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THE WEATHER: Fair Tonight and Saturday; Not so Cold.

NOTHING FURTHER IN LEGISLATION AT EXTRA SESSION

The Cuban Bill Having Passed the House, That Body Will Adjourn From Day to Day—Many Members Will Return Home.

The North Carolina Delegation Make Arrangements to Give the N. C. Press Association the Time of Their Lives.

Washington, Nov. 20.—The vote having been taken on the Cuban bill at 4 p. m. today, it is not believed that there will be any further legislation undertaken by the House at the extra session. As long as the Senate remains in session the House will meet and adjourn from day to day or possibly over periods of three days at a time, no business being transacted at these sessions. Many of the members of the House will take advantage of this state of affairs to return to their homes, several of the North Carolina delegates having signified their intention of doing so, if they are assured that nothing of importance will be taken up in their absence. Several of these gentlemen will bring their wives and families when they return, Senator Overman expects to have Mrs. Overman and his children with him at the Dewey in about ten days.

Rep. Small will probably remain here to look after his appointment on the Rivers and Harbors Committee as his friends are using all legitimate means to bring that about, and want him on the ground.

There are two Democratic vacancies on this committee and seven applications for the places. Mr. Small's chance for appointment are notably good.

Despite the violent opposition of many of the best people of Florence, S. C., President Roosevelt has determined to nominate Joshua B. Wilson, the negro preacher as postmaster at that place. Senator Tillman will undoubtedly oppose the confirmation of this nomination.

In the death of Judge S. F. Phillips, former Solicitor-General of the United States under Grant, Hayes, Garfield and Arthur, at his home in this city, the North Carolina contingent now residing in Washington, has lost one of its brightest members and a cordial friend. Judge Phillips, although of advanced age and for so long a time a non-resident of the State, was always deeply interested in her welfare and your correspondent well remembers the eager questions about old friends which he put to any one calling upon him at a visit to North Carolina.

If Prof. F. L. Stevens, of the A. & M. College at Raleigh, N. C., is correct in his diagnosis of the tobacco wilt disease as now found in certain sections of North Carolina, notably Granville county, the tobacco growers not only of that State but of the whole country will do well to bear in mind

STILL HOPING FOR A SETTLEMENT

Mayor Harrison and the Aldermanic Board in Session Today, Waiting the Decision of the Strikers—More Trouble Feared.

(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, Nov. 20.—Still clinging to the hope that the termination of the street car strike might be achieved through his efforts at arbitration, Mayor Harrison and the Aldermanic Board gathered in the former's office today. Members of the executive board of the striking division of carmen had previously assembled with President Mahon to discuss a counter proposition made by the railway officials last night. The peace board of the city officials sat as patiently as possible for the strikers' representatives to make a decision which might mean amicable settlement of strike or another step toward the general demoralization of the city's industries. At Union headquarters the impression prevailed that the offer would be rejected. The operation of four lines—Cottage Grove Avenue, Union Avenue, Wentworth Avenue and Highland street lines, continued today on practically the same basis as yesterday.

the disaster that has befallen the Texas cotton fields from the ravages of that destructive pest the boll weevil, and to take means for eradicating the tobacco wilt while it is yet in its infancy.

In reading his report on this disease before the Association of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations in session here this week, Prof. Stevens said in part, that as the tobacco wilt is caused by a parasite distributed principally by soil its invasion into new territory is practically certain, unless some means of control be happily discovered or invented, for as in the case of the boll weevil, no adequate remedy has as yet been found. Soil once infected is rendered practically useless for the culture of tobacco, at least, unless a protracted period of rest (from ten to twenty years) is allowed. The disease thus resembles the formidable wilt of the melon, cowpea and cotton.

Mr. Stevens regards the disease as being quite local, since if it had been widely distributed it would have surely crept into literature long ago as its destructiveness and prominence in a field once affected are characteristics that lead to unenviable notoriety.

Indications are that the disease is spreading in Granville county from an infected center still comparatively small. While it has been known in the county for twenty years it is still in its infancy, having spread very slowly since 1881, rendering it quite an easy matter to trace it from farm to farm in Granville until it has now reached Wake county. It is asserted, says Mr. Stevens, that no wilt as yet has been found except between the Tar and Neuse Rivers.

In sections where the chief money crop must be tobacco, where the soil is preeminently a tobacco soil, the damage wrought by this disease is very great. It does not take merely an occasional plant but the majority of those in the field, Mr. Stevens tells me, and it may be termed therefore, practically destructive of the tobacco crop where the fields are infected. It is to be hoped that the United States Agricultural Department will co-operate with the North Carolina State Department in an earnest endeavor to discover or invent some means for controlling this disease which is threatening the tobacco industry of the State.

