

NO FEMALE NOTARIES.

House Refuses to Allow their Appointment.

COTTON WEIGHERS

Of Wake Thrown in the Fire Pot—The Bill to Prevent Lynchings Caused a Very Lengthy Discussion.

The house met at 10 and Rev. Dr. Shinn offered the opening prayer. Bills were introduced as follows: By Price to amend the laws as to election of county superintendents of education, so as to restore the same; by Hare to prevent destruction of line trees by lumbermen; by Hare to protect owners of timber trees; by Schulken, to incorporate the supreme ruling of the Fraternal Mystic Circle and to incorporate the Woodmen of the World in North Carolina; by Cunningham, to amend sections 421 and 422 of the code, so that where issues of fact and questions of fact arise in actions of which the courts of equity of the State had jurisdiction prior to the constitution of 1868, or in a common law action based upon equitable rights involving equitable relief the compulsory reference shall not deprive either party of his constitutional right to a trial of the issues of the fact arising on the pleadings; by Dixon of Cleveland, to repeal the \$10 annual license tax on physicians. Bill passed to revise the law as to Raleigh cotton weighers, by providing that the county commissioners shall in March of each year, elect 3 weighers, who are to give \$500 bond, the charge to be 7 cents per bale, to be paid by the seller, the commissioners to have authority at any time to appoint cotton weighers for the county other than Raleigh.

Blackburn moved that the assignment bill which was tabled yesterday be reconsidered. Cook moved to table. This was lost. Then Blackburn moved its recommitment to the judiciary. Cook moved to table this motion. This failed to prevail. The bill was accordingly recommitted and the judiciary committee will consider the bill and if it is not in accord with the supreme court's decision make it so. Lusk suggested that Blackburn ought to interview the members of the judiciary committee and have them prepare such a bill as would suit him.

Sutton, of Cumberland's bill, "to prevent lynching," by empowering the governor to convene special courts instanter in extraordinary cases of emergency, was taken up and he explained it. It gives the governor power also to convene supreme court when not in session and in his judgment, and this court shall give precedence to all such causes upon the governor's suggestion, and the attorney general shall prosecute all such cases. Sutton said the governor can send the judge and solicitor to any county. Dixon of Cleveland said he thought it a meritorious bill. Duffy said he opposed lynchings and favored speedy trials, but wanted to know whether the people of a county would have any voice in the matter of holding the court. Sutton replied that the Governor was given power to send any judge or solicitor not engaged to try such cases. Lusk then said the spirit of the contemplated law was good, but the machinery was defective, as it invested the Governor with too much power; as before such a step is taken as calling a court it ought to be shown that it is necessary for the court to be held. He declared justice needed tightening in North Carolina; that in cases of rape or murder when the offender is in jail; that at the same time the prisoners ought to be given a fair chance; that the bill made no provision for the removal of cases to another court. At this hour (nine) the debate ceased as the House took up the special order, the bill to allow the Governor to appoint female notaries public, which was favorably reported. Lusk spoke in support of the bill, declaring this was a progressive age. He said he knew he was venturing upon ground never before ventured upon in North Carolina. He made the assertion that if the women were given more authority to govern it would be better for the State. He declared that if it were said women were not fit to hold office. And yet a woman is governor of Great Britain. Women today rule the world. He declared that there was nothing in the law or the constitution prohibiting women from

