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BILL PASSES FOR CODE COMMISSION

McNeil Introduces a Bill to the House Which Would Prohibit Three-Inch Firecrackers

REFORMATORY BILL IS AN INTERESTING MATTER

The Bill to Allow Amendment to Southern States Trust Company Charter Passes Third Reading

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 15.—The House today passed the Senate bill for a committee on code commission.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS, JAN. 14.

Davidson: To allow Asheville to issue bonds; to amend charter of Asheville; Alexander, for relief of widows of Confederate veterans; Duncan, to change boundary lines; Carson, to incorporate Bank of Alexander; Hooker, to prohibit sale of liquor near Cove Point church in Beaufort county; Hooker, to appoint justice of peace in Beaufort county; Hooker, to regulate fishing in Pamlico river; Lucas, to allow Hyde county to levy special tax; Morton, to amend charter of the James Walker Memorial Hospital; Doughton, to amend charter of Mt. Airy; Williams, to amend chapter 38, laws of 1901, providing for holding courts in eighth district; Simpson, concerning sale of patent rights; and articles; Waddill, to regulate clothing of road convicts; Hinton to repeal chapter 521, law of 1897, relative to industrial school at Elizabeth City; Guion, to amend law relative to entry and grants; Self, providing that law of 1901 regulating elections in cities and towns shall not apply to Catawba county; Morpheus, to appoint justices of the peace for Graham county; Brittain, to amend laws of 1901 relative to insurance; Cregar, to establish a school district in Stokes county; Moore, providing a day for election of town officers in Moore and Cumberland counties; Hamlin, to amend section 752 in reference to printing statement of county finance.

BILLS PASSED FINAL READING.

Senate bill providing for the enrollment of bills under the supervision of Secretary of State. Chairman Doughton stated that upon a thorough examination, the Finance committee unanimously recommended the passage of the bill which came from the Senate, being satisfied that besides saving \$1,500 it would insure against errors and mistakes in printing the laws. The bill was ordered enrolled and printed in Stanley county.

PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

The Speaker announced the following additions to committees: Hughes on fish and fisheries; Duncan on cities and towns; Moore on banks and banking. The committee on courts and judicial districts was announced with Daniel, of Warren, chairman.

BILLS FROM THE SENATE.

To amend charter of United Mutual Insurance Company. Referred to committee for codification of laws; insurance Judiciary committee; to prohibit mining in Stanley county.

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MOB TOOK LAW IN ITS OWN HANDS

Two Negroes Confined in a Texas Jail on the Charge of Murder Are Ruthlessly Slain in Their Cots

Angleton, Tex., Late last night several men entered a cell of the county jail where O'Neal and Charles Tunstall were confined with a number of other negroes and shot both to death. The other prisoners were warned to cover their heads with the blankets, which they did.

The bed clothing on the cots occupied by O'Neal and Tunstall caught fire and O'Neal had his arm and leg burned off. The negroes were charged with the murder of County Attorney Edward C. Smith, of Columbia, several weeks ago.

DRINK A FOE OF LABOR.

Prof. Carver Declares It Keeps Many From Rising In Life.

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 15.—Prof. T. N. Carver, of the economics department of Harvard, spoke of the disastrous influence of liquor on the working classes in an address in Phillips Brooks house.

He denied the Socialistic belief that the liquor habit is a necessary check, keeping down the supply of labor and preventing a glut of workmen and cheap wages.

The effect is just the reverse he said. Drinking does not cut down the supply of labor. On the contrary it increases it by keeping, as laborers, many men who, without the habit, would be filling the offices of superintendents and the directors of capital. Liquor, he said, dulls business foresight and sagacity, a fact which is recognized by New York brokers, who stop talking business as soon as the wine comes on the table.

FROST NIPS THE "TREE MAN."

Alex. James, Who Abhors Houses, Is Badly Frozen.

