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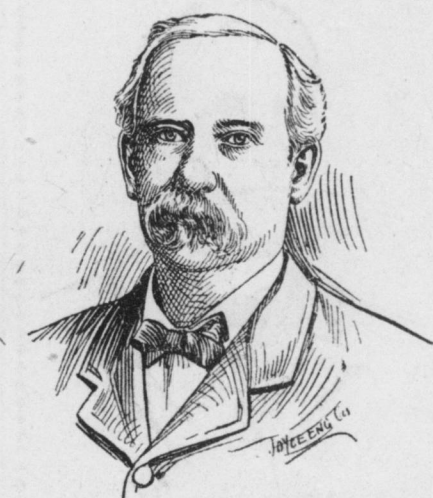
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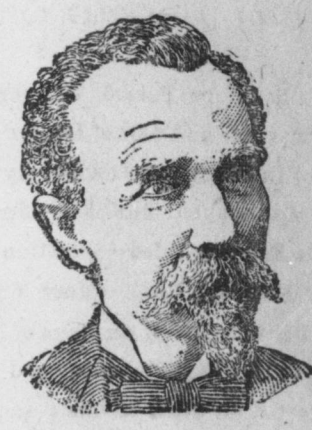
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WATCH THE "DARK HORSE!"

Can you Guess Which One of These Seven Gentlemen will Wear the Toga?

SENATE LISTENS TO THE GOVERNOR

His Message is Heard With Much Interest.

REGULATION OF LIQUOR

President Turner Names the Senate Committee, Some Bills are Introduced and Adjournment Had Until To-day.

The Senate yesterday put ten bills into the legislative grist mill, heard the Governor's message, and listened to the reading of the committee appointments made by the President of the Senate.

There was no making of speeches, as there was nothing to speak about, but there was much to listen to in the message of Governor Aycock, of which 1,000 copies will be printed.

Of the bills introduced two were of State interest on the liquor question, one by Senator Reinhardt, of Lincoln, to put a tax of 55 cents a gallon on all liquor manufactured in the State. Another by Senator Justice to prohibit the liquor traffic in towns of less than 500 population and to levy paid from each liquor business a license tax of at least \$1,500 a year.

SENATE—SECOND DAY.
The Senate was called to order for its second day's work at eleven o'clock yesterday morning, Lieut.-Gov. Turner presiding. An earnest prayer was offered by Rev. J. B. Hurley, financial agent of the Methodist orphanage.

The Journal of the previous day was read and approved and Senator T. D. Warren, of Trenton, Jones county, Eighth Senatorial District, who was not present the first day when the other Senators were sworn in came forward and took the oath. This makes 49 Senators here, with the vacancy in the Thirty-sixth caused by the death of Senatorelect Zeb Wilson yet to be filled.

A message was received from the House giving notice of the organization and saying it was ready for business. Another message from the House also notified the Senate that the House had appointed its members of the committee to inform the Governor that the General Assembly was organized and was ready for any message he might desire to send.

The first bill of the day, the second of the session was next offered by Senator Mann, of Hyde. This is a joint resolution entitled "A bill to facilitate the work of the General Assembly of North Carolina." It provides that no member of the General Assembly shall seek or accept any election, nomination or appointment to any office provided for by this General Assembly during the Constitutional term of this Assembly, which is for the next two years. This was referred to the judiciary committee.

Senator Norris, of Wake, introduced a bill to change the name of the Union Mutual Insurance Company by dropping the word "Mutual." Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Vann, of Chowan, offered a bill the purpose of which is to prevent the use of certain explosives in the nature of fire crackers. The bill provides that no one shall sell, buy, fire off or discharge any fire crackers whose dimensions exceed two inches in length, or three-eighths of an inch in diameter, the punishment to be a fine not exceeding \$50 or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Senator Pharr, of Mecklenburg, a bill was introduced to amend the charter of the Southern States Trust Company. Referred to Committee on Corporations.

By Senator Brown, of Pitt, a bill to provide for the cross indexing of appointments of executors, administrators and guardians. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

ended at 12:35, one hour and nine minutes being the time consumed. The reading was listened to carefully by a number of the Senators, but the majority will study its recommendations and suggestion when it is submitted in a printed form.

Following the reading a joint motion was introduced by Senator London to print 500 copies of the message. Senator Woodard asked to have this amended by making the number 1,000. This was agreed to, the resolution passed three readings and was then sent to the House without engrossment.

The President of the Senate next had his committee appointments read, these being as follows:

THE SENATE COMMITTEES.

The first named on each committee is the chairman.

PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.—Vann, Brown, Godwin, Spruill, Cathey, Hicks of Duplin, Lamb, Warren, Hunter, Beasley, Crisp.

PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS.—McLaughlin, Baldwin, Mann, Hoey, Norris, Bellamy, Marshall.

CLAIMS.—Aaron, Melton, Reinhardt, McMullan, Hunter, Pharr, Conley, McBryde.

JUDICIARY.—Woodard, Henderson, Travis, Justice, Gilliam, McLaughlin, Baldwin, Vann, Warren, Norris, Hicks of Granville, London, Mann, Webb, Blow, White, Godwin, Burton, Hoey, Spence, Pharr, McMullan, Holton, Wellborn.

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS.—Hicks of Granville, Mann, Cathey, Blow, McLaughlin, Thayer, Wellborn.

EDUCATION.—Henderson, White, Beasley, Spence, Hicks of Granville, Webb, Glenn, Mann, Warren, Holton, Blow, White, Godwin, Burton, Hoey, Spence, Pharr, McMullan, Holton, Wellborn.

MILITARY AFFAIRS.—Pharr, Aaron, Richardson, McLaughlin, Hoey, Durham, McMullan, Marshall.

AGRICULTURAL.—Bellamy, Cathey, Mitchell, Ballenger, Hicks of Duplin, Reinhardt, McBryde, Hunter, Thayer, Allison, Marshall.

BANKS AND CURRENCY.—Walker, Allison, London, Burton, Lamb, Milton, Pollock, Trichard, Vann, Holton.

CORPORATIONS.—Travis, Justice, Gilliam, Baldwin, Burton, Godwin, Mitchell, Vann, McLaughlin, Allison, Brown, Wellborn.

FINANCE.—London, Henderson, Justice, White, Durham, Glenn, Brown, Brown, Mitchell, Pritchard, Allison, Walker, Webb, Aaron.

INSURANCE.—White, Travis, Hoey, Walker, Glenn, Baldwin, Thayer, Ballenger, Marshall.

PENAL INSTITUTIONS.—Warren, Aaron, Richardson, Milton, Woodard, Walker, Hunter, Pharr, Wellborn.

SALARIES AND FEES.—Spence, Spruill, Walker, Norris, McBryde, Hicks of Granville, Gilliam, Ballenger, Holton.

ENGROSSED BILLS.—Beasley, Spence, Richardson, Hoey, Godwin, Bellamy, Conley, Crisp.

DEAF, DUMB AND BLIND ASYLUMS.—Norris, Justice, Spruill, Pollock, Pharr, Milton, McMullan, Lamb, Crisp.

INSANE ASYLUMS.—Glenn, Warren, Norris, Ballenger, Pollock, Allison, Hicks of Duplin, Aaron, Conley.

FEDERAL RELATIONS.—Mitchell, Richardson, Henderson, Justice, Woodard, Holton.

FISH AND FISHERIES.—Mann, McMullan, Brown, Bellamy, Mitchell, Blow, Conley.

PENSIONS AND SOLDIERS' HOME.—Reinhardt, Henderson, London, Lamb, Allison, Ballenger, Crisp, McBryde.

RAILROADS AND RAILROAD COMMISSION.—Justice, London, Brown, Travis, Walker, Reinhardt, Pritchard, Mann, Burton, Beasley, Wellborn.

Laughlin, Spence, Lamb, Hicks of Granville, Warren, Richardson.

JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.—Blow, Mann, Webb, Woodard, Justice, Hicks of Granville, McLaughlin, Burton, Norris.

LIBRARY.—Thayer, Reinhardt, Gilliam, Godwin, Spruill, Walker, Pharr.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.—Hicks of Duplin, Aaron, Bellamy, Burton, Cathey.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.—Lamb, Thayer, Walker, Pollock, Mann.

TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY.—Pritchard, Gilliam, London, Henderson, Warren, Burton, Webb, Hoey, Holton.

ENROLLED BILLS.—Webb, Aaron, Blow, Durham, McMullan, Pharr, Pollock.

PRINTING.—Richardson, Beasley, Hoey.

Following the reading of these committees Senator Justice, of McDowell, introduced a bill entitled "An act to regulate the sale and manufacture of spirituous liquor in North Carolina." This provides that it shall be unlawful to manufacture, rectify or sell spirituous or malt liquors except in incorporated towns with at least 500 residents in the limits and within a mile of the centre of the town.

