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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

### VERY LITTLE BUSINESS WAS DONE.

The Usual Flood of Temperance Petitions and a Few Local Matters.

Thursday, Jan. 29th.

#### SENATE.

Only two bills were introduced in the senate today, one of which was to regulate the sale, branding and inspection of cotton seed meal.

The Harborage dispensary bill which was a special order came up. The bill is to submit to the qualified voters of Harborage township, Edgecombe county, the question of dispensary or no dispensary. After a spirited debate and strenuous opposition from Senator Loudon the bill passed all readings in the senate.

The senate was deluged with temperance petitions which were referred to the committee on appropriations and grievances.

#### HOUSE.

Only a few bills were introduced in the house. The feature of the day was the flood of petitions asking for temperance legislation. An effort was also made to observe the rules of the house in the order of business.

Among the bills introduced were: An act to incorporate the town of Stokes in Pitt county; to establish a dispensary at Wilson.

The bill to regulate the time of holding courts was ratified, and is now law.

### STRENUOUS HOCKEY.

When we used to play at shinney, in the days of long ago, now and then some blackened bruises on our shins we'd have to show. There was danger in the pastime. We were ready to admit, for where shinney sticks were whirling there was risk of getting hit.

But the old time sport of shinney was a very harmless game when compared with its successor, which has "hockey" for its name. For the players in the latter often drop all thoughts of fun and are swift in making bruises. So that triumph may be won.

There's but little risk of damage to the hockey player's shins. For each fellow is protected. On that portion of his pines, but when mixing in a scrimmage where the little puck has sped off a hockey stick is falling on some unprotected head.

Off is played the trick of tripping when a rival tries to pass, and at times they are all tumbling on the ice in struggling mass. Some are subjects for the surgeons ere the ending of the game, and quite lucky is the player who is neither bruised nor lame.

Football hustlers look in wonder at the "rough house" on the ice; husky pugilists are saying they'd not play at any price. All admit that they're "not in it" as to scrimmages or fights when they once behold a mixup of the doughy hockeyites.

—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

#### Heredit.

They were looking affectionately at their firstborn in his crib. "Isn't he a dear?" asked Mrs. Suburba softly. "But why do you suppose he insists on sleeping with his precious little hands stretched so far above his head, James?"

"That," replied Mr. Suburba thoughtfully, "is easily explained. He comes of a long line of street car strappers."

But Mrs. Suburba refused to see the joke, because she always gets a seat—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

#### The Last Straw.

"Well, what do you want now?" queried old Growells as the insurance solicitor entered his office. "You have bullied me into insuring my life, my store and the title to my real estate. What is left to insure?"

"It just dropped in," calmly replied the man with the adamant cheek, "to see if you would like to insure your insurance policies."—Chicago News.

#### Gotham's First Railroad.

The first railroad in New York city was the New York and Harlem, chartered in 1825 to run from Twenty-third street to the Harlem river, and which laid its first mile of track in 1825.

The Deadly Rattlesnake's Bite.

The deadly effect of the bite of the rattlesnake is a thing generally known. Even if after it an adult man escaped with his life it is only to endure a long illness and often to suffer the loss of a limb. As to small animals, a rat will sometimes die in thirty seconds after being bitten.

#### Mount Etna.

Etna's main crater is 1,725 feet wide and 325 feet deep. The mountain is 10,735 feet high.

#### Caged Birds.

Caged birds are frequently much troubled with insects in their eyes. It will be found that hanging a small bag of sulphur in the cage will prevent these insects worrying the birds; and will also improve their health in other ways.

Feet get cold; wears longer. Doves.

## DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

Under the newly adopted bylaws of the Red Cross society Miss Clara Barton is elected president for life and receives unusual authority.

The eighty-second birthday of Mrs. Mary A. Livermore was celebrated by the reading of a poem written for the occasion by Alice Stone Blackwell.

Miss Ellen Terry spends a great deal of leisure in collecting choice perfumes and gorgeous materials. The latter she uses in personal adornment as well as for decoration.

Miss Helen Gould's appearance in no way suggests the millionaire. She goes about her house in a gown which a country dressmaker might have made, and sometimes dons a big white apron to protect her dress.

Miss Ethel Barrymore evidently does not share the superstition that ill luck is bound to overtake those who wear opals, for she has an enormous one, pear shaped and fully three inches long, which she wears as a pendant.

Governor Crane of Massachusetts has appointed Miss Caroline Hazard, president of Wellesley college, a member of the Massachusetts state board of education to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer.

Mrs. McKinley ate her Christmas dinner with her sister, Mrs. Barber, in the old homestead in Canton, in which they dwell when they were Ida and Mary Saxton. It was the first holiday she has spent away from home since Mr. McKinley's death.