Louisville, Jan. 15.—"The man up a tree," as a Louisville freak has come to be known, was badly frozen in his queer resting place last night. He is now in the City Hospital, and should he recover from the freezing will possibly die through fright at being in a house.

ANXIETY FOR THE OVERDUE ST. LOUIS

Big American Liner Has 275 Passengers and Should Have Been in Her New York Slip Before Now

New York, Jan. 15.—Anxiety for the American line steamship St. Louis increased this morning when daylight came and brought no news of the ship. Friends and relatives of the passengers began coming to the company's offices early this morning looking for information. The officials could not give any, but told all enquirers they firmly believed the steamer was all right and would show up soon.

The steamer Vaterland brought the St. Louis passenger list yesterday. There are 275 aboard, 75 of whom are first class. The St. Louis is commanded by Captain Passow, an officer well known for his resourcefulness and skill.

GATES GIVES SON A MILLION.

Private Wire, Costing \$32,000, Run To Palm Beach For Plunger.

Chicago, Jan. 15.—It has just been learned here that John W. Gates gave his son Charles a Christmas present of \$1,000,000. Father and son are now at Port Arthur, Texas. Thence they will go to Palm Beach, Fla.

La Salle street has a story from good authority that John W. Gates has retired permanently from the stock market as an operator, plunger and manipulator. But La Salle street does not believe that the veteran speculator can leave the ticker alone. In commenting on the rumor one trader remarked:

Harris, Gates & Co., are putting in private wires to Palm Beach, Fla., and are opening a branch house there. The wire costs about \$32,000. March 15 will end the season at the Florida resort. What do they want with it? And John W. is going to Palm Beach."

Late Minister Buck's Funeral.

Washington, Jan. 15.—According to a telegram received by Adjutant General Corbin the remains of the late minister to Japan, Alfred E. Buck, will arrive in Washington this afternoon and the body will be interred privately at Arlington National Cemetery. Although he was a Union soldier in the Civil War and therefore entitled to military obsequies, at the request of Mrs. Buck the ceremonies will be omitted.

Dr. Staunton Goes To Jail.

Frehold, Jan. 15.—Dr. Hendricks Samuel Staunton, who was convicted of a conspiracy to obtain the millions of Henry S. Bennett, of Pittsburg, was sentenced to two years and six months in jail this morning.

Merchant Vessel Burns.

London, Jan. 15.—The steamer Manchester, a merchant vessel, was burned to the water-line and sank off County Kerry today. All aboard were saved. She was bound from New Orleans for Manchester.

New President of Senate.

Paris, Jan. 15.—M. Falliers has been re-elected president of the Senate.

GONZALES SHOT BY JIM TILLMAN

Editor of Columbia State Mortally Wounded by Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina, The Result of Long Standing Feud

Spartanburg, S. C., Jan. 15.—A special from Columbia says that Jim Tillman shot and mortally wounded N. G. Gonzales, editor of The State of that city, at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

(By Bell Telephone.)
Columbia, S. C., Jan. 15.—N. G. Gonzales, editor of The State and one of the most prominent men in this city, was shot and mortally wounded about 2 o'clock this afternoon by James H. Tillman, Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina.

The tragedy occurred at the corner of Main and Gervais streets, directly in front of the Opera House, Tillman, who had been presiding over the Senate, left the capitol when that body adjourned and walked up the street. Gonzales had left The State office at about the same time, on his way to dinner. At the corner of Gervais and Main the men met face to face and Tillman, stopping abruptly exclaimed:

"I have received your letter and this is my answer." Quickly drawing his pistol he fired point blank at Gonzales. His aim was effective and Gonzales dropped in his tracks. The bullet entered the right side, passed completely through the stomach below the ribs, and emerged on the opposite side.

As quickly as possible the wounded man was removed to a hospital. A thorough examination has not been made, but it is said at the hospital that Gonzales cannot possibly recover.

