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WILD SCENES IN LEGISLATURE

Cole Blease While Presenting Special Message on Floor of House Throws Off His Coat and Offers to Whip All Comers—Said He Would Die Defending His Character.

Columbia, S. C., Special 4th, to Charlotte Observer.

Wild scenes in which Gov. Cole L. Blease was the central figure marked the session of the House this evening, the Governor at one stage throwing off his coat and saying he would whip any man who tackled him. This occurred on the floor of the House and members rushed wildly about and the speaker called for order.

Perhaps in the history of South Carolina, since the memorable Carpetbagger days there has never been enacted a drama such as was staged in the House of Representatives tonight. Governor Blease started a precedent when he appeared on the floor of the House to present a personal message in connection with statements made in the House this afternoon by Representative W. F. Stevenson and others in regard to the recent asylum investigation.

The Governor had got only a few moments into discussion when he had words with Representative Pringle T. Youmans, which however ended pleasantly. Mr. Youmans apologizing and the Governor accepting the apology with remarks as to Mr. Youmans joining the Benedictists.

Holding a copy of the local afternoon paper in his hand Governor Blease started an attack on Representative Stevenson of Cheraw by saying at first "the gentleman from Cheraw," and then correcting "No, I mean the gentleman from Cheraw."

Governor Blease had not proceeded very far when Representative Stevenson said he was misquoted in the afternoon paper and said he had been reading from the record of the asylum investigation at a point where the newspaper quoted him as speaking. Governor Blease had said that if Mr. Stevenson made the statement attributed to him "in his Bible" Mr. Stevenson had said what was untrue.

The Governor used strong language at times, and said he was prepared to meet Mr. Stevenson or other outside. The particular point reported this afternoon to which Governor Blease objected was the purported statement that Doctor Saunders was going to be dismissed to make way for Mary Baker Blackburn.

Mr. Stevenson explained tonight that he was reading from the record. Following explanations during which Mr. Stevenson asked the Governor to withdraw his remarks, the incident appeared to be closed, and Governor Blease stated that if Mr. Stevenson was misquoted he was ready to indicate his withdrawal of his statements made a short while before.

Soon the clouds began to gather again when the Governor started to say something about Representative Barnwell of Charleston, another who spoke this afternoon on the asylum matter. Mr. Barnwell arose and stated that the Constitution gave the Governor the right to send messages to the General Assembly on the condition of the State and like matters referred to in the Constitution, but that the Governor was dealing in personal matters.

At this point Governor Blease said: "Cowards hide behind technicalities." Representative Barnwell started toward the Speaker's rostrum from which the Governor was speaking, and for a few moments it looked as if a personal encounter would ensue. But the sergeant-at-arms and members intervened, and this part of the night's stormy events was a closed incident.

Stood it Long Enough.
Then Governor Blease told the Speaker he would launch into his message under the ruling, and then spoke of not having the opportunity as he said, to present his views to the people through the newspapers.

"I have stood just beyond the railing and heard sarcastic remarks, abuse and ridicule heaped upon me. I have stood it as long as I intend to."

The Governor stated he had come to the House tonight with the idea of either going to the beyond himself or to jail, and that he had read remarks about himself as false as the hinges that swing on the gates of hell. Finishing his message, the Governor started to leave the hall.

Representative Stevenson appeared in the House aisle, moving toward the door from a more direct point than the Governor. The two met in the narrow aisle near the door. It is now stated that it was not Mr. Stevenson's intention to make a personal attack on the Governor, but merely to tell the Governor personally that he had not intended to apologize.

At any rate the move of the two men was misunderstood. Representative Fortner appeared on the scene. Other members rushed up. The speaker rapped for order and called the sergeant-at-arms and in a few moments adjourned the body. The House was in a turmoil.

STORM DAMAGE GREAT.

At Least 25 Persons Dead and Property Damage Running Into Millions.

New York Dispatch, 3d.

At least 25 are dead, tremendous damage yet unestimated, but probably running into the millions, telegraph and telephone service disrupted, railroads paralyzed, cities buried and isolated under 12 inches of snow and ice as a result of the blizzard the last two days.

