaviest hog according to age. Weigh your hogs carefully and we will do the same, and report.

Regular services at Mt. Pleasant church last Sunday conducted by the pastor. It was his last sermon on the circuit. A large congregation in attendance. His text was, "Keep the Sabbath day holy." At the close of the services he desired that his congregation would give him the right hand of fellowship. It was quite an affecting scene, as the church had gotten attached to him. We wish him success in his new charge.

Shaw's Mill Items.

Miss Bula Dick is in your city as a clerk.

Lots of hunting was done around here Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dick, of Greensboro, visited relatives in the neighborhood Sunday.

Mrs. M. C. Stewart, of Greensboro, spent last week with her parents in this community.

Mrs. Thomas Coble, of Burlington, spent a short time visiting in the neighborhood recently.

A good many of our people expect to take in a Christmas festival to be held at Brick Church on the 25th inst.

A protracted meeting closed at Mt. Hope Thanksgiving at which six persons accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Brave Men Fall

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. J. W. Gardner, of Idaville, Ind., says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he don't care whether he lives or dies. It gave me new strength and good appetite. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents, at Holton's drug store. Every bottle guaranteed.

Illustrious Precedent.

"That was a pleasing afterthought of yours," remarked the old preacher who had listened to a sermon by one of his youngest brethren, "when you drew upon the analogies of nature to prove the immortality of the soul."

"An afterthought?" said the younger clergyman, in some perplexity.

"Yes. You thought of it about 2,400 years after Socrates."

The North Carolina Baptist Convention convenes in Asheville today.

Late War News.

The British and Boers fought a bloody battle at Modder river, Cape Colony, last Tuesday. Both sides suffered heavy losses. Gen. Methuen, the British commander, and a number of other officers were wounded. The conflict is said to have been one of the hardest fights in the annals of the British army.

On the same day a hard fought battle occurred at Colenso, in the Natal, where the Boers blew up a bridge with dynamite.

From present indications it would seem that the war in the Philippines is near to an end. An American force, under command of Gen. Young, is pursuing the main body of Filipino soldiers into the mountains. Gen. Young hopes to capture Aguinaldo and his army in a few days. Aguinaldo's mother, who is a prisoner in the American lines, says her son is forced by his advisers to continue the war against his wishes.

Lafayette Snipes, a well known farmer of Burke county, was found dead by the roadside Friday morning.

GREENSBORO MARKET REPORT.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN J. PHOENIX.

Who. esale Receivers and Shippers of Country Produce.

BUYING PRICES.	
Beeswax	22 1/2
Chickens—old per lb.	5
Large spring chickens lb.	5
Small spring chickens lb.	5
Eggs	16
Feathers	12
Hides—dry	7 1/2
Green	7 1/2
Oats	15 @ 30
Sheep Skins	15 @ 30
Tallow	3 1/2
Wheat	4
Dried Fruits	4
Corn, new	4
Flaxseed	4
Onions	4
Potatoes—Irish, new	4
Sweet	4
Rags—Cotton	3/4
Bones lb.	3/4
Wool—washed	3/4
Unwashed	3/4

Christmas Goods.

I am getting in nice goods for the Christmas trade every day. I buy for cash and can and will give you the very best price to be had.

Try me is all I ask.

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Notice of First Meeting of Creditors.

In the District Court of the United States for the Western District of North Carolina.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the matter of John M. Stivers, bankrupt.

To the Creditors of John M. Stivers, of Greensboro, in the county of Guilford and district aforesaid, a bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of December, A. D. 1899, the said John M. Stivers was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the U. S. Marshal's office in Greensboro, N. C., on the 18th day of December, A. D. 1899, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

This December 6th, 1899.

J. R. McCRAEY,
Referee in Bankruptcy.

A GREAT SCHEME!

Why not make your dollars out of rubber? That's a great scheme. Then they'll stretch. It's a pretty hard matter to make a five dollar bill stretch over a ten dollar purchase. But yet, until rubber dollars are made

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Shoe, the best school shoe on the market. So for either men, women, misses or children to step into a pair of our shoes this week, why they will surely get Christmas in their heels, because the great holiday is nothing after all but getting the greatest amount of pleasure and comfort one can out of the smallest expenditure of money. When you come

Bring Your Small Change

And you will be surprised to see the piles of goods a little money will buy from us. Everything cheap. We always buy the freshest goods direct from the factory and pay CASH. No tricks or humbuggery. We carry, too, the biggest assortment in all lines ever shown in North Carolina, and will sell goods cheaper than anybody. Now YOUR SAVINGS of the past few days may be satisfactorily invested here, because of the vast stock of needful goods displayed for your selection at prices that won't pull hard on your purse.

BARGAINS in every department—Dry Goods, Shoes, Clothing, Cloaks, Capes, Hats, Notions, &c. LISTEN: 10c. socks at 5c; Ladies' Vest, 10c; Men's Undershirt, 10c; big lot of samples in Underwear and hosiery at manufacturer's prices. Suit of Clothes, \$2.25; Pants, 25c; Overalls, 25c; AAA Sheet, 3c.

Each of the following articles at ONE CENT: 26 marbles, 10 slate pencils, 2 lead pencils, 2 blank books, 2 packs hair pins, paper of pins, 3 balls thread, mirror, box blacking, and hundreds of other useful articles. Come at once. Hundreds are crowding our store. Biggest trade we ever had.

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