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DOUGHTON HONORED

THE SENATE PRESENTS HIM A HANDSOME SILVER SERVICE.

A MODEL PRESIDING OFFICER.

Populists, Republicans and Democrats Join in Saying Good Things of the State's Popular Lieutenant Governor --He has Been Courteous and Fair in his Rulings Towards All--He will Return to his Mountain Home With the Senate's Highest Esteem.

Near the close of last night's session of the Senate, when the term proper of the Legislature was drawing near the hour of its close, Senator Moody, of Haywood (Rep.), moved that the Senate take a recess, as there was a matter touching the Lieut. Governor personally to be attended to. The motion was adopted and Senator Grant, of Wayne, was called to the chair.

Senator Moody then arose at his desk, on which rested a handsome silver service, and said in substance:

"The Lieutenant-Governor is by virtue of the Constitution President of the Senate. The presiding officer of this Senate performed his duty in a most agreeable and acceptable manner, and this session has been a pleasant one. No act of his since he rapped the Senate to order on the first day of the session can be criticised. He has presided in a manner that was perfectly fair. He has been courteous to every one, and all his decisions have been impartial and just. (Applause.) As a Republican, I say, North Carolina has a Democratic Lieutenant-Governor that she should be proud of. (Applause.) On behalf of the Senate it is my pleasant duty to present to him, in token of the respect and esteem in which he is held by this body, this silver service." (Prolonged applause.)

Mr. Moody advanced toward Gov. Doughton and delivered the service into his hands while the Senate chamber and the galleries rang with applause.

Mr. Newborne (Pop) of Lenoir, said in substance: "Our presiding officer will carry with him to his mountain home the highest respect and esteem of the members of this body. We, of all parties, have learned to love him. His impartial rulings and courteous treatment of the Senators upon this floor could have but won the regard which he so sincerely accord him." (Applause.)

Mr. Mitchell, Dem., said: "In behalf of the minority upon this floor I desire to express their thanks to the majority for the fair and courteous treatment which you have shown us. (Applause.) I can but believe that the majority in the next Senate will be of my own party, and I trust the minority will receive the same courteous treatment you have accorded us. I congratulate the Senate upon having had so just and good a presiding officer, and I feel safe in prophesying that he will be the next Governor of North Carolina."

In accepting the Senate's testimonial of regard for him, Lieutenant Governor Doughton said:

"Mr. President and Senators: I would be inhuman if I did not highly appreciate the action of this body. The situation has been a peculiar one, and at the commencement of the session I had great fears that I would not be able to satisfactorily discharge the duties of the presiding officer of the Senate. But I will say that I have received nothing but uniform courtesy and kindness at the hands of this body and from each member thereof. I have endeavored to know no party or section in the discharge of my duties and your action indicates that in some sense at least I have succeeded. We are all North Carolinians, and that is saying that we are a patriotic, chivalrous and great people.

I stood within the gates of the World's fair in the autumn of 1893 on a beautiful night and heard the band play the national airs of many countries, but when "Dixie" was played every Southerner in that vast concourse of three hundred thousand people clapped their hands. And with us once a North Carolinian, always so, regardless of party relations.

I trust that each of you on your return home will find your loved ones in health and prosperity, and that I may be able sometime in life to render some act of kindness to each of you.

After our life's work shall have been ended and the drama closed, I hope we will meet in that Capital City where there is neither Democrat, nor Republican, nor Populist--where there is no previous question nor demand for the eyes and noses, but where all is peace and infinite happiness.

I again thank you for this manifestation of your kindness and bid you, one and all, good night."

Long continued applause followed the speech of President Doughton, who seemed deeply touched by these unexpected evidences of the of the universal respect and esteem in which he was held by the Senators over whom he had presided, and by the kind words they had spoken of him on this occasion.

Brief addresses were made by Senators Starbuck, Hoover, Marshall and Carver, who feelingly expressed their high regard for Governor Doughton and their appreciation of the uniform courtesy with which he had treated every Senator.

During the ceremonies, the lobbies were filled with visitors who attested their high regard for Lieutenant-Governor Doughton by liberally applauding the kind things that were said of him by representatives of all the parties.

TWO CAUCUSES YESTERDAY.