Some railroads were able to resume schedules today with a semblance of regularity, but traffic is still hampered, the city having failed to complete the work of clearing the streets following the severe storm of two weeks ago. It probably will be 10 days before normal conditions are restored here.

It was estimated that in New York and vicinity 50,000 men were engaged in raising the snow embargo. Street car and railroad traffic improved today. All the trunk lines with terminals in New York and New Jersey began moving trains to distant points for the first time in two days and hundreds of passengers marooned in stations resumed their journey.

With the resumption of railroad traffic the threatened milk and meat famines passed and it was believed that supply of coal would be sufficient because of the warmer weather.

The loss to business interests, railroads and the cost to city and public and private corporations and companies for snow removal will run into the millions of dollars. Wire communications with points south and west, while far from normal, was improved today.

Moore Gets Out of the State Department.

Washington Dispatch, 4th.

John Basset Moore, counsellor of the State Department, concluded his services with the Government today when President Wilson accepted the resignation Mr. Moore had submitted a month ago. Coming when international affairs occupy the forefront of official and public attention, the departure of Mr. Moore from a position second only to that of Mr. Bryan attracted widespread attention and comment.

Although the resignation had been in the President's hands since February 2, to take effect today, this fact had not been generally known. There had been some reports months ago that the counsellor of the State Department did not find his labors entirely congenial and was about to resign, but these reports were promptly denied.

It was explained then and again officially explained today that Mr. Moore had come into the Administration with a definite understanding that his tenure was provisional for a year, so that he could return to his duties as head of the Department of International Law at Columbia University.

Contract Awarded for Bank of Lumberton's New Home.

The Bank of Lumberton has awarded the contract for the new building it will erect on the corner of Elm and Third streets, where the old Waverly hotel formerly stood, to the Longest & Tessier Co., of Greensboro. The contract calls for the completion of the building by October 1st next and the contract price is \$20,500, though the building will cost with fixtures complete, about \$25,000. Work will be begun at once.

The building will be two stories, 27x115 feet, and modern in every particular, with hot water system of heating. It will be built of pressed brick, with the side on Third street of white pressed brick and front, on Elm, of white terracotta and plate glass. The second floor will be devoted to offices. The Robesonian's office and printshop will be on the first floor in rear of the bank.

Because he was delayed in coming to the State Baptist Convention which was held in Shelby last December, Rev. C. H. Norris of Holly Springs has instituted suit in Raleigh against the Norfolk and Southern in which he demands \$2,000 damages. He secured permission to flag a through train and the train would not stop, although the engineer recognized and acknowledged the signal. The delay caused him to miss an important business session of the State convention.

held the crowd out beyond the House doors.

Governor Blease was rushed down stairs by his friends. Others were kept back and in a twinkling quiet was restored, following a series of incidents the most remarkable that ever occurred in the General Assembly and probably in any other legislative hall.

In the course of his remarks, before the statement by Mr. Stevenson that he had been misquoted, Governor Blease had said that "You can get satisfaction in this hall or out. I propose to die in defense of my character." Mr. Stevenson said, in several interruptions of the remarks of the Governor, that he was speaking this afternoon from the record.

Mr. Barnwell had stated this afternoon as reported: "There is only one conclusion and that is those who have read the report of the asylum investigation and see it reflected upon the Governor are afraid."

The whole matter arose out of a resolution that was before the House to re-open the investigation of the asylum. The discussion of this took a wide range and created much feeling in the House, the climax of which was the demonstration this evening.

WILSON TO ADDRESS CONGRESS

President Will Discuss Toll Exemption Before Joint Session of Congress Today—Asks Congress to Keep Obligations of Hay-Pauncefote Treaty.

Washington Dispatch, 3d.

President Wilson personally will address a joint session of Congress Thursday, advocating repeal of the clause in the Panama canal act which exempts American coastwise shipping from the payment of tolls.

White House officials tonight arranged with the majority leaders in both Houses for a joint session at 12:30 p. m. Thursday.

