

Person and Smith Get Their Affairs Set Right

Wilson and Charlotte Post Office Cases Will Go Off the Docket—Moving to Get Cases in Supreme Court

Washington, March 2.—Special.—Dr. E. T. Person a clean bill of health as a bona fide resident of Wilson. His nomination as postmaster at that place is expected to pass any day. Several affidavits and letters came to Senator Pritchard from citizens of Wilson, setting forth that Dr. Person has been a continuous resident of the town. Among the number was a letter from State Senator Woodard to that effect.

These various communications were placed at the disposal of the postmaster general this afternoon. While Woodard has been preferred against Dr. Person they have not been seriously considered. One of these alleged that he was a man of violent temper, the only question with the postmaster general has been that of residence, and since it has been established that the doctor is a resident of Wilson, there is no further obstacle to prevent his being named as successor to Samuel H. Vick.

R. W. Smith and George B. Hiss went before a notary public in Washington today and each made affidavit setting forth that there had been no understanding between them whereby Hiss was to receive the amount he expended in the congressional campaign in return for his selection of Smith to be postmaster at Charlotte. Both of the interested parties, having under oath denied the charges that the office was to be farmed out, the postmaster general promised to recommend to the president tomorrow Smith's appointment to the Charlotte post office. This action on the part of Mr. Payne will, it is believed, drop the curtain on the fierce fight that has been waged over the Charlotte post office.

The Key Found to Unlock the Delaware Deadlock

Republican Factions Reconcile Their Differences and Each Elect a Man to the Senate

Dover, Del., March 2.—United States senator for the term ending March 4, 1905, James Frank Allee of Kent county, United States senator for the term ending March 4, 1905; Dr. Louis Heller of New Castle county.

At 3:24 this afternoon Allee and Heller were elected United States senators. A posting crowd lined up on every inch of space and, standing on window ledges and upon each others' shoulders, turned order into chaos. So confused did the legislators themselves become from the excitement that they voted "no" for "yes," said "present" for the name of a senator, forgot their names and acted like school boys. The multitude of spectators first laughed, then yelled, then hissed, then applauded.

of the paper, in which he congratulated Smith upon the fact that he had been recommended for appointment. The letter concluded: "Fraternal greetings," and then abruptly broke in with a suggestion that Mr. Sossamon's son be made assistant postmaster.

Postmaster General Payne evidenced that fact that he had been impressed by this letter, for he proceeded to ask Messrs. Smith and Hiss if they would sign an affidavit declaring that they preferred. They reached for their hats, announcing at the same time that they would have the affidavits ready for inspection as quickly as time would permit. This, the postmaster general said, would settle the matter. A notary public was soon found, and the affidavits were made out and placed on file in the post office department.

In the supreme court of the United States today motions for writs of certiorari were made by the plaintiffs in both the Wilkes county bond suit and the James Railroad damage suit. Stripped of its legal significance, this means that an effort is made to get the two cases from the circuit court of appeals at Richmond before the supreme court of the United States. Judge A. C. Avery, who made the motion in the Wilkes county bond suit, filed a new petition and brief, withdrawing those filed last spring, in which a reflection was made on Judge Boyd. The statement was made then that he had been interested, it being alleged that he had been attorney for a corporation that was involved when the case was first begun. The supreme court ruled out the brief and petition because of this statement.

The new brief and petition contends that there is a conflict between the decision of the supreme court of North Carolina and the federal court. Senator-elect Lee S. Overman, who appeared with Judge Avery in the James case, was admitted to practice in the supreme court. He was introduced by ex-Judge Avery and took the prescribed oath. The James case includes that of Mrs. Howard, and the two involve verdicts in the damage suits against the Southern Railway aggregating \$250,000.

Neck in Danger

It Was Not Prudent to Reappoint the Cox Woman

Washington, March 2.—Papers in the Indiana post office case were transmitted to the House today by the postmaster general. They consist of sixty-two letters, telegrams, petitions and other documents. All but the last letter in the case have been discussed by the press. The last document, however, is under date of February 23, and is an extract from the report of the post office inspector in that district, in which he says that in a conversation which he had with the mayor of Indianapolis at Bilozi, Miss., the mayor had said that in Mrs. Cox was given charge of the office again her neck would be broken within two hours. In a letter written by Mrs. Cox, dated December 4, she is quoted as saying: "This is my home town, I am greatly interested in its people, and will resign the office."

