

BICKETT INAUGURATED IN SIMPLE STYLE TODAY

WOULD ABOLISH STATE'S PRISON

\$1,000,000 Institution Maintained When \$100,000 Capital Would Do as Well.

THE CHAIN GANG IS CRUEL

Takes Rap at Patent and Proprietary Medicines—Favors Rotation and Short Ballot.

(By the Associated Press.) RALEIGH, Jan. 11.—With simple ceremonies Thomas Walter Bickett, of Louisburg, was inaugurated governor of North Carolina today succeeding Locke Craig, of Asheville. Governor Bickett delivered his inaugural address immediately after Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the state Supreme court, administered the oath.

Two recommendations of especial interest made by the governor concerned the state prison and the sale of patent and proprietary medicines in the state.

Governor Bickett declared that the state prison represents an inexcusable waste of \$1,000,000 capital to transact a business which could better be done with a plant constructed at a cost of \$100,000. He recommended that the prison be converted into a state hospital for the insane.

Prisoners should be provided with sanitary and comfortable quarters, he declared, and to sentence a man to a county chain gang, he characterized, as cruel and excessive punishment.

As regards patent medicines he declared he favored a law making it a felony for anyone to sell, offer for sale or advertise in North Carolina any proprietary medicines purporting to cure cancer, tuberculosis, paralysis, epilepsy or any other disease for which state and national medical organizations declare no cure has been discovered.

He advocated a law requiring all vendors of proprietary medicines to file with the state board of health a statement showing the composition of such and empowering the board to forbid the sale of those that in its opinion were without curative value.

A constitutional amendment which would exempt from taxation notes and mortgages given in good faith for purchase of a home in amount not exceeding \$3,000 and running not more than 20 years also was advocated as was a law providing that automobile license fees, paid to the state, should be disbursed in the maintenance of state highways.

The governor also discussed legislation as regards the manufacturing industries of the state.

"I insist that legislation with respect to our mills and factories should be made with reference to the living conditions and not with reference to theories of professional agitators," he declared. "I insist that our legislation should reflect the conscience of North Carolina and not the covetousness of New England."

He proposed that every mill within a reasonable distance of a public water supply should be required to install running water in homes leased to operators and that a simple course dealing with the science of manufacturing should be made part of the public school curriculum of every industrial center.

He recommended that the state hospital for the insane should be under one central management as should the agricultural department and the A. and M. college.

Rotation in office and the short ballot also was favored.

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Much Standing Timber.

Revised estimates place the amount of standing merchantable timber in the United States at approximately 2,767 billion board feet. Of this amount 1,444 billion board feet, or 52 per cent of the total, is in California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.



O. Max Gardner

T. W. Bickett

HARRY K. THAW CUTS HIS THROAT

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 11.—Harry K. Thaw cut his wrist and throat in a private house on Walnut street west of 52nd street here today and was taken to St. Mary's hospital, according to Captain of Detectives Tate who has been searching for him.

Captain Tate said that he had been informed that Thaw would die from his self-inflicted wounds.

High Point in Review

There were two deeds filed to be recorded yesterday at the office of the registrar of deeds, Greensboro, which transferred property located in the city of High Point but both transferred the same lot. First, the lot, 90 by 192 feet at the corner of North Main and Glenn streets, adjoining the lands of Miss Lillie Rochelle, was sold by Thomas Carrick and wife to Charles Hoertel and W. D. Brooks for \$2,285; then from W. D. Brooks to P. Ward Eshelman for \$19 and other valuable considerations.

The semi-annual installation of officers of the local order of Maccabees will take place tonight in the order's hall, in the Sherrod building, with representatives from Greensboro and state officers present to participate. In addition to the installation of officers and a number of speeches, which are on the program, refreshments will be served during the evening. The installation exercises will start promptly at 7.30, it is announced.

J. M. Johnson, agriculturist of the state department, has notified the officials of the Industrial department of the Commercial club that he will attend the meeting to be held at the Welch schoolhouse on the evening of January 19 in the interest of milk routes, milk depot and the tobacco market and will deliver an address.