holding the office of notary public. Blackburn paid woman a tribute, but said he feared the bill was unconstitutional. McCrary said the attorney general stated that in the absence of an enabling statute the governor could not appoint, but that this was an enabling act which would give the governor the right to appoint if he and the attorney general thought it legal and proper. Lusk called the previous question, which was ordered, and he then demanded the yeas and nays. An amendment was accepted providing that the appointee should file her certificate with the clerk of the court. The vote on the bill was: Ayes 44, nays 55. Blackburn applauded this announcement. The house resumed the consideration of the bill allowing the governor to convene special terms of court; Sutton, of Cumberland, said he agreed to its commitment to the judiciary committee (it having never been before any committee.) He made a motion for such commitment and it was adopted. On motion the use of the hall was granted for the emancipation celebration on the evening of Feb. 9. Bill passed chartering the bank of Greenville. Bill to exempt property owners of Murfreesboro (who lost their property by fire) from tax was re-referred to the finance committee, it being stated that it was a bad bill. Bill to make the term of register of deeds 4 years, after 1898, was also tabled. Bill passed providing for collection of arrears of taxes in Jackson county. Bill that where a deed is filed without witnesses the grantor may be subpoenaed to produce witnesses to such deed passed after explanation by Lusk that it provides that in case a person who makes a deed refuses to acknowledge its validity witnesses may be subpoenaed to prove the grantor's hand-writing. Bill to protect deer in Hyde county during seven months of the year passed. By leave Hancock introduced a bill to abrogate and repeal the charter of the Goldsboro and Morehead railway company, to which letters patent was issued by the secretary of state and filed in Wayne county Oct. 30 last. At 2 o'clock the house took a recess until 7:30 p.m.

SENATE. The Senate was called to order at 10 o'clock. Lieut. Governor Reynolds presiding. Prayer by Mr. Uley of the Senate. Leave of absence was granted Mr. Hyatt and to Mr. McNeill indefinitely. Petition were presented as follows: By Alexander (by request) a petition from the employees of the Victor Cotton Mills of Charlotte regulating the hours of labor; this prescribes 11 hours as a day's work. Bills and resolutions were introduced as follows: By Dickson, a bill to complete the public roads as provided in chapter 364, laws 1893; Alexander (by request) a bill to provide for the deaf and dumb at Morganton, Ray, a bill to facilitate the trial of civil actions. By Moye: A bill to make water courses 8 feet deep and 30 feet wide a lawful fence. By Parker, Alamance, by request; a bill to amend the charter of the town of Rocky Mount. By Maxwell: A bill to provide for divorces in certain cases of females under 18 years of age. Bills on 3rd reading: To repeal the (Alamance and Chatham boundary line). Parker offered substitute: That this shall not go into effect until it is ratified by one quarter of the qualified voters cast at an election to be held on the last Saturday of April 1897, then if one quarter of the qualified voters be cast "for ratification," the clerk of Alamance county shall so certify the result of the election to the commissioners of Alamance and Chatham. Provided: that if from any cause no election be held then this act shall be in full force and effect. McCrary moved to table the amendment. Lost; ayes 19, noes 22. Previous question called and roll call demanded. Amendment adopted; ayes 31, noes 13. Bills on 2nd reading: To fix the time for the qualification of Justices of the Peace; providing that the term of office shall begin as soon as they qualify. Passed 2 and 3 reading. To amend section 1014 of the Code, making guardians, administrators and executors indictable for misappropriation of funds, passed second and third reading. To pay registers of deeds of the several counties 10 cents for each copy sheet of 100 words, for recording election returns, passed second and third reading.

SEABOARD WANTS THE N.C.

Hoffman Sent a Bid to Governor Russell.

OFFERS 10 PER CENT.

Will Give \$400,000 Annually for a Lease on the Road—Governor Russell Received the Bid Yesterday.