A license tax of \$500 to State, \$500 to county and not less than \$500 to the town is required, these to be paid quarterly in advance. The law is to affect no existing prohibitory law, and only affects dispensaries in that it requires a tax of \$500 to the State. Violation is made a misdemeanor. This was referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Senator Godwin, of Harnett, introduced a bill to refer the question of the manufacture and sale of whiskey in Sampson county to the people of that county. Referred to Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Senator Reinhardt, of Lincoln, introduced a bill entitled "An act to Raise Revenue." This imposes a tax of 55 cents a gallon on each gallon of spirituous liquors manufactured in the State, this to be collected by the sheriff of each county and turned into the State Treasury. This went to the Finance Committee.

Senator A. L. Blow, of Pitt, introduced a bill to amend section 2 of chapter 23, laws of 1893. This is an act to enable owners of land to establish the boundaries when such is in dispute, and the bill to amend makes it imperative that petitions for boundaries and answers thereto be made under oath. This was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Adjournment was then had to 12 o'clock today.

TWO FIRES AT BEAUFORT.
With a High Wind Blowing a Disastrous Conflagration was Narrowly Averted.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Beaufort, N. C., Jan. 8.—This morning at 8 o'clock the alarm of fire was given, and it proved to be the large dry goods store of D. S. Sanders. It was a wooden building and well filled with fancy articles, which soon were in a light blaze. The firemen and citizens responded quickly, but the engine failed to work and the store and most of its contents was burned. The wind was blowing a gale from the southwest and several of the stores east of the fire were in great danger. B. L. Jones, Taylor, Clawson, Thomas, Roberson and others moved out. In about half an hour the engine worked and thereby saved the town.

The property owned by Mrs. Sue Roberts came near being destroyed by fire last night. The wind was blowing from the southwest, about eighty miles an hour. All that saved the Roberts home, the Methodist church, and the eastern part of the town was the thoughtfulness of Mr. Wm. Skarren, and the timely aid of buckets. The people of Beaufort should take warning and always have the fire engine in readiness.

Gave Child Strychnine by Mistake.
(Special to News and Observer.)
Asheville, N. C., Jan. 8.—The accidental administration of two strychnine tablets almost caused the death of the five months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mears. The child is in a critical condition. The mistake was made by confusing calomel tablets with strychnine tablets.

Mr. E. Lee, of Dunn, who has been in the city for the last few days for the purpose of getting his son, Robert, appointed a page in the House of Representatives, returned to his home yesterday.

TO BANISH LIQUOR FROM THE COUNTRY

Bill Restricting the Traffic to Cities and Towns.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Representative Watts, of Iredell, the Author of the Liquor Bill—Mr. Scott, of Alamance, Proposes Appropriation for Agricultural Building.

The second day in the House was marked by two things of great moment. One was the adoption of the message from Governor Aycock.

The other was the introduction of a bill to restrict the manufacture and sale of liquor to incorporated towns and cities.

Representative A. D. Watts, of Iredell, introduced the bill.

The Governor's message was heard by the members with attention and interest. An hour and a half was consumed in the reading, but Reading Clerk F. B. Arcandell got through his big task without any assistance.

The message will be found in full on another page of this morning's News and Observer.

Mr. Watts' bill, the text of which is also printed in full in today's paper, makes it unlawful to manufacture or sell liquor outside of incorporated towns or cities. The only exceptions are in the case of druggists selling liquor upon the written order of physicians and persons making wine or cider from fruit grown upon their own land or bought from the growers.

The bill also provides that license must be obtained from the authorities of the city or town in which the liquor is to be manufactured or sold.

The penalty fixed for violation in regard to the sale is imprisonment not exceeding six months or a fine of not more than \$200, or both. The penalty for violation in reference to the manufacture is imprisonment for not less than four months or more than two years, or a fine of from \$200 to \$1,000, or both.

The bill prohibits physicians from giving prescriptions calling for liquor to any persons who are not really under their charge. Likewise druggists are forbidden to duplicate a prescription for any person not under the physician's charge who gave the prescription.

Moreover all druggists are required to keep a record of all liquors sold by prescription, this record to be subject at all times to the inspection of the solicitor of the district, the mayor and police officers.

Another bill of interest was one introduced by R. W. Scott, of Alamance, to appropriate \$50,000 for the erection of an agricultural building at the A. and M. College here.

In all, fourteen bills were introduced. One was passed, a bill introduced by Judge Graham, of Granville, repealing the road law of Granville county.

On motion, the House, at 1:40 o'clock, adjourned until this morning at eleven o'clock.

SUB-OFFICERS.
Yesterday morning the list of pages, assistant clerks and laborers for the House was completed and examined. There are fourteen pages, six assistants to the principal clerk, and fourteen laborers.

One of the pages, Brown Pegram, is a Raleigh boy, son of Mr. Brown Pegram. Another, H. T. Hudson, Jr., lives in Raleigh at present. He is the son of Mr. H. T. Hudson, of Cleveland county, chief clerk to the State Auditor.

