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Today will be
fair, continued
cold.

A New Place Picked Out for Pritchard

Tillman Has Trouble, About Unloading His Indianola Speech — Democrats Are Not Worried

Agan today Senator Tillman announced that he would speak tomorrow, but there are indications that possibly he will experience another disappointment. Since it has been decided to smoke Senator Moran out on the canal treaty the Senate will probably go into executive session early tomorrow and remain late. The Democrats will not be likely to object to the plan, because they think Tillman's discussions of southern questions and the race problem do more harm than good. They are all of the opinion that his violence of language may injure the party's prospects for the final rejection of Crum's nomination by the Senate. If Tillman can be choked off the Democrats in the Senate will be delighted.

There are only thirteen legislative days of the session of Congress remaining, and little business outside of that demanded by urgent public necessity will be transacted. Certain it is that no such measure as the Crum-packer resolution, the freedmen's commission, or the ex-Sheriff pension fraud will be taken up. Way Republican leaders realize that they have enough to answer for without hunting up more trouble.

The Society of the Cincinnati will hold its annual meeting in Charlotte on the 24th, when the members will make a pilgrimage to the battlefield of Kings Mountain. General Chas. L. Davis, secretary of the society and organizer of the North Carolina branch, is making arrangements for the meeting. He recently returned from the Philippines and was appointed a brigadier general by the president soon after his return. General Davis says that one of the matters the society will discuss is the arrangements for the erection of the monuments to General Nash and Davidson, which were authorized by this Congress. Members of the society are of the opinion that they are responsible for the passage of the resolution authorizing the erection of the statues of the revolutionary heroes, and that they should select the inscriptions and have charge of the unveiling, etc.

In order to give a hearing to all elements that are interested in the Charlotte post office fight, Senator Pritchard today telegraphed George F. Hiss to come here Thursday when Jake Newell and his following will move on Washington. The anti-Hiss Republicans are working like bees in Newell's behalf, but whether they have sufficiently impressed the senator to cause him to throw Smith overboard is a doubtful matter. Newell certainly has the backing of the faithful.

Real Howling Hurricane Sweeps Over Burlington

Mills and Houses Suffer Damage — Severe Blow at Greensboro — Storm Raging Far and Near

Burlington, N. C., Feb. 17.—Special.—One of the most disastrous storms which has visited this section for years prevailed yesterday evening and last night. With almost hurricane violence the storm broke over this city about 10 o'clock. Rain fell in torrents and the wind blew a stiff gale, at times reaching a velocity of from fifty to fifty miles an hour. At 1 o'clock this morning a second storm, even more violent than the storm last night, struck Burlington, adding to the damage already done. Considerable damage was done to property, but no loss of life has been reported. Several dwelling houses were partly unroofed, chimneys were blown down, and much damage was done by water to furniture and household goods. A portion of the roof of the Plaid Cotton Mills was blown off and slight damage was done to the Elmira Cotton Mills. The damage to the former being about \$200, fully covered by insurance, represented by James P. Albright of this city. About seventy-five feet of roofing of the main building of the steel bridge works was blown off. Telephone communication over the county is almost completely suspended. All telegraphic com-

drug store had its beautiful front blown off and J. C. Bruton's was unroofed and otherwise damaged. The damage done to these two buildings will exceed five hundred dollars.

Hurricane Off the Coast

Portsmouth, Va., Feb. 17.—A hurricane blew off this coast last night. The city a velocity of thirty-six miles the gale reached Cape Henry the velocity of seventy miles an hour from the north. No disasters to shipping are reported from that point. The government wire to Cape Hatteras is down. The most dangerous part of the wild North Carolina coast is cut off from communication. All shipping out in the storm fared badly. The battleship Maine, bound for Hampton Roads, was in the storm.

Cold Wave, Snow and Flood

Pittsburg, Feb. 17.—Pittsburg is in the grip of a cold wave, heavy snow and a flood. Luckily the high water just missed the danger point and, beyond flooding the lowlands and causing inconvenience to owners of plants along the river front, no damage was done. During the night a fierce snow and wind storm developed, and this morning there is a half foot of snow on the level, and zero weather prevails. Street car service has been seriously impeded and all trains east and west are from low to four hours late.

Worst of the Winter

Boston, Feb. 17.—The worst snow storm of the winter prevailed here last night. Snow continued to fall this forenoon. Railroad and street car service was badly hampered and shipping was generally tied up. Several vessels which left port last night are supposed to have experienced a hard night. There is a large number of trans-Atlantic vessels due at this port.

