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Bills Introduced in The Legislature Calling Election In August

Representative Dowd Introduces Bill Providing For Election on State Prohibition Issue—Similar Bill in Senate.

Would Pay Mecklenburg Jurors \$2 Per Day—Many Bills Introduced—As to Passes—Proceedings of Day.

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 23.—There was introduced today in the house, by Representative Dowd of Mecklenburg, and in the senate, by Long of Iredell, duplicate bills for a state prohibition election, it being drawn along the lines decided upon by the democratic caucus Tuesday night and under the approval of the state prohibition league.

It provides the machinery for a general prohibition election to be held August 6th, the law if ratified to be effective Jan. 1st, 1909. It is really designed to extend the operation of the Watts and Ward laws as to rural districts to the whole state prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicants.

It went to the committee on prohibitions and grievances. The indications are that there will be a successful effort to fix the date for the election earlier, some time in May probably if carried, machinery which the prohibitionists consider ample for making the law effective in the event it is voted by the people.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 23.—Mr. W. C. Dowd introduced a bill today to allow jurors in Mecklenburg county as much as \$2 per day.

Among others introduced in the senate were: Blair, to prevent traveling salesmen from soliciting orders for liquors in prohibition territory.

Numerous Bills. Long, to authorize Statesville to issue bonds for floating debt without an election.

Moit, to prevent the use of free passes by public officials, and candidates for public office.

Long, to amend charter of Statesville Air Line Railway Co., and to add to its construction.

A great number of local bills were introduced in the senate this morning.

The Graham bill appropriating \$5,000 for the prosecution against the Norfolk & Western Railway Co. as to freight rates before the Interstate Commerce Commission, was passed.

What to Consider. The resolution of Mr. Pharr to limit legislation so that the session will not be prolonged, came up. Mr. Pharr took the ground that it was certainly a spirit of the constitution that general legislation only be considered at regular sessions.

He said he intended the resolution to cut out the governor's recommendation as to the changes in judicial districts.

S. C. Firm Declares a 100 Per Cent Dividend

Special to The News. Union, S. C., Jan. 23.—Probably without exception one of the most prosperous concerns in Union county, is the J. F. Alman Co., dealers in general merchandise at Jonesville.

This firm was organized about six years ago with a paid in capital of \$6,650. At a special meeting of the stockholders held yesterday, a stock dividend of 100 per cent was declared. This in addition to the regular 10 per cent annual dividend which has been paid since the firm began business, and which now amounts to 60 per cent, and even after this handsome stock dividend has been paid, will still leave each share, with a par value of \$100, to be worth \$241, after deducting 10 per cent for depreciation in value and old or bad accounts.

This is a splendid showing and is one that can find few equals in South Carolina, and is due largely to the business acumen of the president and treasurer, Mr. J. F. Alman, who is a business man and not only a careful manager, but a shrewd and close buyer as well, who takes advantage of all opportunities to secure goods at inside prices, and gives his patrons the benefit of it.

Other officers of the concern who have contributed largely to its success are J. P. Alman, Jr., vice president and secretary; and directors, W. H. Gault, J. M. Gault, of Jonesville, and J. O. Gault of Lockhardt.

The "Deestrick Skule" to Open. Special to The News. Salisbury, N. C., Jan. 23.—The "Deestrick Skule" will open at Mercantile Theatre tonight with Mr. John Ramsey as teacher and among the pupils will be such well known citizens as Mayor A. H. Boyden, Hon. John S. Henderson, P. B. Beard, Capt. James P. Moore, Clerk of the Court, McComb and others. The entire cast is composed of amateurs and as the proceeds are for a worthy cause the manager will have to hang out the "Standing Room Only" sign.

Workingman on State Ticket

Said to Be Object of a Meeting of The Civic League of This City Called For To-morrow.

There will be a meeting of the Working Men's Civic League of Charlotte, tomorrow night about which there seems to be some mystery, as none of the members would divulge the purpose for which they had been called together, and they have decided not to allow the newspaper men to be present.

It is surmised by some that the proposed meeting has a political significance, and that the organization is to launch a movement among the working men of the state to secure a representative on the next democratic state ticket.

The working men have felt for some time that, while they polled a great many votes for the party, they were not represented fully in the distribution of the offices, and they have been talking for some time of backing one of their number for some place on the ticket, and it is pretty sure that this is the purpose of this meeting.

It is thought too, that a local man will be the one named to represent the league, and that an active campaign will at once be begun to secure the convention for Charlotte, and to further this candidate's chances for the nomination.

None of the members of the league would say one word as to the office, which they think one of their number should fill, but it is thought that it is the office of Commissioner of Labor and Printing.

A large number is expected to attend the meeting tomorrow night, and it is thought that the session will be spicy and interesting.

