

With hot speeches, full of sting, the House of Representatives yesterday discussed the statehood bill, the result being that Speaker Cannon carried through President Roosevelt's program for creating the statehood of Oklahoma and the statehood of Arizona.

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Mr. Wallace was of course, mindful of the advisability of a concentration of efforts upon some one public building project and was of the opinion that it was more expedient to procure the government to invest any available appropriation upon the present very handsome postoffice structure. It appears that of late, at least, it has been the policy of the government not to have the judicial and executive buildings on the waterfront of a port. The size of the lot upon which the postoffice stands is 165x230 feet in size and while in Washington Mr. Wallace ascertained from the records that the lot was purchased Aug. 25th, 1887 for the \$40,000, the contract for the construction was let on Dec. 14th, 1888, and the building was completed and occupied in 1891 at a cost of \$165,513.36.

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NEED OF BUILDINGS

Chamber of Commerce Memorializes Government for Hand-some Custom House

A CONFLICT OF PROJECTS

Enlargement of Postoffice Structure in This City is Advocated by Postmaster Wallace, Who Has Just Returned From Washington.

Coincident with the return of Postmaster T. E. Wallace from Washington where he has been the past week in an effort to secure an enlargement of the postoffice building to meet the increasing demands of the government departments occupying the same, comes a strong resolution from the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce advocating the building of a new Custom House in the city, relieving the postoffice building of a part of the congestion in some of the departments and giving more room there for the expansion of the remaining departments.

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THE BALTIMORE LINE

Steamship Line Connecting Wilmington and Monumental City is Endorsed

BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Special Meeting Yesterday Afternoon Pledged Moral Support to New Enterprise and its Influence for Traffic Arrangement.

Unanimous, if not enthusiastic, endorsement was given the proposed steamship connection between Baltimore and Wilmington at a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, of this city, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The meeting was largely attended and very representative indeed of the shipping and receiving interests of the port. The resolution was by Mr. Sam Bear, Jr., and, as stated by President Taylor in submitting it for a rising vote of the Chamber, was as follows:

"That the Chamber of Commerce extend to the Baltimore steamship project every encouragement in the way of patronage and the Chamber cordially endorse the transportation companies to make advantageous traffic arrangements with said line, once the same is established."

The vote resulted in a unanimous endorsement by the Chamber. Those present were: President J. K. Taylor, in the chair; Secretary James Kyle; Mr. H. G. Smallbones, superintendent of the Clyde Steamship Company; Mr. J. S. Hunter, freight agent of the Coast Line; Mr. A. Avelline, agent of the Seaboard Air Line; Mr. J. A. Arrindale, of the Cape Fear Lumber Co.; Mr. B. F. Hall, of Hall & Pearsall, Inc.; Mr. Philander Pearsall, of Pearsall & Pearsall; Mr. H. C. Nash, of Paterson Downing & Co.; Mr. F. E. Hasagen, of the F. E. Hasagen Co.; Mr. L. B. Rogers, vice-president of the D. L. Gore Company; Capt. James I. S. Moore, of the D. L. Gore Company; Mr. J. S. Hunter, of the D. L. Gore Company; Mr. Roger Moore, of Roger Moore's Sons & Co.; Mr. Sam Bear, Jr., of Morris Bear & Bros.; Collector of Customs B. F. Keith; Mr. J. S. Hunter, of the D. L. Gore Company; Mr. Joseph H. Watters and Mr. F. A. Lord, of Joseph H. Watters, wholesale grocer; Mr. R. H. Pickett and Mr. W. H. Brown, merchandise brokers; Mr. J. W. Taylor, of Walker Taylor and Mr. Martin S. Willard, insurance; Mr. J. A. Springer, of the Springer Coal Co.; Mr. M. W. Jacob, of the Jacob Hdw. Co.; Capt. John Rankin and representatives of the press.

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RECORD STILL GOOD

Rapid Dispatch of Business Continues to Feature Sessions of the Superior Court

THIRTY-FIVE CASES CLEARED

Twelve Defendants Go to Roads for Farm-Burglary Case For Trial To-day—McCraw Indictment Before Grand Jury.

Another record for the dispatch of business was achieved in the Superior Court yesterday. A total of thirty-five cases were disposed of during the morning and afternoon sessions and tentative arrangements have been made for entering upon the more important cases a little later. The ease with which Judge Webb disposes of matters and the splendid support given him by Solicitor Duffy is the subject of frequent complimentary remark in the court room. Of the 35 cases disposed of yesterday twelve of the defendants were sent to the roads for terms extending from four to 12 months, the aggregate of all sentences being five years and seven months.

