

JOHN SKELTON WILLIAMS WILL SPEAK TONIGHT

Comptroller of the Currency Will Speak to Bankers of the State Gathered Here.

OPENING SESSION LAST NIGHT ONE OF WELCOME State, City, Chamber of Commerce, and Local Bankers Join In Expressing Welcome To The Bankers of the State In Their Eighteenth Annual Convention Which Began Last Night With a Session In The House of Representatives

PROGRAM FOR TODAY Bankers Association will meet in Hall of the House. Wednesday Morning, May 13th, 10 O'Clock. Convention called to order. Roll call. Reading Minutes. President's Annual Address, Mr. Geo. A. Holderness, Tarboro.

ready grown to that point where it has ceased to apologize for its existence or to explain its purposes. Speaking of the growth of the association and the growth of the banking interests of the State, Secretary Grimes quoted figures showing that in ten years there has been remarkable development. "Ten years ago the total banking capital of North Carolina was less than \$5,000,000 and now," declared the speaker, "there is more money than that invested in automobiles."

He told how in the past ten years the deposits have grown from forty-nine of fifty millions to more than a hundred and sixty million dollars. The number of State banks have increased from a hundred and fifty to four hundred; the number of national banks from forty to more than eighty. Col. Grimes referred to the patriotism of the bankers when four years ago they nobly answered the call of Governor Kitchin to take care of the refund of the \$4,340,000 State bonds of 1899.

IS YARBOROUGH GOOD BEING? OF THE MEDIATORS

This Is Point Raised By Collector Bailey Concerning Eligibility for Inspector

SAYS HE VOTED STRAIGHT Secretary Daniels Believes The Raleigh Man Is Well Grounded In The Faith—Laurinburg Incident Blows Over—More Money To Seek New Markets—Delegation 'Agin' The Women

(By W. E. KELVERTON) Washington, D. C., May 12.—The Postoffice Department is investigating some difference of opinion on the politics of L. T. Yarbrough, the postoffice clerk in Raleigh, who is an applicant for a position as postoffice inspector. Secretary Daniels, who wrote a warm letter of commendation of Yarbrough, has written friends in Raleigh asking them to investigate Mr. Yarbrough's political record with a view of continuing his appointment. Secretary Daniels, who wrote a warm letter of commendation of Yarbrough, has written friends in Raleigh asking them to investigate Mr. Yarbrough's political record with a view of continuing his appointment.

WILSON HOPEFUL OF PEACEFUL SOLUTION

It Is Believed That The Control of Mexican Affairs May Be Turned Over To a Commission of Five, According To Plans To Be Submitted To Huerta In

(By the Associated Press) Washington, D. C., May 12.—Elimination of General Huerta and the establishment of a provisional government in Mexico, in which both the Huerta and the Constitutionalists factions would be represented, is contemplated in a plan which the three American negotiators now are working out to be proposed for the solution of the entire Mexican problem. This, the first intimation as to the details of the mediation plans, became known today, though neither the mediators nor State Department officials would make any statement as to how nearly complete is the plan to be submitted to the American and the Mexican delegates when they meet the South American envoys at Niagara Falls, Canada, next Monday. May Be Confirmed. It was learned that the proposal might be the setting up of a temporary government to be undertaken by a commission of five persons, two of them to be named by Huerta, two by the Constitutionalists and the fifth by the mediators.

RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT OF SYSTEM BECOMES EFFECTIVE ON MAY FIFTEENTH

FORCE IN RAILROAD WORK

Left Position of Vice-President and General Manager Seaboard Air Line in October, 1912, To Take Up Position He Now Resigns—One of Ablest of Railroad Men Charles H. Hix, president of the Norfolk Southern Railroad, has resigned that position; his resignation to become effective on the fifteenth of May. This was the authentic information received in Raleigh yesterday, and it caused great regret among friends of the road. Mr. Hix was justly regarded as a man of such constructive ability that when he was made president of the road it was felt that it would go forward in development. It has been rumored for some months that Mr. Hix had given the Norfolk Southern directors to understand his resignation would be forthcoming unless the property was to be developed, and conditions such as the destruction of the basic element of Mr. E. T. Lamb, his predecessor, are said to have existed. Some predicted a year ago when Mr. Hix became president that he would sever his connection with the Norfolk Southern at the end of his first year unless methods in keeping with his career and that of other successful Southern managers were followed.

SIXTH LIST OF CANDIDATES SHOWS MANY CHANCES

Action Is General and Interest Seems About To Awaken Throughout the Field.