The Seaboard has made a bid on the North Carolina railroad. President R. C. Hoffman of the Seaboard Air Line yesterday notified Governor Russell by letter that the Seaboard would give \$400,000 a year for a lease on the road. This bid is equivalent to ten per cent, which is something over two per cent more than the Southern has bid. Governor Russell will make the bid public in a few days. The bid of the Seaboard is dependent entirely upon revocation of the lease by the legislature and the courts. WILL OPEN FRIDAY. The box sheet for Nat Goodwin on at King's at Nine O'clock. The box sheet for Nat Goodwin's notable appearance in this city Wednesday, February seventeenth, at the Academy of Music will be put on sale Friday morning promptly at 9 o'clock. There will be no extra charge down stairs and every chair in the house will be reserved. The only general admission will be to the gallery. There will be little difficulty in filling every seat in the house, as Mr. Goodwin's forthcoming engagement has created an extraordinary amount of interest among the people of the city. Mr. Goodwin began an engagement in Baltimore Monday, preliminary to his Southern trip, which will be confined to but few of the larger cities. The Baltimore Sun of yesterday says of him: "The merry, careless, light-hearted Nat Goodwin of half a score years ago has been transmuted into finer metal, as was evidenced to the large audience which greeted his reappearance in Baltimore last night at Ford's Opera House. "The charm of old is still present, the buoyancy, the virility, the good humor. But they are mellowed and rounded, and with them is a deeper note, for Mr. Goodwin has learned to make tears as well as to make laughter. Funmaking and pathos lie not far apart in the realm of artistic comedy, and the erstwhile burlesquer is now quite within that realm. There is an added power of facial expression and a seriousness of manner artistically assumed which compelled those who had laughed at his jests to show silent gratification in his earnest moments. "Handsome Maxime Elliott is the wife, superb in her dark beauty, exquisite in her gowns, the acme of grace in her movements, delicate and refined in her acting, tender and winsome in the love passages, sympathetic in the pantomime of a scene in the third act. The applause which was hers was re-echoed for her sister, Miss Gertrude Elliott, who is a second edition of her sister in dainty duodecimo."

WHAT WE EXPERIENCED

Climatic Conditions Compiled During the Month of January. The mean atmospheric pressure was 30.21, the highest pressure 30.67, on the 31st; the lowest pressure 29.82, on the 27th. The mean temperature was 38. The highest temperature 68, on the 4th, and the lowest temperature 9, on the 29th. The greatest daily range of temperature was 34, on the 28th, and the least daily range of temperature 5, on the 14th. Mean temperature for this month for eleven years was 40.6. The average deficiency of daily mean temperature during the month was 3.8 degrees. The prevailing direction of wind was north 3.6 per cent. Total movement of wind was 4932 miles. The maximum velocity of wind, direction, and date was 32 northwest on the 18th. The total precipitation was 2.23 inches; number of days with .01 inch or more of precipitation 10; average precipitation for this month for eleven years was 4.15 inches. Number of clear days, 12; partly cloudy days, 7; cloudy days 12.

THE NEXT ATTRACTION.

Fotra Stanford at the Metropolitan Next Week. The Flora Stanford Company one of the strongest repertoire companies ever in the South will open up a weeks engagement at the Metropolitan Hall next Monday in Miss Stanford's own piece, A Soldier Sweetheart. This Company comes to Raleigh with the highest commendations of the entire Southern press and it is safe to say that their engagement in Raleigh next week will be a very profitable one.

Ralph Bingham Friday Night.

Ralph Bingham, the clever monologist, humorist and impersonator will appear at Metropolitan Hall Friday evening, February 5th, under the auspices of the Church Improvement Society of the First Baptist church. Those who wish an evening of thorough enjoyment will do well to attend. The Washington Post of February 1st has the following to say of him: "Mr. Ralph Bingham, of the Pen and Pencil Club, Philadelphia, left for home yesterday. Mr. Bingham came to Washington to attend the dinner of the Grid-iron Club, and his recitation was one of the most enjoyable features of the dinner. The laughter which accompanied his rendition of his story proved infectious and set the pace for the evening's jollity. Reserved seats can be procured at King's drug store for the nominal charge of 50 cents. Children under twelve years, 25 cents; galleries 25 cents.

Fair Weather.