At the rate the wind was blowing this afternoon at 2 o'clock there will be no dust left on Main street by dark. It was extremely hard for pedestrians, especially those going north from the postoffice, to see their way owing to the thick clouds of dust. No attempt was being made at that time to sprinkle the street.

A motor car that greatly resembled the vans of the gypsies but which was the official car of the National Highway association passed through High Point yesterday afternoon en route south. The car is engaged in mapping out and inspecting the highway.

The regular monthly meeting of the Industrial committee of the Commercial club will be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock at the club building on South Main street. It is urged that every member be present as many matters of importance are to be considered.

Southbound passenger train No. 37 passed through the city today running about four hours behind the scheduled time. The delay was encountered on the Washington division, beyond Danville, Va., so it was stated, but no explanation was made as to the cause of the delay.

There was a brief flurry of snow in High Point this morning at about 10:30 o'clock and for a very few minutes it appeared as though a snow storm was approaching. The high wind, however, put the snow out of commission at that particular time.

TERMS BY WHICH ENTENTE ALLIES WILL CONSIDER PEACE GIVEN

London, Jan. 11.—The Associated Press learns that the entente reply to President Wilson's peace note makes a specific designation of the entente terms for peace, which includes restoration of Belgium. To Serbia and Montenegro complete restoration of the damage that they have sustained as a result of the Teutonic invasion, and the evacuation of all invaded Russian, Rumanian and French territory with such reparations as may be considered just.

VALUABLE PURSE IS LOST BY A DANVILLE, VA., LADY

Danville, Va., Jan. 11.—The police have been asked to assist in the search for a purse containing jewelry valued at \$500 which was lost Tuesday night by Mrs. A. Greenberg, wife of a well known local merchant.

Mrs. Greenberg had the purse in a handbag and attended a moving picture theater where, she believes she lost it. There were two watches, a diamond brooch, two diamond lavalieres, a gold medal and \$10 in currency. No trace of the missing purse has been found.

Cotton.

New York, Jan. 11.—The cotton market showed continued nervousness and irregularity early today and the opening was unchanged to 9 points lower. There was a good deal of covering and after selling at 18.36 on the call May soon rallied to 18.55, or 18 points higher. Offerings increased above the 18½ cent level and there were reactions before the end of the first hour.

Cotton futures opened steady. January offered, 17.95; March, 18.12; May, 18.40; July, 18.38; October, 17.05.

Wheat.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—Considerable strength developed in the wheat market today after a show of heaviness at the outset. Opening quotations, which ranged from 1½ off to ¼ advance, with May at 1.82½ to 1.83½ and July at 1.46 3-4 to 1.47¼, were followed by substantial gains all around and then something of a reaction.

Employees Want More Pay.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Spokesmen for employees of various navy yards besieged the navy department yesterday, seeking additional increases in the pay of machinists, pattern makers and other tradesmen.

Weather.

Fair tonight and Friday. Colder tonight with a cold wave. Strong northwest winds.

OPEN THREATS AGAINST JUDGE ARE BEING MADE

Governor of Kentucky Rushes to Murray to Take Charge of the Situation Growing Out of Threats Made Against Judge and District Attorney There Late Yesterday Afternoon.

(By the Associated Press.) Murray, Ky., Jan. 11.—Governor Stanley arrived here early today and took charge of the situation growing out of the threats made yesterday by a mob against the lives of Circuit Judge Charles Bush and Commonwealth's Attorney Benny Smith.

The special train on which Governor Stanley arrived was left standing with steam up ready to take the officials from here if further demonstrations were made against their lives.

Open threats were made on the streets that any attempt to remove

Judge Bush or to prevent the trial today of Lube Martin, a negro, charged with killing Guthrie Duiguid, a white man, would place the governor's life in danger.

It was because of a continuance granted yesterday by Judge Bush in the case of Martin that the anger of the mob was aroused. Immediately after the continuance was ordered Martin was spirited out of Murray and taken to Paducah for safe-keeping.

