

HAVING spent a day at Washington last week we will give our readers a brief account of some things seen and heard while there. Of course that which will most interest them is about what Congress is doing or will do, and that is easily answered by simply saying one word, and that is nothing. Yes, shan't I say Congress is doing nothing, nor is there much hope of their doing anything. In the Senate there were not a dozen members present, and yet a most important measure was being discussed by a very able Senator, Morgan of Alabama discussing the Nicaragua bill. Not a dozen Senators were in their seats listening to him, being in the adjoining rooms resting and telling jokes while many were not even in the city, not having returned from their Christmas holidays. Senator Ransom was at his post of duty, and it was truly sad to think that in a few weeks he would be there no more and no longer occupy the high office which he had filled with such distinguished honor to himself and his State for the past twenty-three years. His many friends will be pleased to learn that he has almost entirely recovered from his injuries received a few weeks ago, by his horses running away and throwing him out of the buggy. He is very confident of the democrats redeeming North Carolina next year. And by the way Senator Ransom's unanimous election, on last Monday, as President pro tem, of the Senate was a very graceful and proper recognition of his long and distinguished services in that body. It is the first time that a North Carolinian has been thus honored since Senator Willie P. Mangum held that office nearly fifty years ago.

In the House the empty seats and deserted desks—row after row unoccupied—were a sight shameful to see. Out of the 356 members there were barely 25 in their seats, and yet the pending question, the measure under consideration, was the Carlisle currency bill, the most important that could now engage their attention. It is true that a very dry and dull speech was being made by a republican, Dingley of Maine, yet every member should have been in his seat. It certainly detracts from one's ideas of the dignity and importance of Congress, to see in both branches such scenes—row after row of empty seats and deserted desks, indicating such a shameful disregard of and indifference to their responsible duties. And this neglect of duty is not confined to any one party nor to both of the old parties but mirabile dictu even the populists—the reformers—were also conspicuously absent from their seats. Yes, of the four populist Senators and ten Representatives there was not a single solitary one in his seat, or at his post of duty!

Even if the House should pass the Carlisle bill, or any other financial measure, there is no hope of the Senate passing it, for even if every democratic Senator should favor it yet the republicans and populists would talk it to death, as the Senate has no rule for limiting debate. There are quite a number of North Carolinians holding offices at Washington, and we enjoyed a few minutes chat with quite a number of old acquaintances among them. We were indebted chiefly for courtesies to Gen. Cox, Secretary of the Senate, Josephus Daniels, Esq., Chief Clerk of the Interior Department, and W. W. Scott, Esq., law clerk in the Treasury Department. It is rumored that the republicans and populists will not combine in organizing the next Senate, but that the republicans and democrats will divide the offices equally between themselves and leave the populists out.

We much enjoyed an interview with the Hon. Samuel F. Phillips, who was appointed Solicitor-General over twenty years ago and has resided at Washington ever since. He is well remembered by our older readers, having regularly attended all the courts of this (Chatham) county for many years before he went to Washington. He inquired very kindly after his old friends and acquaintances in Chatham, and recalled many pleasant reminiscences of the "olden time". The "North Carolina Colony" is the appropriate name given the North Carolinians who board with Mrs. W. H. Bagley, where they feel at home and seem as one large and happy family. And by the way it is a pity that Mrs. Bagley was not returned to her former home at Raleigh.

The Legislature met at Raleigh yesterday. There was a quorum present in both branches. The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Doughton and was organized by the election of Hill E. King, of Onslow, as chief clerk; Spencer Blackburn, of Ashe, reading clerk and T. N. Halliburton, of Burke, doorkeeper. In the House Zeb. V. Waiser, of Davidson, was elected speaker.

The officers of the Legislature were nominated at separate caucuses of the populists and republicans held on Tuesday night. Instead of holding a joint caucus, as was at first contemplated, the populists held their caucus separate and apart from the republican caucus. A committee was appointed by each caucus to agree upon an equal division of the offices and apportion them, and after that the republican caucus nominated the candidates for the offices allotted to the republicans, and the populists nominated the candidates for the offices allotted to them.