Revolutionists Before Caracas

Willenstad, Island of Curacao, March 2.—According to advices received in Venezuelan revolutionary circles here, the eastern army of the revolutionists, said to number 5,000 men, under the command of General Rolando, is in sight of Caracas, at a place called El Encantado, and is awaiting the arrival of the central revolutionary army, reported to number 3,000 men, under General Fernandez. A junction is to be formed between the two forces, and an attack will be made upon Caracas.

Taking Time by the Forelock

Washington, March 2.—The leaders of the House of Representatives have been consulted as to the advisability of passing a resolution approving in advance the terms of the Cuban reciprocity treaty which will be ratified at the extra session of the Senate. If this is not done the courts may be called upon to decide the question of whether the action of the House of Representatives is necessary to put into operation a commercial treaty negotiated under the terms of the Dingley act.

EXTRA SESSION

The Senate Called to Convene Next Thursday

Washington, March 2.—The president today issued the following proclamation: By the president of the United States of America: Whereas, public interest requires the Senate should convene in extraordinary session; therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim and declare that an extraordinary session requires the Senate of the United States to convene at the capitol, in the city of Washington, on the fifth day of March next, at 12 o'clock noon, of which all persons who shall at that time be entitled to act as members of that body are hereby required to take notice.

Given under my hand and the seal of the United States, at Washington, the second day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand, nine hundred and three, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-seventh. (Signed) THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

By the president: JOHN HAY, Secretary of State.

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Doctor Who Taught Crown Princess to Ride Must Leave Laxony

Dresden, March 2.—It is announced today that the Saxon police have issued an order expelling from Saxony Dr. L. A. O'Brien, the American dentist who taught the Crown Princess Louise to ride a bicycle. O'Brien's wife recently sent the king some letters which the crown princess had written to the dentist and which appeared to be compromising. The dentist had a friend in the royal council, a dentist named Jenkins, who incited for the American and succeeded in getting a fortnight's delay in the issuance of the order. The delay, he thought, would enable O'Brien to arrange his affairs and also give him a chance to make a defense, and possibly get the order of expulsion rescinded. Dr. Jenkins in the meantime continued his work and personally appealed to the king. His efforts, however, were unavailing and the order was issued today. Dr. O'Brien will leave Dresden Wednesday and will sail with his wife and four children for America Thursday.

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Lee and His Generals

Richmond, Va., March 2.—In the House today Mr. Sipe (Republican) offered a statue of General Robert E. Lee and his generals, Stonewall Jackson, P. Hill and M. S. Maury, in Capitol square, and appropriating the sum of \$50,000 therefor, the monument to be of the same general design as the Washington monument now in Capitol square.

"Misplaced" a Letter

Winston-Salem, N. C., March 2.—Special.—Postoffice Inspector Frye had Monroe Cuthrell, colored, janitor and special messenger at the postoffice, arrested today on the charge of misplacing a registered letter containing ten dollars. In default of a \$300 bond Cuthrell was committed to jail. It is believed that Cuthrell opened the letter and used the money.

Carrie Breaks a Bottle

San Francisco, March 2.—Carrie Nation was arrested at the Grand Hotel last night on a charge of malicious mischief, preferred by a saloon keeper in whose place she broke a bottle of whiskey. She was released on bail.

The President on His Southern Appointments

Washington, March 2.—The full text of President Roosevelt's letter to Clark Howell, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, regarding southern appointments, an abstract of which was published this morning, was made public this afternoon at the White House. In beginning his letter, which is dated February 24, President Roosevelt says, in addition to what was published in the morning papers today: "Frankly, it seems to me that my appointments speak for themselves and that my policy is self-explanatory. So far from feeling that they need the slightest apology or justification, my position is that, on the strength of what I have done, I have the right to claim the support of all good citizens who wish not only a high standard of federal service, but fair and equitable dealing to the south as well as to the north, and a policy of consistent justice and good will toward men."