One of the leaguers was asked, this afternoon, if the league would go on record, in any way, as to prohibition or other matters of current interest, but he said that this was not the purpose of the meeting, and that he did not think that any discussion other than the real matter in hand would be indulged in.

Found Dead in Room. By Associated Press. Chicago, Jan. 23.—Mrs. Catherine Cartwright, concert hall dancer and singer, was found shot to death in her room here early today.

The police are searching for James McGehe, who has been attentive for some time.



"MOTHER, MAY I GO IN THE SWIM?" "YES, MY SON, BUT YOUR FATHER IS GOING TO HAVE AN IMPORTANT SAY-SO IN THE MATTER!"

Matter of Rates Are Considered

Joint Committee on Railroads Hear From Governor, State Attorneys and Railroad Officials—General Sentiment.

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 23.—The joint committee on railroads last afternoon sent for Governor Glenn to appear before that body and give a general statement concerning the legislation on the rate and other railroad matters that he wants the legislature to enact.

The committee also heard General Counsel Thom of the Southern Railway, F. A. Woodard, ex-Governor Aycock and R. W. Winston, of counsel for the state, in the rate litigation and T. H. Womack, of the counsel for the Seaboard Air Line, on various phases of the rate situation.

After reviewing the whole history of the rate litigation and impending compromise, Governor Glenn declared that he had taken a look at the books of the railroads and considered the general business and commercial situation and was satisfied that the railroads are in straits, and in view of the fact that they had been made to realize that they must be amenable to the law of the state, he favored granting them any reasonable concession.

He said that the compromise seemed the best adjustment for the state, the railroads seemed satisfied and he believed the entire settlement of differences would go far toward restoring the credit of the railroads.

The governor appealed especially for application of reduced rates to apply to no roads less than 100 miles instead of 60 miles as at present. He said the present statute was hampering several important short lines, including the Raleigh & Southport, The Aberdeen & Asheboro and others in that essential condition would put them in the column of lower rates so that they did not feel warranted in making the extension.

He defended the proposition to clothe the Corporation Commission with power to make further rate changes as the occasion might arise.

General Counsel Thom presented the idea of the necessity of abating the conflict in order that the railroads may procure the credit necessary in financing the increasing providing the constantly increasing business on the sections through which the roads operate and opening new territory. Illustrating this he caused a laugh at the expense of Speaker Justice by declaring that according to that gentleman's contentions the requirements even at Greensboro had doubled in six months.

He spoke at length on the desirability of giving the Corporation Commission power to adjust rates between legislative sessions.

Ex-Governor Aycock made a strong appeal for the committee to ratify the compromise, declaring his conviction that it was best for all concerned. He wanted peace between the railroads and the people and the credit of the railroads so that they could adequately meet the demands of the growing commerce.

The committee took a recess at 6:30 to meet again this afternoon. The rate bill will hardly be ready for passage before Friday. It looks now like the legislature will be here at least ten days.

Mr. Peeler a Manager. Special to The News. Salisbury, N. C., Jan. 23.—Mr. Charles A. Peeler, who has for the past two years had the management of the Globe Department store's branch house at Faith, has again been pined at the head of the enterprise.

Hat Company Elects Officers and Directors

Special to The News. Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 23.—At a meeting last night of the Transon-Murphy Hat Company, the directors and officers were elected as follows: President and treasurer, W. M. Transon; vice president, C. C. Murphy; secretary, I. W. Murphy; general manager, W. E. Bishop; board of directors, I. W. Murphy, W. M. Transon, W. E. Bishop, E. E. Murphy and J. L. Hill.

This company which will deal by wholesale in hats, caps and gloves expect to begin business about March 1st. It is well backed and made up aggressive, capable business men who have had experience in the business they have undertaken.

Republican Members Held Caucus Last Night

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 23.—A joint caucus of the republican members of the legislature last night denouncing the feature of the proposed compromise of the rate litigation providing for the railroads to pay \$17,000 toward defraying the expenses of the extra session and costs in the litigation. The resolution declares that in the opinion of the republican members it is unbecoming the dignity of the state and a travesty on the self respect of a sovereign state to accept money from the railroads under the existing circumstances toward defraying the expenses of the legislature and that they (the republicans) use every honorable means to protect the honor of the state and as stated by the governor in his explanatory letter to the people of the state and suggested in his message to the legislature.

Bryan Not Originator of Guaranty Plan

By Associated Press. Chicago, Ill., Jan. 23.—The Record-Herald says: William Jennings Bryan is not the originator of the guaranty plan for the protection of bank deposits. In a letter to Alexander H. Revell, Mr. Bryan declares that although the scheme is spoken of as the Bryan plan, he has "no patent to it" for it was suggested to him. The Nebraskaan expresses the opinion that the absolute guaranty is a better idea and the Oklahoma plan is virtually an absolute guaranty.

