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Congress Meets in Short Session

NOTABLES ARE APPLAUDED

New Members Are Sworn in and Take Their Seats—A Large Crowd Present as Usual to View the Sight, Though it Was Familiar—Senators and Representatives Were Early on Hand. There Was Much Good Nature Displayed Over the Result of the Election Held Recently.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The Sixtieth congress assembled for its final session today, the opening being attended by formalities and scenes varying little from similar occasions in the past.

The crowds came early and long before the noon hour the galleries of both the senate and house were filled. The presence of an unusual number of visitors from out of town resulted in a great demand for tickets. Members of the diplomatic corps and many notables also were in attendance.

Senators and Representatives were early on hand and in the corridors and on the floors of both chambers there was much good-natured bantering among the victors and vanquished in the November elections.

The opening of the session in the senate was without incident. The appearance of Vice-President Fairbanks was the signal for a hearty round of applause from both members and the gallery. Immediately following the prayer of the chaplain, Dr. Edward Everett Hale, the roll was called by States. Albert B. Cummings, the successor of the late Senator Allison, of Iowa, was applauded when the oath of office was taken.

Shortly after one o'clock both the senate and the house, as a mark of respect to the deceased members, adjourned until tomorrow, when the annual message of President Roosevelt will be read.

The Chaperon.

At the college last night the amusing little play entitled the Chaperon was witnessed by a large house. The story of the play was very interesting and full of comedy, keeping the house in an uproar all the time.

Nora, Mrs. Dynecourts Irish maid, played by Miss Snodie Saffrit, was the best that has ever been in the city, and she kept the house in a continuous laugh. Her Irish brogue was perfect, and her witty sayings numerous.

Miss Lucy Niblock, as Miriam the Gypsy maid was also fine. The minuet dance given by Misses Gilmer, Davis, Eldridge and Murchison was good, and received great applause.

The play as a whole showed fine training by the instructors of the college, all the cast acting their parts well.

New Daily.

The Blue Ridge Daily Breeze is the new daily paper that has wafted into this office. It is published at Mt. Airy, by the Blue Ridge Printing Company, and is a large paper, having four pages, eight columns of live, breezy news. Success to the Daily Breeze.

Weather Forecasts.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—For North Carolina fair tonight and Wednesday Colder tonight on the coast with temperature close to freezing. Rising temperature Wednesday.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Some Happenings Among Those People You Know and Others You Don't Know.

Mrs. W. H. Allison and children went to Wadesboro yesterday where they will visit relatives.

Mrs. B. B. Webb, of Lake Toxaway, arrived in the city last night to visit her mother, Mrs. W. G. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Steele returned last night from Tryon, Polk county, where they have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Rankin.

Miss Mary Lois Miller, returned this morning from Philadelphia, where she has been visiting her brother, Mr. Grier Miller.

Dr. Caldwell Dead.

Dr. R. J. Caldwell of Mooresville whose serious illness was mentioned in yesterday afternoon.

As was stated yesterday he had been seriously ill with pneumonia for some days, and his death was not unexpected.

Dr. Caldwell was 70 years of age and had retired from active practice in his profession. He is well known in South Iredell having moved to Mooresville about 18 years ago, practicing medicine there until a short time ago. He is survived by a wife and one daughter, Mrs. Paul Grierson.

Dr. Caldwell was a good physician and a Christian gentleman, being a member of the Presbyterian church of Mooresville, from where the funeral services will be conducted this afternoon by his pastor, Rev. W. S. Wilson. The interment will be in the Mooresville cemetery.

New Auto in Town.

The new auto which has arrived in the city is a nice one and is receiving a great deal of attention. It is not an expensive machine nor does it run very fast, but nevertheless it is a nice machine to be built by an amateur.

This machine is now on exhibition in the show window of the Evans hardware company's store. It was built by Mr. C. E. Sloan the popular clerk of that house. Mr. Sloan is a genius at that work, the machine being an exact representative of an automobile.

Beginning with the wheels, they are made of grindstones, the caps on the axles being little tin cups. The bed of the machine is made of a door, the seats of sheet iron, upholstered with back bands of harness.

The running board is made of levels, the fenders of saws, the horn of a dinner bell and an oil can. The steering wheel is made of a fire poker with a cake pan for the wheel.

The lever with which the machine is supposed to be started is made of an old lever off of a disc harrow. The radiator is made from coal vases, and the cylinder from stove pipes.

The rest of the machine is made from numerous other pieces of hardware, and as a whole it is a very pretty imitation of a large touring car, and it is indeed a very creditable piece of workmanship.

To make the machine perfect there is a little man in it, who holds the steering wheel as if he was paid to do it by the day.

Get us five, only five new yearly subscribers to the Evening Mascot and we will PRESENT you with a handsome 42-piece dinner set. See one of these sets in Sherrill & White's front window.