PAGES.
The following is a list of the appointees: Robert Denny, of Rockingham, chief page; Brown Pegram, of Wake; S. R. Street, of Craven; Ralph Deitz, of Iredell; R. C. Hockaday, of Granville; H. T. Hudson, Jr., of Cleveland; George Gray, of Forsyth; Arthur McLeod, of Moore; Seth Myatt, of Johnston; S. T. Hooker, of Beaufort; Burke Coward, of Greene; Robert E. Lee, of Harnett; Sneed Sasser, of Durham; William White, of Halifax.

ASSISTANTS TO PRINCIPAL CLERK.
Alexander Lassiter, T. G. Cobb, R. O.

in, and on motion of Mr. Doughton, the rules were suspended, the resolution placed upon its several readings and passed.

Representative Gluyas, of Mecklenburg, who was absent on the first day, appeared and took the oath of office. On motion of the representative from Haywood, the member from Clay was assigned a seat.

It seemed that the member from Clay had a seat, but it was among Democrats, and a motion was adopted, requesting that the member be provided with a seat among his political associates.

L. L. Smith, of Gates, introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that a joint committee of five be appointed, two on the part of the Senate and three on the part of the House, whose duty it shall be to investigate and report as soon as practicable the number of employes, other than those elected, actually necessary in all the legislative departments, for the proper conduct of the business of this General Assembly.

The rules being suspended the resolution was passed.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.
Scott, of Alamance: A bill to erect an Agricultural building at the Agricultural College.

Graham, of Granville: To amend the Act of 1901 extending the time for adjusting the State debt until 1905, on the same conditions contained in the act of 1901.

Mr. Davidson, of Buncombe, objected to suspension of rules, saying the bill should go regularly before a committee.

The bonds in question have been held back, said he, for a purpose, one result being the Shaffer-Dakota suit. He thought such a far-reaching principle as was involved should at least be carefully inquired into.

Judge Graham explained that he had been requested by the Governor to bring the matter up, and its immediate consideration was thought necessary.

The bill being put upon its second reading failed to pass.

Mr. Morton moved that the vote by which the bill was defeated be reconsidered and the bill be committed. This was done and the bill went to Committee on Finance.

Watts, of Iredell: A bill to regulate the sale and manufacture of liquor in Johnston county.

Abell, of Johnston: To regulate sale and manufacture of liquor in Johnston county.

Graham, of Granville: For relief of Charles Thomas, Committee on Pensions.

Williams, of Union: To repeal Union county dispensary law. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Drewry, of Wake: Relief of T. J. Belvin, Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Williams, of Union: To incorporate Mutual Benefit Life Association. Committee on Insurance.

McCall, of Davidson: To incorporate the Bank of Kernersville. Committee on Banking.

Graham, of Granville: To repeal chapter 404 of 1901, relating to roads in Granville county. Placed on Calendar.

Bill No. 14, repealing road law of Granville county, was taken from the Calendar and passed, being the first law of the Legislature of 1903.

On motion, the House, at 1:40 o'clock, adjourned until this morning at eleven o'clock.

Troy, W. C. Lisk, J. C. Nixon, R. R. Hill, Hill.

LABORERS.
J. D. Neal, Exam Lewis, W. C. Cooper, W. N. H. Smith, mail carrier; John Davis, Zeb V. Biting, O. F. Crowson, stationery clerk; H. Terry, Dan Bute, John F. Pegram, Thomas W. Phillips, Green Phillips, John Green and Charles Cardwell.

THE SENATOR MAY BE NAMED TONIGHT

The Claims of the Candidates are Present.

SEVENTY FOUR VOTES

Joint Caucus of the Democrats of the General Assembly Will Tonight Begin the Final Steps in Naming a United States Senator.

Every candidate for the Senate is cocksure that he will be elected tonight at the caucus. If you ask him for figures he will tell you that he is not giving out any figures, that he does not expect to get enough votes on the first ballot, but that he will eventually be the favorite when the final roll is called. And I believe they are all sincere in the belief that lightning will strike their rod.

Giving every weight to all the claims, the situation twenty hours before the balloting is to begin seems this: No candidate knows he will receive more than 40 votes. Some of them are claiming more. One of them may receive as many as fifty votes on the first ballot, but if so the man who gets that many votes will get more than he has pledged. It will require 71 (73 if the Independent Democrats go into the caucus) to nominate. It is the opinion of the best informed that no candidate will receive over fifty votes on the first ballot.

After that, what?