Judge Bush and Commonwealth's Attorney Benny Smith spent the night at a hotel here guarded from the mob by deputy sheriffs.

BRITISH CARRY ADVANCE TO BORDERS OF OLD PALESTINE

(By the Associated Press.) Paris, Jan. 11.—In the Argonne district French troops have exploded a mine causing damage to their adversaries, according to announcement made this afternoon.

On the right bank of the Meuse a German attack was repulsed with heavy losses to the Germans.

Russian Attacks Repulsed.

(By the Associated Press.) Berlin, Jan. 11.—Heavy fighting yesterday continued on the northern part of the Russo-Galician front. The war office says all the Russian attacks were repulsed.

War Summary.

British troops pushing northeastward from the Suez canal region have carried their advance to the border of Palestine. They have taken there the defensive entrenchments of Rafa about 70 miles southwest of Jerusalem.

The attack was carried out by Australian troops and was followed by de-

feat of Turkish relief troops four miles east. In the operations 1,600 prisoners and four guns were taken, according to the British official report.

Greece has followed up her formal acceptance of the ultimatum of the entente powers by beginning the delivery to the entente naval authorities of six batteries of mountain guns. This is in accordance with the agreement reached after the disturbances in Athens in connection with the entente demand among other things for the delivery of the Greek army artillery.

The campaign of Field Marshal Mackensen in Rumania in Rumania continues to be pressed and nearly all along the line from the Danube to Fokshani the Russians have been pushed back to the Sereth river.

North of Fokshani the Russians have been making a stand on the river Putna protecting the main Sereth positions and fighting to retain the railway junction at Maresti, where the lateral line joining the two north and south main line railways in Moldavia connects with the westerly road.

INVITE BRYAN TO SPEAK TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(Special Legislative Service.)

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—An invitation to William J. Bryan to address the general assembly was this morning extended by that body after a joint resolution proposing it had met opposition in the senate. Senators Brenier, of Mecklenburg; Justice, of Henderson, and Little, of Anson, opposed the resolution on the ground that setting a precedent of giving a hearing to private citizens

on such questions by the assembly in legislative session was a dangerous one and not in keeping with the dignity of the legislature.

An amendment which would have extended a like invitation to Secretary of the Navy Daniels was withdrawn when it appeared, because the house was not in session to concur, it would defeat the original one. Mr. Daniels' invitation will be made the subject of a separate resolution.

NEEDS SENSE AND GRIT TO RAISE STANDARD SUPPLIES

Chapel Hill, Jan. 11.—"If we had sense enough and grit enough—yes, grit enough—in the south to raise the standard staple supplies for home consumption for 10 years, we would grow in wealth a hundred times as fast as the western farmers," declared Prof. E. C. Branson before the North Carolina club at its meeting last night.

Continuing, he stated that "a Vermont farmer that would buy anything he could raise would be considered a fit subject for lunacy in less than three weeks by his neighbors. The same condition is true, or was, in France. The cotton and tobacco crop of the south this year was worth \$1,600,000. Suppose we could keep it! We are not doing it because our living has always come out of our farms under genial southern skies, and it's easy come, easy go. That's been the curse of the south through all these years."

Charter Granted.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Jan. 11.—The Lloyd cotton mills of Gastonia capitalized at \$150,000, of which \$21,000 has been paid in, was chartered today by the secretary of state. The concern proposes to manufacture yarns and cloths.

Storm Warnings Issued.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Storm warnings were ordered displayed from the Virginia capes to Eastport, Maine, by the weather bureau last night. Cold wave warnings are displayed in all the Atlantic coast states except Florida and in Tennessee.

MYSTERIOUS GERMAN RAIDER HOVERING OFF WEST INDIES

Washington, Jan. 11.—Guarding against depredations by a mysterious German raider supposed to be hovering somewhere around the windward passage in the West Indies, the British colonial authorities have ordered the extinction of the lighthouses and navigation lights in Carlisle bay, Needham's Point, South Point, Barbadoes, Castries, St. Lucia, St. Georges, Grenada, all Jamaica harbor, Nassau, Guadelupe and St. Johns, Antigua. The British legation at Panama, in announcing this action, also warns vessels not to enter Carlisle bay at night.

