

BUYING ELECTION TO SENATE STIRS ODOROUS MESS

Sen; Stephenson May Have to Stand Sharp Cross Fire on Credential;

ADMITS SPENDING AN ENORMOUS SUM

Primary Laws Come in Criticism for Making Such Thing Possible.

(BY TAV.) (Special correspondent of The Citizen) WASHINGTON, March 6.—Senator Isaac Stephenson of Wisconsin, who acknowledges "campaign expenses" aggregating more than his salary as United States senator would come to in 12 years, is going to have considerably more annoyance than he bargained for. His credentials, although signed by the governor of Wisconsin, still "lie on the table" in the upper house of congress. In the meantime sentiment unfavorable to the Wisconsin statesman is gathering, and at the proper time it may break out in a storm of protest.

Many senators feel that Stephenson and his campaign methods, by reason of the wide publicity they are receiving, are working an injustice through public sentiment on those members who do not purchase their seats in the senate, and they resent it. If an opportunity is given them—and such an opportunity is expected to present itself when the special session convenes—the senators, who take this view of the situation will not hesitate to take action that will effectually record their stamp of disapproval of \$107,000 campaign expense accounts.

Senator Stephenson informed his friends he will be with them for another term, and many believe he will, but believe that he will have to pass through a scathing fire before he is seated for good for another six months.

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RUSHING WORK TO CLEAR THE CALENDAR FOR ADJOURNMENT

In Rush Good Measures as Well as Bad Are Sent to Discard Heap

PASSES BRIDGE BILL

(Special to The Citizen.) RALEIGH, N. C., March 6.—Fast and furious is pace of North Carolina general assembly in the rush to clear the calendar so that there can be final adjournment at the earliest possible minute. Mornings, afternoon and evening session were the order today. The evening session continued nearly to midnight in order that adjournment for the session may be possible Monday.

The senate bill to provide that county boards of education be authorized to purchase sets of history of North Carolina by Capt. S. A. Ashe for the rural schools defeated after the biggest fight of the day by a vote of 39 to 56. The fight against it was led by Representative Dowd, of Mecklenburg, and Speaker Graham, on the ground that the history is not orthodox in its position as to the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence in that it favors May 31 as correct date instead of May 29, 1775.

Bridge Bill Passes. Lacking two votes on the necessary three-fifths majority the Ormond bill to amend the constitution by relieving the legislatures of considering charters for municipalities and other corporations failed to pass to the deep regret of many who are interested in this much needed reform.

The house passed the bill to authorize a bridge across the French Broad in Buncombe.

The bill to provide two state bank examiners instead of one and an assistant failed to pass the house.

The senate voted down the Klutz highway commission bill.

House Passes Search Bill. The house passed tonight the bill to increase the late appropriation to the state board of health, without opposition, carrying \$6,000 instead of \$2,000, as now, and providing that a secretary shall be in the field for all his time.

There was a fiery debate over the Ormond senate bill giving the sheriffs, deputies and constables the right to search for and seize illicit distilleries, and receive fees of \$25 for each seizure. The officers being given the right to arrest all persons found on the premises. Mr. Underwood declared that prohibition is the greatest farce in the world. Finally the Graham amendment, reducing the

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EVIDENCE CLOSED; COOPER CASE WILL END DURING WEEK

Three Counsel On Each Side Will Address The Jurors Judge Issues Strict Warning.

(By Associated Press.) NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 6.—After a short session today both state and defense closed in the case against Col. D. B. Cooper, Robin J. Cooper and John D. Sharp for the murder of former Senator E. W. Carmack and the end of the famous trial is in sight. The arguments, which begin on Monday are not restricted as to time, but by agreement of counsel only three lawyers will speak for each side. The case should be in the jury's hand by the end of next week.

Captain Fitzhugh, of Memphis, will open the argument for the state, followed by General William Washington for the defense. General J. B. Garner will speak next for the prosecution. Then will come General Meeks and Judge Anderson of the defense while Attorney General McCann will make the closing argument. There have been fourteen days of actual testimony, but nearly five weeks were spent selecting the jury so that the trial is now nearing its seventh week.

Jury Well Pleased. The session today was very uninteresting and little evidence was heard. Both sides introduced a few witnesses in rebuttal on the smaller points in the case and then went into conference.

