

SOUTHERN CONGRESS

Commercial Congress to be Held in Atlanta in March

Mr. C. N. Evans, Secretary of North Carolina Delegation Here Making Preparations—Wants State Delegations to Meet in Hamlet—Proceed to Atlanta in Pullmans—Greatly Interested Over Prospects.

Mr. C. N. Evans, of Wilmington, who is secretary of the North Carolina Delegation appointed by Governor Kitchin to represent the State at the Southern Commercial Congress, is in the city making arrangements to have the delegates from the entire State meet at Hamlet on the 7th of March, from which point they will go in a private Pullman. Mr. Evans is very enthusiastic over the prospects of a big delegation from North Carolina. He is very anxious to have every city in the State represented by members of its business organizations. He is very anxious to have a large delegation of the business men of Raleigh go as delegates and he is greatly encouraged at the interest there is aroused in the meeting of this great Southern Commercial Congress, not only among the business men of Raleigh, but throughout the entire State. The State Committee as appointed by Governor Kitchin is as follows:

- Ashley Horne, Clayton; A. H. Boyden, Salisbury; W. A. Erwin, Durham; John F. Schenk, Lawndale; D. Y. Cooper, Henderson; J. Elwood Cox, High Point; B. Frank Mebane, Spray; W. E. White, Mebane, Chas. E. Johnson, Raleigh; Alf A. Thompson, Raleigh; Robert L. Holt, Burlington; Stuart W. Cramer, Charlotte; James W. Cannon, Concord; Samuel Patterson, Roanoke Rapids; J. V. Simms, Raleigh; J. A. Long, Roxboro; F. S. Lambeth, Thomasville; J. S. Efrid, Albemarle; T. L. Craig, Gastonia; C. N. Evans, Wilmington.

A like committee has been appointed by the Governor of every other Southern State, and to these will be added the delegates appointed by the mayors, chamber of commerce and other business organizations of the State. Mr. Evans declares that the names of all such delegates be forwarded to him at once. Those who wish Pullman reservation from Hamlet should notify him at once as it is necessary for him to know as soon as possible how many expect to go.

Farm Life School Bill In the Senate

(Continued From Page One.) Johnson: Correct fee simple deeds executed by life tenants. Barham: Authorize any county to levy special tax to supplement the school fund. Wagoner (by request): Allow jury trials in mayors' and other courts. Hiatt: Prevent depredations by turkeys in Bakersville township, Mitchell county. Starbuck: Incorporate the Winston Loan & Trust Company. Pinnix: Authorize treasurer of Wilkes county to pay school claim. Brown: Prohibit drunkenness on grounds of Hodges Institute; also incorporate Hodges Institute, Bladen county. Bellamy: For relief of the clerk of Brunswick county. Hawkins: Enable Warrenton to establish water and sewerage systems and issue bonds therefor; also regulate the control of fraternal societies. Hobgood: Prohibit use of word "doctor" for the purpose of procuring patents; also provide for primary elections in state and preventing corrupt practices in election contests. (500 copies ordered printed.) Ivie: Amend law of Ruffin school district. Sigmon: Protect squirrels in capital square. Haymore: Prohibit throwing sawdust in streams of Surry county; prohibit hunting and selling quail in Surry county. Carpenter: Re-charter Stanly, Gaston county. Martin of Buncombe: Make it unlawful to keep intoxicating liquor for sale in Buncombe county. Bills Ratified. Establish Higdensville high school district and levy a special tax. Regulate the election of officers of Madison county. Amend charter of St. Paul's, Robeson county. Provide township meeting houses. For relief of ex-Sheriff J. M. Davis, Surry county. Relative to bond issue by Alamance county. Appoint J. L. Green justice of the peace North Whitakers township, Nash county. Prohibit sale or giving away near-beer or other malt drinks within one mile of Knight's Chapel, Wake county. Amend the act creating a recorder's court in Nash county. Establish Hoke county, out of por-

tions of Cumberland and Robeson counties.