Tillman was immediately arrested and taken first to the station house, then to the jail and finally removed to the state penitentiary, located at this place. The latter step was considered necessary to insure the safety of the prisoner.

The tragedy of today is the result of a long-standing political feud between the two men, that had its origin in the advent of James H. Tillman in politics in South Carolina. During the last campaign, in which Tillman was a candidate for governor of South Carolina, Gonzales, through his paper,

POWERS WOULD FEAST ON TURKEY

Great Britain Supporting Russia and Austria in Alleged Effort to Get Reforms

London, Jan. 15.—It is stated at the political clubs today that Great Britain is supporting Russia and Austria in an effort to secure reforms of a government in Turkey, which are so large that if adopted will practically place the Ottoman empire under European sovereignty. The Sultan, it is said, will fight against the joint section to the last.

DECLARES THERE WERE NO SYMPTOMS OF DROWNING

Every Word Uttered By This Witness is a Link in The Fatal Chain

Hertford, N. C., Jan. 15.—The selection of the twelve men who will decide life or death for James Wilcox was concluded this morning. With little delay the bill of indictment was read and the taking of testimony began.

RALEIGH VISITED BY BIG BLAZE

Vass Building Gutted By Devouring Flames and Business Men and Secret Orders Suffer Losses

Raleigh, Jan. 15.—The Vass building was gutted by fire this morning. The loss is about ten thousand dollars. The losses, roughly estimated are: Crowell Drug Store, damage by water one thousand.

C. B. DENSON DEAD.

Gallant Ex-Confederate Breathes His Last This Morning.

Raleigh, Jan. 15.—Capt. C. B. Denson, Secretary of the State Board of Public Charities and State Confederate Veterans Association died this morning, aged 65. He was also ex-President of the Teacher's Assembly.

"ELLA CROSEY WAS KILLED BY BLOW"

James Wilcox Flinches as if Pierced By a Dart When the Damaging Words are Said

Dr. J. E. Wood, the first witness, is now being examined by prosecution. His testimony is not unlike that given at the first trial. He testifies to the finding of Ella Crosey's body and the ensuing autopsy. The substance of his testimony is that the body was found in good condition except for decomposition of brain and a dark bruise on left temple. Several objections by defense were overruled and witness continued.

DOCTOR GIVES HIS TESTIMONY IN CLEAR AND EMPHATIC TONES

Selection of Jury Was Completed This Morning—Bets are Freely Made on the Fate of Prisoner

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MINISTER ENTERS DENIAL.

Berlin, Jan. 15.—In the Reichstag today Minister of the Interior von Posadowsky Weher, speaking of Germany's trade relations with the United States, denied the truth of the Agrarian assertions that Germany had been placed at a disadvantage by the existing commercial treaty with America.

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THE RICE COMBINE HAS BEEN SMASHED

Philippine Commission Reported As Having Broken Up Nefarious Scheme in Islands

Washington, Jan. 15.—Word from Manila says the Philippine Commission has smashed the "Rice Combine" that cornered the product of the islands and was making fortunes for its managers. The Commission bought up twenty thousand tons of rice and sold it at cost to the people.

DAY FOR SUPREME BENCH.

Appointment Understood to Have Been Tendered Him.

Washington, Jan. 15.—It is understood that the President has offered to William R. Day, of Canton, O., ex-Secretary of State and now a Federal Judge for the Fifth District, the United States Supreme Court judgeship that will become vacant when Justice Shiras retires. Senator Quay has a candidate in J. Hay Brown, of Pittsburg.

"SPIKE SULLIVAN" OUT OF LIMBO.

London, Jan. 15.—Spike Sullivan, the American pugilist, who was arrested several days ago in company with a man named Harris, who attempted to pass bank notes, was discharged from custody today. He stated that he casually met Harris and was accidentally with him when the latter tried to pass counterfeit notes. Harris was remanded.

