

Weather.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 3.—Forecast for North Carolina for tonight and Thursday: Fair, slightly warmer tonight. Thursday, fair.

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TWENTY-FIFTH DAY'S SESSION OF THE HOUSE

Usual Grind of Bills Goes Through the Legislative Mill Today

MANY BILLS REPORTED

Speaker Protom Morton Presides Over Deliberations of House of Representatives Again Today—Resolution Presented Against the Morton Bill to Exempt New Hanover From the Prohibition Law—Bill to Prevent the Depredation of Fowls Killed in Committee—Bill to Relieve Ex-Treasurer Worth Favorably Reported.

The twenty-fifth day's session of the house of representatives of the North Carolina general assembly was called to order at 11 a. m. by Speaker Protom, Geo. L. Morton, and the morning devotions were conducted by Rev. F. M. Shamburger, pastor of Edenton Street Methodist church. The committee on journal reported the proceedings of Tuesday as correctly recorded and the same stood approved.

Under the usual call for petitions, memorials and communications, the following were sent forward and read:

Resolution against the Morton bill as to exempting New Hanover from the prohibition law.

From camp of veterans, asking increased pensions.

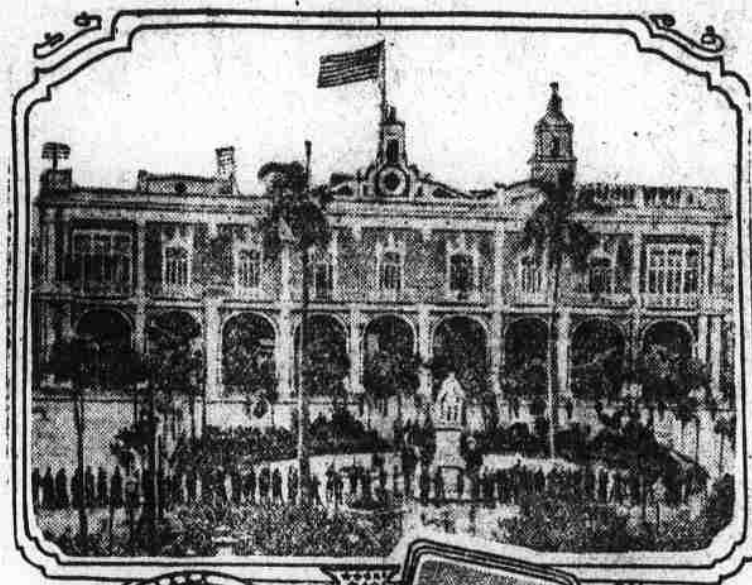
Bills Reported.
To prevent depredations of fowls, unfavorably; to amend laws as to Citizens Savings and Trust Co., favorably. The committee on engrossed bills reported the bills as passing the house yesterday as properly engrossed and sent to the senate: To elect county board of education in Surry and Cherokee, unfavorably; and a minority report by Killian as to three bills to authorize Beaufort to levy tax, favorably; to allow sheriff of Alexander to collect taxes and same as to Wilkes and Transylvania and Duplin, all favorably; to allow special tax in Swain, favorably; to raise revenue and to peddle tobacco, and as to coupons, all unfavorably; to tax dogs without prejudice; to allow Anson special tax, favorably; to relieve sheriff of Cherokee, favorably; to allow McDowell to increase tax rate, favorably; as to tax on slot machines, favorably; to amend 4498, laws of 1905, as to physicians license, favorably; as to practice of medicine, unfavorably; as to registering veterinarians, unfavorably; as to practice of medicine, educational qualifications, favorably; to abolish treasurer's office in Swain, favorably; to provide pay for special courts, favorably; to validate certain justice acts, favorably; to relieve clerk of court of Montgomery, favorably; to repeal law as to land grants, unfavorably; to provide a method of selecting juries for Cleveland county, favorably; to protect married women, favorably; to establish court for Rowan, favorably; to amend 3540, laws of 1905, favorably; to relieve surely of ex-treasurer Worth, favorably; as to sale of brasses, favorably; to prevent burning of boats, favorably; as to years support, favorably; to allow Durham a deputy registrar, favorably; to abolish law as to negotiable instruments, on Saturday, favorably.