Kitchen Takes the "Pen," If He Can--The Nine Directors--"Judge Cooke"--Douglas Kicks--Whitaker Talks.

The Republican and Populist caucuses met yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock respectively in the House and Senate ends of the capitol.

Very soon after the meeting of the Republican caucus, Speaker Waiser left the body and went over to the Senate end and announced to the Populists his fear of the breaking of a quorum on Monday. Prompt and effective action was urged and it was decided by each caucus that the members would remain to the number of a quorum until all the bills on the calendar had been disposed of. In accordance with this action a resolution to this effect was passed in the Senate, sent over to the House, and then concurred in last night.

The Republican caucus, at the behest of French, took up the matter of the \$25,000 cut from the penitentiary appropriation proposed by Henderson on Friday night. On that night Kitchen who was on the floor had hurriedly put a flea into French's ear to have the third reading postponed until after caucus action. French did this in the nip of time to save the bill, and when the matter came up in caucus it was urged that the Democrats, some of them had favored the reduction, one going so far as to say he hoped the bill would fail, leaving the blame of any bad consequences upon the Populists. Thus it came to pass that the penitentiary appropriation will go through without Henderson's cut.

In the Populist caucus, the election was had for the Judge of the new Criminal Court and for the Superintendent of the Penitentiary.

For Judge the vote was as follows: Cook 24, Purnell 14. For Superintendent of Penitentiary, Kitchen 35, Reinhardt 17.

Kitchen repeated yesterday that he wasn't going to accept the position with a reduced salary or with a law suit. His friends think he will do both after second thought, for it is settled that the salary will be reduced to 2,000, and as to the law suit I learned from a good source that Spier Whitaker frankly told Kitchen yesterday that there was grave constitutional doubt of the power of the Legislature to appoint the Superintendent.

Fowler, true to his man, nominated Kitchen.

The question of the Code Commission came up, and it was decided that a Code Commission should be elected, one member declaring with vehemence that he would bolt the caucus if they did not elect the commission. Now, therefore, that the commission is a fact, it behooved a prominent Fusionist last night to say to me concerning the chosen ones that Russell was too fat, Blackburn too young and Guthrie too lazy. This Fusionist said that Blackburn couldn't get his mind down to it even if he could train his coiffure down. But it may be that this Fusionist was reckoning without his host; for Guthrie said to me last night that while he was obliged to his friends for their votes, that he had said frankly in a caucus speech that he thought the Commission had better be put off for 3 years; that the last commission had cost \$35,000, and that the State would be in a better position in two years, perhaps, to meet such figures than now.

Then comes a kick from Douglas as a prominent Republican said to me. He went so far as to say that Douglas thought he got more than the twenty votes credited to him; that more than twenty had come to Douglas and told him they had voted for him. (Douglas) that Moody was one--though Moody was regarded as one of Blackburn's staunchest friends; that Douglas had told Moody there was not enough room for all who had thus spoken to him for twenty votes.

In the Populist caucus the nine penitentiary directors were elected, among them being Hoover, McCaskey, Bryan, Garrett, and Henry Dockery in the Republican caucus.

Referring again to the remarks of Spier Whitaker that gentleman was quoted as saying that fusion would go to pieces as soon as this legislature adjourned and that a new alignment would be made on the money basis; that in two years all the white people would be together, the gold-bug Democrats and the Republicans and all the silver men in the Democratic party.

There was much interesting stuff in the lobbies, which had to be left in the lobbies for the present, but an incident occurred at the Republican caucus, which made a little stir among the members.

The oyster question must have rather a personal interest for some of the Republicans. The gentleman from Craven, Williams, accompanied by a number of the other members of the committee accosted the gentleman from Carteret, Duncan, immediately after the caucus and demanded that the Carteret member report the oyster bill some way and not keep it in his pocket. Hot words passed, but the matter was smothered over.

These two caucuses are among the last notes of the Fred Douglass bell that has been tolling for sixty days its death knells to the life of North Carolina's hearthstones.

LONDON, March 9.--The match by telegraph between the Manhattan Chess Club of New York, and the British Chess Club of London, was begun, this afternoon. The London end of the match is conducted in the Criterion restaurant in Victoria Hall, which has a floor space of seventy by sixty feet, and is the same room in which the tournament of 1883 was played.