One of the capital felonies will likely be disposed of to-day—the case of E. Frank, charged with burglary. Frank is charged with breaking into Wood's store last November and Wood Kellum and T. D. Meares, Jr., Esqs., will defend him. In view of the fact that no one was sleeping in the store at the time of the burglary, the white man who shot and killed his mother-in-law. A bill was prepared and sent down to the jury by Solicitor Duffy yesterday afternoon, and the witnesses are now being subpoenaed. Wm. J. Bellamy, Esq., counsel for McCraw will endeavor for a continuance of the case on grounds later to be submitted to the court.

To-day will be devoted to disposing of a few remaining jail cases and clearing up odds and ends for one of the important cases the last of the week. The case of either Shockley or Lamb will no doubt be called before the grand jury to-day.

The record of cases disposed of yesterday is as follows: Wash McNeill, larceny; pleaded guilty; eight months on roads or farm. Wash McNeill, housebreaking; pleaded guilty; four months on roads or farm. Will Middleton, larceny; verdict of not guilty by jury.

Andrew Walters, assault with deadly weapon, four months on roads or farm. Fred Williams, alias Fred Hall, pleaded guilty; nine months on roads or farm. George Brown, assault with deadly weapon; pleaded guilty; five months on roads or farm.

Robert McLean, assault with deadly weapon; verdict of guilty of simple assault; four months on roads or in jail. Amelia Bradley, selling liquor on Sunday; verdict of guilty by jury; four months on roads. Amelia Bradley, selling liquor without license; verdict of guilty by jury; judgment suspended.

Wallace Johnson, alias Wallace Miles, larceny; pleaded guilty; four months on roads. Charles Brown, assault with a deadly weapon; verdict of guilty of simple assault by jury; judgment suspended. Chas. Pope, assault with deadly weapon; plea of not guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

W. E. Farnell, embezzlement; pleaded guilty in five cases; judgment left open. Wm. J. Bellamy, Esq., made a plea for the young man, who was for license collector for Parker & Sneed, the furniture dealers. Ed. Coleman, Ed. Smith, Wm. Holly, gambling; pleaded guilty; Coleman and Holly given four months on roads or farm; Smith fined \$10 and costs. Frank Smith, assault with a deadly weapon; verdict of not guilty by jury. Ed. Hunter, concealed weapon; pleaded guilty; five months on roads or farm.

Carlo Costin, assault and battery; verdict of not guilty by jury. H. T. Blake, larceny; bill changed to forcible trespass and defendant pleaded guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs. Kate Fisher and Fannie Williams, larceny; cases consolidated; verdict of not guilty as to Fisher woman; guilty as to Fannie Williams; sentenced to 12 months on farm.

H. T. Blake, larceny; bill changed to forcible trespass; pleaded guilty; prayer for judgment continued until Fall term; costs to be paid at present term of court; bond of \$50 required; costs to include jail fees. H. T. Blake, carrying concealed weapon; costs of \$5 discharged upon payment of costs. H. T. Blake, carrying concealed weapons; pleaded guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs. James E. Jackson, retelling liquor; pleaded guilty; case left open. James E. Jackson, retelling liquor on Sunday; pleaded guilty; case left open.

Major Henderson, selling liquor on Sunday; not prosecuted. Major Henderson, selling liquor without license; continued. Joe Blackmon, carrying concealed weapon; pleaded guilty; fined \$10 and costs. Jackson Harrison, assault with deadly weapon; verdict of not guilty by jury. Jackson Harrison, assault with deadly weapon; verdict of guilty; four months on roads or farm. Court at 5:45 P. M., adjourned until 9:15 o'clock this morning.

DIED. CROOM—At the family residence, 610 Dock street, at 5 P. M., Wednesday, January 24, 1906, Mrs. EMMA CROOM, beloved wife of M. F. Croom, in the 40th year of her age.

Funeral from residence this (Thursday) afternoon at 4 o'clock; funeral in Oakdale cemetery. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

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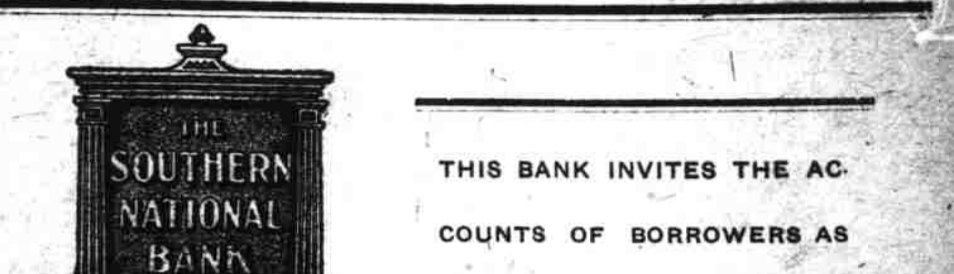
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Cape Fear Trading Co. ja25-tf. Emergent Communication this (Thursday) evening at 8 o'clock for work in the F. C. Degree. Visiting brethren cordially invited. By order of the W. M. C. C. BROWN, Secretary. ja17-tf.

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