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Whiskey Distillers Asking for Relief

Several Bills Now Pending for the Incorporation of New Towns on Account of the Watts Bill—The Divorce Bill Passed House Yesterday

Having passed the law confining the manufacture of whiskey to incorporated towns, the Legislature is now being urged to incorporate more "towns." The bill incorporating the "town" of Williams in Yadkin county has already passed the House, after an amendment offered by Mr. Curtis of Buncombe, providing that no whiskey be manufactured or sold there was promptly knocked in the head.

There are several more bills pending to incorporate towns, and outside talk says some of them will not have enough voters to hold the offices if more than a mayor and chief of police will be required in addition to the man who owns and operates the distillery. The divorce bill passed the House yesterday on a roll-call vote of 58 to 45. This bill amends section 1285 of the Code relative to the time for divorced parties to marry, and grants divorce on the grounds of abandonment after two years. It allows the parties so divorced to re-marry after five years. The bill was opposed by General Davidson, Judge Graham, Mr. Offman and Mr. Smith, while Messrs. Murphy, Self, Guion and Newland spoke in favor of the bill.

Those voting in favor of the bill were Messrs. Aiken, Anderson, Bessley, Henslow, Bowman, Britt, Brittain, Bryan, Bullard, Crocker, DeHart, Dockery, Doughton, Drewry, Duncan, Etheridge, Fuller, Grant, Gulick, Hall, Harrington, Moore, Humphrey, Kinsland, Love, Mason, Morpheus, Morris, McDowell, Morris of Polk, Morton, Murphy, McCall, McNeill, Newland, Nissen, Parker of Wayne, Phillips, Price of Rockingham, Price of Stanley, Quickel, Riddick, Roberson, Rucker, Scott, Self, Shipman, Siler, Simpson of Union, Stables, Usual, Waldell, Walters, Watts, West, Whitaker of Wake, Williams, Willis, Wood, Woodard—58.

Those voting against the bill were Messrs. Alexander of Mecklenburg, Alexander of Tyrrell, Blount, Britton, Carlton, Carson, Cowan, Curtis, Daughtridge, Davidson, Dobson, Erwin, Foy, Freeman of Henderson, Freeman of Mecklenburg, Gay, Gluyas, Goode, Graham, Hamilton, Hamlin, Harrington of Harnett, Hinton, Hooker, Hughes, Jarrett, King, Krueger, Lutz, Michael, McRae, Offman, Owen, Penam, Ray, Ricks, Simpson of Perquimans, Smith, Thomas, Vann, Warren, Whitaker of Guilford, White of Halifax, Woodley, Wooten—45.

The members of the House declined to accept an invitation to attend an entertainment at Peace Institute on night and a vote of thanks was extended the faculty and pupils for the invitation. It is now near the close of the session and there is much work to be done by the Assembly before night sessions. With the volume of work before it the Legislature feels that it would not be just to the claims of the people to neglect it to attend receptions and entertainments, as delightful as the members know this one would be. As it is there was a large vote in favor of adjourning to attend the entertainment at Peace.

The Industrial School bill was considered yesterday, and after one of two amendments were adopted the whole matter was referred to the committee on appropriations. One amendment changes the name from "Industrial" school to "Training" school.

House Proceedings Yesterday The House was called to order by Governor Doughton, speaker pro tem, and opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. W. C. Tyree, pastor of the First Baptist church. The following petitions were introduced: My Mr. Curtis, from ladies of Buncombe county asking for the establishment of a place to care for inebriates. By Mr. Shipman, for the incorporation of the churches in Columbus county. Bills Introduced By Bryan—An act to incorporate the town of Whittington in Wilkes county. By Quickel—An act to improve the roads in Lincoln county. By Kinsland—An act to place the name of Melissa Connor on the pension rolls. By Price of Stanley—An act to incorporate the Albemarle Light and Water Company. By Luther—An act to create a free school district of portions of Montgomery, Richmond and Moore counties. By Newland—An act to incorporate the Lenoir and Yadkin Valley Turnpike Company. By Owen—An act to provide for working the roads of Sampson county. By Rucker—An act for the relief of M. O. Dickerson, clerk superior court of Rutherford county. By Goode—An act for the relief of M. W. Grigg of Cleveland county. By Gay—An act to amend chapter

159, laws of 1896 relative to the dispensary at Jackson.

