

Weather.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 8—Forecast for North Carolina for tonight and Tuesday: Fair tonight; Tuesday partly cloudy and warmer, rain.

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THE LAWMAKERS CONSIDER MANY MATTERS TODAY

Senate Met at Eleven O'clock Today and Got Down to Business

A NUMBER OF NEW BILLS

Senator Dockery introduced a bill to prohibit capital punishment except in cases of criminal assault. Bill to pay the funeral expenses of Thomas N. Hayes, of Wilkes—Bill to regulate the sale of concentrated feed stuffs—Bill by Ninkocks to amend law relative to escape from prison—Wake County Bill.

The senate met at 11 o'clock and was led in prayer by Senator Ormond. The journal committee reported no corrections to be made in the journal. Various standing committees reported and a number of bills were placed on the calendar.

New Bills Today.

The following new bills and petitions were introduced as follows:

S. B. 601. Senator Elliott. To incorporate the trustees of a certain church in Catawba county. Corporations.

S. B. 602. Senator Johnson. To provide for the levying of a special tax in Currituck county. Education.

S. B. 603. Senator Emple. A bill to fix the closed season for hunting birds. Game Laws.

Senator Doughton. A petition from 133 citizens relative to the formation of Avery county. Counties, Cities and Towns.

Senator Shaw. A petition from citizens of Robeson relative to a graded school district.

S. B. 604. H. B. 604. Senator Peele. An act to repeal chapter 924 of the public laws of 1907, relative to the encouragement of immigration. The old law provides for an appropriation of \$5,000 annually to encourage immigration. Senator Peele's law entirely repeals this act. It was referred to the committee on immigration.

S. B. 605. Senator Matthews: To validate the acts of certain justice of the peace in Sampson county. Justice of the Peace.

S. B. 607. Senator Shaw. A bill to make a uniform tax receipt. Finance.

Passed Third Reading.

To allow the board of commissioners of McDowell county to issue bonds.

To authorize commissioner of Transylvania county to levy special tax.

To authorize New Bern to levy special tax to pay interest on bonds.

To authorize commissioners of Robeson county to issue bonds to pay indebtedness.

To authorize commissioners of Durham county to issue bonds to pay indebtedness.

To extend the limits of the town of Winterville.

To protect the forests of North Carolina from fire.

To appoint a justice of the peace in Ocracoke township, Currituck county.

To allow an authorized minister, as well as ordained ministers, to perform the marriage ceremony. Any minister authorized by his church to perform the marriage ceremony may do so, according to this law.

To amend law relating to finance committee applying only to Pamlico county.

To prevent the throwing of sawdust in Big Ivey Creek, Buncombe county.

To pay the Pinkerton Detective Agency for helping to run down the murderer of Arthur Criminger in Cabarrus county.

To appoint a finance committee for Ashe county.

To amend section 1283 revisal relating to fees when not a true bill is found in Brunswick and Catawba counties.

To amend law relating to finance relative to the pay of jurors in Gaston county.

To amend section 2716 of revisal relative to oaths of road overseers.

To amend chapter 180 of laws of 1907, relative to offenses before the courts of Pasquotank.

To fix pay of jurors in Greene county.

To prohibit public drunkenness in Mitchell county.

REV. MR. SMITH PREACHES TO A PACKED HOUSE

He Knocks Preachers and Pays Compliments to Railroad Jack

COURT HOUSE CROWDED A LIVELY DISCUSSION

Court House Crowded Yesterday—The Evangelist Roasts Railroad Jack—Says Some Methodists go to Heaven With Rooster Under One Arm and Another Man's Wife Under the Other—Some Baptist Preachers Go With a Jug of Liquor—Nearly Fifty Stood For Prayer.

The court house was filled to overflowing yesterday afternoon with men who had come to hear the evangelist, W. W. Smith. They were looking, perhaps, for something out of the ordinary lines of preaching, and they got it.

Before beginning the occasion the evangelist asked that the windows be lowered from the top. But before he did this he had the windows around him closed, as he did not want to be in a draught. When some one objected to the current of cold air that came pouring through the house, he stated that he guessed it was pretty bad on those who were frozen up inside, but that he would have air in the room.

The service began with the evangelist's kicking at a dog that had strayed inside the church or "bar" as it is called in court houses. Whether he hit the dog or not, the reporter did not see. Anyway, he said that dogs had no place in a revival. The preacher said that if the room were too full for any more to come in some long fellow could come up to the front and lie down and the others could sit on him—and even that would not be as hot as hell.