Ex-Empress Eugenie's photographs taken within the last twenty years are very few, but in all she presents a prolific view. The reason for this? The droop in her oblique eyes has accentuated with time and grief, and the empress is still mindful of her once great beauty.

"Vanumanutangl," which is Samoan for the "home of the singing bird," is the name given to her new residence in the Santa Cruz mountains of California by Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson. The spot is in one of the quietest parts of the great blue mountains and much like the old home at Vailima.

## PERT PERSONALS.

Andrew Carnegie is five days older than Mark Twain, but not half as funny.—Minneapolis Times.

Chauncey Depew is said to try his jokes on his cat. A cat, you know, has nine lives.—Houston Chronicle.

Prospective Speaker Cannon is now universally popular—like the umpire before the ball game starts.—Washington Star.

Governor Bailey of Kansas, who was elected upon a pre-election pledge that he would marry, now flatly refuses to fulfill the contract.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

It is now up to Nikola Tesla to announce the eve of some startling electrical discovery. Nikola always has something up his sleeve which he is just about to spring, but he never springs.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

## ITEMS FROM ITALY.

Italy devotes \$200,000 a year to the support of Italian schools in foreign countries.

In Italy the price of salt has been reduced 50 per cent by the government, whose monopoly it is.

It is proposed to erect a monument to Dante in Rome on the site now occupied by the equestrian statue of Marcus Aurelius.

Official inquiries show that 5,000 medals, 528 engravings and 117 designs and paintings have been stolen from the museum at Bassano, near Venice.

In view of the scare as to the permanency of typewritten records the Italian minister for justice has ordered that no typewritten document will be accepted as legal in Italy.

## CHURCHMEN.

The Rev. Dr. Roberts of Philadelphia, stated clerk of the Presbyterian general assembly, says the Confession of Faith will be revised.

Bishop John M. Walden of Cincinnati joined the Freemasons on Christmas day fifty years ago and has been an active worker in the order ever since.

Rev. Dr. George Francis Nelson of New York city, just elected archdeacon, served in the Union army during the civil war and was secretary to General Philip Sheridan and later secretary to Rev. Dr. Potter, now bishop, who was then rector of Grace church, New York.

## LAW POINTS.

A statute providing for the Torrens system of registering land titles is held in state ex rel. Douglass versus Westfall (Minn.), 57 L. R. A. 297, not to be unconstitutional.

A county treasurer and sureties on his bond are held, in Thomson versus Hall county (Neb.), 57 L. R. A. 303, to be liable for the loss of money by the failure of a bank in which it was deposited for safe keeping, in good faith, in the belief that the bank was solvent.

## SIRES AND SONS.

F. E. Garvin of Indianapolis, 73, is the president of the Associated Harvard Clubs of the United States.

Representative Jacob Ruppert, Jr. of New York has one of the finest collections of St. Bernards in the United States. Many are prize winners.

Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Chaffee, the original Tennessee and his partner of Bret Harte's romance, "Tennessee's Pardner," are still living at Groveland, Cal.

Dr. E. B. Clements, who has been sent to the legislature from Macon county, Mo., is the first Republican elected in that county in thirty-five years.

One of the richest titled men in Great Britain is the Duke of Buccleuch, who owns, chiefly in Scotland, his native place, some 450,000 acres of land, bringing an annual rental of over \$1,000,000.

Alfred Vanderbilt is more of an athlete than most of his family. He is a splendid horseman, a good polo player, is as skillful at golf as he used to be at tennis and is a first rate hand at hockey.

Elton Lower, the new chairman of the civil service commission of Cook county, Ill., is a newspaper man and during the early agitation for civil service reform was closely associated with the late John W. Eila.

Sir Francis Jeune, the London dignitary who presides over the divorce court there, is considerably over six feet tall. A burlesque writer recently called him "the greatest friend some people have at one period of their lives." He sometimes gets through as many as twenty suits in a day.

Congressman Loud of California was badly beaten in the race last November. On his way east to attend the opening of congress the train on which he was traveling was partially wrecked. A colleague congratulated him on escaping serious injury and Loud replied, "Oh, that was nothing after the wreck I was in on election day."

## TIMELY TOPICS.

Sir Thomas says he is going to lift the cup, and Washington is once again looking for a pennant winning club next year.—Washington Star.

A woman at the head of the greatest gun factories in the world will make the former references to the timid and gentle sex a trifle uncalled for.—Baltimore Herald.

The cake walk has been exported to Paris, and, like many California wines, will doubtless be imported after a little as the genuine French article. They call it the danse du gateau.—Houston Chronicle.