Contested Election.
Mr. D. C. Barnes sent forward the report of contested election of Williams-Stringfield, and the clerk read the report of the committee, giving the decision of the committee, which flatly confirms the election of Williams, the present incumbent. Mr. Kennedy, of Sampson, sent forward a minority report, recommending that Stringfield be seated, which was read, stating that twenty men swore they voted for Stringfield where only seven were counted. The minority report strongly upheld Stringfield's election and was signed by J. T. Kennedy, Rose and F. W. Hanes.

Mr. Barnes objected to the report of minority being spread on the minutes, the chair ruling this out of order and a resolution will come later as to disposition of report.

Continuing reports, the following were read: To provide for inspector for meters, favorably; to prevent sawdust in Edgecombe county streams, favorably; as to paying claims in Swain county, favorably; to amend laws to stock law, unfavorably;

Prominent Public Figures in Cuba.



Upper picture shows Captain-General's palace in Havana. Below to the left is General Jose Miguel Gomez, President of Cuba. In the center is Charles E. Magoon, retiring American Governor, and on the right Vice President Alfredo Zayas.

to establish lines by timber cutters. (Mr. Majette withdrew this bill); to relieve Mrs. Howard, of Granville, favorably; as to butchers records, favorably; to amend law as to congregation of Unites Brethren, favorably; to amend law as to drunkenness in Catawba, favorably; to authorize bondsmen of Sheriff Cooper in Tyrrell to collect taxes, favorably.

The morning hour having expired, Mr. Kitchin sent forward resolution as to pay sub committee's expenses to the Deaf and Dumb School at Morganton, which the clerk read, and Mr. Kitchin asked for its immediate passage. It was read the second time, and Mr. Dowd objected to further consideration on account of bills not being itemized.

Mr. Doughton said he supposed that the only thing needed was the names of the beneficiaries, and on the presentation of that Mr. Dowd withdrew objection and it passed.

Mr. Haymore rose to inquire as to bill 135, saying that he understood that a minority report had been filed and he asked that it with others of the same order, election of education boards, be considered in connection with matters of same nature set for Thursday.

Mr. Connor asked that these bills be deferred till next week, Wednesday next. This was so ordered by unanimous vote.

Bills Introduced.

By McDonald of Moore: To allow Lee county to build bridges out of bond issue also.

By Cox of Wake: To protect forests of the state.

By Butler: To create Bolton township in Columbus county.

By Cox of Pitt: To require registration of all deaths in towns of 1,000 or more inhabitants.

By Floyd: To relieve Sheriff H. C. Kearney of Franklin.

By Hanes: To amend road law.

By McDevitt: To prevent carrying concealed weapons in Madison; to prevent or punish public drunkenness in Madison county.

By Gaston: To prevent public drunkenness in Buncombe; to appoint certain justices in Buncombe.

By Davenport: To allow Mt. Holly to establish a graded school.

By Hall: To allow cart, tram and church ways in Forsyth.

By Hooker: To allow Beaufort county to issue bonds for roads and bridges.

By Barnes of Hertford: A resolution declaring Williams of Dare entitled to his seat.

By Barnes of Hertford: To pay Miss Murrill, stenographer to elections committee.

By Caudill: To allow clerk of Wilkes' court pay for making dockets.

By Lovelace: As to justices in Cleveland county.

By Sigmon: To prevent illegal sale of liquors in Burke county.

By Williams of Dare: To amend law as to sea commission.

By Sparrow, by request: To locate line between Orange and Chatham counties.

FORESTRY BILL INTRODUCED BY SENATOR PHARR

Designed to Promote the Proper Management of Forests in N. C.

CORPORATION BILL

Senator Pharr Also Introduces Bill to Regulate the Powers of Corporations—Senator Latham Introduces Bill to Encourage Oyster Culture—Bills by Senators Relating to the Holding of Inquests and Fees of Coroners—Senator Nimmoeks Has Bill to Regulate Land Surveys.

The senate was led in prayer by Rev. Milton Barber, of Christ church. No corrections to be made in the journal.

Committees reported and bills were placed on the calendar.

New Bills Today.