Before beginning his remarks, the preacher said that his methods were too high for the ordinary preacher, and that he had the sympathy of the people of Raleigh. He said that he had held meetings in the largest churches on the continent, and if the people wanted to know who he was they could write to the president of the First National Bank of Roanoke.

Next came what the people were looking for. He said that in all his travels over the continent, he had never been treated as he was by a "poor old crank" here Saturday afternoon (meaning the distinguished "Railroad Jack"). Mr. Elson said that he one referred to was not a Raleigh man.

Mr. Smith then took his text, but the reporter could not get an adequate account of his sermon, as parts of it would not do credit to the columns of any newspaper. He spoke, in part, along the following lines:

Many preachers go to houses of ill fame. If a man has five or ten thousand dollars in his possession he can join the church without being born again, or being asked any questions. Some people are not fit to be a boot-black in hell. Men ought to make money, but they ought to be conscientious about it. Some people will be damned for the love of money. Some Methodist preachers will go to heaven with a rooster under one arm and another man's wife under the other; and some Baptist preachers with a jug of liquor under their arms.

When told by Mr. Elson that Railroad Jack was not a native of Raleigh, the evangelist stated that he did not know where he was from but that he knew where he was going—that he was going to hell, and that the city council ought to take some action against him.

Before concluding his discourse the preacher got down to business and preached a little. When he had finished, he asked all those who wished to become Christians to stand. Nearly fifty stood. He then invited them to come forward and there was quite a number who accepted the invitation.

RECEIVES DEATH SENTENCE WITHOUT QUIVER OF A MUSCLE.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Suffolk, Va., Feb. 6—Without the quiver of a muscle or the trembling of an eye lid, Sam Hardy today heard that he must die. Hardy was accused of assassinating Tiberius Gracchus Jones in the latter's door yard at Holland on October 26, last. The trial lasted five days.

PENSION EX-PRESIDENTS.

Bill Introduced Today Providing For Pension of \$2000 Per Year.

Washington, Feb. 6—Representative Volstead, of Minnesota, introduced a bill in the house today providing for a pension of \$12,000 per year for all ex-presidents. The payments are to be made monthly.

DEBATE IN HOUSE TODAY OVER THE FISH INDUSTRY

House Met at Noon After Sunday Holiday and Resumed Business

A LUCKY DISCUSSION

Rev. L. B. Jones Conducted the Religious Exercises at the Opening of the House This Morning—Reports of Standing Committees—Bills Ratified—Mr. Roscoe Starts Ball Rolling As to Fish Matter—Mr. Koonce Talks on the Matter and Several Others Get Into the Debate, Late.

The session of the twenty-ninth day of the house of representatives of the North Carolina general assembly was called to order today at 12 noon, by Speaker Graham, who, to conduct the religious exercises presented Rev. L. B. Jones, pastor of Central Methodist church.

The journal of Saturday was reported correctly recorded by the committee on journal, and the same stood approved.

The call for petitions, memorials, and communications brought forth the following, which were read and properly referred: Petition as to fishing in Bath Creek, Beaufort county.

Standing Committees Report.

The following bills were reported: To allow Harnett to issue bonds for bridges, favorably; to divide courts of Stokes county, favorably; to abolish May term of Orange county, favorably; bills passed Saturday reported as engrossed and sent to the senate.

On motion of Mr. Gavin H. B. 652 was taken from the calendar and referred to Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Doughton said that Saturday the house passed a bill as to employees of supreme court and on a non-concurrence with the senate.

Bills Ratified.

The following bills were ratified and sent to secretary of state and are now laws:

To amend law as to fences in Tyrrell; to appoint cotton-weigher for Four Oaks; to abolish treasurer of Swain; to aid in developing Asheville; for draining Lower Creek; to allow Ashe to levy a special bridge tax; to repeal charter of Gladstone; to entitle sale of test farms; to re-establish treasurer of Duplin; to relieve ex-sheriff of Lincoln; to amend charter of Scotland Neck; as to pay of commissioners of Richmond county; to incorporate Lenoir; to amend charter of Burlington; to amend law as to throwing sawdust in Big Ivey, in Buncombe.

Mr. Roscoe asked that the fish bill, which was reported favorably as amended, and a minority report by the member from Chowan, and he asked it be withdrawn and considered by the committee as a whole Tuesday night, as many western members wanted to know more of it.

Mr. Koonce said he hoped it would not be done.

Mr. Privott said he hoped the motion of Mr. Roscoe would prevail, as many wanted to hear the merits and demerits of the bill.