The President has prepared a brief address in which he sets forth his opinion that Congress should reverse itself and keep the obligations of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, which he believes were violated by the Panama Canal Act. The President holds that National honor is at stake and that European nations should not be allowed to claim that American treaties were not carried out, both in letter and spirit.

The exemption clause, he points out, was passed on the assumption that while the Hay-Pauncefote treaty guaranteed equal treatment to all nations in the matter of tolls, the document was not to be interpreted as meaning all nations except the United States.

The President believes there should be no debatable ground on treaties once made. Originally he had not intended to deliver a message on this subject. He had conferred with Senators and members of the House and sentiment in favor of the repeal appeared to him to be strong. Some leaders, however, were of the opinion that international phases of the situation should be emphasized in a communication from the President to Congress to impress upon those who previously had voted for the exemption, the necessity of changing their votes, regardless of domestic questions involved.

Since the tolls question last was before the Congress the President told Senators that European nations generally were taking the view that the United States had violated the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. The governments of the world he made it clear, were beginning to believe the United States was not sincere in construction of treaties.

The message to Congress will open the night in earnest. Senator O'Gorman, chairman of the inter-oceanic canal committee, is expected to oppose the President's view. Lately it has been said a majority of the committee would favor a repeal. The White House is confident the repeal will be passed, Republicans joining Democrats in making the change.

FARMERS' TOBACCO WAREHOUSE.

Charter Received—Organization Meeting Will be Held at Court House Tomorrow Evening at 7:30.

Charter has been secured for the Farmers' Tobacco Warehouse Co. of Lumberton and the next step is to organize. The authorized capital is \$10,000. The charter was secured free of charge by attorneys T. L. Johnson and H. E. Stacy.

A meeting for the purpose of organizing will be held at the court house, commissioners' room, tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. W. O. Thompson, chairman of the committee that has been securing subscriptions, the efforts of which committee have been gratifyingly successful, has issued notice to this effect to every stockholder. It is important that every person who has subscribed for stock be present at this meeting, but if any cannot attend they are requested to let some one represent them. Officers will be elected at this meeting and steps will be taken at once to purchase a lot and begin the erection of a warehouse.

Any persons who have lots to sell suitable for the location of a warehouse are requested to be present and prepared to make a definite offer.

Superior Court.

The interrupted term of civil court which recessed last Thursday on account of the snow, reconvened Tuesday morning, Judge George Rountree of Wilmington presiding. None except those immediately concerned in cases has been attending court and no cases of general interest have been tried.

In the case of M. A. Buie et al. vs. Kennedy Bros., which went to trial the land is to be sold by R. C. Lawrence and L. R. Varsar as commissioners. McKinnon-Currie Co. vs. Fannie Caulk, dismissed. Maggie Locklear vs. Atlantic Coast Line, non-suit. Frank Gough vs. Virgil Bell and wife, Esther Bell, foreclosure judgment. Chas. A. Spring, trustee in bankruptcy of Clarence Mayer & Co., vs. Chas. P. McAllister, judgment for plaintiff for \$788.81. D. D. Gibson vs. Atlantic Coast Line, judgment against defendant for \$5. Many cases have been continued and many judgments have been signed.

Court is still grinding away but may not last out the week.

Some Tobacco Plants Killed by Cold but Plenty Left.

Mr. Alfred Lawson of Orrum was among the visitors in town yesterday. Mr. Lawson says that a good many of the tobacco plants in his section, which is one of the best-tobacco growing sections in the county, were killed by the cold, but if the weather is good from now on he thinks there will be plenty left.

UP ST. PAUL'S WAY.

Rev. J. A. Snow of Goldsboro Accepts Call to Four Churches—Mumps Epidemic—Series of Meetings Postponed—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

St. Paul, March 3.—Miss Flora McNair of Raeford visited Miss Maude Poole last week.

Misses Janet Livingston and Kate Watson of Wagram were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson recently.

Rev. J. A. Snow of Goldsboro, who preached at the Baptist church here a week ago, has been called and has accepted the field, and will take charge of the church at this place, the Ten Mile and Tolarsville churches and the Great Marsh, and he will enter upon the work about April 1st.