"Cam" Caldwell Against Cowles

IS A FORCEFUL CAMPAIGNER

Mr. L. C. Caldwell, of Statesville, Will Enter Field Against 8th District Congressman if he Gets Democratic Nomination.

While it is early in game to plan a campaign, and while he is not saying anything except to his intimate friends, it is nevertheless a fact that Mr. L. C. Caldwell, of Statesville, has decided to enter the field two years from now against Congressman-Elect Cowles of the Eighth district. In conversation with friends in this city Mr. Caldwell has admitted this much and declared his intention of being a candidate for the nomination before the Democratic congressional convention. It is believed that he is one of the strongest men who could be put forward in the close Eighth district for he is a forceful campaigner, ready to tackle and hold his own against any opponent. He is a rough and tumble fighter. The Democrats have no other intention than to redeem the eighth district from the Republican's grasp in the next campaign, and Mr. Caldwell has many supporters who believe he is the man to do it.

Mr. Caldwell is a lawyer of fine abilities. At present he is one of the Southern Railway's counsel. He has an intense love for politics and like Job's war horse, he sniffs the battle afar off.

If the present Republican incumbent, Mr. Cowles, is renominated, and Mr. Caldwell is pitted against him, he will have a hard fight ahead of him.—Charlotte News.

We had heard some hints about this, but never until the News came out with the above piece did we know anything definite about it. The good things the News says about Mr. Caldwell can not be bettered, so we let it pass.—Editor Mascot.

Among Our Advertisers.

R. F. Henry offers big values in jewelry.

The Statesville Drug Co., the store of quality, have Xmas goods of quality for sale.

S. B. Miller calls attention to his \$3.00 shoes.

Do not fail to read the ad of Maynard and Ellis, the new photographers.

Knox, Poston & Co., call the attention of the ladies to their lace and embroidery sale.

The Iredell cafe has added a nice line of candy and fruits, and would be pleased with a share of your Xmas trade.

W. F. Hall, the prescriptionist, has the proper writing paper for Xmas.

The Holler Plumbing Company call attention to the greatest of all gifts, good health by sanitary plumbing.

To Our Subscribers.

Our representative, Mrs. Hines, is now out in the field collecting up back subscriptions to this paper.

We would thank our subscribers very much if they would pay up, for it takes money, and a lot of it to publish a paper, and keep the flour bin supplied.

All favors extended Mrs. Hines in the way of collections will be appreciated.

MR. WEST GONE.

The Old Man Friendless and Penniless, Crys as he Accepts The Money—Left for Knoxville This Morning.

Mr. Geo. West, the stranger who was stricken with paralysis on our streets last Friday morning, left for Knoxville this morning.

Mr. West suffered a complete paralysis of the left side, and has been in a very serious condition. He is not entirely recovered yet, the left leg and arm being nearly useless.

It is indeed a sad story that goes with the old gentleman. After he regained consciousness he relaxed and talked freely to the ladies at the hospital. He stated that he has been for years a wall paper hanger and painter, having worked in Canada for some years.

Not having any relatives he has enjoyed the pleasures of life to some extent, going from place to place in pursuit of his labor, spending his money as he went, never thinking of the day that would come when he would need it.

Starting from Canada to Knoxville, he got as far as Danville, where he stopped and worked for some time, saving enough money to come here, where he was stricken, with paralysis, while in a penniless state. But by the kind-hearted citizens of Statesville he was taken in and cared for until he was able to go.

In last Saturday's issue of this paper an appeal was made to the good people of our city to make up money to pay his way to Knoxville. Mrs. J. B. Glover, kind hearted lady that she is, immediately took up the matter at the supper table with her boarders, and started the ball to rolling with about \$3 from that source.

This she turned over to Mr. Louis McKesson, who at once took an active part, swelling the amount to about nine dollars. Others contributed to this and the whole amount raised for him was \$11.75.

The old gentleman at first protested taking the money, saying he would walk to Knoxville, which he started to do yesterday morning, but was kept from doing so by one of the nurses.

After some argument with him about the matter, he finally, though very reluctantly, agreed to take the money. Breaking down and crying he said he hated to accept it for he had always worked his own way through the world. The old gentleman stated that he appreciated the kindness of the people, and hoped they would be rewarded some day for their kindness.

Small Fire Today

A four room cottage occupied by Gus Brown, colored, situated near the Southern railway line, was totally destroyed by fire today about noon.

The house belonged to the wife of Clay Chambers, colored, and was nearly new.

Only a little of the household furniture of Brown was destroyed, the neighbors having carried it out.

An alarm was turned in after the house had been burning about 30 minutes and the fire company responded.

The house had burned down before they got the alarm, so their services were not needed.