Representative Webb is not hopeful of obtaining the establishment of a postoffice at Lenoir College. He has worked faithfully with the postoffice department to obtain this service for the college, which as your readers know is only about a mile and a half from Hickory, the nearest postoffice. Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Delator, tells Mr. Webb that it is against the policy of the Department to establish postoffices for the benefit of private institutions, and what the Fourth Assistant says, goes these days.

As a rural free delivery, Mr. Webb says, that his district yet holds the banner for the number of routes established and he expects to keep it there. The inspector who is now at work in this section has nineteen routes slated for inspection in the Ninth District and expects to report favorably so far as he has been on about eleven of these.

A telegram was received from the Secretary of the N. C. Press Association stating that there would certainly be one hundred and twenty-five members here on the 3rd and 4th of December. It has been decided by the Congressional delegation to give these gentlemen and their ladies a five-hour carriage drive over the city on the 4th, and in case the weather prove unpropitious for that purpose, to entertain the Association in the evening by a theatre party.

MESSAGE STOPPED BY MURDER.

A Telegraph Operator Wires For Help and the Message Stops Forever.

(By Associated Press.)

Elmira, N. Y., Nov. 20.—W. H. Clendenin, a telegraph operator at Brown, Pa., a station 15 miles north of Williamsport, on the Beech Creek division of the New York Central railway was found dead in the telegraph tower shortly after 8 o'clock last night. At 6:50 o'clock the operator at Oak Grove, Pa., on the same road received this message from Clendenin: "Send switch engine quick to me, I am being murdered by..."

The wire opened and not another word came. A switch engine was sent to the scene. The body was found lying under the desk, the head crushed in. A bloody spike lay on the floor beside it. Robbery apparently was the motive, the watch and money of the operator being missing.

THIRTY-TWO DEAD.

(By Associated Press.)

Bloomington, Ill., Nov. 20.—The known list of dead in the Meinart wreck is 32 and of injured 17. The track is still blocked and will be for the greater part of today. All trains on Big Four are using the tracks of Lake Erie and Western, between Bloomington and Peoria. Conductor Judge, who was on the freight train running west, said he had orders to wait at Mackinaw until 2:40 for the work train. He obeyed orders, and stayed there until that time, when the work train not coming in he supposed that it had side-tracked at Tremont, and accordingly he started ahead.

ENVOYS FROM COLOMBIA.

Two Men Land At Galveston and Proceed To Washington.

(By Associated Press.)

Galveston, Nov. 20.—Hon. Dionicio Jimenez and Dr. Antonio R. Blanco, reported to be envoys from the Colombian government to the United States government accompanied by their interpreter, came into the city yesterday from the Cuban and left this afternoon for Washington. The vessel arrived here Monday, but has been in quarantine since that time. The gentlemen stoutly maintain that they are private citizens travelling for pleasure.

They were dressed the entire morning with U. S. officials here. After the interview the officials would make no statement regarding the Colombians.

TROOPS SENT TO MINES.

Some Five Hundred Troops Sent To Guard the Colorado Mines.

(By Associated Press.)

Denver, Nov. 20.—Governor Peabody stated to a representative of the Associated Press that troops would be ordered to Telluride today to guard the mines and mills there, so that the operators may make an effort to resume work. The governor said he could not say just how many soldiers would be sent but the number would be in the neighborhood of 400 or 500. It will be a mixed command, including infantry, cavalry and artillery.

PATRICK COLLINS FOR MAYOR.

The Democrats of Boston Renominate the Present Executive.

(By Associated Press.)

Boston, Nov. 20.—At the primaries for the selection of candidates for the municipal election next month held in this city yesterday the Democrats nominated for mayor Hon. Patrick A. Collins, the present incumbent; the Republicans, George N. Swallow, and the Socialists, Dr. George W. Galvin.

SCIENCE HALL BURNED.

The University at Athens, Georgia, Loses a Splendid Building.

(By Associated Press.)

Athens, Ga., Nov. 20.—Science Hall, on the campus of the University of Georgia, was burned last night. Loss \$50,000, insurance \$25,000. The departments of biology and chemistry were housed in the building. The fire originated from a defective furnace.

FIRE AT HICKORY.

The Residence Of E. L. Shuford Burned To the Ground.

(Special to The News.)

Hickory, Nov. 20.—The handsome residence of Mr. E. L. Shuford was burned this morning. It is supposed that the fire originated from a defective flue. The loss will amount to several thousand dollars.

Death of Dr. D. McBride.

