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Hon. E. J. Justice Elected Speaker of the House at Democratic Caucus

Election of Justice Last Night was on Second Ballot. Dowd Followed in Number of Votes. Republican's Nominee.

General Assembly Formally Opened To-day. Mr. Dowd Nominated Justice for Speaker. Nominees Elected.

Special to The News.

Raleigh, N. C., January 9.—The Democratic caucus of the house of representatives last night nominated E. J. Justice of Guilford for speaker of the house. The nomination was on the second ballot, when Justice received 45, W. C. Dowd of Mecklenburg 23, Walter Murphy of Rowan 18, and J. S. Manning of Durham 4 votes. The vote of the first ballot was Justice 41, Dowd 23, Murphy 20, and Manning 6. Other nominations were Chief Clerk F. D. Hackett, Wilkes county; reading clerk, F. B. Arrendell, Wake county; engrossing clerk, M. D. Kinsland, Haywood; door keeper J. A. Lisk of Montgomery; B. B. Winborne of Hertford was made permanent chairman of the caucus.

The Senate caucus of Democratic members named C. A. Webb of Buncombe as president pro tem; chief clerk, A. J. Maxwell; sargeant-at-arms, L. B. Pegram, Wake; reading clerk, R. L. Ballau, of Ashe and engrossing clerk, Chas. Strayhorn, of Orange.

The Republican caucus nominated M. L. Harshaw of Caldwell for speaker of the house and decided to caucus tonight for the nomination of a United States Senator, all the nominations being purely complimentary.

The House met and organized today at noon Hon. R. A. Doughton, of Allegheny county, serving as temporary chairman. Hon. E. J. Justice was placed in nomination for the speakership by Hon. W. C. Dowd, of Mecklenburg, and Hon. J. S. Manning, of Durham, seconded the nomination. The Republicans placed in nomination for the speakership Hon. M. N. Harshaw, A. P. Grant, of Davie county making the nominating speech. At this hour (2 o'clock) the balloting for speaker is in progress. All the caucus nominees of the Democratic party, for the speakership and minor offices, will, of course, be elected.

Mr. Dowd said, in nominating Mr. Justice for the speakership, that he occupied a peculiar position—in being called upon to propose the name of the man who was not his choice. He said that in ancient times conquerers dragged the conquered behind their chariot wheels; that there was little pleasure in this for the victim. But, continuing, he said, "my love for the Commonwealth, its institutions and for my party is such that I almost find pleasure in my present task.' Mr. Dowd then paid a beautiful tribute to the character and personalities of Mr. Justice, his college class-mate.

The House was opened with prayer by Dr. A. H. Moment, pastor of the Presbyterian Church here.

Mr. C. A. Webb was elected president pro tem of the Senate, as were all of the other caucus nominees for minor offices in that branch of the General Assembly. The Senate received a message from the governor asking for a joint session of the Senate and House tomorrow, when he will personally appear before the two bodies and read his message.

STEAMER IN BAD CONDITION

A Steamer Much Disabled Was Sighted—Did Not Look Like the Ponce.

By Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Jan. 9.—Captain Coverdale, of the schooner George May, from Fernandina, reports he passed Jan. 7th, 60 miles below the Delaware breakwater, a steamship with two masts apparently with it's machinery disabled.

Capt. Coverdale says he was unable to ascertain a good description of the vessel because of the thick weather.

The captain said he believed the steamer to be a tramp and northbound. The captain's description of the vessel does not tally with the description of the Ponce.

Regarding Indian Lands.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Secretary Hitchcock, of the department of the interior, was before the special Senate committee today. He declined to state his authority for withdrawing the Indian lands from the allotment, but said that his legal department had prepared a report which would be made to Congress. All of the members of the special committee differed from Mr. Hitchcock and finally he agreed to send a report to the committee today, but declined to answer the questions relating to the character of the report.

Result of Gulf Cyclone.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The army and navy authorities have been hard at work repairing the damage to ships and forts by the great gulf cyclone, and they have completed practically all the estimates as a basis for a congressional appropriation for this purpose.

LEGISLATURE'S POST OFFICE.

Branch in the State Capitol Building Opened This Morning.

Special to The News.

