

SENATORS WANT DUKE APPOINTED

Commissioner to Care for Confederate Graves in Northern States

HOT CONTEST FOR CONVENTION

Mrs. Bradley Will Be a Book Agent. Steel Trust Cuts Wages. Government Will Punish Missouri Pacific Estimate on North Carolina's Cotton Yield.

Special to Journal. Washington, D. C., December 10.—Senator Overman of North Carolina, and Senator Clay of Georgia, called on the President today in reference to the selection of commissioner for Confederate graves in the North. They recommended the appointment of Basil Duke of Durham, North Carolina.

Washington, D. C., December 10.—Members of the Democratic National Committee are coming to the city to attend the meeting which is to be held next Thursday night. There will be warm rivalry among the cities for the Democratic National Convention. The principal cities in the race are Chicago, Cleveland, O., Kansas City and St. Louis.

Washington, D. C., December 10.—Mrs. Bradley, whose trial for the murder of ex-Senator Brown, aroused so much interest in here, endeavoring to raise money to reach her home in Utah. She is canvassing for a book.

Pittsburg, Pa., December 10.—The American Steel Company announced this morning that commencing with January 1st, the pay in all departments of their work would be reduced 10 per cent.

St. Louis, December 10.—Because of the unsafe condition of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company's tracks, the government will prosecute that road and all others of which there have been complaints made.

Washington, D. C., December 10.—The Bureau of Statistics announced this afternoon that the cotton crop in North Carolina would be 604,000 bales.

New York, December 10.—The officers and directors of the National League have their annual meeting here tonight.

Monongah, December 10.—The number of dead bodies that have been removed from the exploded mine now numbers 176. A second explosion is feared at any time.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 10.—Expressions of interest from all over the country indicate that Speaker Joe Cannon's chances for the Presidential nomination are considered very good.

Tried to Kill the King

London, December 10.—According to the Madrid correspondent of the Express, two bombs have been found beneath the royal box at the opera house, Lisbon, where King Carlos and his family will attend the opening of the season December 13. Electric wires connecting with the bombs led to the rear of the stage.

The chief electrician, who was a violent Republican, was suspected of the plot, and has committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver as the police were about to arrest him. Other persons who are suspected of being implicated in the plot have been arrested.

Carrier Record Grain Cargo

Tacoma, Washington, December 12.—With the record grain cargo for six years—and the third largest single shipment of wheat ever sent from a Pacific coast, the British steamship Aparina, Captain Stott, will leave port today for Europe.

California Fruit Shipments

Los Angeles, December 12.—One hundred and twenty-five carloads and eight carloads of lemons were shipped from Southern California on Saturday and Sunday. Total for season: Oranges 1,621 carloads; lemons 432 carloads.

Shipping News

Schooner Bala, from Wm. Captain J. M. Robinson, with oranges. Schooner A. J. Mader, Captain W. A. Hamilton, from Wm. with 50 bushels of wheat. Schooner Ruth, from Atlanta, with oranges.

COMMITTEE VIEW MASONIC TEMPLE

Building Will be One of Finest in the South. Office Rooms Rented

PANLICO VOTES LOCAL TAX

Rains Swelling The Streams. Board of Health Bulletin Criticized Boards of Education. Rev. W. S. Key Returns From England.

Special Correspondence. Raleigh, N. C., December 10.—Today the Masonic Temple Committee of the Grand Lodge of Masons, met here, headed by Grand Master Francis D. Winston, and inspected the Temple thoroughly, in order to make a report to the Grand Lodge which meets in annual communication early in January. The work on the Temple is found to be progressing very well indeed. Practically all the offices in the building have been rented. The roof was completed today and will be overlaid with tin. There will be a high coping around it, as it will be utilized for a roof garden. From the roof there is a splendid view of Raleigh and the surrounding country, particularly to the eastward. The building can be seen from a great distance.

The rains which have marked the past three weeks, have brought the streams up to about their normal condition. The weather has been favorable for small grain, which it seems is rather a larger crop than usual has been sown this season.

Postmaster Briggs is at New Orleans attending a State Convention of Louisiana postmasters. The Supreme court today took up the docket of appeals from the 13th district and tomorrow will hear those which have been set at the end of the docket.

The bulletin of the North Carolina Board of Health for November declares the action of a certain county board of education in forbidding the playing of baseball at any of the public schools in that county to have been unwarranted and a protest is made against such action. The board declares that of all games for boys there is not one equal to baseball. Then too the country boys need all the amusement they can get. Every school should have a good playground and it ought to contain a ball field.