It depends upon the sticking quality. Many believe they will not stick, but that after the first ballot there will be many rapid changes. Others think there will be a dead-lock. Most people think that there will be no dead-lock, and reason that there is not the bitterness and antagonism necessary to produce a dead-lock.

The best of feeling prevails among all the candidates, though the rivalry is sharp.

Last night I asked a close friend of each candidate for a statement. The statements furnished are appended:

WATSON.
We are in better condition than at any time during the week. We confidently expect to win before the caucus.

JOHN N. WILSON,
Manager of Watson's Campaign.

OVERMAN.
There are some members who have not expressed their choice for U. S. Senator and it is impossible to make an accurate statement of what the vote will be. We are confident that Mr. Overman will be in the lead on the first ballot. The progress of his campaign has been very satisfactory. He has been steadily gaining and today received assurances of support from members whom we had not heretofore counted. We are confident that he will be nominated by the caucus.

R. H. HAYES,
Manager for Overman.

CRAIG.
Mr. Craig's friends last night were in fine spirits over the prospects of their candidate, and were confidently predicting his election. They declared that there had not been a break in their forces anywhere, and that they had received accessions to their ranks from unexpected sources. This has been especially true in regard to Eastern members. While Mr. Craig does not expect to be elected on the first ballot, those in charge of his campaign say he is the second choice of more members than any other candidate and that the longer the balloting

continues the greater strength will be shown.
FRED L. MERRITT,
CARR.

The supporters of General Carr have been encouraged by the support which he is receiving. It is now evident that he will get a much larger vote than was generally supposed three days ago. He will get a handsome vote, and his friends have good reason to hope for his election. He has many friends who were pledged to other candidates before his candidacy was announced. They will, of course, be true to their pledges, but when they see that the candidate to whom they early pledged their support cannot win, they will give Gen. Carr their support. We believe that the people of North Carolina would rejoice if the news went forth from Raleigh Saturday morning that Gen. Carr had been selected Senator. The strongest supporters of all the candidates recognize his great service to the State and the Democratic party.

HOWARD A. FOUSHEE,
Manager of Carr's Campaign.

GRIEF DROVE HYE INRANE, INTO A SUICIDE'S GRAVE.

Mrs. Mary Benedict, Whose Husband Disappeared Three Years Ago, Shoots Herself at Her Brother-in-Law's Home

(By the Associated Press.)
Baltimore, Md., Jan. 8.—Mrs. Mary Benedict, 34 years of age, shot and killed herself today at the home of her brother-in-law, Dr. Frank Martin, in this city. Since the disappearance of her husband, John Benedict, from Athens, Ga., three years ago last May, Mrs. Benedict's mind has been affected. She was treated for insanity in Philadelphia and Watkins Glenn, N. Y., and was thought to have been cured. A year ago she was brought to Baltimore. Her nervous trouble became more pronounced a week ago, and arrangements had been made to take her to a sanitarium in Philadelphia today. It was while dressing for this trip that the fatal shot was fired.

John Benedict, a well known business man of Athens, Ga., had mysteriously disappeared and have never been heard of. Mrs. Benedict started from Athens on a business trip through the northern part of Georgia and the southern section of North Carolina. His route led through a rough and unsettled section infested by lawless whites and negroes. After Mr. Benedict drove away from a suburb of Athens neither he nor his team was ever seen again, and the authorities of Georgia and North Carolina as well as the shrewd detective of the country endeavored to find some trace of the missing merchant. They finally concluded that he had been murdered and that his murderers had destroyed his horse and buggy in order to leave no clue.

REPUBLICANS NOMINATE PRITCHARD.
The "Drummer Boy" Did not Receive a Single Vote.

The Republicans of the General Assembly met at 7:30 o'clock last night in the Senate chamber in joint caucus for the purpose of making a nomination for the United States Senator.

Senator J. C. Pritchard was unanimously nominated to succeed himself.

Senator Marshall, of Surry, made the nomination speech on behalf of the Senate and Representative Freeman of Henderson, on behalf of the House of Representatives.

No other business was taken up by the caucus.

There was a rumor afloat last night that Spencer Blackburn's name would be presented for the empty honor in opposition to Senator Pritchard. Several members of the caucus denied that Blackburn's name had been considered, while others would not talk. It comes, however, from a mighty good source that the "drummer boy" was anxious for his friends in the caucus to cast a complimentary vote for him.

Sentenced to Die for Raps.
(By the Associated Press.)

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 7.—The trial of Miles Johnson, charged with criminal assault, begun here today with a heavy guard surrounding the court house to prevent violence. There was, however, no demonstration against the prisoner.

The jury brought in a verdict of guilty at a late hour tonight, and the court sentenced Johnson to be hanged February 6th.