Raleigh, Jan. 9.—The branch post office, Station A., in the State house for the convenience of the members and clerks of the general assembly opened this morning. It will be in the west corridor of the building on the same floor as the legislative halls. L. T. Yarborough will be in charge and W. J. Hester, of this county, will serve as messenger. It is a fact especially noteworthy that there is not another State in the Union except New York that has been favored by the government with such a service. There is one established in the State house at Albany, N. Y., for the legislative sessions. The allowance for a messenger is also a still further concession by the government. His duty will be to carry the mail between the Raleigh post office and the State house station. The legislators have Hon. F. H. Hitchcock first assistant postmaster to thank for this station, as he granted the concession at the urgent request of Postmaster W. G. Briggs of the Raleigh post office.

THE KNITTING INDUSTRY.

Summary Made Public by the Commissioner of Labor and Printing.

Special to The News.

Raleigh, Jan. 9.—A summary of the knitting mill industry in North Carolina was completed and made public today by the Commissioner of Labor and Printing, it shows that the investments in the State aggregate $2,399,635. There are 15,016 spindles and 5,237 machines driven by 2,961 horse-power. There are 1,996 male and 275 female operatives employed. Of these 96 per cent can read and write.

ENDORSE PRESIDENT'S ACTION.

South Carolina Senate Thinks President's Position on Brownsville Affair is Right.

Special to The News.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 9.—By a vote of 21 to 16 the Senate today adopted Mr. Blease's resolution, endorsing the action of President Roosevelt in the Brownsville affair and requesting the South Carolina delegation to uphold it.

Some of Senator Tillman's friends opposed the resolution.

Five anti-future bills were introduced in the Senate today.

The Lawton Monument.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The President has decided to make a trip to Indianapolis to attend the unveiling of the monument to Lawton, Memorial Day.

No Trouble Is Feared

Persian Officials do Not Believe Reports that Trouble will Follow Death of the Shah. Reasons for This Position.

By Associated Press.

London, Jan. 9.—One of the leading Persian officials said to a representative of the Associated Press today:

"We do not credit the reports that trouble is likely to follow death of the Shah. Certainly there will be no internal trouble as there are no pretenders to challenge the crown princes' title to the throne. Moreover, the masses of the people are devoted to the present dynasty."

The officials here say that in view of the accord between Great Britain and Russia no fear is entertained that any other power will step in to disarrange existing political conditions.

If the precedent is followed the body of the Shah will lie in state eight or ten days in the Royal Palace and during all that time crowds of priests will surround the catafalque, chanting prayers from the Koran. The body will be buried in Abdul Azin Mosque, outside Teheran, where for centuries Shahs have been buried.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUED.

M. C. Markham Testified Today in Investigation by Interstate Commerce Commission.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Jan. 9.—M. C. Markham, traffic manager of the Missouri Pacific, testifying before the Interstate Commerce Commission. He said the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific were competitors prior to their consolidation and that it was generally understood the competition was less since.

Announces Shah's Death.

By Associated Press.

Teheran, Persia, Jan. 9.—The official announcement of the death of the Shah, was made this morning from the office of Grand Vizier.

OPENED!

Would Reduce Railroad Fare

Bills Introduced in South Carolina Legislature Favoring Reduction of Fare. Jim Crow Law for Street Cars.

Special to The News.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 9.—In the House today Representative Ayer, of Florence, presented a resolution declaring the sentiment of the General Assembly to favor the State dispensary system.

Ten members objected immediately to the resolution's consideration and they were laid over until tomorrow.

Several bills were presented to drive out bucket shops from South Carolina and one by Giles, of Aiken, to reduce railroad fare from three to two and one-half cents.

Wade, of Aiken, introduced a bill to apply the jim crow law to street cars.

NO NEWS OF PONCE.

It is Thought Lost Steamer Might Have Been Picked Up by Some Other Steamer.

By Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 9.—No tidings have come from the overdue steamer Ponce. The only hope now held out is that she has been picked up by some steamer and is being slowly towed to port.

Some color is given the latest theory by the non-arrival of the Trinidad line steamer Maracas, three days overdue.

BOYCOTT FRUSTRATED.

Viceroy of Canton Frustrates Meetings of Anti-American Boycott—Ban On Newspapers.

By Associated Press.

Hong Kong, China, Jan. 9.—The meetings of the anti-American boycotts were frustrated by the action of the Viceroy of Canton, who ordered the apprehension of the leaders.

The police have been instructed to destroy all placards bearing on the proposed boycott and newspapers have been prohibited from alluding to the subject.