By Gay—An act to provide for an election on the stock law question in Northampton county.

By Thomas—An act for the relief of B. H. Grigsley, a public school teacher of Ashe county.

By McCall—An act to amend chapter 256, laws of 1899.

By Duncanson—An act to repeal certain laws relating to defense of officers and persons in federal courts.

By Ricks—An act to allow Springsboro to issue bonds for graded school.

By Daughtridge—An act relating to branding fertilizers.

By Benbow—An act to incorporate the town of Hamptonville.

By Woodard—An act to amend the fish laws of Pamlico county.

By Self—An act to amend the Code to provide for the separate indexing of conveyances.

By DeHart—An act to authorize the payment of the residue of salaries to two school teachers in Swain.

By Guion—An act to amend chapter 25 of the Code by adding consuls and turnpikes to the board of internal improvements.

By Smith—A resolution in the interest of the dispatch of public business and expedite work on the calendar.

By Doughton—An act to incorporate the Baptist Ministers' Annuity Association.

By Graham—An act to appoint a justice of the peace for Dutchville township in Granville county.

Passed Final Reading An act to amend the act incorporating the Guilford Battle Ground Association.

An act to appoint David P. Dellinger an attorney of Cleveland county, a justice of the peace.

An act to amend the corporation law of North Carolina.

An act to provide for the registration of trained nurses.

An act to give electric light and power companies the same powers and right of condemnation as telegraph and telegraph companies, amended by Mr. Newland so as not to apply to existing acts.

An act to protect fish in Smith's mill pond in Halifax county.

An act to incorporate the Alexander Home of Charlotte.

An act to incorporate the Appalachian Improvement Company.

An act to incorporate the Good Roads Association of Asheboro in Guilford county.

An act to incorporate the Cherokee Light and Power Company.

An act to incorporate the Asheville Club Company.

An act regulating the taking and killing of partridges in Beaufort county.

An act to amend the code of certain land grants.

An act to prohibit the shooting of wild fowl in Currituck county.

An act for the relief of C. H. Hanes, clerk of the superior court of Surry county.

An act to prohibit holding of fish in Carteret county.

An act to protect systems, claims, and terminals in Brunswick county.

An act relating to the rules governing demurrage in the matter of placing cars by railroads for shippers. Mr. Morton wanted to amend by adding the word "reasonable" before the word "rules" wherever it occurs in the bill. The amendment was lost and the bill passed.

The Divorce Bill An act to amend section 1285 of the code relative to the time limit for the marriage of divorced parties, came up as a special order. It provides that a cause of abandonment for a year be a cause of abandonment for two years to remain for divorce, unless the party to remain in five years. General Davidson opposed the bill. Such a departure from the laws of a hundred years standing (except for a short period) are dangerous. The experiment has been tried and was repudiated by the last session of the Legislature. The principle is too lax. Abandonment is the easiest cause for divorce. It is better that there should be a dozen better cases in the state than that our whole social fabric should receive such a serious blow. Let us not open the gates for moral and domestic anarchy.

Mr. Murphy supported the bill and said the bill was only retrospective in its character and refers only to cases that are crying for relief, when good, sweet women have married worthless scoundrels and have been deserted. There are a number of cases which may bill does not apply to cases which may happen in the future. This is left to future legislatures. He contended it was a good bill and in the interest of good morals. The committee has given it careful consideration, reported it favorably and he asked the relief and protection asked should be granted to the good women of the state. He supported the second reading of the bill.

Mr. Guion favored the bill. He said more strongly than any measure ever put on the statute books. He believed this amendment to be demanded by the people of North Carolina. This act does not go back of 100 years prior to this time and the public must have been residents of the state for five years. (Continued on Fifth Page.)