New bills were introduced as follows:

S. B. 468, Senator Pharr: To promote proper management of forests in North Carolina. Judiciary.

S. B. 469, Senator Pharr: To regulate the powers of corporations. Judiciary.

S. B. 470, Senator Elliot: To appoint justices of the peace in Catawba. Justices of the Peace.

S. B. 471, Senator Elliot: An act relating to the drainage of certain lands in Lincoln county. Agriculture.

S. B. 472, Senator Fry: To appoint a court stenographer for Jackson, Swain, Cherokee, and Madison counties. Judiciary.

S. B. 473, Senator Ray: An act relating to the graded school of Hendersonville. Education.

S. B. 474, Senator Latham: An act to encourage oyster culture. Fish and Fisheries.

S. B. 475, Senator Sherrill: An act for the relief of S. P. Austin, a Confederate soldier. Pensions and Soldiers' Home.

S. B. 476, Senator Nimmoeks: To regulate land surveys. Judiciary.

S. B. 477, Senator Barringer: Senate Bills 481, 483, 484, and 485, by Senator Barringer, entitled as the above, and referring to different sections of the state, were all referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

S. B. 482, Senator Barringer: An act to grant a new charter for High Point. Placed on the calendar.

S. B. 486, Senator Barringer: An act to revise the militia law. Military Affairs.

S. B. 487, Senator Means: An act to provide for a uniform law as to stock certificates. Judiciary.

S. B. 488, Senator Peele: An act relating to the working of public roads of Lee county by convict labor. Public Roads.

S. B. 489, Senator Holding: An act relating to the improved roads in Franklin township, Franklin county. Public Roads.

S. B. 490, Senator Fry: To amend the charter of the North Carolina Tale and Mining Company. Corporations.

S. B. 491, Senator Holding: Relating to public roads in Franklin county. Public Roads.

S. B. 492, Senator Manning: To appoint a justice of the peace for Durham county. Justices of the Peace.

S. B. 493, Senator Empie, by request: An act relating to moving picture shows. Propositions and Grievances.

For Anti-trust Bill.

Senator Lockhart presented a petition from citizens of Rockingham asking for the passage of an anti-trust law in accordance with the pledge contained in the democratic platform of 1908.

S. B. 494, Senator Jones: To incorporate the Citizens and Farmers Bank of Raleigh. Corporations.

Against Lockhart's Bill.

Senator Barringer presented a petition from the board of trade of the city of Greensboro, opposing Lockhart's anti-trust bill.

S. B. 495, Senator Barringer, by request: An act to establish a reformatory of youthful negro criminals. Penal Institutions.

S. B. 496, Senator Scott, by request: A bill to amend law relating to state laboratory of hygiene. Public Health.

Passed Third Reading.

The following bills passed: S. B. 247: To amend charter of Wilson.

Arrival of Truant Wife Causes Stir.



Madame Giacetti, "The eloping wife" of Tenor Caruso. Below is shown Caruso. Below her arrival at his hotel in New York was announced to him.



BANK RECORDS ARE MISSING

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Feb. 3.—A sensation was caused by the announcement today that important records of the Borough Bank of Brooklyn, which the prosecution had counted upon as a strong link in their chain of evidence by which they hope to secure the conviction of William S. Gow, who is on trial in the Brooklyn supreme court, charged with the embezzlement of \$145,000, had mysteriously disappeared. The fact that the papers were missing was discovered late yesterday and since that time District Attorney Clark and his assistant, Mr. Elder, have conducted an unsuccessful search for them.

Before the beginning of the trial today it was announced that the accused banker would be called to the stand as his own star witness.

BIGGEST BANK IN THE WORLD.

National City Bank and National Bank of Commerce Will be Consolidated.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Feb. 3.—It is learned that plans are approaching completion for a consolidation of the National City Bank and the National Bank of Commerce with a combined capital and surplus of \$80,000,000 and deposits of about \$400,000,000, making it by far the biggest bank in the world.

The consolidation, it has been said, will be easily carried out.

It is said that Frank A. Vanderlip, now president of the National City Bank will be president of the merged institution. Valentine P. Snyder is president of the Bank of Commerce, and it is presumed he will have a high position in the new bank.

