

NORTH STATE HAPPENINGS

Occurrences of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the Busy Tar Heel State

INAUGURATION OF GOVERNORS

Does Not Assume His Duties Until Several Days After Term Begins—Administration of the Oath—Where the Inaugurations Have Taken Place.
The delivery of the inaugural address was uniformly held in the hall of the House of Representatives, then called the "Commons Hall." It was then the largest auditorium in the city. Special provision having been made for the inauguration and term of office of the Governor elected in August, 1862, Col. Zeb. B. Vance was inaugurated and delivered his brief and stirring inaugural address on September 8th, following the election, on a platform erected in the shade of the big oaks near the southwest corner of the Capitol. After his election for a second term in 1864, he was inaugurated in the Commons Hall; and in that Hall Governors Worth, Holden, Caldwell and Brogden were inaugurated. When Vance was to be installed Governor for a third term, the Democratic hosts were here in such numbers that in the Capitol one-fourth of them could not witness the ceremonies and hear the address of "the great tribune of the people" returned to serve them, after twelve years of official banishment, and resort was had to Tucker Hall, a commodious auditorium over what is now Dobbin & Ferrall's store. If I mistake not, Governor Jarvis, his successor, was inaugurated in the same Hall. My recollection is that Governor Seales was inaugurated in Metropolitan Hall, and Governor Powle and Carr in Strouth's Tobacco Warehouse on South Wilmington street, and that Governor Holt, who filled Governor Fowler's unexpired term, was inaugurated in the hall of the House of Representatives, and Governor Russell in Metropolitan Hall. The weather being propitious, Governor Aycock was inaugurated and delivered his address on a platform at the east front of the Capitol, and Governor Glenn in the Academy of Music. Tuesday, January 12th being a mild day, Governor Kitchin was inaugurated as was Governor Aycock, on a large platform at the east portico of the Capitol.

Inaugurations of Half a Century Ago.
When the population of Raleigh was only a fourth of what it is now, or less, as it was before 1860, and the convenience of transportation from different parts of the State was much less than now, those who wished to attend the inauguration ceremonies could be fairly well accommodated in the hall of the House of Representatives though the galleries were generally well filled by fair and fashionable ladies of the State and the lobbies crowded by men, who did not have the opportunity to witness public entertainments as the men of this generation have.

How it Came About.
The reason this state of things existed, is that under the old constitution which was replaced by that of 1876, the General Assembly met on the third Wednesday in November, and the returns of election were received and published before the first of January succeeding; and the provision about the commencement of the term of office was copied from the old constitution.

So now, the out-going Governor holds over until some day agreed on, about a week after the meeting of the General Assembly, when the returns of election having been opened and published, everything can be in readiness for the inauguration of the new Executive.

The Oath of Office—Where and by Whom Administered.
As a condition precedent, or preliminary to the Governor's assuming the office, it is required that he shall, in the presence of the members of both branches of the General Assembly, or before any justice of the Supreme Court, take an oath or affirmation that he "shall support the Constitution of the United States and the State of North Carolina, and that he will faithfully perform the duties appertaining to the office of Governor," etc.

As the exact day for the inauguration is not fixed, so the place is not fixed; but the ceremony is nearly always held in the presence of the members of both branches of the Legislature, and the oath administered by the Chief Justice or an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. It might, however, be administered in the presence of the General Assembly by a justice of the peace for Wake county. I think this has been done when there happened to be no Justice of the Supreme Court present in the city.

Where Some Notable Inaugural Ceremonies Were Held.
Before the war of 1861 to 1865, the inauguration ceremonies, including

Tarboro Blazes.
Rocky Mount, Special.—A seven-thousand dollar fire in part of the business district of the city last week was checked only by the persistent and well-directed fight by the fire department of the city. The fire originated in a colored restaurant on Washington street, about three o'clock Thursday morning, and fanned by high northeast wind, spread rapidly. A dozen buildings were destroyed and while they were, with one exception, all frame structures, their contents were in many instances a total loss.

An Aged Student.
Wake Forest, Special.—There are fifteen members of the Supreme Court class who will take the examination Monday, February 1st. Of this number Mr. H. G. Whittaker, of Pilot Mountain, is conceded special distinction. He is sixty years of age, has ten children, twenty-seven grand children, two of whom voted in the last election, and three great grand children.