EDUCATION STILL IS BIG QUESTION WITH CONFERENCE

Committee On Education Recommends Million-Dollar Endowment In South VANDERBILT UP AGAIN FOR CONSIDERATION Resolutions Submitted Asking That The Fight For Control of University By The Church Be Reopened and Carried Higher If Failure Then Erect New Institution and Send Old Adrift (By the Associated Press) Oklahoma City, May 12.—"Our people must be brought to see that education divorced from religion leads to the spread of depravity and the destruction of the basic element of our Christian civilization and that the distinctive mission of the church schools is the development of spiritualized leadership. This was the key note of the report of the committee on education, submitted to the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

GET YOUR PROMISES IN YOU NEED TO HURRY

The Biggest Extra Vote Offer on New Business That Will Be Made During the Remainder of the Contest is in Effect Until Midnight May 16th—Hurry Now Candidates, Your Final Standing Will Be Effected By What You Accomplish Before Midnight May 16th.

RULE NO. 48. Rule No. 17 is hereby canceled. Until further notice, no contestant will be permitted to cast for publication more than enough votes to place his published score 10,000 ahead of the lead of the preceding published list.

Upon another page of this issue will be found the sixth published list of nominees in The News and Observer contest. It has been greatly reduced and each day sees numbers of names struck from the list. It seems a pity that so many bright, energetic people are looking so far ahead for opportunities that they miss entirely those close at hand. We often with note amusement the tendency of our bovine friends to eat the thistles that border the lots or fields in which they are confined even though the clover is thick beneath their feet. The same fault we find among ourselves. So often do we pass the good things of life which lie at our hand because our eyes stray beyond our immediate surroundings looking for greater opportunity.

Joined in expressions of cordiality by the State of North Carolina, Raleigh last night extended its warmest welcome to the bankers of the State assembled in the House of Representatives and with this hearty greeting the machinery of the eighteenth annual convention of the North Carolina Bankers' Association was put into motion. With President George A. Holderness in the chair, and after welcome on behalf of the State by Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes; for Raleigh, by Mayor James I. Johnson; for the Chamber of Commerce, by President John C. Drewry; for the local bankers, by Mr. E. B. Crow, cashier of the Commercial-National Bank, and a response by Mr. Walter E. Daniels, of Weldon, the first session came to a close and the bankers present began to look forward to the event of the meeting which will be the address tonight by Comptroller of the Currency John Skelton Williams.

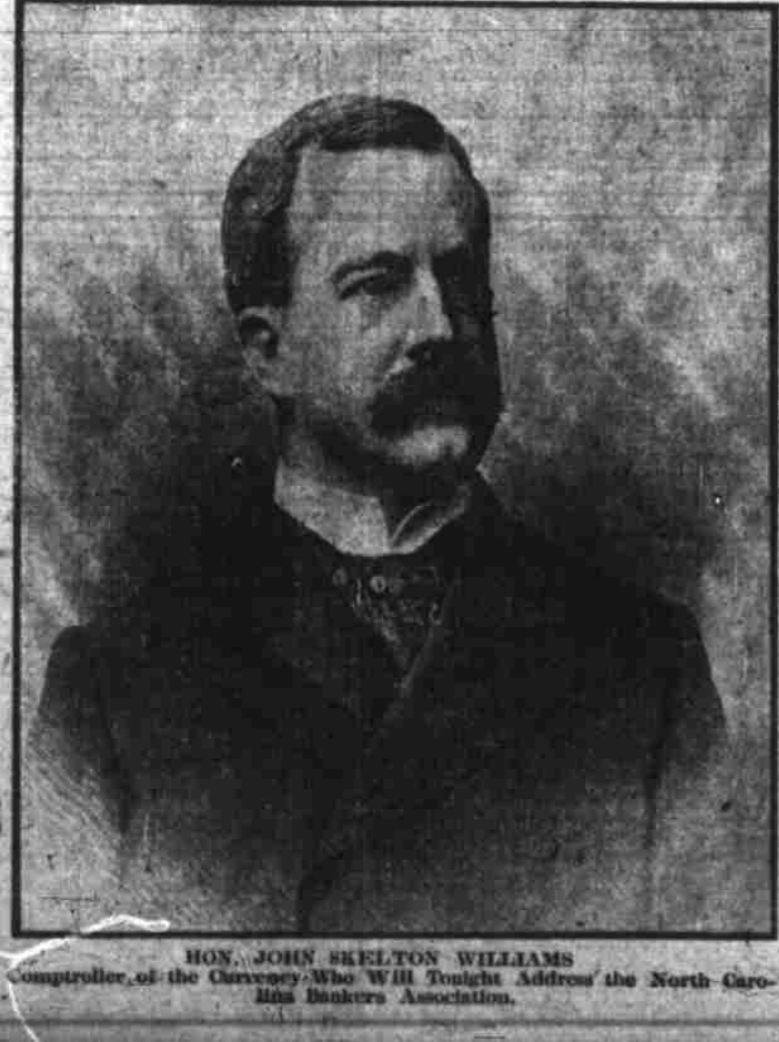
Mr. Daniels thinks he is a Democrat. Secretary Daniels said today that he had always regarded Yarbrough as a Democrat and believed that investigation will show that he is one. Mr. Yarbrough told officials of the Postoffice Department here that he has never voted anything else but the straight Democratic ticket. The Postoffice Department will take no steps in the case of G. H. Russell, postmaster at Laurinburg, unless complaint of political activity is filed against him. The letter of D. Stewart, W. R. McEachin the Department, was appointed an agent. The report on the activities of these agents shows such remarkable results that the committee today decided, without a moment's hesitation, to enlarge the scope of the work. The report shows especially large increases in the exportation of cotton oil and cotton goods as well as many other commodities.

