

Washington, D. C., Feb. 26—Forecast for North Carolina for tonight and Saturday: Fair, warmer tonight. Saturday, fair; warmer in east.

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DOUGHTON BILL FAILS TO MEET WITH APPROVAL

Committee Sends In Unfavorable Report But There Is Minority Report

THE EDUCATIONAL BILL

Senate Met at Ten O'clock This Morning, Senator Nimocks Leading the Prayer—New Bills by Barham to Extend Time of the Organization of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railway—Education Bill Passes Second Reading—Senator Doughton's Oil Inspection Bill Causes Discussion—Henderson to Vote on Bond Issue.

Senator Blow's education bill passed its second reading this morning without objection.

Senator Doughton's bill to provide for the inspection of illuminating oils and fluids was reported unfavorably this morning.

The bill, which has been published and widely commented on, is one of great importance. Senator Doughton gave notice of a minority report.

Senators Britt and Bassett joined with him in the minority report, which reads as follows:

"There is much complaint from various parts of the state of the poor quality of illuminating oils. Many, perhaps a majority of the states, have laws providing for the inspection of these oils. It is not probable that these acts would be allowed to continue if they were not beneficial.

"Georgia and Tennessee have such laws, and it is probable, if not actually the fact, that oils that cannot be sold in those states, are brought into North Carolina. Many of the states not only protect the people in the matter of lights, but receive considerable revenue from the inspection.

Ohio for six months from June 1st to December 1st, 1908, received \$53,815. Tennessee in 1908 received \$54,550. Georgia for 1907 received \$14,976.23."

The senate was called to order by President Klutz at 10 o'clock. Hon. Q. K. Nimocks, senator from Cumberland, led the senate in prayer.

New Bills Today.
New bills were introduced today as follows:

S. B. 1312, Senator Manning: To incorporate Durham School of Music Corporations.

S. B. 1313, Senator Barham: To extend time for the organization of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad Company.

S. B. 1314, Senator Turner: To regulate hunting in Groves township, Harnett. Game Law.

S. B. 1315, Senator Ormond: To extend time for registering grants. Revisal.

S. B. 1316, Senator Klutz: To provide for appointment of court stenographer for Rowan. Judiciary.

S. B. 1317, Senator Klutz: To amend charter of Salisbury Railway Company. Railroads.

Passed Third Reading.
H. B. To amend charter of Elizabeth City.

H. B. To provide a tax levy in Caswell.

H. B. To revise and amend charter of West Hickory.

H. B. To incorporate the Ahsokle school district.

S. B. To grant a new charter to High Point.

S. B. To authorize city of Kinston to issue bonds.

H. B. To amend charter of Edenton.

H. B. To authorize bond issue for building court house and jail in Gaston.

H. B. To better support and maintain schools of New Hanover.

H. B. To levy special tax for bridges in Cherokees.

H. B. To establish a special tax district in Pigeon township, Haywood.

H. B. To authorize commissioners of Ashe to sell county home and purchase another.

S. B. To provide bond issue for lights and water in Henderson.

H. B. To amend charter of Kenley.

S. B. To allow people of Rutherford township, Rutherford county, to vote bonds for macadam roads.

COLONEL COOPER RETIRES FROM WITNESS STAND

Defense Did Not Question the Witness Further and He Was Excused

PISTOL IDENTIFIED

Colonel Cooper Made Explanation as to Statement That He Had Given \$1,050 to Confederate Soldier. Said the Amount Was Only \$50. Major W. O. Vertrees Identifies the "Carmack Pistol" as One He Had Loaned the Senator—Lieutenant Pilcher, Who Picked Up the Pistol, Also a Witness—Question As to Competence of Evidence.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Criminal Court Room, Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 26—Colonel Duncan B. Cooper retired from the witness stand this morning. The defense asked him no questions on re-direct examination.

Colonel Cooper, on assuming the witness chair, said he wanted to make an explanation. Permission was granted by Judge Hart. Colonel Cooper said in reading the evidence he had been reported as saying that he gave a Confederate soldier \$1,050. He wanted to say that he had only given \$50 of this sum. Lieutenant Winston Pilcher, army officer retired, was the next witness following Colonel Cooper.

He picked up the pistol at Senator Carmack's head in the street. The weapon was a .38 calibre blue steel Smith & Wesson hammerless revolver. He unbreached the pistol and found two exploded cartridges. He thought it had been freshly fired from indications. Curiosity prompted him to pick up the weapon.