The National City Bank has a capital of \$25,000,000 and a surplus of \$15,250,000 and deposits of about \$200,000,000.

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The National City is what is known as a Standard Oil bank, while the Morgan and Kuhn-Loeb interests dictate the policy of the Bank of Commerce. Kuhn, Loeb & Company are also influential in the City Bank.

CHAPMAN TO BE EXTRADITED.

Secretary of the Corporation Commission of Oklahoma Wanted in Texas.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Austin, Tex., Feb. 3.—The extradition of W. L. Chapman, of Guthrie, Okla., secretary of the corporation commission of that state, and several Oklahoma men under indictment at Eagle Pass, Tex., for forged entries alleged to have been committed in connection with land frauds, will be demanded by Governor Campbell.

The cases grew out of the recent senatorial investigation of land frauds. They pertain to lands in Oklahoma belonging to the succeeding Kickapoo Indians who live in Mexico.

BILL LANG DEFEATS BILLS QUIRES TODAY

(By Cable to The Times) Melbourne, Feb. 3.—Bill Lang today defeated Bill Squires in a battle for the heavyweight championship of Australia. Squires showed little of his old time form and proved comparatively easy for Lang throughout. Interest in the fight was not great as neither man was looked upon as of real championship calibre. The end came in the form of a knock-out in the seventeenth round.

ELEVENTH MAN BEEN SECURED IN MURDER CASE

J. A. Woodruff, Young Farmer, Accepted This Morning as Juror

THE WHITWORTH CASE

Woodruff Said He Knew John D. Sharp, One of the Defendants, and That It Would Take More Evidence to Convict Him Than a Stranger, But Would Not Allow His Friendship to Stand Above His Oath—Defense Was Rather Surprised When the State Accepted Him—Jacob Frutiger, a Swiss Farmer, the Eleventh Man

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 3.—Two more jurors were secured in the Cooper-Sharp case at 11 o'clock today, leaving but one positive vacancy with the possibility of another on account of Juror Whitworth's contested fitness for service.

The eleventh juror was Jacob Frutiger, a Swiss farmer, living on Paradise Ridge, in the fourteenth district. The tenth juror in the Cooper-Sharp case was accepted this morning at 9:50. He is a young farmer, J. A. Woodruff, living in the fourteenth district. Woodruff said he had known John D. Sharp, one of the defendants, and the latter's brothers for years, that it would take more evidence to convict Sharp than it would to convict a stranger to him, but he would not allow his friendship for the accused to stand above his oath as a juror. The defense appeared rather surprised when the state signified that it would accept Woodruff. Attorneys for the defense asked Woodruff no questions at all, but they conferred at length before accepting him.

The third panel of the fourth venire was taken up this morning. Woodruff was the tenth man called on this panel. Fifty names were on it, two less than the original panel in the case, which contained 102 names. Fifty veniremen are accounted for by acceptances and challenges.

The investigation of Juror Whitworth's case will be resumed as soon as the present venire is exhausted. The witnesses in the matter are present in court today.

MRS. VALENTINE COMPETENT.

Jury Holds That Love For Usher is Not Proof of Insanity.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Feb. 3.—After a long trial a sheriff's jury, by a vote of 12 to 2, decided today that Mrs. Maria Augusta Valentine, an elderly widow of New Rochelle, is mentally competent to take care of herself and manage her \$100,000 estate.

Mrs. Valentine, it was alleged in the petition of certain of her relatives, was considered incapable of managing her affairs because she had declared that she loved an usher in a theatre. On the stand Mrs. Valentine admitted that she loved the usher. One of the three commissioners, in charging the jury pointed out that a person may be thought foolish by his or her friends in bestowing affection on some other person, but this was not a proof of insanity.

THREE KILLED IN SEABOARD CRASH

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Asheville, S. C., Feb. 3.—Three men were instantly killed when Seaboard Air Line freight trains Nos. 20 and 29 collided head-on six miles north of here early this morning.

The dead: ENGINEER CLYDE MOORE, FIREMAN L. H. NICKLES, COLORED FIREMAN.

The trains were running at high speed when they met on a long trestle at 1:30 this morning, and both locomotives and 10 cars were totally demolished.