A. AND M. BASKETBALL TEAM READY FOR OPENING GAME

West Raleigh, Jan. 11.—At A. and M. the basketball season is on full blast, more than 25 candidates having responded to the call of Coach Hartsell. The first game of the season will be played Saturday of this week, the Durham Y. M. C. A. furnishing the opposition. Last season the Techs were the losers in several mix-ups with this aggregation.

Increases Suspended.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Proposed increases in states on tobacco from Virginia and North Carolina southeast were suspended today by the Interstate Commerce commission until July 13, next, pending investigation.

Note Received.

Washington, Jan. 11.—The entente reply to President Wilson's peace note began arriving this morning at the state department. As fast as it was decoded it was laid before the President and Secretary Lansing.

"LEAK" INQUIRY IS PROBABLY OVER

Rules Committee Reports Wood Resolution Adversely at Hearing.

COMMITTEE IS THROUGH

Undecided What to Do About Contempt Charges Against Thomas W. Lawson.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 11.—Over the protests of Republican members the Democratic majority of the house rules committee today voted to report adversely Representative Wood's privileged resolution for a congressional inquiry into the charges of Thomas W. Lawson that there was a leak to Wall street on President Wilson's peace note.

Democrats and Republicans disagree as to the effect of the committee's action toward the Lawson contempt charges. Republicans say he was absolved by a vote of the majority and that the whole investigation is over.

Chairman Henry insists that the special sub-committee to deal with Lawson's refusal to answer questions and his publication of "leak charges" in newspapers still is in existence and may take action.

The opposing members also disagree as to whether the inquiry is over. Republicans say it is, in effect. Representative Henry and Representative Wood have another resolution before the committee which has not been acted upon, which the majority refused to take up today.

FORMER CITIZEN DIED MONDAY AT ST. LOUIS

Frank Halker, Formerly With the Southern Car Company, Died in Hospital At St. Louis Monday After a Brief Illness.

News of the death of Frank Halker, a former resident of High Point, was received in the city today by friends and relatives of the deceased, death occurring at St. Louis where Mr. Halker was a patient after a very brief illness last Monday. The deceased lived in High Point until a year or so ago, during his residence here being connected with the Southern Car company. He made many friends while in the city who will regret to learn of his death.

Surviving are the widow, a daughter, Mrs. J. O. Jares, of St. Louis, and five sons; Theodore Halker and Raymond Halker, of Illinois; Will Halker, Harry Halker and Edward Halker, of this city, all of whom were at his bedside when death came. There was no information contained in the advices received here relative to when the funeral would be held or where interment would be made but it is presumed that burial will be made at St. Louis.

CONCORD NEGRO KILLS ANOTHER AND ESCAPES

(Special Telegram.)

Concord, Jan. 11.—John Fowler, negro, was shot and instantly killed here early today by Arthur Ivey, another negro. The two negroes were employed by the Hudson Paving company. Ivey escaped, but officers have notified surrounding towns to be on the match for him.

Prohibition Law Re-enacted.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 11.—Governor Manning yesterday signed the bill passed by the 1916 legislature re-enacting the South Carolina prohibition law, thus, it was said, removing all doubt as to the law's validity. The law was passed in 1915 to become effective if approved by popular vote. This approval was given in September, 1915, but later the constitutionality of the law was attacked because the state constitution requires that all laws be enacted by the legislature.

Gulf Coast Poultry Show.

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 11.—The Gulf Coast Poultry show, which opened here today, is one of the largest exhibitions of its kind to be held in the south this year. Half a dozen states are represented among the exhibits, which include several thousand choice specimens of chickens, turkeys, ducks, pigeons and different varieties of pet stock.

Two Ships Are Sunk.

(By the Associated Press.) London, Jan. 11.—The British admiralty ship Oprawal has been sunk by a submarine. The seaplane carrier Ben-myehree also has been sunk.