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AN AGREEMENT AS TO PARTY POLICIES

Reached by the Democratic Steering Committee

SECRECY IS OBSERVED

Steering Committee to Report to Full Democratic Caucus.

HOUSE TRANSACTS ROUTINE BUSINESS

The Bill Appropriating \$90,000 For Government Exhibit at Charleston is Passed.

Root Urges Sale of the Friars' Lands in Philippines.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 18.—The House of Representatives was in session less than an hour today.

The Senate amendments to the House bill appropriating \$90,000 for a government exhibit and floor space at the Charleston Exposition was agreed to and the bill passed.

Agree on a Line of Policy.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The Democratic Steering Committee of the House of Representatives reached a decision today on a line of policy to be recommended to the caucus of the minority in the House.

To Destroy the Friars' Power.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Secretary Root was heard on the question of the friar lands in the Philippines before the House Committee on Insular Affairs today.

Urgent Deficiency Bill Reported.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The urgent deficiency appropriation bill was completed by the Appropriation committee today and reported to the House. It carries

\$16,701,445 distributed among the different departments.

Substitute Philippine Tariff Bill.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 18.—The Democratic members of the Senate Committee on the Philippines were in consultation for several hours today over their proposed substitute proposition for the Philippine tariff bill.

HE DIED FOR HIS HONOR.

Shot in a Duel by the Ithario Who Wrecked His Home.

(By the Associated Press.) Hanover, Prussia, Jan. 18.—Herr von Bennegsen, Landrath, of Hanover, and son of the noted politician Rudolph von Bennegsen, died during the night as the result of a bullet wound in the breast sustained in a duel fought Thursday last with Herr Falkenhagen, a tenant of the Royal estate near Springe.

HANDS UP, SPORTS!

Gamblers Robbed by Men Who Claimed to Have Been Fleeced.

(By the Associated Press.) Omaha, Neb., Jan. 18.—Two robbers held up a dozen men in a gambling room over the saloon of Cliff Cole, at Fourteenth and Douglas streets early today and secured the cash box and \$200 in money from the customers of the place.

Ridiculed by Boers.

(By the Associated Press.) London, Jan. 18.—Dr. Leyds, the representative in Europe of the Transvaal, according to a dispatch from Amsterdam to Reuters Telegram Company held a conference today with the Boer delegation at The Hague at the house of Mr. Wolmarans.

Sharkey and Maher Discharged.

(By the Associated Press.) Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 18.—Peter Maher and "Tom" Sharkey, who were arrested yesterday at the instance of the alleged of the law and order society, and held in \$5,000 bail to keep the peace, appeared at the Magistrate's office this morning and were discharged.

RAPID GROWTH OF OUR SMALL TOWNS

Rural Districts in the South Filling Up.

DETAILS OF THE CENSUS

Population of the North Congests the Large Cities.

THEY NOW SHOW A MOST RAPID GROWTH

But This is Balanced by the Extremely High Rate of Increase of Southern Rural Population. Report on Cotton Seed Manufacture.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 18.—The Director of the Census today gave out a statement regarding the growth of urban population North and South, which shows the following facts:

The large cities, taken collectively, are growing nearly twice as fast as the rest of the country.

The per cent of the population of Northern States living in large cities is nearly three times as great as the corresponding per cent in the South; the North has a rate of increase no greater than that of the South.

The large cities of the North are growing much faster than those of the same size in the South, but this difference is balanced by an extremely rapid growth of small towns and cities in the South and especially by the high rate of increase of Southern rural population.

The statement says these results seem paradoxical but are correct.

Director Merriam's statement is designed to explain how the deduction that the South for the first time is now growing as rapidly as the North harmonizes with the well known facts that in the North the proportion of inhabitants living in cities is much larger than it is in the South and that as a rule cities increase in population much more rapidly than country districts.

The statements shows that in the North the proportion of the population living in large cities is more than three times as great as it is in the South.

Of the total population of 75,994,579 in continental United States 19,718,312, or 25.9 per cent live in cities of 25,000 inhabitants or more.

North, total population, 47,379,699; population of cities of 25,000 or more 16,456,580, or 34.7 per cent.

South, total population, 28,514,880; population of cities of 25,000 or more 2,261,732, or 7.9 per cent.

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\$419,208,296. The quantity by tons and cost of cotton seed crushed and quantity and total value of products by States follows:

Alabama, cotton seed 172,093 tons; cost \$2,019,085; products \$2,952,255.

Arkansas, 190,051 tons; cost \$2,245,710; products \$3,188,812.