Amend the road law of Robeson county. Incorporate the Westminster School. Authorize Williamston to levy a special tax. Joint resolution regarding the death of Col. N. A. McLean. Authorize commissioners of Macon county to appropriate \$1,000 for Confederate monument at Franklin. Routine Business. Senator Gardner's joint resolution relative to revising report of the state treasurer was reported favorably by the committee on propositions and grievances. Unfavorable reports were made on the bills to protect peanut growers in North Carolina; change township boundaries between Newton and Caldwell townships, Catawba county; to amend the charter of Carolina & Tennessee Railroad Company. Senator Brown's bill providing for a general drainage law was reported favorably by the committee and referred to the committee on judiciary. The joint conference committee on the state-wide near-beer bill reported that the house had receded from its refusal to concur and the conference report was adopted and the bill ordered enrolled for ratification. Passed and Sent to the House. Create road commissioners of Rose Hill township, Duplin county. Incorporate the trustees of the Albemarle Normal Institute. Provide commission form of government for Asheville. Allow Castalia township, Nash county, to issue bonds. Allow street improvement in Mt. Airy. Issue bonds by Orange county for court house and jail. Passed and Ordered Enrolled. Improve roads of Richland township, Beaufort county. Improve roads of Washington county. Improve roads of Greenville township, Pitt county. Highway Bill Special Order. The Boyden-Sikes state highway commission bill was taken up as a special order at 12 o'clock. It was reported favorably by the committees on public roads and on appropriations. The machinery of the bill explained at length by one of its patrons, Senator Sikes, of Wake, who argued for state aid to counties in road building, which his bill is designed to secure. Senator Pharr announced his opposition to state aid and declared that the only way to secure good roads is for the counties benefited to levy taxes. The scheme, he declared, is impractical and should not be adopted. He thought that all counties could get good roads if they would issue county bonds and spend the money judiciously. Senator Cox made an earnest appeal in behalf of the bill, believing good roads to be the best means for enhancing the value of property in the state. He couldn't see where the state's credit could be impaired when it takes county bonds for full value of the money paid by the state to the counties. He was confident that there is merit in the bill and asked the senators to read the printed copies of it on their desks and give it their support. Senator Barnes opposed the bill on the ground that the counties and even townships are better able to provide good roads than could be secured under this act. His county and section, he said, does not need nor demand permanent road improvement by this method. He believed a county bond could be floated as easy as a state bond. Senator Graham said that at first he was not in favor of this bill, but that after studying its provisions, he had decided to give it his support. He then made argument for the proposed road legislation and stated that he considered it to be a wise measure. Senator Haymore liked the bill and said he would vote for it. On one point he was with Senator Pharr and opposed centralization of power. He discussed the bill and told of the importance of good roads and endorsed the plan of the bill for raising funds for carrying on this great work. Senator Hicks moved to postpone further consideration of the special order until Tuesday at 10 o'clock. The motion carried. Leaves of absence were granted to a number of senators for the week-end. Senator Hobgood moved to adjourn until 8 o'clock tonight and to pass only local bills. Carried. Senator Hartsell introduced out of order a bill authorizing the commissioners of Cabarrus county to issue bonds. The senate at 1:45 adjourned until 8 o'clock tonight. Mrs. Amanda Reid, of Portland, Ore., gave the largest amount of any woman philanthropist in the past 12 months. Mrs. Reid gave \$2,000,000 to Portland to establish Reid Institute. The beneficiaries of Mrs. Russell Sage last year amounted to \$1,170,000. Mrs. Mary Hunt Loomis, of Chicago, left her estate valued at \$1,250,000 to establish the Loomis Institute at Windsor, Ct.

BENNETT RESOLUTION KILLED IN COMMITTEE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Feb. 17.—The house foreign affairs committee today in executive session turned down the Bennett resolution directing the president to enter into negotiations with Great Britain looking to the annexation of Canada. Representative Bennett was the only member to vote to make a favorable report to the house on the resolution. All the other members voted to squash the resolution. This ends the matter. Representative Bennett said after the meeting of the committee that he would make some effort later to bring the matter up in another way in the house. Mr. Bennett said: "This will not be the end of my effort looking forward to the annexation of Canada by the United States. I will make another effort. Canada ought to become a part of the United States." When Champ Clark was informed of the vote on the Bennett resolution he smiled but refused to discuss the matter. In the committee meeting Representative League of South Carolina, asked Representative Bennett if he had submitted his resolution in good faith. Bennett replied heatedly that he resented the question. Representative League then ridiculed the resolution in a manner which caused Mr. Bennett to a lengthy defense of his attitude.

BANQUET FOR INSURGENTS. Club C. of New York City to Give Peace Dinner.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Albany, N. Y., Feb. 17.—All the insurgent legislators have been invited to a peace dinner to be given by Club C. of New York city on Friday evening, March 3, at the Astor Hotel. The significance of this occasion is obvious and it will have a vital bearing on the senatorial deadlock without a doubt. This morning's mail brought to each of the insurgents a typewritten letter from Bondinor Keith, secretary of Club C, requesting the honor of the presence of everybody who has voted against Mr. Sheehan from Senator George B. Bird, whose name puts him first on the roll, to Clayton H. Wheeler, who is the last man to be called. The letter says that upon acceptance of the invitation a railroad ticket from Albany to New York and return will be furnished free, for, says the letter, "we should be sorry to have you put to any expense by reason of our invitation." The letter also says that the names of any constituents of the insurgents who might be glad "of an opportunity to attend the dinner" will be "gratefully received." Before accepting the invitation the insurgents will confer upon the proposition. Assemblyman Short, one of the insurgents, said today that Club C had been formed a number of years ago in the days of the "good government" movement and that it was made up of representative men. Mr. Short added that he did not know whether or not he would attend the dinner but that the free transportation clause would be entirely ignored. It is a frequent occurrence to offer free transportation to guests coming from some distance, but such a provision is unusual for legislators.