WITH N. C. LAWMAKERS

Doings of the State Legislature Condensed—Interesting Items from Day to Day.

In the Senate Wednesday there was another long discussion of game laws, the specific bill under discussion and finally passed being that to permit non-residents to hunt on lands of their father or sons in this State without paying the Audubon tax. An amendment was adopted striking out a clause that would allow a non-resident guest of a landowner to hunt tax free.

Mr. Harrison by request presented the bill appropriating for the school for the deaf and dumb at Morganton \$50,000 annually for maintenance, \$40,000 for erecting and equipping a primary building, \$3,000 for painting and repairing buildings and renovating the boiler house and \$500 for a specialist on eye, ear, throat and teeth.

Mr. Connor also offered a bill for the protection of employes of common carriers as to contributory negligence and liability. It is modeled after the Federal law as to liability of employer for acts of employes.

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MORE ABOUT PELLAGRA

A Grave Menace to Health Consideration in the South.

Washington, Special.—Looming up as a grave menace to health conditions in the South is the recent appearance of a deadly disease known to medical scientists as "pellagra."

This peculiar disease has been diagnosed as true pellagra and the credit for its discovery in the South belongs to Passed Assistant Surgeon C. H. Lavinder, of the public health and marine hospital service.

The disease usually begins with gastro-intestinal disturbances," says Assistant Surgeon Lavinder, "followed shortly by the erythema of the skin, and in a brief while there is more or less involvement of the nervous system. It is slowly advancing toxemia, the brunt of which, in the end, is borne by the nervous system, and each annual recurrence leaves a deeper and more indelible mark on the mental and nervous condition of the sufferer."

Concerning the etiology of the disease, it is said to be an intoxication due to using as food Indian corn (maize), which under the influence of unidentified parasitic growths (fungi), has undergone certain changes with the production of one or more toxic substances of a chemical nature.

Roosevelt and Fairbanks Guests at Dinner of Gridiron.
Washington, Special.—Farewell to President Roosevelt and Vice-President in their official capacity only, was said to them Saturday night by the famous Gridiron club of Washington newspaper men.

The temperance movement that has swept over the country showed its effect on the club. As the souvenir of the dinner, the guests were given "H-2-0," illustrated Grid-Iron almanacs, published by the "Grid-Iron Water Wagon Press."

The guests observed particularly that a total eclipse of the year is due "early in March," and "will be viewed with interest by the United States, Canada, Africa and Oyster Bay."

Glass Works Resume.
Grafton, W. Va., Special.—The operation of the Wells window-glass plant, at Sistersville, was resumed Friday by co-operative concern composed entirely of Morganton workmen, who have formed the Independent Glass Company. By this method the company will be able to sign the national scale.

Prohibition Fight in Norway.
Christiana, By Cable.—There has been widely published through Norway the manifesto of an organization formed by representatives from all parts of the county to combat the prohibition movement. It invites every community to organize against the aggressive prohibition party.

A species of ant in Australia builds its nests along a north and south line so accurately that a traveler may direct his course by their aid.

CUBAN GOV. INAUGURATED

Provisional Governor Magoon Escorts General Gomez to the Palace For the Inauguration Ceremonies, and Then Sails From the Island on the New Maine—Cuban Gunboat Sees the Americans Safely Off.

Havana, By Cable.—Major General Jose Miguel Gomez was inaugurated President of the restored Cuban republic Thursday at noon and within an hour after he had taken the solemn oath of office administered by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the American officials who had been in control of affairs since the autumn of 1906 had departed from the island.

The American provisional Governor, Charles E. Magoon, who escorted General Gomez to the palace and there turned over to him the reins of government, sailed on the new Maine. The Maine was followed by the battleship Mississippi and the army transport McClellan.

The train on the South Minnesota division of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, lost in the snow drifts some time Thursday night is still unlocated. The train was reported lost in a snow drift west of Jackson, Minn. It was last reported at Kinbrae, Minn., 345 miles west of LaCrosse. The train is now supposed to be buried between Kinbrae and Sibley.

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Entire East in Storm's Grasp.
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Wireless Saves Two More Vessels.
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