MORE BALLOTING; STILL NO CHOICE

Deadlock in Senatorial Caucus Continues Unbroken and Speculation as to the Final Result is Rife

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 15.—Three more ballots were taken by the caucus yesterday afternoon without coming any closer to a choice than when the balloting started. The caucus assembled at 4 o'clock and was in session but one hour. There were 130 members present and along this line Chairman Morton was asked to make a ruling as to union and voting would amount to a nomination. The chair ruled that it would. The caucus will try it again tonight. Here is the way the three ballots stood:

Nineteenth ballot: Overman 52; Watson 38; Craig 28; Carr 13; Alexander 6.
Twentieth ballot: Overman 52; Watson 39; Craig 28; Carr 12; Alexander 9.
Twenty-first ballot: Overman 53; Watson 36; Craig 27; Carr 15; Alexander 7.

Strike Of Cutters.

Lynn, Jan. 15.—A strike of cutters was ordered in seven shoe factories this morning by the Knights of Labor Cutters' Assembly.

The State, bitterly attacked Tillman's record both as a politician and a citizen. In one editorial which was notable for its forcible language, Gonzales accused Tillman of embezzling funds that were collected for the building of a monument in Edgefield. These and similar attacks, made by Mr. Gonzales, through his paper, according to Tillman's own statement, defeated him for the office of governor.

Mrs. Stewart Better.
A telephone message from Rock Hill this morning states that Mrs. Lillian Stewart, who has the smallpox in that town, is improving and that it is thought she will soon be able to return to Charlotte. This will be learned of by Mrs. Stewart's friends in this city with real pleasure. Mrs. Stewart is the wife of Mr. William Stewart, the blind musician. Much sympathy has been expressed for both husband and wife in the latter's affliction.

Death of a Child.
The four year old daughter of Mr. J. A. Haley, the plumber, died this morning at 10:30 o'clock of diphtheria at the home of her parents on East Fifth street. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. Dr. H. Q. Adams, pastor of Pritchard Memorial Baptist church, will conduct the funeral. The interment will be in Elmwood.

Capt. Pritchard Better.
Capt. Thomas Pritchard, who is ill with pneumonia, at his home on North Pine street, was said to be some better this evening.

FIRE LADDIES DO SPLENDID WORK
Flames Last Night Guttled Two Frame Shacks, But Firemen Save the Adjoining Property

An alarm of fire was turned in last night at 11:45 o'clock by Officer Pitts who noticed a bright blaze in the rear of W. B. Puckett's restaurant on West Trade street. Both departments were called for nearly 40 minutes, the firemen arrived, the blaze had grown to such proportions as to almost completely envelope both the buildings occupied by Mr. Puckett and the one occupied by Mr. W. J. McCall, also a restaurant. After continuing the fight for nearly 40 minutes, the flames were subdued and though the two buildings were gutted, the firemen deserve much credit for keeping the blaze within the bounds they did. Both buildings were old frame ones and they burned like dry straw.

The firemen directed their best efforts in saving the two story building adjoining the McCall restaurant, occupied by J. M. Woodsides & Co., the saloon men. More than once it looked as if this building was doomed, but just as many times did the firemen increase their efforts and the building today stands a monument to their splendid energy and faultless discretion. At 12:30 o'clock, three taps were sounded, denoting that the last semblance of a very stubborn fire, had disappeared.

Mr. W. B. Puckett, who occupied the building next to the Sims building, lost all, including his books and insurance. He had never carried any insurance.

Mr. W. J. McCall, formerly keeper of the County Home, purchased the restaurant adjoining Mr. Puckett's only a few days ago. He carried \$500 insurance, which he thinks will cover his loss.

The negro barbershop next door to Mr. McCall's place was almost completely destroyed. The occupants, however, saved most of the furniture.

Both of the buildings burned were owned by Mr. C. C. West. He carried no insurance on either. The News man learns today that Mr. West will erect a substantial brick building on the site where the wreck of last night's fire now stand.