The verdict acquitting Laura Biggar and convicting her two male associates of conspiracy with regard to the Bennett estate is one of those manifestations of the superiority of juries to logic that frequently take away the breath.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

## THE WRITERS.

Colonel Thomas Wentworth Higginson has just celebrated his seventy-ninth birthday.

Fanne Vanzel, the noted Italian novelist, is in California gathering material for a novel dealing with life and social conditions in that region.

Justin McCarthy has just passed his seventy-second birthday. He has apparently abandoned novel writing and is devoting himself exclusively to history.

The eminent German playwright, Gerhardt Hauptmann, is only forty years old. He was born at Obersiebenbrunn, in Silesia. His father was a hotel keeper. He first came into general notice through the performance of his "Vor Sonnenaufgang," which made a great sensation.

#### Power In Fungus.

A single fungus plant has been known to attain a weight of thirty-four pounds in six weeks. The power of expansion which fungi possess is wonderful. Great toadstools will sometimes lift heavy paving stones out of their bed, and it was once necessary to remove the whole of a certain town in England in consequence of such a disturbance.

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## OVERMAN GETS THE SENATORSHIP

### THE LONG FIGHT IS AT LAST ENDED.

The Sixty-first Ballot: Overman 73, Watson 58, Craig 11.

Raleigh Post, 30th.

Hon. Lee S. Overman will succeed Hon. Jeter C. Pritchard in the United States senate.

The nomination was given him on the 61st ballot last night after a fight extending over a period of three weeks, in which three of North Carolina's ablest and brightest men have contended for the high honor.

When the result of the 61st ballot was announced the wildest enthusiasm broke loose. It was with great difficulty in fact that the report of the tellers could be heard. The galleries cheered and screamed and members mounted chairs waving hats and handkerchiefs.

As soon as order could be restored sufficiently for one man's voice to be heard above another, Senator Webb, of Buncombe, was recognized. He moved to make the nomination of Mr. Overman unanimous. Gov. Doughton seconded the motion, and the caucus again went wild. The leaders for the other candidates were equal to the occasion and ended the fight with the same good feeling that has characterized it from the beginning.

The motion to make the nomination unanimous was adopted with a whoop, and pandemonium broke loose again. The cheering lasted for several minutes.

On motion of Speaker Gattis a committee was appointed to wait upon Mr. Overman and the other candidates and escort them to the hall.

As the next senator was ushered in the great assembly rose and loud applause shook the building. As he marched down the aisle members grabbed him by the hand. He looked the model senator, dressed in a neat fitting black prince Albert and wearing a small red button-hole bouquet, his handsome face wearing a look of dignity through which beamed pleasure and satisfaction.

Behind Mr. Overman came Messrs. Craig and Watson. As the former came down the aisle a member yelled "three cheers for Locke Craig" and he was given with hearty good will. Like enthusiasm greeted Mr. Watson, the gallant soldier who has been so strong a factor in the fight.

When the candidates had been escorted to the front the doors were thrown open and in a moment the hall was packed by a dense throng, and everybody was filled with enthusiasm, not especially to cheer the nomination of Mr. Overman, because the prize fell to him. It would have been just the same had it been one of the other gentlemen, for all are Democrats and worthy of any honor the State can bestow. All are capable, loyal and great. All are loved by North Carolinians and the success of either meant a signal for Democrats to cheer and applaud the nominee.

King speeches were made by the candidates, punctuated with applause at almost every sentence.

When the Democratic joint caucus met last night to take another whirl at the nomination of a candidate for United States senator there was such a stir about the hall that it required fifteen minutes to call the roll and ascertain the number of senators and representatives present. When it was finally completed 144 had answered to their names.

Senator Webb moved that the resolution adopted at the last meeting of the caucus with reference to those entitled to remain on the floor of the hall, and that those not eligible under the rule be invited to retire. The motion was adopted and Senator Webb, Senator Bellamy and Representative Watts were appointed a committee of three to ascertain if the resolution was being infringed upon and to ask the persons so infringing to retire.