Dr. D. McBride, an aged and highly respected citizen of Maxton, died yesterday morning at 8 o'clock after an illness of only two or three days. Pneumonia was the cause of death.

The deceased was the father of Mrs. F. O. Hawley of this city. He was 80 years old and had always lived in Robeson county.

Mrs. Hawley was summoned to Maxton Wednesday night by a telegram stating that her father was dangerously ill. He passed away about an hour before she arrived.

Mary Johnson Located.

Sheriff Wallace has received information that Mary Johnson, the negro woman who escaped from jail Friday night by bringing blankets together and descending from the third story of the jail, has been located at Hamlet. As the woman could not work on the chain-gang and was an expense to the county, the authorities may take no further steps in the matter. The woman was serving a short sentence only.

PETER MORTENSON SHOT TO DEATH IN PRISON YARD

Mortenson was Given the Choice of Death by Hanging or Shooting and Chose the Latter, According to the Law of Utah.

Story of the Crime—James Ray, His Victim, was Shot by Mortenson on Account of a Debt Owed by the Murderer.

(By Associated Press.)

Salt Lake, Utah, Nov. 20.—Peter Mortenson, convicted of the murder of James R. Ray, was shot to death in the yard of the State prison this morning. Peter Mortenson was shot for the murder of James R. Ray on the night of December 16, 1902. The day following a report was circulated that Ray, who was secretary of the Pacific Lumber Company had absconded, taking with him \$3,500 collected from Mortenson on a bill due to the company. Mortenson was indebted to the company for material used in his contracting business and had been urged to make payment. December 16, he called at the office of the company and said he had money in gold concealed in his cellar and asked Ray to come around that night and get it. The men were neighbors. Hay left his house shortly after dinner that evening, stating he was going to Mortenson's to collect some money. That was the last seen of him alive. December 18, Ray's body was found buried in a shallow grave in the middle of a pasture not far from Mortenson's home. A bullet hole through the head showed the manner of his death. Choice of death by shooting or hanging is given the condemned in Utah and Mortenson chose death by the bullets of the prison guards.

SECRET DIES WITH MEN.

The Other Italian, Sorice, Follows His Slayer, Father Lapore, into the Beyond.

(By Associated Press.)

Denver, Colo., Nov. 20.—Joseph Sorice, who was shot Wednesday night in the desperate struggle with Father Lapore, succumbed to his wounds early today. Sorice refused to make any statement, and the secret of the tragedy is probably lost forever, since death has claimed both men.

MASSONIC BUILDING BURNED.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 20.—Fire early this morning destroyed the old Masonic Temple building located at the corner of Fourth and Jefferson streets. The third floor, occupied by the Hopkins Theatre, was totally destroyed. Other losses include several stores and offices. The total loss is estimated at \$200,000.

DR. MARR TALKS OF PROF. BASSETT

He Thinks His Resignation at This Time Would be a Severe Blow to Trinity College—He Will Attend the Meeting of Trustees.

Dr. T. F. Marr, pastor of Tryon Street Methodist church, is one of the trustees of Trinity College. To a news representative this morning Dr. Marr stated that he regretted exceedingly the Bassett controversy and that he fears Trinity College will suffer on account of it.

According to Dr. Marr the student body of Trinity is very fond of Prof. Bassett and the boys are standing by their head with splendid unanimity; with one accord, regret that he has even under consideration any idea of resigning his chair in the college.

Dr. Marr is of the opinion that Mr. Southgate, the president of the board of trustees, has made a mistake in calling the board to meet in December; that according to his idea, the matter should have been left over until the regular meeting in March and if it was found advisable to select another in the place of Prof. Bassett, then the college would not suffer, as it will certainly do if Prof. Bassett resigns at this time.

Dr. Marr will attend the meeting of the trustees that has been called for Tuesday, the first of December.

THREE FIRES IN 20 MINUTES.

Departments Were Decidedly On the Run Today.

Three alarms of fire within twenty minutes, firemen fighting one fire while the big bell rung vigorously telling of another fire; people running in every direction unable to locate the fires in the confusion caused by three almost simultaneous alarms; these were some of the incidents of the fires this afternoon which occurred shortly after three o'clock.

The department made a long run to an alarm turned in from box 31, and hardly had they reached the fire when the big bell rang in an alarm from box 33, just as the firemen had completed the long run back again with horses well tired out the bell started up again, this time box 31 again, the fire being located this time on South Tryon, several blocks below Morehead street. The horses had to be driven to the last fire in a slow trot as they were nearly exhausted.