WAKE FOREST DEFEATS A. & M. Farmers Determined to Make Better Showing at Basketball Game Monday Night.

Thursday night the A. & M. basketball team was defeated by the Wake Forest team by a rather overwhelming score which shows the relative training the teams have had. However the Farmer boys are in no way discouraged and are determined to make a better showing at the return game with Wake Forest, which will be played at A. & M. College in Pullen Hall next Monday night. It will be remembered that the team has had little encouragement from any source up till about ten days ago when through the kindness of Mr. Joseph E. Pogue the state fair association granted them permission to use one of the fair buildings as a practice floor. About the same time the college granted the squad exemption from drill which put the squad on the same basis as the other college teams, except for the fact that they have no coach. "Buck" Freeman a basketball enthusiast has since taken charge of the squad and under his direction much headway has been made. The boys feel sure that next Monday night, the score will be quite different and they have been hard at work to assure this. The contest Monday night will prove interesting in the extreme as it will be the first "mens' basketball" game ever played in this city. DR. C. F. BAHNSON DEAD. Grand Lecturer of North Carolina A. F. & A. M.—Funeral at Farmington Tomorrow. Dr. C. F. Bahnsion, Grand Lecturer of North Carolina A. F. & A. M., died last night. A special communication of the Grand Lodge has been called by Grand Master Hackett, to conduct the funeral ceremonies. Mr. Bahnsion was stricken with paralysis while in performance of his duties in Johnston county last December. He has long been one of the most prominent Masons of the state. He will be buried at Farmington, N. C., tomorrow at 12 o'clock.

Anti-Trust Bill In the House Today

(Continued From Page One.) ratified by the signature of Speaker Dowd. Bills Introduced. Thomas: To amend the road law for Richmond county. Thomas: To allow Richmond county to issue road bonds. Thomas: To allow Haullet to issue street improvement bonds. Thomas: To establish a police court for Hamlet. Turlington: To repeal the law of 1909 regarding corporations. Bartlett: To levy special school tax in South Mills township, Camden county. Ewart: To impose a franchise tax on corporations doing business in this State. Ewart: To amend the law relative to salary of Superior Court clerk for Henderson county. Ewart: To protect forests from fire in Henderson county. Herbert: To require the equipment of stock cars. Dillard, of Cherokee: To amend the compulsory school law of Andrews school district. Connor: To require officers and managers of corporations doing a commission business to be responsible when the corporation has become insolvent, to the shipper or seller for the proceeds of produce and other property handled by the said corporation or agent. Carr, of Durham: To provide for the transfer of the Pickford Sanatorium of Southern Pines to the State. Spainhour: To amend the revisal relating to denaturalization to evidence. Spainhour: To amend the revisal relating to actions for wrongful death. Hampton: To validate certain acts of E. D. Bowden, a notary public. Battle: To regulate the election of aldermen in the city of Raleigh. (Substitute of former bill to amend the charter of the city of Raleigh, which by request of Mr. Battle was withdrawn.) Battle: To establish a free school district in Swift Creek township. Kirkman: To divide the Board of Commissioners of Guilford county into two classes. Koonce: To amend the anti-trust laws of 1907-1909. Connor: To permit compulsory school attendance in graded schools at Wilson. Connor: To amend the law of 1909 relating to graded school district. Majette: To amend the law relating to State Corporation Commission. Richardson: To establish a special court for Rutherford county. Taylor, of Vance: To allow a special tax for Vance county. Taylor, of Vance: To amend the Vance county game law. Taylor, of Vance: To incorporate the town Vender. McGill: To allow Cumberland county to issue bridge bonds. Kennedy: To allow Sampson county to sell the county home track. Teague: Chicken law for Alexander; for relief of J. F. McLean. Thorne: To provide for the East Carolina Teachers' Training school. Pace: To improve the roads of Wake county. Pace: To protect street car conductors and motemen in Raleigh. Dillard, of Cherokee: To extend time of grants issued in 1910. Kelly: To regulate nomination of candidates in Wayne county. Kent: To amend the food law of 1907. Mease: To protect sheep in Haywood county and tax dogs. Marshall: To appoint three justices of the Peace in Surry county. Rawls: To amend the laws of 1907 relative to fishing in Oyster Creek. Rawls: To protect fish in Dawson Creek, Pamlico county. Shipman: To provide for primary elections throughout the State. Woodson: To prohibit the sale of merchandise in any State building or grounds on the Sabbath. Buck: To incorporate Burnsville. Tucker: To repeal the law of 1909 and re-enact Ashe county road law of 1901. Thompson: To amend the charter of Washington. Thompson: To allow Washington to issue wharf and dock bonds. Ross: To require commissioners to build a fence between Moore and Harnett counties. Special Order Postponed. Mr. Spainhour called up his bill to establish a system of State highways in North Carolina, which had been made a special order for Friday. Mr. Turlington, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, raised the point that the bill had not been referred to the Appropriations Committee as provided for in Rule 57. Mr. Connor and Mr. Spainhour contested this point, saying such a construction as that made by Mr. Turlington, virtually placed that committee as guardian of the House. They said they were both members of that committee and thought that the wrong construction had been placed on rule 57. Speaker Dowd ruled that the bill had to go before the Appropriations Committee before it was taken up for action. That an adverse report from the Appropriations Committee