LABOR ELEMENTS FIGHT.

One Man is Dead Another Dying and a Third Injured as Result of Fight Between Union and Non-Union Men.

By Associated Press.

Eureka, Cal., Jan.—A. W. Jenks is dead, his brother, S. W. Jenks, is dying, and John Hays is probably fatally wounded as the result of a street battle last night between union and non-union longshoremen.

Presidential Nominations.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The President sent the following nominations to the Senate today: United States attorney northern district of Florida, W. B. Sheppard; United States marshal, northern district of Florida, T. F. McGourin.

Investigate Corporations.

By Associated Press.

The General Assembly of North Carolina convened. Governor Glenn's biennial message will be transmitted tomorrow.

Today a joint resolution was prepared to investigate all public service corporations doing business in the state.

Brownville Dissension.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The discussion of the Brownville resolution was postponed until tomorrow on the statement that Senator Tillman is still indisposed and unable to address the Senate.

NEW MASONIC BUILDING.

Plans Adopted for $100,000 Building To Be Erected at Raleigh.

Special to The News.

Raleigh, N. C., January 9.—In connection with the 120th session of the North Carolina grand lodge of Masons in session here the building committee has received and adopted the plans for the new $100,000 grand lodge temple to be erected here, the plans being by Chas. McMillen of Wilmington. The building will be seven stories constructed of re-inforced concrete. The first two stories will be of Indiana lime stone and the other five stories of pressed brick and terra cotta in colors to harmonize with the lisestone.

On the first floor will be a banking room for the Raleigh Savings Bank and two large store rooms.

The second floor will be devoted to lodge rooms for the local lodges and the offices of the grand secretary of the grand lodge.

The third, fourth and fifth floors will be devoted to offices for rent, large, airy and well lighted.

The sixth and seventh floors will be equipped for purposes of the grand lodge.

The roof will be constructed with a view of having a roof garden. There will be two electric elevators.

WAS WITH ENSIGN BAGLEY

Carpenter, Who Received Medal of Honor for Bravery Died Last Night

By Associated Press.

Norfolk, Va., January 9.—Mr. T. C. Cooney, the carpenter of the United State navy, aged 53, who received a medal of honor for bravery on the torpedo boat Winslow during the engagement at Cardinas in which Ensign Bagley was killed, died last evening from paralysis.

Carpenter Cooney had recently brought the Monitor Florida here.

He went to the hospital Friday, suffering from asthma and was thought to be improving, when he was discovered paralyzed.

The deceased was from the state of Florida and has relatives in Warrenton and Palatka of that state.

Coal Train Raided.

By Associated Press.

North Yakima, Washington, Jan. 9.—A train loaded with coal was raided at the station here by citizens without fuel, and almost 20 cars were carried off.

Gen. Pavloff Made Victim

Judge Advocate General Shot and Mortally Wounded by Would-be Assassin, who Later Fired 40 Shots While Escaping.

By Associated Press.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 8.—General Pavloff, Judge Advocate General, was shot and mortally wounded this morning in front of the military court building.

The assassin was captured after wounding a policeman.

The assassin succeeded in obtaining entrance to the presence of the General, when he drew an automatic pistol and discharged seven shots into Pavloff's body, two of which tore a gaping wound in his breast.

It was found that the bullets had been prepared in order to inflict more serious wounds.

Liutenant General Vladimir Pavloff, was generally known since the days of the late Parliament as "Hangman Pavloff," from the epithet constantly applied to him by the radical deputies.

The assassin was disguised as a workman.

During a long chase through the city streets, he fired about 40 shots from two revolvers which he carried, killing a policeman and wounding a small boy.

Ginner's Report Quite Bullish

Farmers Rejoice That it Shows Total Bales Ginned to Date 11,750,000, Indicating that Gov. Report is Too High.

The first real published message that has escaped in many days from the den of cotton kings to the unpretentious farmer came across the wires this afternoon in the shape of a ginners' report showing that up to the present 11,750,944 bales of cotton have been ginned. The report proves one thing unmistakably,, the farmers say—that the government estimate of 12,500,000 bales has been shattered in its foundation. In round numbers there is noly 600,000 bales difference between this report and that last issued two weeks ago, which gave the figures at 11,099,000. The cotton men think it will do well, if the next report shows a gain that will take the crop far over the 12,000,000 mark.