The jurors, rendered impatient by the summer-like weather, the arrival of planting time and fretting under the unwanted restrictions of guards and close confinement, welcomed the end with every evidence of satisfaction and when they reached their room after adjournment gave vent to their delight by cheering loudly.

The day opened with an unsuccessful attempt by the state to introduce evidence about the exact position of the two telegraph poles between which the defense claims Carmack shot Robin. The state's theory of the location of the poles is that Senator Carmack could not have shot Robin Cooper by firing between them. The court ruled that their position was sufficiently covered in previous testimony.

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EMERGING SLOWLY FROM WRECKAGE OF THURSDAY'S STORM

More Snow in Baltimore Threatens to Again Isolate the City

ALL SCHEDULES OFF

(By Associated Press.) BALTIMORE, March 6.—While there is no appreciable change in the situation created by the recent storm in so far as communication with the outside world by telegraph or telephone is concerned, relief is felt that there is tonight no further apparent reason to apprehend a multiplication of the troubles, which was feared when snow began falling today in precisely the same manner as that which brought on the original difficulty. A considerable fall of moist snow was followed tonight by rain, which it is expected will improve the situation rather than otherwise.

Repair and construction gangs have been busy today, but the limited force of men obtainable have not been able to make much impression, further than doing a good deal in the way of clearing away the wreckage. But from south, west and north repair men are hurrying to this city, and as soon as they arrive are being put to work. Temporary wires are being strung as rapidly as possible in order to relieve the situation until the service can be permanently restored.

Railroad trains are still running exceedingly slow and without regard to regular schedules. The electric inter-city line between here and Washington is in better shape than the steam roads.

SENATOR SIMMONS IS NOT CANDIDATE

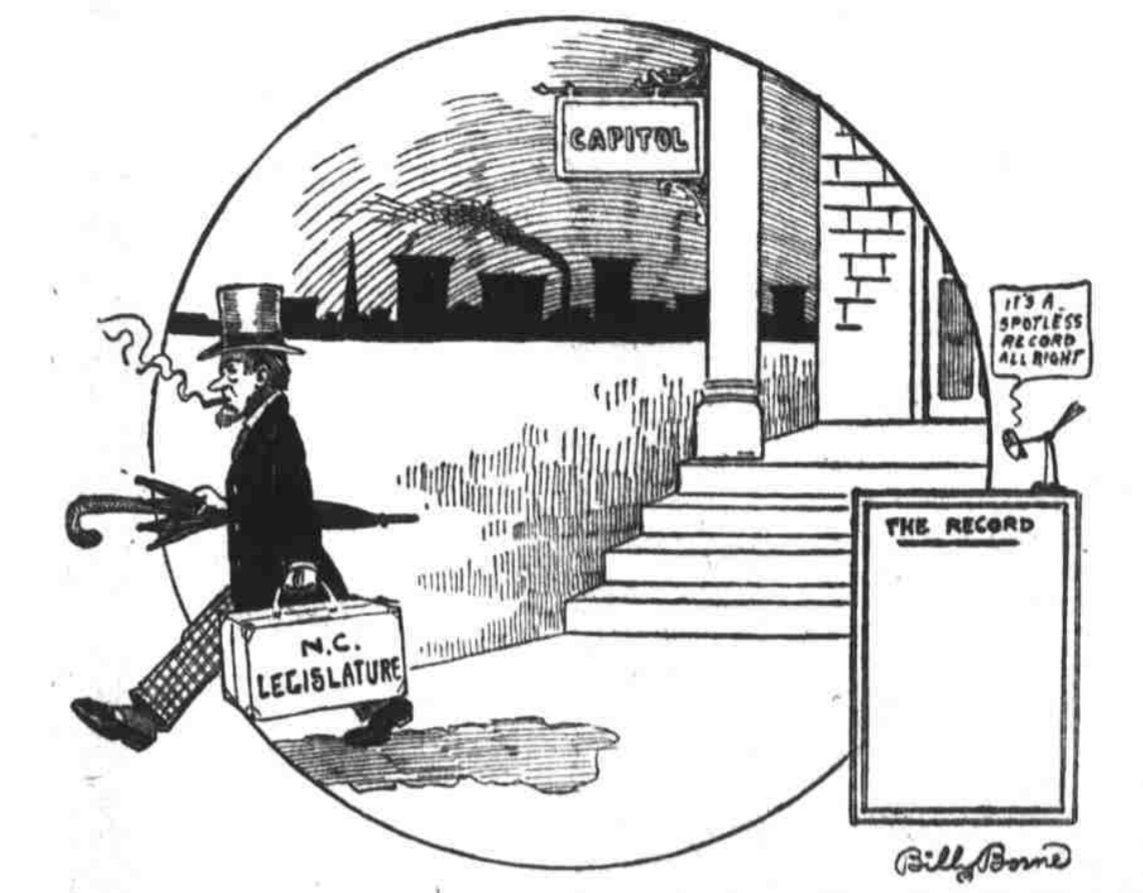
WASHINGTON, March 6.—The recent talk of Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, as a possible appointee on the federal bench to succeed Judge Purnell was given a check today when Senator Simmons in an interview with The Citizen correspondent, declared emphatically that he is not a candidate for the position and would not accept it if it were offered to him.