UNDER THE DOME.

It is generally understood that the Douglassites will adjourn on Tuesday.

The pages of the Senate on yesterday presented to door-keeper Halliburton a handsome gold headed cane.

The Republican and Populist caucuses passed resolutions to stay in Raleigh until all the bills on the calendar have been passed upon.

"Boodle" is what they are all after. Guthrie and Russell are quoted as saying that they don't care to be elected Code Commissioners since the salary was reduced.

Senator McCaskey, in answer to a question from Senator Dowd, said yesterday that the hard times came upon the people from laws passed by the Republican party.

Friday night the bill to reduce the bond of sheriffs was tabled. Yesterday an attempt was made to rush the bill through. Finally, it was defeated except as to Pamlico county.

"No bill not approved by the Speaker can get through the House on an aye and no vote without two-thirds majority," said a prominent Democrat yesterday. "I saw two counts."

Complaint is made that the Legislature does not order enough copies of important bills printed. Yesterday a State official was hunting for a copy of the Machinery Act and was unable to find one.

"I can easily prove," said a Republican yesterday, "that Harry Roberts is a better man than either one of the rascals who are preferring charges against him." And he went on to particularize wherein.

Senators Grant and Moody come in for a large share of cursing these days. Republicans and Populists say they traded them out of good places by their arrangement with the Governor about the Insane Asylums.

Mr. Monroe scored a point yesterday against Senator Grant's bill to make women Trustees of the Goldsboro Graded School when he said it was the first step towards woman suffrage. If the people of Goldsboro want women on the School Board, let them say so. Local self-government demands this.

A gentleman at Concord writes: "Mr. Hileman has taxed the lawyers, the physicians and the boarding houses. Now if he will tax saw mills and uncancelled tobacco boxes, I think Cabarrus county will be satisfied with his sixty days arduous labors. Who told Mr. Ray that Hileman owned a saw-mill?"

The amount due the State by Alexander county was \$7,270, instead of \$11,250 as reported, said Senator White, of Alexander, yesterday. He had a bill to remit this amount which was tabled. The \$11,250 was the amount given to the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad out of the funds promised by the State to the Alexander Railroad, passed in 1889.

TRUE BILL FOR MURDER.

A Special Term Will be Recommended for the Trial of Baxter Shemwell.

Special to the News and Observer.

LEXINGTON, N. C., March 9.

Last Thursday the grand jury returned a true bill for murder against Baxter Shemwell for the recent killing of Dr. R. L. Payne, Sr.

The prisoner was arraigned, and plead not guilty. Counsel for defendant argued that on account of some family connection it would not be wise for Judge Brown to hear the case, in which view the Judge acquiesced and continued the case.

The State asked for a special term and the Judge said he would recommend it. His honor having been advised by the county officials that it would be safer if the prisoner were removed to another county, today ordered that Shemwell be at once removed to the jail of Mecklenburg to await his trial in that county. He will be carried to Charlotte to-night.

MANY ARE DYING DAILY.

The Small Pox Epidemic in Arkansas Much Worse Than Reported.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 9.--A letter read by R. W. Adams, of this city, from a relative at Hot Springs, Ark., states that the small pox epidemic in that place is much worse than the newspaper reports would indicate.

The letter says that not a newspaper in Hot Springs dares to publish the truth about the situation, as the publishers have been told that if they printed the truth the papers would be burned and the offices wrecked. Correspondents for outside papers have been similarly intimidated.

The letter describes the situation at the famous resort as harrowing in the extreme. Many are dying daily and new cases are being constantly reported. The hospitals are crowded and doctors and nurses are unable to give proper attention to the patients.

NEW YORK, March 9.--The electrical workers to-day made an agreement with Judge Dugro, proprietor of the Savoy Hotel, whereby nearly 400 will return to work. By the terms of settlement Judge Dugro guarantees that all men employed, including electrical workers, shall be union men and work only eight hours a day.

THE NATIONAL FLOWER.



A New Aquatic Plant of Rare Blossom that Blooms in the Marshes of Currituck.

CIGARETTE MACHINE CASE.

The Taking of Depositions Completed by the Attorneys.

Special to the News and Observer.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., March 9.