On the corresponding date last year the report showed a total amount ginned of 9,725,000. There was afterward a gain of just one million bales. Local dealers declare that there will not be a total gain of this much in the ginners' report yet to come, and therefore the total crop will fall but little over twelve millions.

Under the influence of the report the future market advanced 20 points. Locally the staple was bringing 25 points more than on yesterday.

"The spot situation is good," declared a leading cotton merchant to a News reporter this afternoon. "Contrary to expectations," commented another, who was standing near. "We were looking for the very opposite." was the opinion of a third buyer. All were surprised at the report, several figuring on a showing of more than 12,000,000.

"The staple will bring fair prices in the future, undoubtedly, because the present report is more decisive than any yet issued," said several cotton men. "A still greater advance that would make spot cotton go to 11 or 12 centc would not suprise many people."

BALES GINNED 11,750,944.

Census Bureau's Report of Bales Ginned to Jan 1 Given.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The Census Bureau issued its report on cotton ginning, showing up to January 1st that there were 28,399 active ginneries in operation and that 11,750,944 bales, counting round as half bales, were ginned.

Report by States.

By states, the number of bales ginned and the number of ginneries in operation are given as follows:

State.	No. Bales.	Gins.
Alabama	1,199,740	3,628
Arkansas	732,201	2,299
Florida	59,030	273
Georgia	1,573,701	4,551
Louisiana	836,646	2,046
Mississippi	1,238,697	3,727
North Carolina	572,143	2,753
South Carolina	868,328	3,128
Tennessee	242,419	695
Texas	3,626,269	4,182
Virginia	12,907	118

The number of Sea Island bales included in 54,168. The Sea Island cotton for 1906 distributed by states, is: Florida, 23,144; Georgia, 23,156; and South Carolina 7,428.

Chile To Have Ambassador.

Paris, France, January 9.—L'Amerique Latine, published here, contains a report that it is the intention of the Chilean Government to raise the legation at Washington to the rank of an embassy, the United States being the firstc ountry thus distinguished and that the present minister to Great Gritain, M. Domingo Gana, will be sent to this country, M. Augustin Edwards replacing him in London.

Charlotte Not Likely Now to Get Into South Atlantic League Ball

Though Subscriptions of $3,500 had Been Raised to Get Into South Atlantic League, Greenville Queers Game.

Because of Opposition in League Towns, the South Carolina City Felt it Would be Useless to Seek Admission.

It is practically settled that Charlotte will not make application for membership into the South Atlantic League. A letter lately received from Greenville states that the fans of that city have given up the work of raising the necessary money on account of the great opposition that was coming from the cities now in the league. This opposition was so strong and persistent that the Greenville enthusiasts decided it was not worth while trying to get in the circuit, feeling assured that the officials would down any proposition that might be made in the face of such kicking.

It develops today that the local fans have about succeeded in raising the money needed to make formal application. The committee appointed some days ago to canvass the city secured subscriptions amounting to $3,500, and several other prominent citizens intended to complete the subscription list today.

It is absolutely useless, however, to go further in the effort to put this city in the league, if Greenville refuses to do likewise. It is a matter of deep regret to those interested in this city that the situation develops in this way. Since the matter was first taken up, it has received the sanction and support of leading business men who believe that Charlotte's admission into the fast aggregation would be a paying advertisement and needed prestige to the city. Four or five gentlemen, having such faith in the proposition expressed a willingness to bear the burden of paying a team through one season, being assured that the experience of a single year would teach the majority of the city's business men the advantage and profit of supporting the organization.

Nothing remains now but to take up the organization of a minor league as the Greenville people suggested in the beginning. This is not likely to receive much attention, however, from Charlotte sports in view of the fact that they have had experience with such aggregations in the past.

COMMISSIONERS' THIRD DAY.

They Refuse to Pay Half for Removal of Mr. Neal's Barn.

An unusual amount of business necessitated a third day's session of the board of county commissioners who were unable to complete yesterday all the work demanding attention at the beginning of the year. The main business of today has been a transaction of routine work, paying and approving bills, and considering petitions which have been presented this week.

The board ordered that the request from Mr. W. A. Neal that the county pay half of the expense of removing his barn and crib on the Mulberry road be refused. Mr. Neal claims that the new road running through his plantation rendered necessary the removal of some of his buildings.

Mrs. W. A. Berryhill, of Berryhill township, was given $15 for the tearing down of a fence on her premises by the road overseers.