Fifteen Inches and Still Snowing

Schenectady, N. Y., Feb. 17.—This city and vicinity is experiencing the worst blizzard of the season. Since yesterday afternoon more than fifteen inches of snow have fallen, and it is still snowing hard. The railroad trains are hours late, and scarcely any attempt is being made to maintain the schedule. The inter-urban trolley systems are greatly impeded and the local railway service has been tied up almost completely.

The South Catalogs It

St. Louis, Feb. 17.—At 7 a. m. by the thermometer at the weather bureau it registered six degrees below zero, the coldest weather of the season for this vicinity.

Louisville, Feb. 17.—Following a thirty-six hour rain and a half day's record breaking snow fall, Louisville this morning experienced the coldest weather of the winter—one above zero.

Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 17.—A cold wave of unusual severity is passing over Texas. Wheat has been benefited and is protected from freezing by the blanket of snow which covers the earth to a depth of four to eight inches. The temperature has fallen as low as 29 above zero here, with lower temperatures north of here. As the temperature fell to zero on the plains the damage to live stock will be enormous.

Sandy Stevenson on Trial

Winston-Salem, N. C., Feb. 17.—Special.—Sandy Stevenson was put on trial in the superior court today on the charge of being one of the parties that murdered John Miller, a young man, December 21st, by throwing him into a well. John Russell and Joe Degraft, cell-mates of the defendant, testified that Stevenson told them that his brother Rufus, who killed himself the next day after Miller was killed, and Ham Donith threw Miller into the well and that Sandy said: "After throwing him in, we all ran." The defense did not offer an testimony. The case will be concluded tomorrow.

Dr. Battle Accepts

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 17.—Special.—Rev. Dr. H. W. Battle, who has been pastor of the principal Baptist church of Petersburg, has finally accepted the call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Greensboro.

Died

Miss Ada Whitaker, oldest daughter of Mr. D. W. Whitaker, of Oak Ridge, N. C. She was the sister of Representative T. E. Whitaker and Mr. W. P. Whitaker. She had been an invalid and a great sufferer for many years. Her funeral services will be held at the family burying ground in Durham.

First Monkey.—"What are you thinking of, Simian?"

Second Monkey.—"Why, after looking over that bunch of dudes out there I am wondering what we are doing on this side of the cage!"

JUNIOR ORDER

Opening of the State Council Annual Meeting

High Point, N. C., Feb. 17.—Special.—The twelfth annual session of the state council Junior Order United American Mechanics began here this afternoon with exercises in the opera house. A crowded house was present. On the rostrum was a grade of boys and girls from the school. Mayor J. J. Cox, State Councilor C. E. Bennett of Winston-Salem, State Vice Councilor G. E. Hood of Goldsboro, Junior Past State Councilor C. B. Webb of Statesville, and other distinguished men in the order. The address of welcome was delivered by Mayor J. J. Cox and the response by State Vice Councilor G. E. Hood. Rev. W. H. Roach, state chaplain, delivered the address to the state council. It was well worded and to the point, and was received with much interest. Rev. G. F. Kirby delivered the opening prayer of the exercises. Music was rendered by the High Point cornet band.

Tonight at 7:30 o'clock the exercises in the opera house were also public. W. P. Ragan, Esq., of this place, delivered a speech to the body on behalf of the two local councils. He was a good speech and was appreciated by those present. The response by Rev. E. E. Sawyer of Elizabeth City.

Littlefield Trust Bill Reported to the Senate

Teller Speaks His Mind as to a Piece of Nonsense About the Statehood Argument. Depew Still at It

Washington, Feb. 17.—Soon after the Senate met today Mr. Hoar, from the committee on judiciary, reported the Littlefield anti-trust bill as amended.

Mr. Platt of Connecticut, of the committee, stated that it was not a unanimous report, and that he was opposed to the measure. He said a large proportion of the bill had been more wisely and appropriately treated in legislation recently enacted. Concerning the new features there were, he said, unconstitutional provisions in the bill. Even if they were within the constitutional authority of Congress, they are mischievous and will work great injury to the business interests of the country.

The Quary resolution setting for a vote on the statehood bill went over. The Carmack resolution, directing the committee on Philippines to visit the islands to investigate conditions, was on Mr. Lodge's motion, referred to the committee on Philippines on a yeas and nays—37 to 21.

