

Oyster Bay Treated to a Genuine Surprise

Senator McLaurin Declines to Go on the Court of Claims. Bases His Action on a Newspaper Article

Oyster Bay, July 21.—Senator John Lowndes McLaurin of South Carolina has declined the appointment to the vacancy on the United States court of claims. The president offered to appoint Senator McLaurin, but he has written that he cannot accept the place. This letter is couched in the most positive terms and was apparently in particular based on a newspaper article, which he enclosed in his letter, which said that he had sold himself for the prospect of getting such an office as the one that had been offered him.

The Fire Laddies Are Coming in Full Force

Convention Meets Today at Eleven O'Clock—Racing Begins Tomorrow Morning

Welcome fire laddies! The Post, in common with the balance of the city of Raleigh extends to you the glad hand and bids you enjoy yourselves. Yesterday's trains brought representatives to the firemen's convention from Greensboro, Durham, Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Concord, Salisbury, Spencer, Goldsboro, Tarboro, New Bern, Elizabeth City, Fayetteville and perhaps other towns. The trains this morning will bring many more from the towns named and from other places all over the state where there are organized fire departments.

A number of pieces of apparatus have already arrived from Goldsboro, Tarboro, Elizabeth City and Salisbury. The others will arrive today and tonight, and all will be here in time for the races, which begin tomorrow morning after the imposing street parade.

Convention Meets Today

At 11 o'clock today President McNeill will call the annual meeting to order in Metropolitan Hall. The convention will be opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. J. McK. Pittsinger, and Hon. Robert N. Simms will deliver the address of welcome. There will be responses by representatives of various companies. Then will follow the regular order of business, embracing the consideration of various matters for the good of the organization.

Program for Tomorrow

Tomorrow will begin the real fun—the tournament contests. The day's events will be ushered in by an imposing street parade, participated in by the local and all visiting fire companies with apparatus decorated and all members in full uniform. The parade will be under the personal direction of Chief Marshal Joseph E. Pogue, and his assistants. Mr. Pogue has been hard at work to make this feature one of the most splendid ever seen on a similar occasion.

here today with marked surprise. The Senator came here a week ago to see the president about the appointment, and after the interview confided to his friends that the president had offered him the place and he had accepted it. The appointment is for life and the position is regarded as a most desirable one. Evidently Senator McLaurin's change of mind has been wrought within a few days. Practical men in politics will find it hard to believe that the Senator has been influenced to make this change in his life plans by an editorial criticism, harsher perhaps, but in the same spirit with many other utterances of the southern Democratic press when Senator McLaurin cast his vote in the senate for the policies of the administration. Senator McLaurin must have known that in the cloak rooms of the senate quick tempered Senators from the south had said things about his course quite in the same vein and had promised to use their endeavors to defeat his confirmation if the president should send his name to the senate. Several weeks ago President Roosevelt assured Senator McLaurin that he would not be deterred by any fear of a senatorial holdup. The president is confident that enough votes could be had in the senate to confirm Senator McLaurin. He has written a letter to Senator McLaurin expressing his deep regret that he has declined the offer for Senator McLaurin's term will expire next March, and it was thought here today that he had decided to make a fight for re-election to the senate. If he is not planning for such a campaign it is possible the president will find a place for him in some other department of public service. The only places of consequence now in the gift of the president are the Panama canal commission, and the Senator may get one of these.

AS TO MR. BRYAN

Where a Contributor Falls Into an Error

Rocky Mount, N. C., July 18. To the Editor of The Post: This is a progressive age—an age in which people are thinking and to think is to advance forward, and not backward, which the Democratic party is doing. The very idea of the State Convention endorsing the Kansas City platform and William Jennings Bryan is absurd. There are thousands of voters that will not vote on account of this endorsement. We have tried Bryan twice and we know he is not the man. He made a much weaker candidate the second time than he did the first. He is a middle-of-the-road Populist.

Now the suffrage amendment has been adopted and the negro virtually eliminated, you will see men voting for men and not party. Of course all parties will vote for such men as H. Groves, Connor, the nominee for associate justice. His traits of personal character are most charming. His name is the synonym of every manly virtue, and his devotion to North Carolina and its people is an instinct that animates his being. Springing from the rank and file of the people, he has risen by industry, integrity and native force of intellect to the highest rank among his countrymen. I have known him since he was a boy. I can truly say he has been the architect of his own fortune and he is today a beacon light to every young man in North Carolina who is struggling with adverse fortune to guide and encourage him to paths of rectitude and honor. E. E. ELLIS.