The News Beats Its Own Record

Highwater Mark in Collections by The Carriers Of \$161.95—Jasper O'Connell The Carrier Who Led All The Rest.

"The News Leads," and during the week ending Saturday, the 11th, beat its own record in collections by the carriers.

The high water mark of \$161.95 was reached during this period. This amount was collected by the 28 hustling carrier boys of this paper who only collect small amounts from subscribers who pay by the week. This does not include 1,000 subscribers in the city who do not pay the carriers, but who settle direct with the office.

Of these collectors, Jasper O'Connell, who carries the Seversville route, leads, having collected \$12. There were several other carriers who pushed his record close.

All The News carriers have been provided with hunting whistles and subscribers may know when they hear the whistle that The News has come.

End Of Thaw Trial In Sight

Most of Testimony of Defense in—Alienists Are Called To-day—Tell of Thaw's Crazy Conduct on Various Occasions.

By Associated Press. New York, Jan. 23.—The end of the second trial of Harry K. Thaw, charged with the murder of Stanford White, is in sight. Save for evidence of the alienists practically all the testimony the defense expected to offer has been given.

Dr. Charles L. Bailey, of Albany, N. Y., who arrived last night from Jamaica Island, was called as the first witness today.

He attended Thaw on the train between Hudson and Albany in April, 1906.

The witness said: "Thaw was chattering something like: 'Shasta, shasta, shasta!' Pennsylvania runs into New York Central," repeating sometimes, his eyes bulging, and he appeared unsteady. I gave him a hypodermic of morphine with the assistance of the porter. I could not detect the odor of alcohol. Thaw rambled incoherently."

Dr. Charles C. Wagner, of Binghamton, N. Y., alienist, resumed the stand after argument between counsel. The court held Thaw's statements to Drs. Wagner and Evans following the homicide were admissible as the basis of expert opinion.

Wagner then testified that Thaw told him of his appeals to Comstock and Jerome: "That he had not intended attacking White and that Providence took the matter in hand in its own way."

Thaw claimed to Wagner that he had been followed by thugs employed by White to kick him to death.

Dr. Wagner's testimony. Dr. Wagner said Thaw told him he had met some pretty fast people, but never been disappointed.

Thaw's manner, under examination of the witness, was said to be domineering. His pulse fluctuated remarkably. Thaw said White in 1900 invited him to one of the Madison Square tower parties and later saw White in front of a New York theater with the girl whom he was told was Miss Nesbit, and "belonged to Stanford White."

Rate of Discount Reduced. By Associated Press. Paris, Jan. 23.—The Bank of France today reduced the rate discount from 3 1/2 to 3 per cent.

London, Jan. 23.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England today was reduced from 5 to 4 per cent. The reduction of the bank rate is a foregone conclusion owing to the rapidly improving financial conditions prevailing everywhere.

Census Bureau Issues Report On The Cotton Ginned To Jan. 16th.

Governor and Mrs. Glenn Give Big Reception

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 23.—Five hundred and more people called at the governor's mansion last night, the occasion being a reception by the governor and Mrs. Glenn complimentary to the members of the general assembly. The mansion was beautifully decorated with both state and national flags, cut flowers and potted plants, every apartment being ablaze with light and resonant with merriment. The governor and Mrs. Glenn were assisted in receiving by the state officers and their wives, President Winston and the senate, Speaker Justice of the house of representatives and members of the governor's staff and others.

There were committees of ladies in the punch room, the state dining room, the coffee room and other apartments according to the most delightful hospitality to all callers. The hours of the reception were 9 to 11 o'clock.

Many Freight Trains And Railroadmen Idle

By Associated Press. New York, Jan. 23.—The figures prepared for one of the large railroads, says the Tribune, show that a week ago there were 320,000 idle freight cars in the United States and about 8,000 locomotives laid up because of the falling off in traffic.

This is 14 per cent. of the total of freight cars in the country and equivalent to 8,000 trains for handling each of which four men are ordinarily required.

Drink Led to Suicide. By Associated Press. Hampton, Va., Jan. 23.—W. C. Bedford, manager of the Hampton and Phoebus Gas Company, committed suicide today by inhaling gas. He left a note that drink was the cause of his death. He was a brother-in-law of W. W. Baker, a New York broker.

Force at Rocky Creek Doubling

The Southern Power Co. is Rushing Work There Where a Force of 350 Men Are Already Engaged.

The present force of 350 workmen on the huge water-power development plant of the Rocky Creek of the Southern Power Company is to be doubled if the hands can be secured. General Manager W. S. Lee, of this city, who returned to Charlotte today after a two-days' visit to the plant, said today to a News man that if the company could secure even as many as 500 extra men immediately they would be employed and hurried to work at Rocky Creek. The weather is fine and it is the desire of the company to take advantage of it.