The enforcement of this rule required several minutes more and at 8:25 the roll call began for the fifty-seventh ballot, which resulted as follows:

Watson..... 61  
Overman..... 64  
Craig..... 19

The names of both Watson and Overman were cheered when the result was announced. The ballot showed one more vote than was cast on the last ballot Tuesday night. Watson gained that one and with that exception the 57th ballot was the same as the 56th. The roll was again called and the 58th ballot put Overman in the lead:

Overman..... 69  
Watson..... 64  
Craig..... 19

The announcement of this ballot was greeted by loud applause on the part of the Overman forces, who evidently thought they saw in the break the beginning of the end. Craig's nineteen men were standing firm, however, and there was no indication of what they intended doing unless it was to stick to their man. Part of the Overman contingent smiled and others looked anxious. Watson's men bestirred themselves as the next ballot was called. The 59th resulted as follows:

Overman..... 69  
Watson..... 61  
Craig..... 14

This was the signal for loud cheering both by Overman and Watson men in which the galleries joined heartily. At this juncture there was lively stirring among the leaders of Craig's campaign and that gentleman was communicated with by phone in his room

at the Yarbrough. Both Overman and Watson men were active. The 60th ballot was called slowly. The result was as follows:

Overman..... 70  
Watson..... 59  
Craig..... 14

This was another signal for loud applause by Overman supporters. The Rowan man lacked only two of a nomination and his friends were energetic in rallying the forces they expected to land him the next ballot. "Let's vote again and end it," shouted an enthusiastic member. The 61st ballot was called with the following result:

Overman..... 73  
Watson..... 58  
Craig..... 11

This gave Overman a majority and the long fight was ended.

#### Morgan Threatens to Talk Canal Treaty To Death.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The senate foreign relations committee did not hold its regular meeting today owing to the absence of Chairman Cullom, who is attending the session of the regents of the Smithsonian Institution. The committee will sit Saturday to further consider the Panama canal treaty. It is the expectation that a favorable report can then be made on it to the senate, despite the opposition of Senator Morgan.

The members of the committee are hopeful that the senate will ratify the convention within ten days, especially as Senator Quay has informed them that he will not oppose the treaty with the statehood bill. He told members of the committee today that he considered the canal treaty of such paramount importance, especially in view of the internal complications which might ensue upon great delay, that he would consent to lay aside the statehood bill for the consideration of the treaty in executive session, in order that it might be ratified promptly and the actual work of construction begun with as little delay as possible.

Senator Morgan, however, will oppose the treaty to the utmost. He has told members of the committee that he intends to talk it to death if possible. His ability to make long speeches is unquestioned. If he carries out his threat he will certainly delay action through the senate. He is apparently alone in the fight against the treaty.

#### Lively Gubernatorial Contest for 1904.

Raleigh Cor. Salisbury Sun.

Slates are being made at a rate that would be astonishing to one on the outside. Already the gubernatorial fight, yet a year and a half off, is on in full blast, and the contest promises to be a memorable one. Two avowed candidates are Lieutenant Governor W. D. Turner, of Iredell, and Col. John S. Cuningham, of Person. General Theo. F. Davidson, of Buncombe, is being boomed by friends from both the east and west while it is announced that General Julian S. Carr will be a receptive candidate, although General Carr himself says that he has no such aspirations. The name of Col. R. B. Glenn, of Winston, is also heard mentioned as a probable candidate, and a prominent Raleigh citizen offered last week to wager that there would be as many as eight candidates in the field when the convention met.

#### A Problem in Mental Arithmetic.

Charlotte Observer.

All the trouble at the graded schools is not put on the shoulders of the pupils. For instance, Prof. Alexander Graham, the superintendent, yesterday gave a problem to all his teachers in mental arithmetic to be solved by them mentally. The problem submitted to the teachers is as follows:

The interest of the sum of 4 of A's, 5-9 of B's, and 5-12 of C's fortunes, for 3 years, 7 months and 6 days at 10 per cent, is such as will in the same time, at 4 the rate per cent, amount to \$531. What is the fortune of each, provided 1/4 times C's part of the principal equals 2 of B's and 7-10 of B's part of the principal equals 1-5 of A's.

Now, what is it?

#### Girl Wanted to Shoot.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Jan. 29.—A negro named Hubbard Terrell was arrested and jailed this morning on the charge of being the party who has on several occasions stopped and used language that indicated he intended making a criminal assault upon Miss Ellen Greer, a white girl, while en route to her work. The policeman who made the arrest was watching for Terrell. The negro stopped the girl at the same place of former attacks. After the arrest Miss Greer asked the officer to allow her to kill the negro. She had the pistol with which she fired upon Terrell last Tuesday morning. While telling a friend about the arrest of the negro Miss Greer fainted and had to be carried home.

#### A Pup With Four Tails.

Lancaster (S. C.) Ledger.

A six weeks-old half-pug pup with four tails was exhibited at this office yesterday by its owner, Will Blake, colored. The tails are from one to four inches in length, one grows out from its breast, one under its left fore-leg and the other extra tail is near the regular tail, which is full size. The proud possessor of this freak was offered \$4.50 for it by a drummer but will not part with it at any price.