In the second and third stories of the Sims building, adjoining the ones burned, were a number of Syrians. At the first call of fire these came down the steps in a jiffy. The first to appear was a woman thinly clad. She returned to her lodging place and gave the alarm. In less than five minutes the street was lined with trunks and other articles that the frightened foreigners had hauled down the long flight of steps. As they would land a trunk on the sidewalk, one of their children would be stationed on the trunk to stand guard until the older ones could rush back and save some other articles of furniture or saleable stuff. They managed to get out all of their belongings before the fire got well under way. When they realized that the building they occupied was safe, they were the happiest bunch that one could find in many moons.

Not To Become Lady Roseberry.
New York, Jan. 15.—A special to the New York Evening Journal from London says Mrs. Alice Carr Chauncey who was reported engaged to Lord Roseberry, today telegraphed its London office the following: "Mrs. Chauncey will be grateful if the New York Journal will deny the report of her engagement to Lord Roseberry."

Weather Forecast.
Forecasts for tonight and Friday for Charlotte and vicinity: Fair tonight and Friday.

For North and South Carolina: Fair tonight and Friday. Light variable winds.

ALL NOT SERENE IN AUSTRIA NOW
Parliament Sees Rocks and Shoals Ahead and the Political Outlook is Said To Be Gloomy

Vienna, Jan. 15.—The Reshreshment reassembled today. One of the first questions before the body will be the ratification of the Ausgleich. The result is doubtful as the Czech obstruction methods are likely to continue to impede legislation in the matter. If, however, parliament should refuse to ratify the agreement between the two countries the emperor will take advantage of the power with which he is vested by paragraph 24 of the constitution and promulgate an agreement without the consent of parliament.

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DISBROW MAY NOT TAKE THE STAND

His Counsel Says He Does Not Think It Will Be Necessary For Defendant To Testify

MILES IS CONFIDENT OF CLIENT'S ACQUITTAL

Testimony is About all in and Both Sides Will Do Their Summing Up For Jury Tomorrow

Riverhead, Jan. 15.—The Disbrow trial was resumed today and Lawyer Miles, counsel for the accused, said he thought the testimony for defense would be all in by tonight so both sides might sum up tomorrow.

The court room was crowded and much speculation is indulged in whether Disbrow would take the stand. Miles having intimated last night that he didn't think it would be necessary.

Miles began a presentation of the defense to the jury shortly after nine o'clock. He said if he had only desired the acquittal of his client he would have rested his case last night, but he would do more. He would show it was an impossibility for the defendant to have committed the crime.

MRS. DRIVER'S VISITOR.

He Came In Unattended and the Police Got Him.

Mrs. Lottie D. Driver, who runs a boarding house at No. 11 South Church street, appeared in the Recorder's court this morning as the prosecuting witness against a young man, Chas. Howell, who she claims, grossly insulted her last night and forced an entrance to her house, after she had positively refused to let him in. Mrs. Driver stated in court that Howell followed her to her door and seeing that the man was under the influence of strong drink, she declined to allow him to come in. Then it was that Howell used abusive language and Mrs. Driver telephoned for the police officers. Pitts, Sumner and Howell answered the call. Howell was arrested and taken to the station house. He furnished bond in the sum of \$10 for his appearance this morning, but for some reason did not appear. The case was postponed until tomorrow morning.

Betsy Caldwell, colored, was before the court charged with malicious mischief. Mr. J. Arthur Henderson had the warrant issued for the Caldwell woman's arrest. Mr. Henderson stated that he rented Betsy Caldwell a house on East Tenth street, and that during her occupancy of the premises, the front and back steps were torn away. He had asked her to replace the steps, but, instead, she moved away. It developed that the Caldwell woman had been quarantined at a Mr. Stewart's house and the depreciation claimed to have been done was done while she was away. The Recorder discharged the woman.

Chas. Sheppard, colored, was before the court charged with being drunk. He was made to pay the costs.

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