Secretary Bryan, in a conference late in the day, explained at length to the three South American mediators that the lighthouse on Lobos Island had not been seized in any military sense, and that the keepers were free to come and go, but that the American navy had undertaken to keep the lights burning, and that it was the world's navigation. Mr. Bryan told the mediators also that the Navy and War Departments were seeking to investigate the arrest of five South Americans accused of sniping by Americans during the landing at Vera Cruz, and that a report would be made probably tomorrow. O'Shaughnessy Secs. President. Nelson O'Shaughnessy conferred with President Wilson at the White House today. It was the first talk he had had with the President since his arrival from Mexico and it was understood that some of the indignities, including the Tampico incident which led to the break with Huerta, were discussed as well as some details that might come up in the mediation conferences.

Mr. Hix began his career as a check clerk in the Saltville, Va., station on the Norfolk and Western. There he learned telegraphy. From Saltville he went to Buford as agent for the Norfolk & Western. From agent he was promoted to dispatcher and from dispatcher to chief dispatcher, his fidelity to his duties and his adaptability to the railroad work being the cause of his rapid promotion. Mr. Hix became a trainmaster for the Norfolk and Western at Roanoke, soon winning a promotion to the position of trainmaster. His connection with the Seaboard commenced in 1906, coming to that system as a trainmaster. One year later, in 1907, he came to Raleigh as division superintendent and spent a year or more. In 1908 he became general superintendent of the Seaboard with headquarters at Portsmouth. After the Seaboard went into the hands of receivers, Mr. Hix was made vice-president and general manager, holding the place until he accepted the presidency of the Norfolk Southern.

COXEY'S ARMY SWINDLES. Three of Remaining Fourteen Desert and Get Jobs. (By the Associated Press) Hagerstown, W. Va., May 12.—"General" Jacob S. Coxe's army, on the march to Washington, reduced in numbers from fourteen to eleven, by three of these privates deserting at Clear Springs, where the army camped last night, arrived here today. The "deserters" are intended to work on the State road at Indian Springs.

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Mr. Thompson Fine Official. Mr. Thompson declared that John W. Thompson of Raleigh, is making a splendid official in the zone. Durham Brigade Coming. Candidates for postmaster at Durham and their friends are expected to begin their march on the Capitol tomorrow. Delegations will be here through the rest of the week to present their claims to Representative Stedman. He will announce the successful applicant about May 20. Secretaries Daniels and Houston and the North Carolina Senators and Representatives will be the honor guests at a reception by the North Carolina Society of Washington, at the Confederate home Friday night. Tar Heel Visitors. North Carolinians here include: E. C. Gregory and Walter Woodson, Salisbury; Dr. Horace Palmer and Mrs. Palmer, Vaughn; L. P. Abernethy, Asheville, and Col. and Mrs. W. N. Harris, Wilmington. Secretaries Daniels and Houston have gone to New York where they will take a steamer for Europe to spend the summer. Postoffice News. The following class postmasters in North Carolina are appointed today: Joseph M. Wilcox, Carthage; Duncan E. Marchison, Gulf; Maggie L. Sterling, Hassell.

WHITE SLAVE LAW UPHOLD. Judge McPherson Says All Courts Interpret It In Same Light. Des Moines, Ia., May 12.—Judge Smith McPherson, in instructions to the grand jury in Federal court here today, took exception to magazine articles and editorial comments, which he said were reputed to show that Federal judges in the country are not agreed as to the scope of the Mann White Slave Act. "There is not a single judge in the United States who has not held that it is in reality a white slave law," he said. "The country is full of men in every walk of life who are engaged in the traffic for any immoral purposes whatsoever."

Migrating Birds Protected. Washington, D. C., May 12.—Despite arguments that the Federal migratory bird law is unconstitutional, the Senate today defeated all efforts to cut down the \$50,000 in the agricultural appropriation bill for its enforcement. Final action on the proposition will probably be taken tomorrow.

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NOMINATION BALLOT. To enter the Contest, fill out the Coupon and send to the Contest Department. Each contestant is entitled to one nomination good for 1000 VOTES. I hereby nominate MR., MRS. OR MISS. Street No. District No. Postoffice State. Signed. Address. Date.