Messrs. A. R. McEachern and G. T. Fisher were in Scotland county the first of the week buying cotton.

Prof. L. B. Olive of Wagram spent Saturday and Sunday with his brother Dr. T. H. Olive.

Quite a number of people here have had the mumps during the past two or three weeks. There are at present about half a dozen cases in town and a few cases in the surrounding country.

A series of meetings was to have commenced at the Presbyterian church last Thursday night, in which Rev. Mr. McElwaine, of Maxton, was to assist, but on account of a great deal of sickness among the members and other townspeople the meetings have been postponed.

Dr. R. M. Farrell, who had been located here for about three months practicing dentistry has sold out his equipment, good will, etc., and has returned to his home in Pittsboro, and he is now practicing at Chapel Hill.

Attorney John S. Butler and O. E. Seawell were in Parkton Tuesday looking after some business matters.

Mr. J. C. Blanchard spent a few days last week at Burgaw in Pender county, with Rev. E. L. Weston. Mr. Blanchard and Rev. Mr. Weston were on several "wild turkey chases."

Mr. J. M. Hester of Wake Forest College, preached at the Baptist church here last Sunday night. This is Mr. Hester's first year at Wake Forest.

Women Demand Suffrage Amid Cheers, Jeers, Hisses and Applause.

Washington Dispatch, 3d.
All phases of the woman suffrage question were presented to the House judiciary committee today, accompanied by cheers, jeers, hisses and applause. Deserving sentimental phases of the suffrage argument, Mrs. Crystal Eastman Benedict and Mrs. Mary Beard, New York lawyers threw down the gauntlet to the Democratic party in no uncertain terms, warning the committee that the political wrath of the 4,000,000 women in suffrage States would be visited upon the party unless favorable consideration was given the constitutional amendment for woman suffrage.

Anti-suffragists told the committee that woman suffrage would be harmful, "not only to women but to the country." At the conclusion of the hearings, Doctor Walker, trousered and silk-hatted, presented to the committee what she called "the crowning constitutional argument" to show that women already have the right to vote under the Constitution.

A Narrow Escape.

Dr. W. A. McPhaul's handsome residence on North Elm street narrowly escaped being burned Monday night. Expecting Judge Geo. Rountree, who is rooming there while holding court this week, on the train from Wilmington Monday evening, Dr. McPhaul had a fire built in the grate in the room the judge was to occupy. The judge did not come until Tuesday morning and nobody went about the room, which is in a remote part of the house from the part occupied by Dr. McPhaul and his family, until the following morning. Then it was found that a large lump of coal had fallen to the hearth and that a number of small coals had fallen on the floor and burned their way into the floor in quite a number of places. The floor was ruined in several places. It was a narrow escape. The damage was enough to claim insurance.

Monday night, too, when the wind was blowing a gale!

Favorably Impressed With Robeson County Teachers.

Prof. M. C. S. Noble, professor of pedagogy at the State University, who delivered an address before the teachers of Robeson county at their recent meeting in Lumberton, in writing County Superintendent J. R. Poole about his visit here says, among other things:

"You have one of the very best sets of teachers I have ever met with and it was a genuine pleasure to be with them. The people of Robeson ought to be proud of their teachers and very proud of the superintendent who has worked up such a fine corps of instructors. I told my classes yesterday of the fine work you are doing in your county."

Bunny Has the Laugh.

Postmaster D. D. French, Assistant Postmaster R. O. Edmund and Mr. W. R. Townsend have been rather under the weather since Friday of last week as the result of a rabbit chase. They gave the rabbit a close run, but he made good his escape and no doubt would take a hearty laugh if he knew how tough the boys have felt since the chase.

COUNTY SCHOOL MATTERS

Farm-Life School to be Established at Philadelphus—Other Business Transacted at Regular Monthly Meeting of County Board of Education.

The regular monthly meeting of the county board of education was held in the office of Supt. J. R. Poole Monday.