The company expects to finish the plant by September and put it in immediate commission. The demand for power is so great that the company cannot keep up with it unless it rushes to completion this Rocky Creek plant.

It is now about half finished, the dam being about 40 per cent under way. The force is starting to set up the water wheel. The plant will have an insulation of 40,000 horse-power. It is a duplicate in every respect of the Great Falls plant, which is two miles distant. There are already eight 5000 horse-power electrical developing machines at Great Falls, six at Ninety-nine Islands, and eight more will be installed at Rocky Creek—making 22 in all of 500 horse-power each. This will give the Southern Power Company over 100,000 available horse-power as its capacity.

The company has recently supplied 2,000 horse-power to Kannapolis, where Mr. Cannon is to manufacture towels on a big scale. It had also supplied power for the three cotton mills at Maiden.

Blackhand Society at Work in Chicago

By Associated Press. Chicago, Ill., Jan. 23.—A supposed dynamite bomb exploded here last night in the rear of a barber shop at No. 5 Polk street, which building adjoins the saloon of Patrick O'Mally, at whom the police think the bomb was aimed.

It is said that a Syrian proprietor of a barber shop adjoining, recently received several blackhand letters. The only damage was to the windows nearby.

Motion to Censure Government. By Associated Press. Tokio, Jan. 23.—The motion to censure the government Diet today feated in the lower house Diet today by 177 to 162. The debate lasted three hours and a half.

Amount Ginned from '07 Growth in United States Given At 10,337,607 Bales, Against 12,176,199 Last Year.

Number of Active Ginneries 27,370—Report Given in Full by States—Effect Of Report On Local Market.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—The census bureau today issued its report, showing cotton in the United States ginned from the growth of 1907 to January 16th, was 10,337,607 bales, against 12,176,199 bales for the same period last year and 9,989,634 bales for the same period in 1906.

Active Ginneries. The number of active ginneries is 27,370. Round bales counted as half bales. The number of round bales included 187,562 for 1908, 258,717 for 1907 and 270,669 for 1906.

Sea Island included 80,187 for 1908, 56,326 for 1907 and 104,710 for 1906. Distribution of Sea Island cotton for 1908, by states, is: Florida, 27,241; Georgia, 40,436; South Carolina, 12,330.

Report by States. Running bales ginned by states follows: Alabama, 1,070,193 bales, 3,441 ginneries. Arkansas, 667,196 bales, 2,104 ginneries. Florida, 53,473 bales; 247 ginneries. Georgia, 1,771,013 bales; 4,538 ginneries. Kentucky, 1,841 bales; two ginneries. Louisiana, 597,476 bales; 1,849 ginneries. Mississippi, 1,287,927 bales; 1,510 ginneries. Missouri, 29,378 bales; 75 ginneries. New Mexico, 303 bales; two ginneries.

North Carolina, 591,356 bales; 2,716 ginneries. Oklahoma, 779,650 bales; 971 ginneries. South Carolina, 1,094,707 bales; 3,177 ginneries. Tennessee, 248,434 bales; 663 ginneries. Texas, 2,146,548 bales; 3,975 ginneries. Virginia, 8,212 bales; 161 ginneries.

"The ginneries report was bullish—very bullish," said a local cotton man today, "and with normal conditions the price, instead of dropping ten points, would have advanced two cents a pound."

"The report was less than a great many expected, but on account of the still slow demand for cotton by the mills, the price is still about where it was."

March cotton, on the New York market, was off at the close just about 10 points, and this was due more from the general tone of conditions rather than the report.

Mr. Groves to Manage Hickory Insurance Co.

Special to The News. Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 23.—Mr. M. H. Groves who has been connected with the Southern Life and Trust company for the past year, has been made secretary and treasurer of the Hickory Insurance and Realty company, at Hickory, N. C. The company was recently organized with a capital stock of \$10,000. Mr. Groves has had splendid experience in this work and his friends predict a bright future for him.

Charlotte Gains a New Lawyer. Mr. L. M. Simmons, who for the past two years has been the coach of the University of North Carolina baseball team at Chapel Hill, has arrived in the city and opened law offices. Mr. Simmons is a Virginian by birth, received his academic education at Washington and Jefferson College in Pennsylvania, and pursued his legal studies in connection with his athletic work at Chapel Hill. Mr. Simmons has many friends here, having paid Charlotte visits in the past.

Saw a Print Shop for the First Time. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Snell, of Harrisburg, paid The News a visit today. They had never been inside a print shop before, and were much interested in the linotype machines, the reporters' bating out news on their typewriters, and the like of that. While these two had never seen work in a newspaper office they nevertheless keep up with current events by reading a daily paper and have for a number of years past been subscribers to The News.

The News is always glad to see its friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Montgomery have returned to their home at 1004 Boulevard.