The first alarm was turned in from box 31. The fire was at the residence of Mr. Robert Sossoman on East Morehead street, two houses east of the bridge. The conflagration was caused by a curtain catching fire. The blaze was easily extinguished.

While the department was going to the first fire a second alarm was turned in from Box 43. The second blaze proved to be the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brock on West Seventh street. The blaze was in the room and the cause was from a defective flue. A small hole was burned in the roof, but no other damage was done.

The house belongs to Mr. S. J. Nelsner. Mr. Brock is a conductor on the Southern railway.

While the firemen were attending to fire No. 2 an alarm was turned in from South Tryon street, at the home of Mr. J. M. House, 1014 South Tryon street. It was over twenty minutes before the department could reach the scene as the horses were well tired out by two long runs. The fire caught from a defective flue. The roof of the two-story house was considerably burned. A bucket brigade was formed and the blaze was nearly extinguished when the department arrived. The inmates were badly frightened and threw most of the furniture out of the windows. The fire was easily extinguished after the arrival of the fire department.

PRICE OF COTTON SEED.

Our Merchants Are Paying More Than the Oil Companies.

Just now the price of cotton seed is about as interesting as the price of the staple itself.

The American Cotton Oil Company and the Southern Cotton Oil Company, the two corporations that usually buy up the bulk of cotton seed in this section, are not in it this year at all. These great corporations have fixed a price for their agent here to purchase seed. As it is about 3 to 4 cents a bushel lower than the farmers can get from our merchants, the consequence is the merchants are buying the seed and the oil companies are getting practically none.

The price fixed by the oil companies is 18 cents a bushel. So far these companies have not allowed their joint agent to deviate from this price. The merchants who are purchasing the seed are paying right along 21 to 22 cents a bushel for all they can get.

Back of the above recital of facts there is a good story. The News man learns that several months ago agents representing Texas and Mexico people came to Charlotte and made arrangements with several prominent merchants for the purchase of cotton seed. These merchants were given instructions to purchase seed no matter if the price did exceed that offered by the oil companies.

The first of the season the price offered by the Texas and Mexico firms was practically the same as the oil companies. But gradually the latter commenced to lower their price and just as firmly did their competitors hold up the price. Now the thing is all one way. The Texas and Mexico people are getting any quantity of seed while the oil companies are getting none to speak of.

Today the oil companies were paying 18 cents a bushel; the merchants 22 cents a bushel to all comers.

Up to this time it is reliably stated that at least 10 cars of seed have been shipped to Mexico and Texas from Charlotte.

MR. WEARN IN EXTREMES.

Popular Young Man Nearing the End.

The News learns with regret of the critical illness of Mr. Charles E. Wearn at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wearn, on West Seventh street.

Mr. Wearn was taken suddenly ill about a week ago, and while his condition has been serious it was hoped and expected that the trouble was under control.

Yesterday there was a decided change for the worse and this afternoon a message from the sick room is to the effect that the young man is critically ill.

For several years Mr. Wearn was assistant bookkeeper for the Allen Hardware Company. Recently he resigned to accept a clerical position in the Merchants and Farmers National Bank. He is a young man of many excellent qualities and his friends wish for him a speedy recovery.

At 3:30 o'clock this afternoon Mr. Wearn was sinking rapidly and but little hope was entertained for his recovery.

HOUSTON-DUNLAP NUPTIALS.

Marriage of a Popular Young Couple in Wadesboro Yesterday.

(Special to The News.)

Wadesboro, Nov. 20.—The marriage of Mr. Samuel Houston and Miss Olive Dunlap was solemnized in Calvary Episcopal church last night at 7 o'clock. Bishop Joseph Blount Cheshire assisted by Rev. Mr. Higga, rector of the parish, officiated.

The church was tastily decorated with palms and ferns and the altar, where the young couple took their vows, was a bow of autumn blossoms.

The bride entered the church with her maid of honor, Miss Elsie Bennett, and the groom with his best man, Mr. Frank F. Jones, of Charlotte. Owing to the enforced absence of the bride's father she was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Bennett Dunlap.

The bride wore an exquisite creation of white crepe de chine and beautiful handwork, together with lace, which belonged to her grandmother and to her great-grandmother.

The mat of honor was gowned in white silk mull and lace over taffeta. The young couple was the recipient of a number of very handsome presents.

The bride is a special favorite in Wadesboro, both on account of her winsome sweetness and her marked musical talent.

The groom is a popular and progressive young business man of the Queen City.