The weather is generally fair over the central valley, eastern and southern states, although the storm still lingers off the North Carolina coast. The heaviest rainfall during the past 24 hours was 1.76 inches at Washington. The barometer is also low in the west, with a ridge of high barometer covering the Mississippi valley, between the two areas of low barometer. Increasing cloudiness prevails in the west, with southerly winds. It is still below freezing in the east lake region, with snow at Detroit and Cleveland. The lowest temperature Wednesday morning was 8 above zero at Bismark, N. D. Gen. Craighill Retires.

Gen. Craighill head of engineers

has retired at his own request, and the President nominated Col. John R. Wilson to succeed him with the rank of brigadier general. Gen. Craighill has been eligible for retirement since July 1, 1893, and would have been retired July 1, next. He has served 48 years with a total of but six months leave of absence during that time. Gen. Craighill is the father of Prof. Craighill, of the A. and M. College, who is so favorably known in Raleigh. Guthrie Joins the Minority. It is stated by many of the minority Populists that Major Guthrie has taken a stand with them as against Senator Butler and that he has endorsed their course fully. Kesler, McDuffie and others vouch for this. Some one told Marshall Mott of Guthrie's change and he remarked that the Democratic party had lost a very faithful adherent. The flop of Buck Kitchin to the minority was spoken of at the same time. With that wearied look about his face Marsh said: "Oh, Hell."

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To elicit information for the better regulation of railroad charges. This resolution requests the governor to call on all railroad companies and ascertain all the officers who are paid more than \$2,500 salary per annum. The object is to reduce passenger and freight rates. Mr. Smathers moved to re-refer to committee on railroad and railroad commission. Mr. Grant favored referring the bill as he thought it a bad measure, as the legislature had no right to know the salary of these officers any more than they had a right to find out the salary of any other officers. The Lieutenant Governor's Reverser. Lieutenant Governor Reynolds spent Sunday at home, returning to Raleigh to-day. Mr. Reynolds is sporting a beaver. It was presented to him, it is said, by Congressman Settle. It is not very becoming to the Lieutenant Governor. As a gentleman remarked this morning, "Charley hasn't enough style about him for such a hat; he couldn't be a judge if he wanted to—besides it is known that he wouldn't be one if he could."—Sentinel.

SENATOR BUTLER BACK

Plan to Create an Election Commission,

CONTROL ELECTIONS

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SHORT STATEMENTS.

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND THE CITY.

Not Pouri of the News Pictured on the per—Points and People Pertinently Picted and Pithily Put in Print. Solicitor H. F. Sewell is in the city. Mr. W. G. Egerton, of Macon, is here. Mr. W. J. Tally, of Cumbock, is here. Mr. J. P. Leak, of Rockingham, is in the city. Mr. J. E. Davis, of Rockingham, is at the Park. Mr. Wm. Gilchrist, of Wilmington, is here. Mr. J. M. Bruton, of Wilson, is at the Park. Mr. A. J. Galloway, of Goldsboro is in the city. Mr. R. N. Page, of Aberdeen, arrived here today. The Asheville Citizen has ordered type-setting machines. Mr. Walker Taylor, of Wilmington arrived in the city today. Mr. S. F. Barnhardt, of Concord, arrived in the city today. Col. J. D. Hawkins, of Fawnlake, Mississippi is in the city, the guest of Col. A. B. Andrews. Miss Lilly Hicks will entertain the Euchre club Friday evening at her home on North Blount street. Miss Emma Jefferson and Miss Myrtle Lee, of Danville, Va., are the guests of Miss Minnie Barbee. All members of the B. B. B. are requested to be present at drill at the Governors Guard Armory at 4 o'clock tomorrow evening. The Stinson Lumber Company, of Newbern, sustained a loss of \$50,000 to \$70,000 by fire last Friday night. Insurance \$30,000. Mrs. Cunningham, the charming wife of Hon. John S. Cunningham, the representative from Person arrived in the city yesterday and will remain here several weeks. Henry Wall, the colored man who was shot at Forestville Saturday night is in a very precarious condition so Dr. Powers, the attending physician writes Sheriff Jones. This evening Judge Norwood will appear before the committee on judiciary in his own behalf. Judge Norwood will not resign if the Legislature will give him another opportunity to live a strictly sober life. Mr. S. H. Bean has been promoted to general supervisor of the Immediate Benefit Association of Baltimore. Mr. Bean is a hustler and knows no defeat in the insurance business. Fashions for February, an illustrated monthly Journal for American women devoted to fashion, fact, fiction and fun, published by A. B. Stronach and furnished free of charge to his customers is now ready for distribution. Deputy Sheriff Wray, of Rockingham county, brought four convicts to the penitentiary yesterday. Of the four, two go up for twelve months and two for three years each. Their offences were robbery, burglary, etc. Col. Olds in his correspondence says: It is said that the new heating apparatus in the Agricultural and Mechanical College here is in part a failure. That is, in some of the dormitories the steam actually froze in radiators last week. The executive committee of the North Carolina Insane Asylum met in regular monthly session at the asylum last night and transacted the regular routine business. The committee consists of R. R. Cotton, John R. Smith and Dr. R. H. Speight, all of whom were present. President R. Curzon Hoffman, of the Seaboard Air Line, has returned from Atlanta, Ga., where he went to inspect the new freight depot erected there. This depot was opened yesterday and the Seaboard has one of the largest and handsomest freight depots in the country. That of the New York Central in New York city is believed to be the only one used for freight that is larger than the new Atlanta depot.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