Sergeant Meaders of the police force followed Lieutenant Pilcher and identified the pistols that were surrendered to him the night of the killing.

The witness said the gun shown in court as "Carmack's pistol" was given him by Lieutenant Pilcher. Major W. O. Vertrees, prominent member of the Nashville bar and life-long friend of Senator Carmack, was the next on the stand. He said he had waited on Carmack when the latter was married. On Sunday night before the killing, witness was calling on a lady, the telephone rang and a friend said Carmack wanted to see the witness. He went by The Tennessean office after 10 o'clock that night. Carmack asked him to lend him a pistol. Major Vertrees said he gave Carmack the blue pistol shown in court as the "Carmack pistol", that it was loaded all around and was encased in a little rubber tip.

The jury retired here to permit argument on the point of evidence. Interesting evidence was given by Major Vertrees when questioned in the absence of the jury. He said at The Tennessean office Sunday night before the tragedy he gave Carmack the pistol and showed him how to use it, as Carmack said he did not know much about fire-arms. He told Carmack all he would have to do was to just pull the trigger. Carmack placed the weapon in his hip pocket.

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WASHINGTON IS READY FOR GREAT INAUGURAL EVENT

Court of Honor in Front of the White House is Almost Complete

FINAL MEETING HELD

Decorations Are Already in Place on Many Pennsylvania Avenue Business Houses, the Inauguration Colors of Green and White Mingle With National Colors—Committees Report All Work Practically Complete and the Full Inaugural Committee Has Held Its Last Meeting—Programs for the Great Event Will be Put on Sale Monday or Tuesday.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Feb. 26—Washington as rapidly putting on gala attire for the great event of March 4. The "court of honor" in front of the white house on Pennsylvania Avenue, where the new president will review the big parade, is rapidly nearing completion. Decorations are already in place on many Pennsylvania Avenue business houses, the inauguration colors of green and white mingling with the national colors. The official stand of the inaugural committee, opposite the presidential reviewing stand, which is almost finished, will be completed by next Tuesday. Yesterday the huge baskets which are to be filled with evergreens and artificial flowers were hoisted to the tops of the eight 50-foot columns in front of the court of honor. Electric light festoons have been hung across the street at that point.

The final meeting of the full inaugural committee has been held. The sub-committee reports show that practically all arrangements are nearly in readiness for the inauguration next week.

It is reported that twenty and possibly twenty-one governors will be present. Sub-committees to entertain them have been appointed. The committee on public order reports that all arrangements for the safety and comfort of the thousands who will be here next week has been made. The official program for the inauguration will be on sale Monday or Tuesday.

The chairman of the committee on civic organization announces that fifty-five organizations will participate in the parade. Of these forty-four are white, ten colored, and one Indian. It is estimated that at least 40,000 persons will witness the parade from stands, balconies and windows alone. The private stands on Pennsylvania Avenue are practically completed and the decorations will be completed by Monday.

The committee on illuminations is considering six schemes, and in addition to festooning the avenue with electric lamps, the treasury, district building, the peace monument and the dome of the capitol will be brilliant with lights.

At 7:30 o'clock on the evening of March 4 the fireworks display will occur. It will be given on the white house lot, just back of the white house. An hours' drill will be given by the Minneapolis republican Flambeau.

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Scene in the Courtroom at the Cooper-Sharp Trial.



This picture shows the scene in the courtroom at Nashville, Tenn., during the trial of the Coopers and Sharp for the killing of former U. S. Senator Carmack. The figures designate the following persons in the Court Room: 1, Judge Hart; 2, Mrs. Charles Eastman; 3, Charles Eastman; 4, Vernon Sharp, Court Clerk; 5, Sheriff Sam Brown; 6, M. H. Meeks, of counsel for the defense; 7, Charles Burch, of counsel for defense; 8, James Bradford, of counsel for defense; 9, Attorney General McCann; 10, E. W. Carmack, Jr.

ASSAILANT OF WOMEN CAUGHT

Mysterious Man Who Has Terrorized Berlin in Hands of Police

RUSE TO CAPTURE HIM

For weeks the police have been searching vigilantly for the degenerate who has assaulted so many women in Berlin and Ruse. Adopted to effect his capture. Proves Successful This Morning. Was Attempting to Plunge Dagger Into Woman's Body When Caught. Woman's Dress Slashed into Ribbons.