As stated in Monday's Robesonian, bids were considered at two o'clock Monday afternoon for the farm-life school for which the board of commissioners made an appropriation of \$1,500 at its February meeting and the school was ordered established at Philadelphus. The bid made by Philadelphus was published in Monday's paper.

Supt. Poole was instructed to investigate conditions in district No. 8, colored, Thompson, in regard to moving the school to McDonalds.

It was ordered that district No. 1, Saddle Tree, be allowed \$75 when funds are available, for building purposes, the district having contributed an equal amount; that the committee of district No. 1, colored, Thompson township, be allowed to use the special tax now due that district by the town of Rowland in part payment for repairs to the building and that the remainder of this bill be paid out of the district funds; that district No. 3, colored, Thompson township, be allowed the sum of \$50 for building purposes, the district having contributed an equal amount; that Mr. D. C. Smith be appointed school committeeman in district No. 4, Smith's to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. F. L. Jernigan, who has moved out of the district.

Supt. Poole was instructed to take such steps as are necessary to perfect the school property in district No. 1, colored, Red Springs.

It was ordered that \$50 be apportioned to district No. 4, White House, so as to give this district a four-month term.

Rebates were ordered paid, on account of errors in listing the special school taxes of the several parties, and ordered charged to the several districts as follows: W. P. Britt, No. 3, Britt's, \$2.85; B. McC. Bryan, No. 7, Howellsville, \$1.18.

Wake Forest Glee Club at Opera House Tomorrow Night.

The Wake Forest Glee Club will hold the boards at the opera house tomorrow night. This club gave an entertainment here about two years ago and pleased a large audience, and no doubt those who attend the concert tomorrow night will be well entertained.

After the concert a reception will be given the club in the ladies parlor of the First Baptist church, and the Wake Forest Alumni Association will be organized for the purpose of boosting the college in the county. While here the boys who compose the club will be entertained at the homes of the Baptists of the town.

Death of Mr. Kibben Ivey.

Mr. Kibben Ivey aged 69, died at his home at Baltimore, near Fairmont, Sunday afternoon, after an illness of several days. He had pneumonia. Mr. Ivey was one of Robeson's most highly respected citizens. Mr. Ivey's birthplace was Mt. Eliam, where he lived until some years ago, when he moved to Baltimore. He is survived by his wife and four children. The remains were interred in the family burying ground at Mt. Eliam Monday afternoon. The funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth, from the residence of Mr. Stephen Lawson.

A Way for Farmers to Save Money.

A fact that is not questioned is that the farmers very often buy great quantities of fertilizers that are not what their land most needs, and it is very often the case that it does not pay. Demonstration Agent J. A. Boone, Jr., can by looking over a farm and making investigation, tell just what kind of fertilizer is most needed, and it wouldn't be a bad idea for the farmers to get his advice. It might save you many hard earned dollars.

The Right Kind of Farming.

Mr. N. A. Townsend of Ten Mile was among the visitors in town yesterday. Mr. Townsend is one of Robeson's many farmers who believes in raising everything needed at home and plenty to sell. He killed over 7,000 pounds of pork this winter, which means that he will have plenty for home use and enough over to pay for all the "store bought" supplies he will use. The right kind of farm life is the best life possible.

Tax-Listing Time Coming.

Auditor J. M. McCallum asks The Robesonian to say that the time for listing taxable property is near at hand—May being the time—and that the law will be fully enforced this year. Heretofore many have failed to list. A word to the wise ought to be sufficient.

Go Farmward!

The slogan once was "Go West" but that slogan is out of date, and a good substitute would be "Go Farmward." The farm offers inducements to the young man both in wealth and wealth pleasure that are not excelled.

Mr. John B. Richardson left this morning for his home at Dillon, S. C., after spending ten days here with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hood.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—The local telephone office is mailing to subscribers new directories for Lumberton, Fairmont and Rowland.

—The Wake Forest Glee Club will hold the boards at the opera house tomorrow night. Seats are now on sale at McMillan's.

—"My Old Kentucky Home, a musical show, will be the attraction at the opera house this evening. The company arrived here this morning.