New York, Feb. 3.

Market quotations furnished by E. B. Cuthbert & Co., 30 Broad street, New York, and 305 Wilmington street, Raleigh, N. C., over their special wire:

Table with columns: MONTHS, OPENING, HIGH, LOW, CLOSING. Rows for January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December.

Closed steady; sales 1,400. Closed steady; sales 68,000 bales. The following were the closing quotations on the New York Stock Exchange today:

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Table with columns: Item, Price. Rows for Sugar, American Tobacco, Burlington and Quincy, Chicago Gas, American Spirits, General Electric, Louisville and Nashville, Manhattan, Rock Island, Southern Preferred, St. Paul, Tennessee Coal and Iron, Western Union.

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

The following were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market today:

Table with columns: Item, Price. Rows for Wheat—May, July, Corn—May, 24, July, 25, Oats—May 19, July 18, Pork—January, May, Lard—January, May, Clear Rib Sides—May.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

Table with columns: Item, Price. Rows for February, February-March, March, April-May, May-June, June-July, July-August.

Closed steady; sales 10,000 bales.

BUSINESS MEN.

From the Towns on the S. A. L. Met Yesterday in Southern Pines.

At the invitation of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad given through Mr. John T. Patrick, Manager of the Industrial Department of the road, a meeting of prominent business men, residents and active workers in the various cities and towns on the Seaboard Air Line, from Portsmouth to Atlanta, was held on Tuesday Feb. 2nd at Southern Pines. Col. John J. Dyer of Virginia, was made chairman of the meeting and Mr. George Allen of this city, Secretary.

The object of this meeting was to fully explain the plans of the Railroad, and of Mr. Patrick, as manager of the Industrial and Immigration department, regarding the development of the county through which the road operates. The meeting was an harmonious assembly of about seventy-five active intelligent men, who are alive to the advantages that accrue to the several States by this movement. These men have been selected to represent the matter in their several sections, and others will be invited to co-operate, and to assist in making a success of the movement.

Col. T. J. Anderson, the General Passenger Agent was present, and together with Mr. Patrick, they fully explained their plans, asking for the fullest co-operation of the citizens of the States in the movement to develop the resources and to bring additional citizens and capital into the South.

Regular meeting Raleigh Council.

No. 1, J. O. U. A. M., tonight at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is desired. Initiation of candidates and other very important business.

J. E. BAIDGES, Counselor.