The bulletin in its review of diseases says that diphtheria is in 46 counties, typhoid fever in 65; malaria fever in 17; smallpox in 10; there being very few cases in any county, the total number reported being only 24. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction is informed that another school district in Pamlico county, has voted for local tax. Warrants were sent out today for eight rural school libraries.

Rev. W. S. Key, of the Wilmington section, arrived today and reported at the Agricultural Department. For several months he has been in England and Scotland in the interest of immigration to North Carolina. He made a report to Mr. Patterson, the commissioner of agriculture, and then went to see secretary Bruner, and talked over the matter. Mr. Bruner's health continues to improve. He sits up daily, and is now able to eat nourishing food. He was very much pleased to hear Mr. Key's report. Mr. Key considers the prospects good.

A charter is granted the Y. M. C. A. incorporated, of Elizabeth City.

In conversation with your correspondent regarding the persistent rumors of impending settlement of the railway rate matter, Governor Glenn said the railways and the State would have to get nearer together than they now are before results come. The corporation commissioners do not seem to know what is ahead.

Weekly Trade Report

Richmond, Va., December 12.—Bradstreet's Saturday will say for Richmond and vicinity, which includes New Bern:

Little change is noted in the wholesale dry goods market; several dealers have ceased active business to prepare for their usual inventories. Dealers in heavy and fancy groceries report satisfactory sales. Jobbers of toys and fancy goods continue active and some have done the largest business in their history for this season. Produce and provisions are in fair demand, but many buyers of staple lines continue conservative purchases and this to some extent has rendered business less in volume. Tobacco continues to be marketed in moderate amounts and prices are well maintained considering the quality and condition. In North Carolina cotton is still being marketed in fair amounts. Retail trade is fair. Collections show improvement, though they continue slow in some lines.

BLIND TIGERS UNPOPULAR

The Perambulating Kind is Seen Here and The e Buthe Covers his Tracks

PLENTY OF MOONSHINE BOOZE

Interesting Cases in Federal Court—Annual Meeting of Directors of Insane Asylum.—No Advantage Gained in Railroad Sale.—No Credence Given To The Rumor.

Special Correspondence. Raleigh, N. C., December 11.—Postmaster Dobson of Goldsboro, was here today and was questioned about the dryness of his good town. He said that there were some blind tigers but that the officials were close after them. At one time a lot of negroes walked about there with whiskey flasks in their pockets or in satchels, and retailed the stuff in that way. A revenue officer who heard the remark said that this was the plan now in Fayetteville.

Postmaster Dobson says that the only places where liquor is sold in Wayne county now are Fremont and Eureka. He doesn't think that whiskey will ever be driven out of Fremont by popular vote, because the people of that town got the boundary enlarged so as to provide for a distillery, which is a long distance from the center of the town. There were present during this conversation several revenue officers, and one of them says there was plenty of moonshining going on and it was suggested that if the deputies could get away from the terms of court now in session, they could capture a dozen blockade distilleries. The moonshiners know very well that the deputies are busy at court and they are making whiskey for the holiday trade, working day and night in fact.

Ex-Congressman Atwater of Chatham county, is here attending the federal court, and says that there are plenty of illicit distillers in this county; that in fact they are all over it. He calls them blind tigers, though in general this term is only applied to those places where whiskey is simply sold on the sly and not to the place of manufacture.

In the federal court today there was a great crowd of defendants and witnesses and a few lookers-on. The most interesting case on the docket, that of James and Boscon Field, came up. These young men are about 25 years old, and are from Clinch Gull-croft county. James has been a mail clerk on the Durham and Southern Railway and his brother on a certain Jay was riding with him in a mail car, this being against the rules. A registered package said to contain \$3,000 was on its way from Richmond to Duke, in Harnett county. When it got to its destination James Fields took the postmaster's receipt for it. The postmaster delivered it to the banker to whom it was sent, and not until the latter opened it was it found that there was no money in it at all, but only a mass of neatly cut newspapers, some of these being local ones but many of them being the Saturday Evening Post. The papers had been cut up so as to make slits the size of bills. It is of course up to the governor to prove that Fields took the money as he has the receipts. As a matter of fact there are receipts all along the route. Any clerk handling a registered package is liable to be arrested on the accusation of stealing it, if anything goes wrong. Detectives have been at work on this case and there are a number of witnesses. Attorneys Bynum of Greensboro and Bryant of Durham, represent the brothers, Fields. Insurance Commissioner Young left today for Tarboro and Rocky Mount on business connected with his department.