SUSPECTED SAFE BLOWER.

BIRMINGHAM, March 6.—By the arrest here today of Jim Moore, alias John Rutherford, the police believe they have the third member of the gang of professional safeblowers of which George Barton, arrested here earlier in the week, is head. Barton, Moore and James O'Connell, are being held in the county jail for the federal authorities. It is believed that a fourth arrest will be effected within the next few days.

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Moving Day



PROSPECTS OF PIE DISTRIBUTION WORRIES SOUTHERN REPUBLICANS

Generally Believed That President Taft Will Play Good Politics in Making Appointments On This Side of the Mason-Dixon Line—Looking Forward to 1912 In the Hope Getting a Few Votes in the South.

(Special to The Citizen.) WASHINGTON, March 6.—Southern members of congress are discussing with a great deal of interest the attitude which it is expected Mr. Taft will assume toward the appointment of federal officials in southern states. They agree that the new president could not make a better start than by abolishing the referee system, and it seems to be the general opinion that this will be done as rapidly as conditions can be reorganized.

PRES ELIOT'S VISIT TO BE NOTABLE EVENT

Will Visit Local Institutions When He Comes as Guest of Pen and Plate Club.

Sometime ago it was by mistake announced that President Eliot of Harvard would visit Asheville as the guest of the Bar association. He is coming in fact as the guest of the Pen and Plate club. But the members of the club have not planned to keep the distinguished gentleman to themselves. He will visit the High school, Bingham school, the Asheville school, the Biltmore Forestry school and the Normal Industrial school; he will, under the auspices of the Pen and Plate club, deliver an address in The Auditorium, to which the public is cordially invited.

As President Eliot is not merely the foremost of living American educators, but famous also as an orator and student of public questions, his tour of the south, extending as far westward as Texas, has attracted much attention. Asheville is honored by his visit and should feel indebted to the Pen and Plate club for the privilege of hearing him.

In the presence of a number of gentlemen a few days ago, Mr. Garrett Brown, of Harpers' Weekly, made the statement that, in his opinion, Mr. Eliot was the finest platform speaker in America. Mr. Brown has heard them all and is capable of judging. We predict that this distinguished American will receive in Asheville as fine a reception as has anywhere been accorded him.

WANT TO TRY HIM IN TWO PLACES AT ONCE

(By Associated Press.) HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 6.—George Ryan, held under a \$10,000 bond here for alleged misuse of the mails in connection with the swindling operations of the gang recently uncovered at Little Rock, tonight with his attorney met Postoffice Inspector Swanson and an agreement was reached whereby Ryan was to be in Federal court Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Attorney Huff, for Ryan, announced that also at that time he would have a habeas corpus for Ryan demanding that he be held here instead of being taken to Council Bluffs. Ryan is wanted here to answer a minor charge of assault with intent to kill.

GET READY FANS.

(By Associated Press.) MOBILE, Ala., March 6.—The Cleveland American League team drew first blood from the locals today. Score: Cleveland, 4; Mobile 1.

FAIR logo with a sun and clouds, and text: WASHINGTON, March 6.—Forecast: North Carolina—Fair Sunday and Monday; moderate west winds becoming variable.