AN AMESING SPAT

Littlefield and Sulzer Entertained the House

Washington, Feb. 17.—The most notable incident of today's proceedings of the House was the passage between Messrs. Littlefield and Sulzer, growing out of their controversy over the anti-trust legislation before the House at this session. Mr. Littlefield charged Mr. Sulzer with a "premeditated, deliberate and intended" perversion of the record, in connection with his speech during the consideration of the Elkins bill last Friday, replying to some criticisms of his own anti-trust bill by Littlefield. Mr. Littlefield denied Sulzer's statement that his bill was the production of a New York anti-trust lawyer and certain statements respecting it credited to the president in a New York World dispatch, that Sulzer inserted in his speech.

was a timely one that very favorably impressed all present.

Damaging Report

Winston-Salem, N. C., Feb. 17.—Special.—The grand jury visited the county home this morning and this afternoon made a report to Judge Shaw that was decidedly damaging to the keeper of the home, Robert Fulcher. The jury charges him with not properly caring for the inmates. Judge Shaw instructed the jury to return a bill against Fulcher.

Dossett Buried in Durham

Durham, N. C., Feb. 17.—Special.—The remains of the late A. N. Dossett, who was killed by an accident on board the battleship Massachusetts, were interred in the city cemetery this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The body now rests in the soldiers' lot, purchased since the war with South Carolina. The pallbearers were furnished by the two military companies. The deceased was hurt January 15, and died in Porto Rico January 22.

Whiskey Question Engages the House

Speech-making was Resumed Yesterday — Smith Warms Up to His Substitute — A Large Number of New Bills Introduced

The whiskey question is again the absorbing topic in the House branch of the Legislature. The discussion of the Watts bill, which began last week, was suspended for two days, Saturday and Monday, during which time Speaker Gattis showed his fine ability to dispatch business in the large amount of work he swept from the calendar. It will require only a few days of speech-making, however, to bring about a congested condition of the calendar, as many bills were introduced yesterday as were passed the previous day, to say nothing of the reports from standing committees, which placed many bills on the calendar. Only a few bills were passed yesterday, and the outlook is promising for a short day in that line today, as the revenue bill has been made special order for 12 o'clock.

The Watts bill, with its amendments and substitutes was special order as unfinished business yesterday at the expiration of the morning hour, but a few gentlemen, anxious to get their bills off the calendar, succeeded in having the rules suspended for their passage. In this way a half dozen local bills passed final reading. Others were anxious to get bills through in the same way, but Mr. Watts declined to consent to further postponement of the special order.

House Work in Detail

The House was called to order at 10 o'clock and prayer was offered by Rev. H. A. Humble of Littleton.

The following petitions were introduced:

- To incorporate New Hope Methodist church in Granville county.
- For dispensary legislation, from Snow Hill.
- To appoint a justice of the peace in Stanchy county.
- From Vance county, for temperance legislation.
- From Wake county, for temperance legislation.
- From Youngsville, in favor of the Murphy bill.
- From Wilkes county, against prohibition.

Bills Introduced

By Dockery—An act to increase the number of commissioners for Richmond county.

By Dockery—An act to appoint justices of the peace in Richmond county.

By McKinn—An act for the relief of W. A. Newell, an old soldier.

By Price of Rockingham—An act to provide for better drainage of Troublesome creek.

By Lucas—An act for the protection of fish in Hyde county.

By Lucas—An act to provide for the improvement of the public roads in Hyde county.

By Lucas—An act to appoint justices of the peace in Gaston county.

By Mason—An act to authorize the sale of the oyster steamer Lily.

By Curtis—An act to prevent fishing in certain streams.

By Hamlin—An act relative to putting sawdust in certain streams.

By Hinton—An act relative to reducing the expenses of Pasquotank.

By Gay—An act to provide for the payment of certain indebtedness.

By Gay—An act for the election of town treasurer by the people.

By Thomas—An act to prevent stock from running at large in Ashe county.

By Phillips—An act to provide for the election of county school superintendent in Brunswick county.

By Hill—An act in respect to public roads in Robeson county.

By Harrington of Harnett—An act to authorize the commissioners of Harnett to levy a special tax.

By Morris of McDowell—An act to establish a dispensary at Old Fort.

By Williams—An act to preserve and protect birds in Union county.

By Ricks—An act to amend chapter 42, laws of 1901.