(By Cable to The Times)

Berlin, Feb. 26—The mysterious assailant of women who has terrorized Berlin for upward of a fortnight was caught today, ending the reign of terror. For weeks the police have been searching vigilantly for the degenerate and have issued orders that women should carry sacks of flour with which to sprinkle the clothing of anyone who attacked them. This ruse worked perfectly today and resulted in the capture of an unidentified man this morning on the Frederickstrasse while he was attempting to plunge a dagger into the body of a mechanic's wife. The woman had the presence of mind to grab her assailant and scream and several men came running to her assistance.

The assailant fought with the fury of a madman and slashed with his knife right and left, but he was soon overpowered by the police and taken in charge for examination.

The woman was not injured, although her dress was slashed into ribbons by the man's knife. Crowds of the curious gathered to get a glimpse of the famous "jack the ripper", but were disappointed.

TO HAVE MODERN BASEBALL PARK

Prominent Business Men Secure Option On Plot of Ground for Park

ADVANTAGES OF PARK

Movement, if Carried Out, Will Result in Raleigh's Having an Up-to-date Baseball Park in the Heart of the City—Proposed plan is to buy the Old City Lot and Surrounding Lots and build modern park with Extensive Grand Stand, Club House With Modern Conveniences and All Needed Improvements—Advantages of Having Park in the Uptown District.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

A movement, backed by the most prominent business men of Raleigh, is on foot, which, if carried out, will result in Raleigh having an up-to-date baseball park in the heart of the city. These gentlemen have had the idea in mind for several weeks and have at last secured the option on the necessary ground and in all probability will start on the park at an early date.

The proposed plan is to buy the old city lot and the surrounding lots and build a modern park, with an extensive grand stand, club house with all modern conveniences, and all other needed improvements.

The advantages of having a ball park in the city are too numerous to mention. It will be in a block of Fayetteville street, which will enable the business men, clerks, and other working people to leave their places of business only a few minutes before the game actually starts. They would not lose a half hour going to the park and another half hour coming from the park, as they do now.

The attendance would be increased over 100 per cent; there would be ample police protection in case the crowd tried to mob the umpire, and many other advantages over having the park out in the country. The plan seems to be a certainty, the men behind it showing great enthusiasm, and the people are taking great interest in it. If this park is built, the grand stand will be placed in the northwest corner of the Park, on the corner of Davie and McDowell, the club house on the corner of Salisbury and Davie streets, the white bleachers will be on Davie street and the colored bleachers on McDowell street. The grounds will be put in excellent condition and Raleigh will have a park second to none in the state.

In other towns where they have the park in the city the attendance has been nearly twice as large as it was when the park was out of town. With the new park, the great enthusiasm being shown by the people of Raleigh, and the excellent prospects for a great team, Raleigh should have sport this summer fit for a king.

North Carolina Postmasters.

Washington, Feb. 26—The following fourth-class postmasters were appointed today for North Carolina:

Bartow, Robert C. Walsh; Kipling, Clement W. Matthews.

NOTHING WRONG IN THE CONDUCT OF DEPARTMENTS

Auditor's Office Has Not Exceeded Authority and Insurance Dept. All Right

NEW BOOKS NEEDED

Special Committee to Examine the Findings of the Auditing Committee Report to House—Auditor's Office is Sustained—All Payments Having Been Made With Proper Authority—The \$30 Month to Governors Also a Legitimate Expense and Properly Paid—Meekins Fish Matter Also Meets the Approval of the Committee—Insurance Department in Good Shape.

The forty-fifth day of the house of representatives, North Carolina general assembly, was called to order at 10:30 o'clock this morning by Speaker Graham and the morning devotions were conducted by Representative John F. Latham.

The journal was reported as correctly reported by the committee through Clerk Lassiter, and the call for petitions, memorials and such was made and the following were sent forward:

By Taylor. Petition for a school district in Brunswick.

Ex-Representative Ehringhaus, of Pasquotank, was granted the privileges of the floor, as was Mr. Keenan, ex-representative from Lincoln county.

Examining Committees Report on State Department.