Mr. Morton rose to a point of order, saying that the house had no right to go into committee as a whole except on revenue bill, and he moved it be made special order for Friday next. It was announced that there were several special orders for that day.

Mr. Green said he wanted to discuss the bill.

Mr. Privott said the inference as to who signed the minority was erroneous.

Mr. Wallace said the bill was important, and all had been begged to attend, and the motion of Mr. Morton should prevail, and thus enlighten the house.

Mr. Roscoe said there had been much fuss for years about the fish of the east, and the reason was the bills have been unjust, and there would always be trouble as long as some were exempt.

The speaker announced that Mr. Roscoe was out of order, and Mr. Roscoe moved the rules be suspended.

Mr. Grant said a day's notice was necessary.

The speaker sustained the point and on the vote it was made a special order. (Continued on Page Two.)

SERIOUS PANIC IN HOTEL FIRE

Manchester, Eng., Feb. 7—In a frightful panic accompanying the burning of the Grosvenor Hotel today three men lost their lives and upwards of a score are badly injured. Three hundred persons were asked in the hotel when the fire was discovered and so quickly did the fire gain headway that before all were even aroused the fire was burning in every story of the building.

The city fire fighting force found themselves unable to cope with the blaze and they were greatly hindered by the great crowds which gathered. The police were wholly unable to hold back the people.

The most frightful scenes were enacted. Men who were driven to the roof leaped to the ground, sustaining serious injuries. Others jumped from windows to the street beneath. Three men are missing and are thought to be in the ruins of the building.

Lucky Baldwin Seriously Ill.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 8—E. J. ("Lucky") Baldwin, who was stricken with pneumonia about ten days ago early today was reported to be slowly sinking. A consultation of physicians has been called.

Eleven-Year-Old Katherine Loerch And Her Abductor, Joseph Janier



Baltimore, Md., Feb. 8—Joseph Janier was arraigned and pleaded not guilty in the criminal court Part II this morning. He was granted a change of venue and the case was removed to Toxson, where it will be tried the first week in March.

Katherine Loerch, the eleven-year-old Brooklyn girl who was taken to Baltimore by Joseph Janier, shown below, and a fair simile of the letter she wrote to her mother.

JOSEPH JANER TRIAL BEGINS ON TOMORROW

The Father and Mother of Girl Are Both seriously Sick

THREE INDICTMENTS

Joseph Janer, Wealthy Brooklyn Man, Will Be Tried For His Life Tomorrow on Charge of Kidnapping Eleven-Year-Old Catherine Loerch—There Are Six Counts in Indictment, Three Charging Capital Offense Under Maryland Law. Janer Will Plead Not Guilty.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 8—Joseph Janer, the wealthy Brooklyn man, will go on trial for his life tomorrow on the charge of kidnapping eleven-year-old Catherine Loerch. There are six counts in the indictment, three charging capital offenses under the Maryland laws.

Janer, despite the evidence against him, will plead not guilty through his counsel, Edward I. Clark.

The little girl victim will be held here until the trial is over despite all the efforts on the part of her relatives to get her back to Brooklyn to see her sick father. The uncle and brother of the child are here for that purpose, but the authorities will not allow her to be taken out of the jurisdiction of the Maryland court, as she is the chief witness against Janer.

Marshal Farnan today said that he has no disposition to be unfair or seem hard-hearted in his stand against allowing the little girl to see her father, but he has his doubts about the seriousness of Loerch's illness and has a strong suspicion that the whole thing may be a ruse to get the girl out of Maryland, in which case it would be impossible to force her to return and the case against Janer would fall through.

Father Dying.

New York, Feb. 8—Adolph Loerch, father of Katherine Loerch, is dying at his home in Brooklyn of tuberculosis and her mother is suffering from serious burns caused by falling on the kitchen stove in a faint. Both constantly cry for their daughter.

"I must see Katherine before I die," cried Mr. Loerch to his wife. "I must see my child before I pass away."

In response to the dying man's appeal Michael Loerch, the child's uncle, is in Baltimore today, trying to induce the authorities to allow him to take her to her father before his death.

Janer, since being in prison, has made two appeals to his wife to help him. His fortune of \$500,000 is strictly under her control, and without her aid he is practically helpless.

After Janer's second appeal was received Mrs. Janer angrily tore up the message and said:

"I will have nothing more to do with this monster. I have cast him off entirely. I will not aid him in any way. He has always treated me with the utmost cruelty, and I cannot have the slightest sympathy for him."