It is ordered that the salaries of the convict guards be increased from $1.25 to $1.50 per day. There are three guards and one night guard at both camps.

The board this afternoon ordered that price of rock for macadamizing the county roads be increased from 40 to 50 cents per yard.

Messrs. J. H. McClintock, W. S. Pharr and J. M. Davis were unanimously re-elected as the finance committee of the county.

The salary of the chairman of the board was fixed at $75 per month. This administration is the first whose chairman receives a stipulated salary.

The report of Treasurer H. J. Walker was this afternoon accepted by the board and approved.

A request to extend the Lawyer's road to the county line was granted.

The several petitions asking for macadam roads and other requests were continued to the next meeting of the board on account of lack of time.

The board adjourned this afternoon after one of the busiest sessions of the week.

The Chalmet Monument.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Representative Meyer, of Louisiana, addressed the House on a bill accepting the cession to the United States of the Chalmet monument and the grounds in the Parish of St. Bernard and appropriating $25,000 with wnich to complete the Chalmet monument to commemorate the valor and sacrifices of the American army in the battle of New Orleans.

Grocery Firm's Dissolution

Sarratt and Blakely Break Up, Former Retaining Tryon Street Store and Latter the Dilworth Business.

A mutual dissolution of the firm of Sarratt & Blakely was made this morning and under the terms made Mr .Blakely will retain the Dilworth store and Mr. Sarratt the North Tryon street store.

Messrs. J. I. Blakely and L. L. Sarratt formed a partnership more than ten years ago and have conducted a high-grade grocery store at the present stand on North Tryon street, opposite the Carnegie library, since that time. About a year ago the firm bought the store in Dilworth conducted by Poole Brothers and at the time added materially to the business and as a branch store it has enjoyed a lucrative trade.

Mr. Blakely will assume the debts and entire business of the Dilworth store and Mr. Sarratt the debts and business of the Tryon street store. Both men are among Charlotte's best citizens and business men.

Inquest on B. & O. Wreck.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 9.—At the coroner's inquest on the B. & O. wreck, W. L. Moore, the operator at Kensington, in his testimony, characterized Operator Dutrow at Silver Springs as "incompetent, wild and reckless."

Require Large Amount.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Secretary Taft's estimate of deficiencies in the War Department submitted to Congress shows $5,274,786 will be required to meet the deficiencies for the year ending June 30, 1907.

Grade of Lieut. Gen. Remains.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The paragraph in the army appropriation bill abolishing the grade of lieutenant general was ruled out on a point of order and the grade remains as now.

GOVERNOR COX'S MESSAGE.

Advocates Establishment of Immigration Bureau—Recommends Additions to Child Labor Laws, etc.

By Associated Press.

Nashville, Tenn., January 9.—Gov. John I. Cox, sent his final message to the legislature.

Among other things he suggests the establishment of a bureau of immigration; the enactment of an anti-race track gambling law and recommends additions to the child labor laws.

The governor also suggests a law prohibiting railroads owning coal lands or engaging in coal operation; discusses publicity as the means for regulating corporations and recommends a law to prevent public service corporations from owning or controlling newspapers, and the necessity for legislation as a safeguard to life insurance policyholders.

MANY COMPANIES INVOLVED.

Suits Brought to Dissolve Alleged Merger and To Revoke Licenses And Charters.

By Associated Press.

St. Louis, Mo., January 9.—Suits to dissolve the alleged merger of the Wabash, Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain railroad companies and the Pacific express company and then to revoke licenses and charters of the Pacific Express company, the American Refrigerator Transit company, the Western Coal and Mining Company, the Rich Hill Coal and Mining company, and the Kansas-Missouri Elevator company were filed in the Supreme Court by Attorney General Hadley.

A Fine School Attendance.

"Since the first of January 102 new children have been enrolled by the city graded schools," said Principal Alexander Graham yesterday. "There are 3,207 pupils in all the schools at present, 1,925 white and 1,382 colored. In the south graded school there are 1,130 on the roll and in the north school 975. There were present yesterday at roll call 944 children in the south school, 715 in the north and 981 in the colored, making a total in school yesterday of 2,640."

Destroyed Sugar Creek Sign.

The sign that marks the old Sugar Creek burying grounds, north of Charlotte, was destroyed several days ago by some miscreant who, if caught, should be severely punished. The sign marked one of the oldest cemeteries in Mecklenburg county.