Georgia, 271,883 tons; cost \$3,246,814; products \$4,787,100.

Indian Territory, 26,415 tons; cost \$297,739; products \$446,078.

Louisiana, \$250,983 tons; cost \$2,833,767; products \$4,397,891.

Mississippi, 394,768 tons; cost \$4,577,995; products \$6,671,031.

North Carolina, 107,660 tons; cost \$1,313,663; products \$1,880,015.

Oklahoma, 26,425 tons; cost \$247,520; products \$410,063.

South Carolina, 156,642 tons; cost \$2,186,408; products \$3,043,547.

Tennessee, 168,307 tons; cost \$1,848,829; products \$2,737,038.

Texas, 692,604 tons; cost \$7,569,661; products \$11,519,656.

All other States, 21,731 tons; cost \$254,225; products \$378,950.

STATE ENGINEERS ASKED TO COME.

The State Board of Education Decides to Install Capt. McRae in the Capitol.

The State Board of Education met yesterday and instructed the Superintendent of Public Instruction to write to Capt. J. H. McRae, State Engineer, inviting him to bring all his maps and other instruments to Raleigh and make his headquarters here.

Raper For Superior Court Judge.

(Lexington Dispatch.) E. E. Raper, Esq., of Lexington, was here Saturday on legal business before the justice's court.

DECISION RESERVED

Governor Hears the Petition in Gorham Case.

Southern Railway Agent Claims the Evidence Was Not Sufficient to Convict Him of Contempt.

Governor Aycock yesterday morning heard the petition of Jas. A. Gorham, of Asheville, legal agent of the Southern railway, for commutation of his sentence of twenty days imprisonment in jail and fine of \$50, imposed by Judge Brown at the spring term of Ireddell Superior Court.

The charge against Gorham was contempt of court in attempting to influence the verdict of one of the jurors in the case of Long against the Southern railway for damages, tried at Statesville.

Hon. Locke Craig, of Asheville, counsel for Mr. Gorham, presented the case before the Governor, who listened to the entire matter carefully and reserved his decision.

Mr. Craig's speech in support of his client's petition was a masterful effort, in fact, one of the strongest presentations of a case ever heard in the executive chamber, being an exhaustive treatment of the law on contempt in all its phases.

Gorham contended before the Governor that he was not guilty of any attempt to corrupt the juror, and that the evidence was not sufficient to convict him of contempt of court; that the only power the court had to punish for contempt was by virtue of the statutes of 1869 and 1871 brought forward in the Code; that there was no evidence that he had been guilty of any of the offenses prescribed by these statutes, and the court could punish for contempt only as provided for by the statute law.

He reminded the Governor that he expected to be tried by a jury for the same act at the approaching term of the Ireddell court, and asked that the judgment upon him be suspended until a jury should pass upon his guilt or innocence.

Referring to the question as to whether the Governor has the power to remit a sentence for contempt, a distinguished lawyer who has worn the ermine for a number of years, in a note yesterday said:

"Noting your allusion to the suggestion of pardon of Gorham for contempt the question occurs as to whether the Governor can pardon for contempt. The Constitution, article 3, section 6, provides that the Governor shall have power to grant reprieves, commutations and pardons, after conviction, for all offenses (except impeachments), etc."

"Then it is further provided that the Governor shall communicate to the General Assembly, stating the name of the convict, the crime for which he was convicted, etc."

"Contempt is not a crime."

"The writer is quite sure that Governor Fowle once refused to pardon in a case of contempt even when the court recommended it, but thinks Governor Russell pardoned the Sampson county school board (Populists), who were adjudged guilty of contempt and fined. The court would be helpless if the Governor could pardon as fast as parties were dealt with for contempt."

President Roosevelt has decided to decline all invitations to deliver public speeches until Congress has completed its work for the session. Exceptions will only be made in cases like the Charleston exposition where circumstances seem to require his presence in his official capacity.

STATE'S REVENUE AND ITS EXPENSES

The Surplus of Last Year Was \$53,786.66.

RECEIPTS \$1,744,659.39

White There Was Spent For All Purposes \$1,690,872.73.

FROM DECEMBER 1, 1900 TO NOV. 30, 1901

The State Treasurer Yesterday Issued a Full Statement Showing Our Financial Standing and the Obligations Met.

The revenues of the State of North Carolina and how the money, which came into the Treasury was spent, must be interesting reading to the people who pay the taxes.

Yesterday State Treasurer B. R. Lacy issued the following statement, showing that the receipts were \$1,744,659.39, the expenses \$1,690,872.73, the surplus being \$53,786.66.