Janer, according to the laws of Maryland, may choose between a trial by jury or a judge. If he makes the latter choice, it is likely that three judges will hear the case at the same time. In rendering a verdict the decision of the majority will rule, but the Baltimore authorities are confident that all three would coincide in bringing in a verdict of conviction.

The district attorney's opening speech to the jury or judges will brand Janer as a man entitled to the fullest penalty, which is death, and will declare him to be the worst of criminals under the law.

The prosecutor will make it a special point to ask that in case of conviction the death sentence be pronounced although under the law imprisonment for life or a lesser penalty can be placed.

Katherine Loerch is in the home of the Good Shepherd and will be the first witness to be placed on the stand against Janer. The child has been under medical care and has almost entirely recovered from her hysterical condition in which she was found when Janer was arrested.

PRESENT MARKET VALUE OF BONDS

Movement in South Dakota Legislature to Return Money Derived From Bonds

DESIRES INFORMATION

In Discussion Growing Out of Movement, the Members of the Legislature of South Dakota Desire to Know the Present Value of the Paper—State Treasurer Lacy Receives Communication From Superintendent of Legislative Reference Division—Will Confer With Attorney-general and Answer Immediately.

It was printed in the columns of The Evening Times several weeks ago that there was a movement on foot in South Dakota to return to North Carolina the money derived from the bonds given in aid of the Western North Carolina Railroad, ten of which were presented to the state of South Dakota, but that North Carolina was wanted to ask for the money. Governor Glenn flat-footedly refused to ask for it, basing his refusal upon the grounds that if South Dakota felt she was doing wrong in keeping the money, then it should be returned without a request from North Carolina.

Some time ago holders of these bonds went to Governor Hughes, of New York, and requested him to

What Some North Carolina Masons Think of Making Taft a Mason "At Sight"

Hon. Charles S. Hopkins, of Zanesville, Ohio, the Grand Master of Ohio Freemasons, has announced his intention of making William Howard Taft president-elect, "a Mason at sight," if the ceremony will take place in Cincinnati at the Scottish Rite Cathedral on Thursday afternoon, February 18th, in the presence of a large number of prominent Masons of Ohio and other states.

On account of the wide-spread interest that this announcement has caused, it will not be out of place to publish the opinion of a few prominent North Carolina Masons on this important topic.

Mr. S. J. Hunsdale, Past Master of William G. Hill Lodge, No. 218, of this city, who is well up on all Masonic questions, was seen today and gave out the following opinion:

"Quite a little discussion has been precipitated recently by the announcement that the Grand Master of Ohio has signified his intention of making President-elect Taft a Mason 'at sight.' The question has been asked by some of this is regular and if the Grand Master has the right."

"The ancient law governing all Masonic bodies, known as the Landmarks of Masonry," gives certain prerogatives to the Grand Master, and among these is the right of making Masons at sight. This does not mean that he may take a man into a private room, and there, unassisted, make him a Mason; but that he has the right, with the assistance of at least six other Masons, to meet in a suitable place, regularly open a lodge, and without any previous probation, but "at sight," proceed to confer the degree upon the candidate. Such a lodge is usually known as an "Occasional Lodge," and when the business for which it was convened has been concluded, it is closed in regular form.

"This irregularity is very close to,

and dependent on the prerogative of the Grand Master to issue dispensations, for lodges which have no charters."

"The prerogative of making Masons at sight, is one which is seldom, if ever exercised in this Grand Jurisdiction, as the more the fraternity is safeguarded, the higher will be the standard of its membership.

"Ten years gone by, most of the members of the blood royal, who joined the Masonic fraternity, were made Masons at sight, as it was not thought worthy or becoming to submit these dignitaries to the ordeal of election by ballot, or unanimous vote being necessary to elect. But as the world became more democratic, the custom of creating these royal princes with such consideration has fallen into disuse.

"As the chief executive of a great nation like ours, President Taft will, of course, be entitled to any honors which might be reserved for princes of the old world, but in a country which prides itself on its democracy, it would seem that even the chief executive of the land should pass the ordeal of the ballot box just as any other less distinguished person must.

"It has been hinted that there is some politics mixed up in this action of the Grand Master of Ohio, or that it is a play to the grand stand. Be this as it may, it is not for me to criticize the Grand Master, who has acted entirely within his prerogative; still it does seem as if the regular course would have been better."

Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Hon. Francis D. Weston, being in the city and the writer, knowing his great familiarity with questions of Masonic jurisprudence, interviewed him on the subject of announcement of the Grand Master of Ohio that he would make Mr. Taft a "Mason at Sight."

Mr. Weston had the following to say: (Continued on Page Two.)