What the Legislature will do no man can foretell. Various and conflicting predictions are made. By some it is thought that many new laws will be enacted, making many and great changes; while others think that its course and conduct will be moderate and conservative. Of one thing we feel quite certain and that is this, the Legislature will not bring that relief to the people which they expect. Many persons think (and they voted for the populists because they so thought) that the Legislature can, and will, relieve the people of "the hard times" and make everybody happy and prosperous. Of course such persons are mistaken and consequently will be disappointed when the Legislature adjourns. The truth is, our former Legislatures under democratic supremacy have done all that any Legislature could do for the happiness and prosperity of all our people, and this fact will yet be realized and admitted by those who have been complaining heretofore.

We will watch the proceedings of the Legislature with much interest. We will criticize and condemn whatever we think deserves condemnation, and approve and applaud whatever it may do for the good of the State and the welfare of the people, regardless of politics or party.

Senator Ransom Honored.

The Senate at the opening today for the first time in five years found itself without a presiding officer, the Vice President being at his daughter's bedside in Asheville and President pro tem, Harris being in Tennessee to re-elect himself to the Senate. The emergency was foreseen yesterday and Senator Ransom, who might last year have had the presidency pro tem, consented to take the chair. If it was understood it was to be resigned as soon as Senator Harris returned, the last of this week. His election was therefore proposed by Senator Gorman today as soon as Secretary Cox had announced that there was no one to preside. The resolution was agreed to unanimously, and escorted by Senator Blackburn, Senator Ransom went to the secretary's desk, where the oath was administered by the oldest Senator, Mr. Morrill. The senior Senator from North Carolina then delivered a brief and very felicitous address of thanks, in which he gracefully complimented Senator Harris, to whom he declared he would deliver the gavel as soon as the latter had returned. Another very graceful act was his calling Senator Anderson to the chair. It should be stated that by the rules the election today supersedes the former election of Senator Harris. Seeing this, Senator Ransom only consented to hold the place until Senator Harris should return, when the latter will again be chosen President pro tem. The choice was a tribute to Senator Ransom's abilities, popularity and long service.

Republicans Feeling Their Oats.

Every Republican who has been interviewed since the election claims the victory as a Republican victory. In Washington they tell the republicans that they had to use the Populist one time to pull the chestnuts out of the fire, but that the Populists will all come with them in 1896. The Republican legislators and leaders here also are "feeling their oats." They walk and talk like they owned the earth, and are only waiting to pass a bill that will give them the election machinery and overturn the county and town governments, to turn around and openly repudiate their allies.

Some few Populists were disposed to boast of their victory at first, but they now see the Republican programme is to entrench themselves so they need not depend upon a Populist crutch to walk with in 1896. Those who have been able to see the Republican programme are lying low, like Dr. Rabbitt, and "saying nuffin." But they are keeping up a sight of thinking, and on the lookout for the invitation "to walk into my parlor," which the Republican spider is ready to make to the Populist fly.

Was Tom Settle right when he said he was coming to Raleigh "to see the Republican Legislature since 1868"? The next sixty days will answer the question.

The Boys Baptized the Teacher.

An old time school house dipping took place last week at Hopewell school-house, in district number 18, Onn township. Mr. William Denny, of Yadkin, had been employed to teach the school at that place this winter. On last Wednesday morning when he reached the school house he found himself barred out. After promising to treat he was allowed to come in, and on Thursday he went to Mr. William Goforth's place and bought five boxes of candy, to carry out his promise he had made the day before to his students.

On Friday morning at recess, he went to the school house spring, and on returning found himself again barred out. He spoke sharply to the boys saying that this matter had gone far enough, whereupon the door was opened and Mr. Denny was passing in the boys grabbed him, tore his clothing in the scuffle, then carried him to the branch about eighty yards away, where a place had been prepared and baptized him by putting him entirely under the water several times.

