AGREE ON CHANGE IN ELECTION LAWS

Democratic Members of House and Senate In Caucus Last Night

Change of the election laws of the State to make a felony of the hitherto misdemeanor to assault an election officer, and a misdemeanor to threaten violence to such officer, was determined upon in the Democratic caucus of the House and Senate last night. The measure, drafted by the caucus committee named some weeks ago, will be presented this morning.

The caucus was fully attended by the Democrats in the General Assembly and witnessed by about as many people as the lobbies and the galleries could accommodate. Chairman Murphy explained that it was a Democratic caucus, and party people of any other persuasion would be guided by their consciences about remaining. The conscience of Representative Metlee, of Stokes, Republican, directed him to remain, and he obeyed the still small voice.

Some discussion was had of ordering a purging of the registration books by calling for a new State-wide registration before the next general election, but a closer examination of the existing statutes disclosed the fact that the several county boards of corrections have that authority already and may exercise it at their discretion. Many counties have already purged their books in recent elections, and it was the sense of the caucus that a new State-wide affair.

No discordant note entered into the conclave of the party, and no objection was raised to any measure except some little dissatisfaction over the proposed redistricting of the Senatorial divisions. This matter will be threshed out at a joint meeting of the House and Senate committees on senatorial districts this afternoon at 3 o'clock. It appeared from an examination of the complete census returns that Buncombe county gains the Representative lost by Union, and New Hanover will not be accorded additional representation, as provided in the pending bill.

SENATE PASSES POWER RATE BILL

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Power Company had been represented by the best legal talent it could possibly secure and had entered into the contracts, believing them to be enforcible.

The Senator attracted considerable attention by referring to the Supreme Court decision, holding the Southern Power Company to be a public utility as "a three to two guess." He referred to the Legislature as "higher ground than the Supreme Court or the Corporation Commission" and insisted that the legislation was entirely justified "in order to right a wrong, unwittingly done by our predecessors." The Senator from Catawba was followed by Senators Hamilton, Burgwyn and Taylor, while Senator McCoin joined them in firing questions at their opponents.

Senators Erwin, Oates, DeLaney, Outlaw, Winborne, Dunlap and Patton all took the floor against the bill. Senator Winborne declared that he had studied it carefully and had reached the conclusion that it can be defended only if the former status of the Southern Power Company as a private corporation is completely restored.

Senator Oates read figures to show that under the original bill the General Assembly would declare 132 different rates "to be just and reasonable." This defect in the legislation was cured by an amendment offered by Senator Taylor, and accepted by Senator Long. The amendment strikes out the words "shall find such rates to be reasonable and just" and inserts in lieu thereof: "No action of the Corporation Commission shall in any way abrogate or impair the validity of any such contract in existence at the time of the ratification of this act."

Speakers frequently found themselves embarrassed by inability to answer questions propounded to them, and both forces held frequent conferences with occupants of the lobbies. After such a conference, Senator DeLaney announced in reply to a question that the Southern Power Company now charges the same rates in South Carolina that it is asking in North Carolina. Senator Hartsell stated the net earnings last year as $1,700,000, or 3.81 per cent on "watered stock and all."

TWENTY-TWO CANDIDATES TAKE SCOTTISH RITE WORK

The Spring Reunion of the Scottish Rite bodies of Raleigh started last night when the Carle A. Woodruff Lodge of Perfection conferred degrees from fourth to the ninth inclusive on a class of twenty-two candidates.

Tonight the same class will receive the degrees from tenth to fourteenth conclusive.

The Rose Croix degrees from fifteenth to eighteenth inclusive, will be conferred by the John C. Drewry Chapter of Rose Croix on March 9 and March 10.

The Weather

Raleigh, N. C., March 1, 1921.

North Carolina: Fair Wednesday, mild temperature Wednesday and probably Thursday.

TEMPERATURE.

Highest temperature	64
Lowest temperature	44
Mean temperature	54
Excess for the day	8
Average daily excess since January 1st	2.1

PRECIPITATION (in inches)

Amount for the 24 hours ending at 8 p. m.	0
Total for the month to date	0
Deficiency for the month	.38
Deficiency since January 1st	.53

HUMIDITY

	8 a.m.	12m.	8 p.m.
Dry bulb	45	60	56
Wet bulb	43	54	51
Rel. humidity	86	69	61

PRESSURE.
(Reduced to Sea Level.)

8 a. m. 30.07 8 p. m. 30.06

Sunrise, 6:44 a. m. Sunset, 6:09 p. m.

CONSPIRACY CASE TO JURY TODAY

Arguments Completed Yesterday and Judge Connor's Charge Comes This Morning

The first of the so-called Syrian cases will go to the jury in Federal court here this morning. Yesterday was devoted entirely to arguments by attorneys for the government and the defense, and Judge Henry G. Connor will charge the jury when court reconvenes this morning at 10 o'clock. After the case goes to the jury, the trial of the second group of defendants, known as the Willie George case, will begin.