The statement in full is as follows:

Statement of General and Specific Receipts from December 1, 1900 to November 30, 1901, and the Sources from which they are received.

Additional State Taxes.....\$ 1,225.18

Alexander county bonds..... 1,000.00

Banks, license tax on..... 2,904.83

Banks, tax on stock in, general purposes..... 12,630.31

Banks tax on stock in for pensions..... 2,405.72

Building and Loan Associations, tax on stock in, general purposes..... 1,268.76

Building and Loan Associations, tax on stock in, pensions..... 241.58

Contingencies, refunded..... 163.50

Corporation property tax, general purposes..... 6,290.66

Corporation property tax, pensions..... 1,198.19

Corporation tax, State Department..... 4,551.00

Corporation tax, Treasury Department..... 4,300.00

Disabled soldiers, appropriation, refunded..... 190.00

Express Companies, property tax, general purposes..... 398.11

Express Companies, property tax, pensions..... 75.82

Express Companies, 2 per cent tax on gross earnings..... 1,799.50

Fees from Corporation Commission..... 153.00

Fees from Insurance Department..... 9,564.50

Fees from Executive Department..... 1,179.90

Fees from State Department..... 1,149.15

Fees from Treasury Department..... 366.00

General Assembly, refunded..... 59.00

Inheritance tax..... 237.07

Indigent pupils..... 5,110.61

Interest on deposit, and cash items..... 117.00

Interest on 4 per cent consolidated debt, refunded..... 24.00

Insurance Companies, licenses..... 28,511.81

Insurance Companies, 2 per cent tax..... 77,209.26

Laws and Journals, sales of..... 311.53

Legal services and expenses, refunded..... 2,471.77

Mercantile agencies..... 455.00

N. C. A. & M. College, (colored) U. S. appropriation..... 8,250.00

N. C. Institution for Deaf, Dumb and Blind, earnings..... 1,186.15

N. C. College of A. & M. Arts, U. S. appropriation..... 16,750.00

N. C. Corporation Commission, refunded..... 13.74

N. C. Experiment Station, U. S. appropriation..... 15,000.00

N. C. Railroad, dividends..... 195,013.00

N. C. School for Deaf and Dumb, earnings..... 4,111.08

Postage from land grants..... 37.50

Public printing, refunded..... 6.00

Privilege tax on railroads..... 10,838.29

Railroad property tax, general purposes..... 125,937.74

Railroad property tax, pensions..... 22,573.38

Refund of freight charges..... 6,613.06

Roster, North Carolina troops, sale of..... 12.25

Seal tax, Executive Department..... 1,221.73

Seal tax, State Department..... 636.90

Sewing machine licenses..... 3,246.50

Shell Fish Commission..... 8,569.30

Sketches North Carolina Regiments of Confederate soldiers, sale of..... 233.70

Sleeping Car Companies, property tax, general purposes..... 381.62

Sleeping Car Companies, property tax, pensions..... 72.68

State and Colonial records, sale of..... 3.09

State Library, refunded..... 1.50

State Guard, special..... 9,794.56

State's Prison, earnings..... 156,490.13

State's Prison, earnings, Martin defalcation..... 16,069.04

State's Prison, interest on Farm bonds..... 2,400.00

Steamboats and Canals, property tax, general purposes..... 414.03

Steamboats and Canals, property tax, pensions..... 78.86

Supreme Court Reports, sale of..... 3,345.34

Taxes from the Counties,

for general purposes..... 615,960.57

Taxes from the Counties, for interest, on incomes..... 4,850.43

Taxes from the Counties, for interest, on merchants..... 18,165.23

Taxes from the Counties, for interest, on liquor..... 5,891.44

Taxes from the Counties, for Pensions, property..... 81,818.39

Taxes from the Counties, for Pensions, poll..... 22,919.96

Telephone and Telephone tax, on gross earnings..... 3,249.80

Telephone and Telephone property tax, general..... 2,262.94

Telephone and Telephone property tax, pensions..... 434.08

Tonnage tax on fertilizer..... 67,988.24

Water, lighting and sewer property tax, general..... 1,832.18

Water lighting and sewer property tax, pensions..... 348.98

Weights and measures..... 198.37

Balance Board of Education from fiscal year ending November 30, 1900..... 23,219.59

Receipts Board of Education from fiscal year ending November 30, 1901..... 17,620.10

Balance from fiscal year ending November 30, 1900..... 101,143.22

Total receipts..... \$1,744,659.39