News Budget From Raleigh

TWO HIGHWAYMEN GOT \$400

T. B. Holt, of Holly Springs, While on His Way to the Capital City is Halte by Negro and White Man and at Point of Pis-tal City is Halted by Negro and to Them—Purse Containing \$100 and Checks not Found—North Carolina Journal of Education to be Moved From Durham to Raleigh, But Prof. E. C. Brooks Will be Retained as Editor—Conflict Nearly Results in Hearing in Smith Case.

Raleigh, Dec. 7.—T. B. Holt, a prominent merchant of Holly Springs, this county, was held up and robbed of \$400 this evening in a lonely section of road four miles from Raleigh by two highwaymen—a negro and a white man. The negro stopped his horse and the white man presented a revolver and ordered "Your money or your life." Holt gave up an envelope containing \$400 that he carried in his coat pocket and the highwaymen made off without searching him further. They left in his hip-pocket a purse which contained \$100 cash and a quantity of checks.

Holt came on to Raleigh and reported the robbery but says he cannot identify the highwaymen, as they were well disguised and masked.

W. F. Marshall, president and general manager of the Mutual Publishing Company, announces that he has personally purchased from H. E. Seaman, of Durham, the North Carolina Journal of Education and will move it to Raleigh January 1st. Prof. E. C. Brooks, of Trinity College, will be retained as editor and the scope of the publication will be enlarged so as to embrace both the educational and literary activities of the state. The removal to Raleigh is especially for the purpose of having the publication in the closest possible touch with the State Department of Education, with the literary activities of the state centering here.

Without any progress whatever being made in the hearing, the investigation of the E. W. Smith murder case before Police Justice Badger assumed a rather sensational aspect for an hour or more this morning in connection with the spirit of rivalry and conflict that has been developing between County Coroner Separk and officers working under him on the one hand and Police Justice Badger and the city police on the other.

Coroner Separk had set 10 o'clock this morning as the time for the investigation of the murder before his jury. Police Justice Badger held his court Saturday in the county court house to accommodate the crowds. This morning when he and his court officers, followed by a great crowd, proceeded down the square from the municipal building to court house to resume the hearing, they were met at the court house by the janitor of the building who informed the police justice that Chairman Johnson, of the county board of emmissioners, had instructed him not to admit the police justice to the court room.

Justice Badger roundly denounced the action as high-handed and purely a case of spite work; and returning to the city court room, he declared that the hearing

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Every one is wearing a smile of contentment at the court house today.

R. F. Henry has an advertising medium in front of his store that should make every person patronize home industries. It is a show case of old watch cases, from mail order houses, which he has replaced with new cases.

Mr. W. R. Mills was in Charlotte last night.

The condition of Rev. R. C. Green continues to improve rapidly.

The small son of Mr. Albert Hall, of Charlotte, which was operated on at Long's sanatorium a few days ago is rapidly recovering.

The Postal Telegraph Co., which is to open an office in the city, have reached here with their wires. They have not decided as yet, where the office will be. This same company will open an office Mooresville.

The trick skater Strasburger, at the rink last night did some fine exhibitions of skating. Baby Ruth who is with him, is also fine. They will perform again tonight.

The masquerade will be given at the rink tomorrow night. Two bottles of cologne will be given to the lady having the best costume. A handsome pipe will be given to the gentleman having the best costume.

Mr. Alex Little of Cornelius is here and will assist Mr. C. L. Murdock in his big sale, which embraces the 12th to the 20th of this month.

Watch for T. M. Mills big ad in tomorrow afternoon's Mascot.

Mark a Bill of Money, and buy your Christmas jewelry from R. F. Henry with it, and you will see or own this bill several times before next Christmas. Mark a bill and send to a mail order house and I'll wager a V that you will never see it again.

Statesville Doctor Claims Honor

A citizen of Statesville while discussing the hook worm question yesterday stated to The Mascot that a Statesville doctor claims the honor of the discovery of the first hook worm case in this part of the country.

While this is from a very authentic source, we have not yet been able to see the doctor in question, and get his statement as to the facts. We like for our people to have the honors that are theirs by right, and if our doctor claims the honor as is reported, he ought to have it.

To Marry in South Carolina.

CCapt. J. W. Copeland went to Spartanburg, S. C., yesterday, where tonight he will be married to Miss Mary Rivers, of that city.

would proceed there. There was a wait of fifteen minutes or more for City Attorney Snow, who is the prosecuting attorney in the police court, during which time there was a sharp colloquy between Bart M. Gatling, county attorney, and the police justice.

When City Attorney Snow came in he stated that he was just from a conference with Solicitor Armistead Jones, Coroner Separk and others and that he had agreed for the hearing to go over until 10 o'clock tomorrow and that he was assured by the coroner that there would be no attempt to block the hearing before the police justice. After declaring that he would allow no interference with his court, Justice Badger accepted the recommendation of the city attorney, and declared the court adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.