The teacher was thoroughly drenched and muddy before he was allowed to go. Some of the members of the committee are up in arms about the matter and will put the law to the parties. One of the committee was in town Monday in counsel with Prof. Feinster, mapping out a course to pursue. This is an indelible offense and if presented the teacher may see the boys get a worse dipping next February before his honor, than they gave him last Friday.

Frozen Florida.

A gentleman from this city, has received a letter under date of De Land, Fla., January 2nd, and from it we are permitted to take the following with reference to the cold wave which swept over Florida ten days ago:

"The great freeze of last Friday night has completely paralyzed Florida. The orange groves are brown as paper and look as though they had been scorched by the heat of a great fire. The entire vegetable crop of the whole State has been wiped out of existence. I wrote to all points a few days ago to find out the damage and today received replies to my letters and all give me the same distressing news from all points. Everything is destroyed. The ice was thick enough last Sunday to bear the weight of a man of 172 pounds, and would have borne much more. There was an icicle four feet long. I have never experienced colder weather at home. The vegetable crop is being planted over rapidly, but tomatoes will not be ready to ship before April and more likely May, from the letters I received today. The Gainsville lettuce crop is ruined and all other Florida points."

A Preacher Almost Frozen.

Last Saturday Rev. J. W. Little, who lives in Lucas Creek township, started to Monroe to see his sister, Mrs. H. M. Nicholson, and intending to go to the Sunday School convention at Ebenezer church, Sunday. Mr. Little started with some hot bricks in the bottom of his buggy, and for some miles was very cold. Then he began, as he thought, to feel warm, and even threw out the bricks. But the sensation which he mistook for warmth was but the numbness which precedes complete prostration, when one is about to freeze to death. By the time he got within a mile or two of town he was lying unconscious in the foot of the buggy.

He was found in this condition near Capt. McCauley's, and brought to town, and Dr. J. E. Ashcraft was called. After much labor in the way of rubbing and restoratives, Mr. Little was brought back to his normal condition. He will doubtless be a little more careful in the future.

To Reduce Cotton Acreage.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 5.—Cotton factors of New Orleans have signed an agreement, with a view to assisting the farmers' movement to restrict the production of cotton. The plan proposed will be presented to the Cotton Growers' Convention which meets at Jackson, Miss., January 9th. The agreement is to continue for one year, and will not go into effect until 75 per cent. of the farmers in 95 per cent. of the cotton producing counties sign it.

The farmers are to agree to plant a certain acreage, reducing the amount in every case to one third less than this year. A committee is to be elected in each county who will see that their farmers keep their obligations. Any surplus above the amount agreed to be planted is to be destroyed.

The counties' committees will elect a State committee and the State committee will meet in March to determine whether or not the plan shall go into effect.

Students Robbing Graves.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 5.—It has developed here as a result of investigation that wholesale grave robberies are being indulged in by students of colleges in this city. The recent burning of the Indiana Medical College, when twenty subjects were lost, has created a demand and agents have been secured in the surrounding towns to keep track of burials. Within the past week two corpses have been recovered by friends in pickling rats of the local colleges, and the excitement is so intense that the residents of suburban towns are forming vigilance committees to prevent the disturbance of their dead.

A dispatch from London says it is estimated that 200 fishermen, belonging in Hull and Grimsby, were drowned in the recent gale.

Some Mortgage Statistics.

Some figures issued by the Census office yesterday came us to revise our opinions of mortgages. Of the white owners of farms and homes, only 71 per cent own their property free of mortgage. Of the negroes, 89 per cent own unincumbered property; of the Indians, 96 per cent, and of the Chinese and Japanese, 97 per cent. Women as a rule, are more able than men in keeping their property free of mortgage. This doesn't mean that women are more intelligent than men, or that the Chinese, Japanese, negroes and Indians are necessarily superior to the poor white man. It means that the white man has more enterprise. Mortgage may mean failure eventually, but very often it means enterprise in the beginning. The Chinese, the Japanese, the Indian, the negro and the white woman lack that courage which enables a white man to buy a farm mortgaged for its full value and try to work the mortgage off with wheat at 50 cents a bushel or cotton at any price you like.