Mr. Currie, for the special committee to report on the findings of the auditing committee on the departments, was recognized and he asked that Mr. Doughton, of the committee, to read the report. The report took up the auditor's department first, and the finding in that case was in favor of the office as to expense of transporting prisoner disallowed by the auditors. As to the \$30 per month the governors have been drawing all these years was also found allowable under the statute, and gave the attorney general as authority and asked that the matter be taken out of the realm of dispute.

As to other employees about the capitol and grounds, the attorney general's ruling was also cited for them.

As to the item paid Judge Womack, \$250, for the legal service, the committee found the auditors worked from a wrong premise and found it correct.

As to the Bond and Ward vouchers as to the fish interest, they found that the issuance of those warrants were under authority of law and were entirely right. As to A. J. Barwick voucher for \$72 was found to be correct as it was for work done for the State Board of Education.

The Barrett & Thompson vouchers were also found as regular and correct, as the architects were necessary.

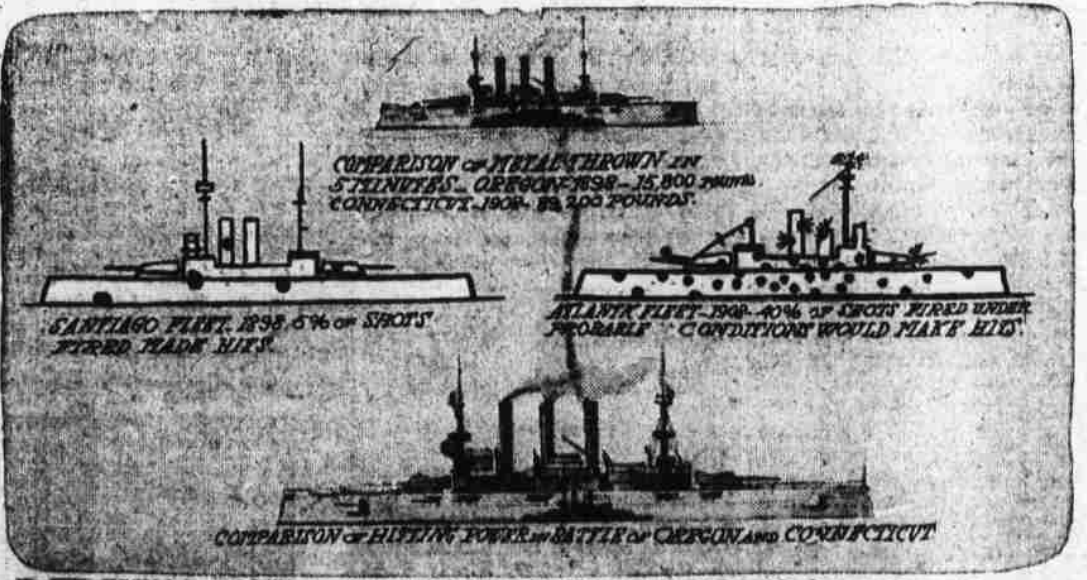
As to the \$9,000 to the Goldsboro Hospital, they found nothing to justify any mention of it by the auditors, and then found no such number.

As to the Meekins, fish commissioner matter, as to hiring his own boats, etc., etc., the committee found that there was no way to do the work of the commissioner except by the borrowing the means necessary, and that the purchases from the firm of Evans & Meekins, in which Meekins was interested, were properly made, as was also the renting of the offices for the use of the fish commissioner. As to the boat rented from himself was also necessary and correct and seemed to be the only way out of the dilemma. They found all these things technically in contravention of the usual, but it was all done in the open and with the consent of proper officers.

As to Mr. Young's office, the insurance commissioner, they find that there is no evidence of any dishonesty on any hand. That the commissioner has collected and accounted for every dollar he should, and has taken the best care possible of all the valuables coming into his hands, and the valuables are kept in a safety bank deposit vault. As to the book-keeping, they find a more modern system should be, and is being installed. They find that the books have been checked by other auditors and the books so show. As to the lack of a cash book, they find the

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Growth of the American Navy Since Spanish War.



This picture gives a splendid idea of the growth of the American Navy, not only in size but in efficiency, since the Spanish war. It is of peculiar interest, in view of the remarkable trip around the world, which has just been completed by the American battleship fleet.

J. M. Dickinson.



J. M. Dickinson, the distinguished Tennessee lawyer, who is said to have accepted the War Portfolio in the Taft Cabinet.