The attorneys concluded their work this afternoon of taking depositions in the cigarette machine case. Mr. Browne, a patent expert from Washington, has been on the witness stand all the week. The testimony taken here is for the Winston Cigarette Machine Company, the defendants in the case. The suit was brought by the tobacco trust, which uses and controls the Bonsack machine. The case will come up before Judge Simonton, in the United States Federal Court, at Greensboro, next month. A gentleman who is in a position to know, tells me that if the Winston Company wins the suit several large cigarette firms will begin business here. The Bonsack people make the claim that the Winston machine is an infringement on their patent. This is to be decided by Judge Simonton.

The executive committee of the various Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavors in Winston-Salem, met a few evenings since to consider the advisability of inviting to the Twin city a convention of all the Christian Endeavor Societies of the State for the purpose of organizing a State union. It was decided to invite the convention for the 26th, 27th and 28th of April. Committees were appointed to make all of the necessary arrangements.

Very few farmers in the Piedmont section have been able to burn tobacco plant beds on account of the severe weather during January and February. The delay may cut the leaf crop short this year.

Fifteen fine bird dogs, owned by George Gould and T. J. Davey, of New York, were shipped home from Advance, Davie county, a few days ago. Several New York sportsmen had been in that section hunting several weeks.

The revival which has been in progress at the First Presbyterian church here for the past two weeks, will close to-morrow. Dr. Guerrant, of Kentucky, who has been assisting Pastor Caldwell, has preached many strong and effective sermons. The services have resulted in some seventy five professions. Dr. Guerrant will begin a meeting in Greensboro next Thursday.

A RIOT NARROWLY AVERTED.

Negroes Try to Rescue a Drunken Woman From the Police.

Special to the News and Observer.

GREENSBORO, N. C., March 9.

This city came near being involved in a race riot this afternoon. Policeman Scott had arrested a negro woman and was partly carrying and partly leading her to the lock up. By the time he reached the court-house square a large crowd of negroes had closed around the policeman and woman, and several attempts were made to get her away from the officer and the negroes were arming themselves with rocks.

At this critical moment the revenue officers in their office a few steps away saw the officer's predicament and at once went to his rescue and in a short while scattered the crowd. Six negroes who were seen with rocks were arrested and put in jail.

But for the timely arrival of the revenue officers the affair might have been serious. The negroes are still hanging around the streets in groups looking sullen and fierce.

A negro man and his wife got into a fight to-day while riding in a wagon. The man knocked his wife out of the wagon so that she fell on her head. She was picked up and, as it was supposed, in a dying condition. She did not become conscious for some hours. She is still dangerously and probably fatally hurt.

EXPLOSION IN A LAUNDRY.

A Crazy Man Attempts to Kill His Sister With a Razor.

Special to the News and Observer.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., March 9.

This morning a five thousand pound mangle at Model Steam Laundry burst, throwing broken pieces of machinery all over the building and creating a panic among a number of girls in the laundry. Every window pane in the house was shattered.

No one was hurt though several had close calls. A colored girl sprang through a window carrying glass and all, and fell to the ground fifteen feet below. The explosion was due to a defect in the machinery.

Lemuel Armstead, colored, aged 75, dropped dead of heart disease while attending service at Rev. Rumbley's church last night. Armstead's home is in Cleveland, Ohio.

Alderman Blair has sold his Haywood street residence for \$5,000 to Rev. S. W. Webb, a Congregational minister of Holyoke, Mass., who came here for his health.

John Heatherly, of Henderson county, became insane Thursday and attempted to kill his sister with a razor. Heatherly is now in jail at Hendersonville.

SENTENCE OF DEATH PASSED.

A Mexican Officer Condemned for Unsoldierly Conduct.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 9.--A City of Mexico special says that the court martial, sitting at Torin, Sonora, has finally passed sentence of death upon Lieut. Colonel Joaquin Vasquez, late of the 14th Infantry.

The officer was condemned for his unsoldierly conduct in the face of the enemy in March of last year.

A small column of troops consisting of 100 men of the 11th and 24th regiments of the line and a detachment of National guards, under the command of Col. Vasquez, moved into the Sierra Del Macatete, Sonora, with the intention of inflicting a severe lesson on the rebellious Yaqui Indians.