The out-of-town guests who attended the nuptials were: Mrs. Houston, mother of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Houston, of Gastonia; Misses Sarah and Grace Houston, of Charlotte, and Mrs. Bass, of Anderson, S. C., brother and sisters of Mr. Houston; Mrs. Roark and little Miss Sarah Roark, sister and niece of the groom; Mr. Harry Gross, of Baltimore; Mr. Bachelor, of Atlanta; Major and Mrs. Smith and Miss Bird Smith, of Ansonville.

FEELS ENCOURAGED.

Mr. Glenn Has Met With a Hearty Welcome Here.

Hon. B. B. Glenn who has been in Charlotte for the past few days leaves this evening for Richmond where he goes on business.

During Mr. Glenn's stay in Charlotte he has met quite a number of our people and has been greatly encouraged in his race for the gubernatorial nomination. He says he feels sure that Mecklenburg is alright and that he will get a good vote from this county. While in Charlotte Mr. Glenn has received some decidedly encouraging reports from the counties adjoining Mecklenburg. He has met some of the leaders here and they all, with one accord, informed him that his stock is way above par.

Charlotte and Mecklenburg have come to feel kindly toward Mr. Glenn. While in the State Senate he championed the cause that was very close to the hearts of our people and led the fight that was then being made for better government in Charlotte which today we are enjoying the fruits of. But, Mr. Glenn's popularity in Mecklenburg is not bounded by any faction or factions. The entire voting strength of our county regard him as a decidedly able man and one the State would do itself proud in honoring him with the highest office in the gift of its people.

It is useless to add that Mr. Glenn has put in some telling work while here. He has seen a large number of our voters and his campaign in this section of the State has started in real earnest and with commendable zeal.

MORNING STAR RALLY.

Great Day For Education—New Academy Dedicated.

The educational rally in Morning Star township yesterday was well attended and much benefit will result. State Superintendent of Education, Joyner, made the principal address of the day. Superintendent Joyner was enthusiastic over the good schools of Mecklenburg county. His address yesterday was listened to by a large crowd. The speaker was at his best and held the attention of his audience from beginning to end.

At the conclusion of this speech a tempting dinner was served by the ladies to whom much of the enjoyment, and pleasure of the occasion is due. The Steel Creek band also furnished a fine musical program. After dinner E. R. Preston made a fitting speech at the dedication of "Cochran Academy," the new school in Morning Star which will begin work Monday with Prof. Wm. Davis as principal.

Hon. R. B. Glenn, one of the gubernatorial candidates of Winston who also made a fine address. Mr. Glenn who is always a good speaker, was at his best yesterday and thrilled the large audience with his eloquence, wit and humor.

A GENEROUS EMPLOYER.

Mr. W. H. Belk Charts Special Train For His Clerks.

To show his appreciation of valued services rendered, Mr. W. H. Belk, the head of the well known firm of Belk Bros., has chartered a special train to Monroe on Thanksgiving Day and will take all of his employees to Dr. J. M. Belk's where they will eat Thanksgiving dinner.

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COTTON TRADE SITUATION PUT IN SUMMARY FORM

New England Mills Have Two Months Supply of Raw Cotton—Business is Bad, or Manufacturers Would not Cut Wages—Southern Mills Find it Hard to Run for Other Reasons—They Have the Advantage in Freight Rates but Have to Pay Higher Interest.

(By Associated Press.)

Boston, Nov. 20.—Cotton trade authorities reviewing the general situation sum up their observations with reference to existing market conditions as follows: "Business is bad or mills would not take changes in reducing wages on the other hand operatives know business is bad or they would not accept reduction without a strike. Last year the mills had to contend with extraordinary fuel costs, this year it is high priced cotton. Southern mills are as badly off as New England mills. What they save in labor and fuel costs and cotton freights, they lose in ability to secure tight management and adequate financial accommodation at the rates at which mills can borrow. In substitution of this view, it is said that New England mills have less than two months supply of cotton on hand, where as in normal years they have by the middle of November a six months supply.

THE STATE OF CUBA.

Invitation To Become One Of the American Union With Porto Rico as a Preview.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Nov. 20.—Senator Newlands, author of the resolution annexing Hawaii, today introduced a joint resolution inviting Cuba to become a State of the United States upon terms of equality with the States of the Union. It provides that Porto Rico shall become a county or province of Cuba, that all present officers of Cuba shall retain their positions until their terms expire, that \$35,000,000 bonds of Cuba shall become bonds of the State of Cuba with interest reduced to three per cent, and two per cent, to be applied to funds, that the present rural guard of Cuba shall be incorporated into the army of the United States, that money in the Cuba treasury shall become money of the State of Cuba.

Panama Treaty.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Nov. 20.—At a Cabinet meeting today it was decided to make no effort to ratify the Isthmian Canal treaty here until it is ratified in Panama.

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