Former District Attorney J. O. Carr, of Wilmington, who was appointed as special attorney by the Attorney General to assist the prosecution, made the first speech to the jury yesterday morning. He was followed by Mr. W. A. Finch, of Wilson, Mr. James H. Pou, of Raleigh, and Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson, of Goldsboro, counsel for the defense. District Attorney E. F. Aydlett closed the arguments and adjournment was taken until this morning.

The government's speakers centered their attack on Neil Joseph, who was called the leading figure in the alleged conspiracy, while attorneys for the defense turned their guns on Ellis Nassar, one of the defendants whose testimony as a government witness, formed the basis of the contention that a conspiracy existed. Eight defendants will be affected by the verdict of the jury, being Neil Joseph, manager of the three Farfour stores at Goldsboro; George, Joseph Farfour, owner of [illegible] and Ellis Nassar. Verdicts of not guilty have been entered against N. J. Aboud and George Shahin, two other defendants originally included in the first group, and they are now under separate indictment.

The Willie George case, the next to be called, involves several defendants from Goldsboro, Wilson and Smithfield. Trial of the so-called Syrian cases will continue through Saturday night, and the others will come up at the regular May criminal term. Monday Judge Connor will attend to civil matters and Tuesday he will resume hearings in the Camp Bragg appraisal cases, which will be continued until April 1.

BALL PLAYERS CHARGED WITH SWINDLING PUBLIC

Chicago, Ills., March 1.—The eight indicted members of the Chicago White Sox, charged with throwing the world's series games of 1919 to Cincinnati, will be tried on charges of conspiracy of obtaining money under false pretenses, and operating a confidence game, it was revealed today by George F. Gorman, assistant State's attorney who filed a bill of particulars before Judge Wm. E. Deever. The trial has been set for March 14.

The bill relates that as a result of a "confidence game and fraudulent pretenses, Pitchers Eddie Cicotte and Claude Williams obtained $10,000 and $5,000 respectively and that Outfielder Joe Jackson obtained $5,000 and the other defendants large sums of money, the exact total of which is unknown."

Charles C. Nims, of Chicago, was specifically named in the bill as one who was victimized. His loss was placed at $250.

Senate Accepts Compromise On Building Policy

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Budget Commission that if they do not join with him in his plan to make the University, the State College, the North Carolina College for Women and the East Carolina Teachers' Training School the best institutions of their kind in the South, he will file a minority report. The other prospective members of the next Budget Commission are also said to have placed themselves on record as favoring a program two years hence that will be as large as the ability of the institutions to execute it.

The only other public bill disposed of at the afternoon session was the measure appropriating $10,000 a year for the establishment of a free employment service to be administered by the Commissioner of Labor and Printing. This was passed and sent to the House for action.

The Senate took up under a special rule the bill the effect of which is to forbid the Corporation Commission to disregard existing contracts between the Southern Power Co. and certain cotton mills, in fixing rates for the former corporation. However, a recess until 9:30 last night was taken at 6:30, indications at that time being that the vote would not come before late in the night.

Little Comfort For Republicans From Tax Report

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vote on the Dare county tick bill Monday, and upon that the Speaker ruled that the vote had been declared and a roll call was not in order. Mr. Grier ordered the document spread on the minutes and started dictating his comment, saying that he held the protest inaccurate as to his ruling on the roll call demanded by Mr. Crisp. The member from Dare repeatedly interrupted the Speaker, and was repeatedly declared out of order while the Speaker was dictating.

When the document was duly spread on the minutes, Representative Hendricks, Republican from Madison, arose to resent the criticism of the Speaker made in the "solemn protest" and moved that the whole thing be expunged from the records. Mr. Crisp then wanted to withdraw the document for amendments, declaring that he had not intended criticism. He was allowed to do it, but it was not done until after Mr. Doughton had declared that a "member has the right to file a protest when the protest states facts, but not when it is not confined to facts."

Will Limit Debate

The time of the session was far gone by the conclusion of the Crisp incident [illegible]

for concurrence in the Senate amendments. The concurrence was ordered by an 82 to 10 vote, and will come up for its final vote this morning.

The local calendar was taken up, and a bill coming up from Stanley county providing for a Highway Commission and the authorization of bonds for road work was considered. The bill had the approval of the two Democratic Senators from that district, but the Republican representative, Mr. Hunnicutt, was opposed to it. He summoned the Republican strength of the House to his fight, and after another hour the bill was passed.

Notice was given in the House that the amendment of the rules would be offered upon convening at 10:30 today to limit debate to 10 minutes. The proposal to do it yesterday had considerable strength, but under the rules one day's notice must be given before alterations are made. Debate will likely be held down in the interest of economy of time for the remainder of the week.

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