The troops, however, fell into ambush and the order to retreat being given they fell back in disorder, leaving their wounded to be butchered by the savages.

The court martial, after due deliberation, rendered the verdict of death by shooting against the commander. President Diaz will probably be appealed to for the exercise of executive clemency.

FOR MAYOR OF CHICAGO.

Frank Wenter Nominated by the Democratic City Convention.

CHICAGO, March 9.--Frank Wenter, president of the drainage board, was nominated for mayor by acclamation this afternoon by the Democratic city convention. The remainder of the ticket nominated is as follows: For city treasurer, John S. Cooke; city clerk, William Mangler; city attorney, George A. Trud.

The convention did not nominate a candidate for circuit judge. This will be done by a county convention to be held probably next week. The election takes place April 2d.

Put Him into Mince Meat

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 9.--This morning at 2:20 o'clock the engine on the Georgia Railroad freight train from Atlanta to Augusta broke loose from the tender at sixteen mile post, just beyond Burnet, and Walter Hickory, fireman who was in the act of stepping from the engine to the tender to put coal in the furnace, fell through to the track and the entire train of twelve cars passed over him, cutting him into mince meat and killing him instantly. Hackney was an unmarried man and lived in Augusta.

HUNTING FOR THE LOST.

Only a Few of Those Who Went Down on the Steamer Have Been Found.

CINCINNATI, March 9.--This morning the steamer Hercules Carrell, with a diver aboard, left the wharf at the foot of Main street for the wreck of the Longfellow at Troutman's station. It has not been definitely learned just how many lives were lost by the accident yesterday. Of the twenty laborers who assisted in the loading of freight and the river and rail transfer, only six have been accounted for.

The body of the woman found in the wreckage at the Troutmans yesterday was identified at the morgue last evening as Mrs. W. J. Aull, of Dayton, Ohio. The remains were sent home this morning. Mr. Aull is among the missing passengers and there is no doubt as to his fate.

The Covington police authorities were notified this morning that two bodies had been recovered from that portion of the wreck caught opposite Browley, Ky. The coroner at once started for the scene.

The work of hunting the lost ones of the terrible wreck is going on apace. All night long watchers were on hand scanning the surface of the water around the hulk at Troutmans, but their vigilance was without result. The list of victims has not been materially changed from the first report. The dead are: Mrs. W. J. Aull, James Miller and Jim, a deck hand.

The missing are: Capt. J. L. Carter, David Aldridge, Gus Schevau, unknown deck hands, Mrs. Dr. Anderson, Wm. Walker, W. J. Aull, unknown woman, an invalid.

The laborers who have not been accounted for probably scattered after the accident and will turn up during the day. There seems to have been two female physicians on board the Longfellow, each one in charge of a patient. Dr. Mary Armstrong and Miss Harrington were traveling together, both of whom were rescued and are now at the Palace Hotel. The other, Dr. Anderson, and her companion, whose name has not been learned, are still classed among the missing.

Bad Day for Steamboats.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 9.--Advices to the Tribune show that yesterday was a bad one for steamboats. On the Wabash river, near Evansville, the Rosedale sank with five thousand bushels of wheat. Seventeen passengers were rescued, and one deck hand was drowned.

At Paducah, Ky., the Hog Chains of the Bostona, a big side wheeler plying between Cincinnati and Memphis, broke and the boat came near breaking in two. Capt. Conlon, of the ill fated State of Missouri, was in command.

At Jeffersonville, Ind., the Joseph F. Woods lost several coal barges on the falls.

At Louisville the John K. Speed was blown over the dam at the falls and was damaged considerably. She righted quickly or would have been broken to pieces.

An Accident to Grover.

NOBOLK, Va., March 9.--A telegram under a Richmond, Va., date was printed in New York this morning to the effect that a rumor was current in Washington that President Cleveland had met with an accident. Nothing whatever has been heard here of the rumored event.

The Albemarle and Chesapeake authorities heard nothing whatever from the President this morning.

HAVANA, March 6.--Joquin Pedroso Carlos and Jorge Aguirre, conspicuous members of Matagas insurgent band, have surrendered to the authorities. Mataga and Matas are the only conspicuous members still at large, and they probably will be captured soon.