PRESIDENT TAFT SETTLING DOWN TO ROUTINE WORK

All But Two Of Cabinet in Office, Others Will Be Ready Monday;

HIS PREROGATIVE NOT TO BE QUOTED

Filipinos Send Testimonial of Their Respect And Admiration.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 6.—All but two of the nine members of President Taft's cabinet are now in office. Six including Secretaries Knox, Meyer, Ballinger, Wilson and Nagel and Postmaster-General Hitchcock took the oath of office in the cabinet room today; Attorney-General Wickersham was sworn in yesterday and Secretary Dickinson and MacVeagh will present themselves for duty within a week or more.

It was announced today that Secretary Cortelyou would remain at the head of the treasury department until probably Monday next, Mr. MacVeagh being expected to arrive from Chicago on Sunday.

President Taft today issued a proclamation calling congress in extraordinary session March 15. While there was nothing in the call which hinted as to the purpose of the session, its object has heretofore been stated to be to revise the tariff and transact no other business. The weather calamity which overtook the national capital on inauguration day, however, has created such a general public demand for a change of date for the inauguration that the prediction of congressional action on this question seems to be general.

In a Conservatism. The continued existence of the national conservation commission seems to be assured notwithstanding the action of congress which has been interpreted in disapproval of the continuance of this body. President Taft today conferred with the joint committee of representatives of the national and state bodies of this organization with the result that while no official statement was issued the information was imparted that the work would go on. The precise question at issue is explained to be that congress has prohibited any national expense being incurred for the commission. The position of the executive is said to be that the commission was appointed by President Roosevelt as a consulting body on the question of the conservation of the natural resources of the country; and that the states indicated their willingness for co-operation by appointing consulting committees. That such an arrangement can be carried on without congressional approval and without federal expense seems to be the decision reached.

President Taft's second day at the white house, like the first, was one of handshaking and gladness. The demand upon his time in the famous east room were constant. Delivered a portrait of a Carleure; Looked Like He Was Dead.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 6.—When John Sharp Williams, for six years minority leader left the house to rest two years before coming to the senate he did not take with him, after any official presentation any memento of the esteem in which his fellow members held him. It was not the members' fault, however. They commissioned an artist at a fancy price to paint a portrait of the noted Mississippi statesman but the product was so disappointing none had the heart to present it. It was exhibited on the night of March 3 in the house lobby.

"I know I am not handsome," commented Mr. Williams as he looked at the portrait, "but they could not have done worse if they had been painting Adam."

Representative Adam Bede of Minnesota, stood by his side. "When did he die?" inquired Vice-President Sherman.

"I wouldn't give that to a man who had shot my dog," declared Representative Cushman of Washington. And the members decided he was right.

DICKINSON STILL IS DEMOCRAT HE SAYS

(Continued from first page.) CHICAGO, March 6.—A banquet in honor of Jacob M. Dickson, the new secretary of war, will be given by the Ironclad club here next Tuesday. The club is a democratic organization of which Mr. Dickson has long been a member. Former Mayor Dunne created a sensation in the club by refusing to attend on the ground that Judge Dickinson had gone over to the republican party. Judge Dickinson flatly denied Mr. Dunne's allegation.

"I have always been a democrat and am still one," he said, adding after a moment, "although I didn't vote for Bryan."

INAUGURATION FATAL

(By Associated Press.) LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 6.—On the special train carrying the 400 Kentucky republicans who attended the inauguration, J. W. Calvert of Pewee Valley, Ky., died this morning near Hinton, W. Va., of pneumonia which developed as a result of marching in the snow and slush of inauguration day. He was eighty-one years old.

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GERMANS SUSPICIOUS OF SINCERITY IN OUR REGARD TO LIBERIA

See Move For Expansion of Our Conquests Into the Dark Continent

COMMISSION NAMED

BERLIN, March 6.—The proposal made in Washington to send a commission to Liberia to investigate and report on conditions there has aroused suspicion in some German trading circles as to whether the United States does not meditate the ultimate annexation of this republic after first assuming a protectorate over it. The Rheinisch Westphalian Gazette alludes to what it calls the American conquest and warns the German government to be watchful. The foreign office has been fully informed of the conditions that led to the proposal to send out this American commission.

BOOKER ON JOB.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—An appropriation of \$20,000 was provided during the closing hours of congress for the expenses of a commission composed of Robert C. Ogden, Jacob H. Hollander and Booker T. Washington, designated by the state department to investigate conditions in Liberia. This action, which met with the approval of the British government, resulted from a visit to this country last year of several of the officials of the republic of Liberia, and it is not believed to have any further significance than to assist the African republic to better its financial conditions.