N. C. Monazite for Germany.

Several weeks ago Dr. P. Dross back and Mr. Carl Muehlberg, of Germany, were here and went through the agricultural department. While in the State they found some fine specimens of monazite, a valuable mineral from which the active principle of oxide of thorium is taken; this element is used for the production of incandescent gas light often seen in this State, is produced by this element.

These gentlemen were sent to America by a German scientist to investigate the monazite deposits in this country. They made numerous inquiries regarding the monazite bed in this State, and soon went to western North Carolina to investigate; they were armed with letters of introduction to various prominent persons in the west.

They are much pleased with the monazite found and will arrange for its shipment direct to Germany, in large quantities.

Two Lovers Drowned.

DEKANE, Ohio, Jan. 2.—On the Maumee river just east of this city last night Henry Clemons, aged 26 years, and Miss Lillie Diehl, aged 21 years, were skating on the ice near the Independence dam, when they skated into an open space. There were no witnesses to the drowning, but several girls who were skating near heard a cry and a splash, and hurrying to the spot saw a broken place in the thin coating of ice which covered the open space. They gave the alarm and in less than a half hour the bodies of the two young people were taken from the water. The young couple had been keeping company for several years and they were to be married in the near future.

A White Cap Killed.

SHILOH, Va., Jan. 5.—Last night, near Fort Branch, a tragedy occurred that will put an end to White Capping in that vicinity. Henry Hassey is dead of a stab wound inflicted by a farmer named Washington. Washington had been accused of abusing his daughter and some boys sent him a White Cap warning and tried to emphasize it by paying a midnight visit. Washington met them with a knife and pistol, and the death of Hassey resulted from injuries received. Another of the boys was badly wounded.

Democrats Gain in Georgia.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 2.—Every county in Georgia held an election to-day for county officers. Owing to bad weather throughout nearly the whole State, the vote was light. Snow and sleet fell in the upper part of the State, and rain fell through the middle tier of counties. Specials to the Constitution show that the Democrats held their own everywhere, and retained several counties which the Populists carried in the election for Governor. As a rule the Democrats made marked gains.

Corn for the Nebraskans.

NOFOLK, Va., Jan. 5.—The Seaboard Air Line, through Mr. Carroll H. Smith, general agent, has shipped a carload of Southern white corn as a donation to the starving Nebraska farmers. The corn was grown in Norfolk county.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 5.—A car left here tonight loaded with corn and North Carolina rice for the Nebraska sufferers. It was contributed by the Atlantic Coast Line.

A Destructive Avalanche.

PARIS, Jan. 5.—The village of Orly, in the Pyrenees, has been partly overwhelmed by an avalanche which has destroyed four houses and twelve barns.

The bodies of fifteen persons have been recovered from the ruins of these buildings. At least eight persons are known to have been severely injured and a number of cattle are buried in the avalanche.

Breckenridge's Small Audience.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 5.—Col. W. C. Breckenridge lectured on "Eras of American Development and their Great Men" at German Artillery hall in this city tonight before an audience composed of thirty-five persons of whom three were ladies. He spoke for two hours.

A Lady Burned to Death.

PENACOLA, Fla., Jan. 5.—Mrs. C. Paravincini, of Montgomery, who was visiting her brother in this city, was burned to death today. She was standing before a fire, when her clothing caught, and before assistance could be rendered she was burned almost to a cinder.

State News.