By Willis—An act to place Stephen J. Ruie on pension roll.

By Fuller, by request—An act to incorporate the Home Savings Bank.

By Fuller, by request—An act to incorporate the Durham Loan and Trust Company.

By Simpson of Union—An act to reconstitute the boards of road supervisors to meet in regular session.

By Price of Stanly—An act to amend the charter of the town of Big Lick.

By Price of Stanly—An act to amend the Stanly county road law.

By Price of Stanly—An act to prohibit public drunkenness in Stanly county.

By Shelton—An act to incorporate the town of Old Sparta in Edgecombe county.

By Etheridge—An act to prohibit rifle shooting in Dare county.

By Etheridge—An act to incorporate Methodist church in Dare county.

By Etheridge—An act to please or

tain names on pension roll.

By Dobson—An act to authorize a special tax in Surry county.

By Hughes—An act to amend the law relative to fishing in Camden county.

By Mitchell—An act for the relief of Dr. G. D. Bingham.

By Mitchell—An act for the relief of E. J. Morris.

By Michael—An act to pension the widows of Confederate soldiers.

By Alken—An act to authorize a special tax in Transylvania.

By Graham—An act to incorporate New Hope church in Granville county.

By King—An act to provide for the working of roads in Pitt.

By Hunter—An act to compensate the owners of stolen property.

By Dreury—An act to incorporate the Raleigh Trust and Safe Deposit Company.

Passed Final Reading

An act to amend the charter of the Bank of Fayetteville.

An act to provide for the better drainage of Lower creek in Burke and Caldwell counties.

An act to incorporate the Piedmont industrial school.

An act to allow the citizens of Gaston county to express their views on the removal of the county seat from Dallas to Gastonia.

An act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor in Harnett county.

An act to prevent stock from running at large in Ashe county.

Discussion of Liquor Bills

Mr. Thompson of Onslow was the first speaker on the Watts whiskey bill. He opposed the bill chiefly on the ground that he believed it would injure the Democratic party.

Mr. Gulon of Craven made a powerful argument in support of the bill. He scored Gen. Bryan of Wilkes for having suggested the appointment of Governor Aycock and Senator Simmons as storekeeper and gauger and deputy collector.

Mr. Smith of Gates made a strong speech in support of the bill offered by himself as a substitute. He compared the advocates of the Watts bill to a man standing on a whiskey barrel in town and cursing the bar rooms in the country.

Mr. Grant of Duval opposed the bill and favored the amendment to move the question to a vote of the people.

Mr. Morton of New Hanover opposed the bill in a vigorous speech, and urged the adoption of his amendment which leaves the question to a vote of the people in every county.

Mr. Curlee of Brunswick favored the bill and arranged in a lively cross-examination between himself and Gen. Bryan, Mr. Morton and Mr. Benbow.

Instructed by Convention

Mr. Thompson of Onslow made a strong argument against the bill saying that he was pledged to the Democrats of his county not to pass any such legislation over the heads of the people. He declared the passage of this act and increased appropriations to the state colleges would result in certain defeat for the Democratic party. He was not opposed to temperance legislation, but his convention had declared itself on the question and he was simply doing his honest representative. It was one of the best speeches heard on the question.

Mr. Gulon of Craven said that after carefully reading and studying the various bills introduced he was of the opinion that the Watts bill as amended was all that any reasonable Christian of moralist in the state could desire. It takes away from the country the miserable distillery which the people have almost on benches knees prying to get out, and in reply to the charge that the bill discriminates against the country people he referred those who make that charge to the files of the committee on propositions and grievances where tens of thousands of names of people from the country are on the asking and praying us to grant them this very thing.

He thought it would be unwise to adopt the London bill. He thought the advocates of that bill themselves were now ready to concede that the Watts bill as amended is full and complete in every particular. As first introduced the bill provided no way for people to vote whiskey out, but as amended it does provide that.

The bill will purify every section in the state that is now afflicted by the operations of the country distillers. The removal of these distillers insures to the welfare of every citizen, in every section where they are now located. If the bill goes into the law, the watchmen of the law, the officers of the law, the eyes of the citizens, will not be in a place where the Republican voters are manufactured alongside of the judges from the corn.

The bill as amended is absolutely consistent. The original provisions of the bill with reference to the manufacture of brandy was objectionable. It was amended I think it should meet the endorsement of all reasonable men.

Mr. Gulon complimented the magnificent speech of Mr. Thompson.

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