would be treated with as great dignity as that from any other committee, and the bill was re-referred to the Appropriations Committee.

The bill to place Wilkes county officers on a salary coming up Mr. Caviness, of Wilkes offered an amendment, that the law do not go into effect until the present term of office expires. Mr. Caviness made an earnest speech in support of his amendment. Messrs. Doughton, Spainhour, and Woodson offered the amendment explaining that before the committee it was shown that in the last campaign in Wilkes every candidate agreed that they would accept a salary instead of fees. There was no politics in the bill, it being asked for by many leading Republicans in Wilkes county. Mr. Long, of Alamance, advocated the amendment on the ground that Wilkes representatives asked for it, and they should be allowed to represent Wilkes county and outsiders from Caldwell and Allegheny and Burke should not be allowed to represent the county. Judge Ewart spoke briefly and strongly endorsing the stand taken by Mr. Long, that representatives of a county should be allowed to represent it. Mr. Spainhour, of Burke, closed the debate in a complete and able review of all the evidence before the committee. He called attention to numbers of similar bills that had passed the Democratic General Assembly, affecting Democratic county officers, who were elected on fees, but were put on salaries before their terms expired. He appealed to the House to vote down the amendment. Mr. Caviness, of Wilkes called for a roll call vote. It was granted. The amendment was adopted by a vote of ayes 48, noes, 43. Mr. Ray, of Macon, lodged a motion to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was adopted. Mr. Long, of Alamance, moved to table this motion. The motion to table was lost by a vote of 49 ayes to 46 noes. Passed Final Reading. To revise the charter of Elizabeth City. Introduced Out of Order. Gay: To provide for working and improving the roads of Rich Square township, Northampton county. At 2:45 o'clock the House adjourned to meet Saturday at 10 o'clock. PLYLER'S COMMUTATION. Reason for Change of Sentence Given Out by the Governor. Governor Kitchin has given out the following reasons for commuting the sentence of Charles B. Plyler, who was to have been electrocuted today, to life imprisonment: Prisoner was properly convicted. He and deceased were enemies and threats had been made by both. Prisoner is blind in one eye and claims that he probably be killed owing to his blindness. After the prisoner was convicted he told the story of the homicide implicating three others, and these three were convicted of murder in the second degree. Without his aid the state could not have convinced the other criminals. The trial judge, the solicitor, the twelve jurors who tried him, and the judge who tried his accomplices all recommend clemency, as do a great many other citizens. I commute his sentence to a imprisonment for life at hard labor in State's prison.

The Special Coupon.

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church, will preach on Sunday next at Mt. Pleasant church in the afternoon, and at McCuller's at night. Mr. Hemphill expects to enter upon his duties regularly as soon as the semi-annual closes, about the first of May. Doubtless many will want to see and hear this devoted man who is to live and labor in their midst.

GLASS ATTRACTION. Colonial Ice Tea Tumblers \$1.25 Values at 50c. per doz. Long Stem Sweet Meat, \$5 per dozen Glasses at \$2.50. Short Stem, Sherbert Glasses, moderately priced at \$2.50 per dozen; now only \$1.00. Value has not been considered in this reduction sale. We are going to close our stock of Glassware. Just remember all Fancy China at half price. Weathers & Perry, RALEIGH, N. C.

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