Winston Sentinel: A serious accident happened to the little six year old son of Mr. W. G. Holcomb, near Jonesville, Surry county, Monday evening. His eight year old brother was handling a gun when he accidentally went off the full load entering the little fellow's face, shooting out one of his eyes and horribly mangle the side of his face.

Raleigh Visitor: Mrs. Armistead Jones, president of the monument association, received a telegram yesterday notifying her of the shipment of the statue for the confederate monument. It was cast in Monica and the castings were taken from a photograph of a confederate veteran who lives in Raleigh. The will be about the finest work ever done for the south, it is said. There are three statues and two large bronze medallions.

Wilson Advance: We have learned that a very bad accident happened on Mr. Jacob Aycock's place, near Farmington a few days ago. A package of gunpowder, that was lying on the mantel piece in Mr. Woodard's house, fell off upon the hearth. Mr. Aycock's son who was present, stopped down to pick it up when the powder exploded. He was badly burned. Mr. Woodard and his two children were also severely injured. They are so badly injured that their death would not be unexpected. The house also was materially damaged.

Aberdeen Telegram: On Xmas day at Butler's liquor distillery, about three miles from town, Mr. Alvin Stewart was accidentally shot and killed by John McLutosh, another white man. McLutosh was putting a cap on a loaded rifle. Stewart was standing in front of the muzzle, when the hammer slipped from McLutosh's hand, the cap exploded and the bullet sped its path of death. It took effect in Stewart's left side just below the heart. He lived about thirty minutes, and died in a cart, while being conveyed to Hales' saw mill.

High Point Enterprise: Our venerable friend, Mr. Z. B. Hatt, sustained a painful accident on Thursday of last week. While crossing the river bottom his horse shied around a mud hole, throwing Mr. Hatt out, head down. His leg caught in the spring of his wagon, and he remained suspended thus for four long hours, with his leg held tight and his back in a mad hole. It was very fortunate that his horse was gentle and stood until help came. Dr. Barton set the knee, which was badly dislocated, and at last accounts the patient was doing well.

Monroe Journal: Rev. Shad, colored, until recently was pastor of the colored Baptist church in this place. But some time ago he turned to the Presbyterian faith. When he called on his former flock to pay him back salary, they held that inasmuch as he had left them in darkness, so to speak, they were not morally bound to pay. The preacher thought that he would show that they were legally bound at least. So he brought suit against the deacons of the church for the money, about \$200. When the case came up, the court ruled that according to the constitution of the church the deacons were not liable, and that he would have to change the nature of his case if he wished to succeed. Accordingly another suit was instituted by the pastor, against the members of the church individually.

Henderson Gold Leaf: A few weeks ago the Gold Leaf made some reference to a big hog Mr. Wm. F. Fuller, of Vance county, had. He killed him just before Christmas and if a larger one has been slaughtered in the State this winter we are not informed of it. He weighed 97 lbs. gross and \$39 net. 204 pounds of lard were made from him. To a large and unskilful to seal in a skinning, scalded, wrapped in blankets and boiling water poured on him. After being cleaned he was made secure to a beam or gallow which had been erected over the scaffold, the latter was removed and the great bulky mass of flesh swung downward. It was a Poland-China, not quite three years old. Who has killed a larger hog this season? Vance claims the belt for the biggest hog until some other county produces the proofs requisite to disprove its championship.

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A Lawyer Sent to Jail.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 5.—W. B. Burnett, ex-United States district attorney, was today sentenced to imprisonment for sixty days. It is at the expiration of that time he does not purge himself of contempt he is to remain in confinement indefinitely, which is equivalent to a life sentence. Burnett was arrested some time ago at the instance of Mrs. Eliza Bennett, who claimed that he had disposed of bonds amounting to several thousand dollars which he held in trust. By his refusal to produce the papers he was held in contempt by the court.

Front growers of Florida complain of the neglect of the Weather Bureau in not giving them timely warning of the freeze, which was disastrous to the orange and fruit growing industry in that State. The estimate that they could have saved last million dollars had the warning been given.

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