Building Collapsed

While repairs were being made to the old store building corner of Jones and Salisbury streets yesterday there was a collapse that has seriously retarded the work if not stopping it. The first story workmen were raising the second story about two feet when the underpinning gave way and the frame part of the building fell and pitched forward about three feet with a crash. No one was hurt, and the original program will be carried out if the walls are strong enough to allow a second raising. It is the property of Mr. W. W. Vass and some colored men have the contract for repairing it.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY

CONDENSED SCHEDULE IN EFFECT JUNE 15th, 1902

This schedule is published as information, and is subject to change without notice to the public.

TRAINS LEAVE RALEIGH.

NO. 11.—1:00 a. m. daily.—Carries Pullman sleeper Goldsboro to Greensboro. It is connecting at Greensboro with train 33, New York and Florida Express for Salisbury, Charlotte, Columbia, Aiken, Augusta, Savannah, Jacksonville and all points in Florida, with main line train No. 37, "Washington and Southwestern Limited," for Salisbury, Charlotte, Spartanburg, Greenville, Atlanta, Montgomery, Mobile, New Orleans and Memphis. Also connects at Greensboro with train No. 39 for Charlotte, Spartanburg, Greenville and Atlanta. Also with main line train No. 11 for High Point, Asheboro, Salisbury, Concord and all local points between Charlotte and Atlanta. Connecting at Salisbury with train for all points in Western North Carolina, including Asheville, and for Knoxville, Chattanooga, Nashville, Louisville, Chicago, St. Louis, St. Paul, St. Petersburg, West and Northwest. Connection is also made at Greensboro with train for Winston-Salem, Wilkesboro, Reidsville, Danville and local stations.

FUND FOR STRIKERS

It Is Expected to Amount to a Dollar a Week for Each Dependent

Indianapolis, July 21.—President John Mitchell of the United Mine Workers, Secretary-Treasurer Wilson and members of the executive board spent the day in conference over the methods of distributing the strike fund among the anthracite strikers, and were assisted by President Nichols and Secretary Dempsey of anthracite district number 1. The figures submitted showed that there are in round numbers 100,000 miners who will receive aid from the fund, and these with their families will probably make a total of 500,000 persons who will have to be supported in part at least while the strike continues. It was estimated that 25,000 to 30,000 miners have left the anthracite region since the strike began, either returning to homes in foreign countries or getting work which will make them self-supporting. According to these estimates the strike fund will average about \$1 per week for each dependent person.

SUIT FOR LIBEL

A Winston Lady Will Sue a Norfolk Newspaper

Winston-Salem, N. C., July 21.—Special.—Mrs. Victoria Roberts of this city has employed counsel here and at Norfolk, Va., to institute suit in the United States Circuit Court against the Virginia-Pilot of Norfolk. Mrs. Roberts considers that she has been slandered by an article which appeared in the paper connecting her name with that of Charles F. Osborne, accused of murdering two wives. Mrs. Roberts and Osborne's second wife were good friends during their residence in Winston. It is probable that a suit will also be instituted against a North Carolina paper which published the substance of the Norfolk paper's article in a telegram sent by a correspondent.

MRS. FABIUS HAYWOOD INJURED

We regret to learn that Mrs. Haywood, the venerable relic of the late Dr. Fabius Haywood, has met with a painful accident caused by a fall in her room, from which a slight fracture of the hip resulted. Last evening Mrs. Haywood was reported to be resting quietly. She is one of the oldest residents of the city, being in her 91st year.

NEW CHARTERS AND CORPORATION CHANGES

The secretary of state chartered the M. P. Jordan Tobacco Company of Greenville yesterday with \$20,000 capital. The incorporators are M. P. Jordan and R. L. Dabrell of Danville and P. L. Walker of Greenville.

Another company chartered was the McCreary-Redding Hardware Company of Asheboro. The capital is \$10,000 and the incorporators are D. B. McCreary, T. H. Redding, W. J. Miller, T. J. Winslow, W. J. Armfield and W. J. Seabrook.

The A. B. Carrington Company of Wilson, filed notice that the company name has been changed to the Venable Tobacco Company, with S. W. Venable in charge of the business.

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