A dose of Anway's Croup Syrup might save baby's life, if given at beginning of attack. Croup is dangerous and Anway's is safe, safer to have a bottle in the house. Thousands use it and recommend it. Try it for baby's cough or cold. 25 cts., at J. E. Hood's drug store.

A lot of Vest Pocket Receipt Books, 5 cents each at The Free Press office.

## OLD NORTH STATE NEWS AND GOSSIP

### ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

Clipped and Rehased From Our North Carolina Exchanges.

The State convention of the Young Men's Christian association will be held at Winston March 7-10.

Charlotte Observer: Miss Nellie Orr, daughter of Dr. W. W. Orr, got her hand seriously burned Saturday. She was cleaning her gloves with benzine when unthoughtfully she held them up to the gas jet to inspect them. The gloves blazed and the benzine on her hands caused them to be painfully burned.

Raleigh Post: Charged with an assault with intent to outrage a little white girl, Courtney Jeffreys, a negro boy about fourteen years old, was committed to the county jail in default of \$100 bond. The commitment was by Squire Hefflin. The assault was made Tuesday afternoon while the little girl, aged 10 years and her brother seven years old, were going home from the graded school in this city, their home being near Pullen Park. The evidence at the trial indicated strongly, the justice said, that it was not a case of simple assault. The name of the little girl is withheld at the request of the father.

Winston Journal: Three men held up the Winston-Mooreville freight due here about ten o'clock at night about three miles this side of Mocksville. Three torpedoes were placed on the track and the engineer promptly stopped the train. The men climbed on a freight car and the train pulled out. Just on the other side of Mocksville more torpedoes were placed on the track but the engineer seeing a man on the track opened the throttle and ran past. The men left the train at Barbee's Junction and started through an open field. It is thought that they were the Mocksville bank robbers.

Winston-Salem, Jan. 28.—Mr. J. H. Sparks, the wealthy showman, who was bitten on the arm last week by one of the young lions he was raising at Wade Mecum Springs, died at the hospital here this morning from blood poisoning caused by the wounds inflicted. The remains were expressed to East Brady, Pa., today, where they will be interred. Mr. Sparks had invested several thousand dollars in the summer resort at Wade Mecum Springs, and he had decided to make it his home and build him an elegant residence at this place. His brothers, who have been managing Mr. Sparks' circus for some time, will, with others, carry out the plans outlined by the deceased brother at the Springs.

Monroe, Jan. 28.—Eli Rogers, the man who shot and killed Miss Pressley and the Richardson negro at Indian Trail on the 26th, came to the house of Mr. J. D. Miller, who resided in that neighborhood, this morning and asked him to drive him to Monroe as he wanted to surrender. This he did promptly upon arrival here about daybreak, and is now here in the county jail awaiting a preliminary hearing tomorrow. The writer had an interview with Rogers this afternoon. He is a very poor specimen of manhood; but he converses very well, although it is very evident that he is unbalanced. He says he killed the young lady because he loved her, and the negro because he was too smart. He will be tried at the February term of court for murder, but the defense will enter a plea of insanity. He will no doubt be sent back to the asylum at Morganton.

Charlotte Observer: There was a sudden stoppage of carriages, buggies, carts and pedestrians in the vicinity of the Elks' Club, on North Tryon street at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, by the cries of a child in distress. The cries were of an agonized nature and seemed to come from somewhere up in the air. People ran to the store doors and in less than five minutes the street was blocked by a crowd of 200 people. All the time the screams were becoming more frantic and finally the trouble was located on the balcony of the residence over Williams' plumbing store, occupied by Mrs. Mary Beaman. A little girl was seen struggling to release her head which had become fastened between the banisters. Having slipped her head through the narrow space, she was unable to withdraw it. Willing hands quickly attempted her rescue, but twist and turn and pull as they would, the head could not be withdrawn. Finally a cool headed man appeared with a saw and began work on one of the banisters. As the saw cut through the wood and the little child jumped back out of the trap, the crowd in the street gave a cheer and the incident was closed.

#### Good Advice.

The most miserable beings in the world are those suffering from Dyspepsia and Liver complaint. More than seventy-five per cent. of the people in the United States are afflicted with these two diseases and their effects, such as Sour Stomach, Sick Headache, Habitual Costiveness, Palpitation of the Heart, Heart-burn, Waterbrash, Gnawing and Burning Pains at the Pit of the Stomach, Yellow Skin, Coated Tongue and Disagreeable Taste in the Mouth. Coming up of Food after Eating, Low Spirits, etc. Go to your Druggist and get a bottle of August Flower for 25 or 75 cents. Two doses will relieve you. Try it.