—Mr. W. P. Rowell and family left last evening for Wadesboro, where they will make their future home. Mr. Rowell had been third trick operator at the Seaboard station since August.

—The executive committee of the Robeson division of the Farmers' Union was in session here yesterday, and transacted quite a bit of business.

—Some very attractive signs are being painted on a number of the windows of the business houses of town, signs that catch the eye of the passerby.

—Mr. R. M. Phillips of the Globe Swamp section was among the visitors in town Tuesday. Mr. Phillips says they only had about five inches of snow in his section.

—Mr. Harry McGill, who for many years very satisfactorily delivered express in town, and who had been off the job for more than a year, is back at his post again. He began work Sunday.

—Charter has been secured for the People's Tobacco Warehouse Co. of Fairmont, \$20,000 authorized capital and \$5,000 subscribed by Dr. J. P. Brown and others. This makes Fairmont's third tobacco warehouse.

—Mr. F. D. Hamilton and family left today for Lauderdale, Fla., where they will make their future home. Mr. Hamilton is anxious for The Robesonian to follow him in order that he may keep up with the doings in Robeson.

—The Hagenbeck-Wallace combined circus, a mammoth pictorial spectacle of the world's greatest circus, will be given at the Pastime theatre this evening. This promises to be a treat for all who see it. Prices will be 10 and 20 cents.

—St. Paul's Messenger: The citizens of Lumberton met and organized a Chamber of Commerce a few nights ago. Every town should have an organization of this sort. Now you just watch that town do things left undone heretofore.

—On account of the inclement weather Prof. Sentelle asks The Robesonian to announce that the graded school "library day" which had been announced for tomorrow has been postponed until one day next week, the day to be announced later.

—Editorial correspondence Rowland Sun: Mr. Grover Britt, alias "Happy Jack," who recently took Mr. Bethune's place on the staff of The Robesonian, is making good. If anything happens on the street worth seeing, Happy Jack is on hand with pencil and pad.

—Mr. Jno. T. Singletary of route 3 from Lumberton, who was in town yesterday, says that some tobacco plants were killed out his way by the recent severe cold but that many are sowing their beds over again and that no doubt there will be plenty of plants.

—Mr. G. W. Thorndyke returned home yesterday from Fort Riley, Kansas, where he was in the quartermaster's department, United States army. He was honorably discharged on the first, having served a three-year term of enlistment. Mr. Thorndyke is a son of Mrs. I. Wilcox. He says he is glad to get back to the good town of Lumberton and will now settle down here.

—C. H. Sherfield, wanted in Anson county for disposing of mortgaged property, was arrested at Proctorville yesterday by Rural Policeman W. C. Britt. He was brought here last evening and placed in jail, and the Anson authorities were notified of the arrest. Deputy Sheriff F. L. Autry of Wadesboro arrived this morning and will take the prisoner back to Anson tonight.

—Mr. B. L. Temple of Marietta is among the visitors in town today. Mr. Temple says the tobacco plants in his section—and it's a section where they raise the kind of weed that brings the price—are most all killed, and that many of the farmers will resow their beds. Mr. Dave Collins of the Broad Ridge, who was in town yesterday says the tobacco plants on the "Ridge" were most all killed by the recent cold weather.

—Mr. Rufus Sanderson left yesterday morning for Wilmington, where last night he attended a banquet given by Cape Fear Tent No. 15, K. O. T. M. Supreme Commander D. P. Markey of Detroit, Mich., who was the principal speaker at the banquet, passed through Lumberton yesterday morning, and was met at the train by quite a number of Lumberton Macabees, who had the pleasure of shaking his hand.

—When Mr. R. R. Carlyle opened his exclusive ladies' and children's store on Elm street—one of the most attractive and tastefully arranged stores in town it is—last Friday, he invited ladies to drop in for a cup of tea. And the ladies came in crowds, notwithstanding the fact that the biggest snow in a blue moon—two blue moons—several blue moons—was on the ground. More than one hundred ladies dropped in—slipped in, perhaps more correctly; for it was a slippery time—for a cup of tea.