The annual meeting of the directors of the Central Hospital, for the insane here, was held today. The executive committee looked over the accounts of the institution which are kept in the office of the State treasurer. The report for the year is a very good one. It shows that the average daily number of patients during the year was 524. The number today was 465. During the year there have been 45 deaths of which 38 were men and 7 women, the death rate being 6 per cent. A great many improvements had been made both as to buildings and grounds. Work is beginning on the new annex for males. Part of the new farm, bought this year, has been put in cultivation.

Your correspondent has mentioned the fact that the Ricchetti Commission created by the last legislature, which early last Spring, at a meeting here, voted upon motion of W. E. Erwin to locate the new department for epileptics and other mental derelicts on the property bought from the Grimes estate for that purpose, at a meeting in August, at which Mr. Erwin was present, but the other four mem-

TAFT SAYS: "READY TO RUN"

Secretary of War Says for Home—Expects to Arrive December 18. Berlin, December 10.—Secretary of War Taft did not learn much about recent political developments in America until he reached here and spent his spare time reading his correspondence and the latest files of the New York newspapers. When he had posted himself as far as possible he smilingly repeated his willingness to run for President if he should be nominated.

He repeated what he had said before concerning the situation between the United States and Japan, and added that no importance could be attached to the recall of Viscount Aoki. He felt certain Aoki was not recalled owing to any strain in the relations between the two countries.

Mr. Taft called for New York from Cuxhaven on the Hamburg-American Steamship Company's liner, President Grant. He will cross the Atlantic as the guest of the company. He expects to reach New York December 18.

POLICE COURT PROCEEDINGS

Delinquent Dog Tax Payments in Court. Case of Two Bad Boys

The day of grace of the dog tax is passed. Warrants are out now for every one who has not paid for the privilege of harboring a canine. There were several in the police court yesterday on the charge of neglecting to pay their dog tax and it would have been far better for them had they just gone to the tax collector and plunked down a dollar for by not so doing they had the costs attached to the tax. W. J. McE Bennett paid the fine and costs for disorderly conduct.

There were two negro boys in court who are training for lives of crime, if allowed to live as they have been living. They are Aaron Bell and Leo Cogdill, and already have a very unfavorable record. They cause the police a sight of trouble, and their attempts at housebreaking are numerous, and in many cases they succeed. They were charged this time with larceny and disorderly conduct. They took a knife from a Syrian shop-keeper, and when she pursued them, one of them intimidated her. In the court the police gave the boys a bad reputation, stating that they had more trouble with them than with any other three persons. They are continually in trouble. Their case is a problem. There ought to be some juvenile reformatory, for such cases as they are dangerous to be at large.

JEFF DAVIS IMITATES TILLMAN

His Maiden Speech in Senate a Vitriolic Tirade Against Trusts

Washington, D. C., December 11.—Senator Jeff Davis, made his first speech on the floor of the Senate today and made his customary attack on the administration and launched out in a bitter speech against the trusts in support of his resolution regarding the trusts.

Senator Gallinger, New Hampshire, introduced a resolution attacking our German tariff arrangements.

The Dick Naval Militia bill was reported.

There was no session of the house today.

President Roosevelt has detailed three special agents to investigate the Goldfield trouble.

The Democratic National Convention will probably be held shortly after the Republican convention at Chicago. Denver appears to be in the lead of the race for the convention.

Members were present voted to rescind this action. So nothing has been done in the way of building, though it is said the plans for the building have been finished and are ready for submission. As a matter of fact it is said that the people in the State are impatient for the board to take action. Epileptics are daily applying for admission. Of course the logical place for this colony is on the 1300 acres of land which the State bought for \$85,000 for this purpose. It is said, however, that the officials who really have supervision of this matter will not assent to any change in the original plan and that the colony will be established here.

Every day or so some new rumor comes out about the alleged sale of the Norfolk and Southern Railway to the Atlantic Coast Line. These are denied as fast as they come out. A high official said today that he had no belief in the statement for he thought one road had about as much money as the other and that both had about the same mileage.

Business men intimate that they do not expect the holiday trade this year to be so large as usual.

GOVERNOR GLENN MAKES PROPOSITION

Looking Toward the Settlement of the Railroad Rate Matter

SPECIAL SESSION IN DOUBT

Atlantic Coast Line and Other Roads Hinder an Amicable Adjustment of The Railway Matter. State's Attorneys Appear Before Corporation Commission and Argue Freight Rate Matters.

Special to Journal.

Raleigh, N. C., December 11.—These are days full of human interest for Raleigh and the State for big things are going on. Early this morning President Finley of the Southern Railway arrived, went to vice-president Andrews' office and the two made their way to the capitol, entered the office of Governor Glenn and a conference immediately began. All day yesterday there had been talk about the imminence of a special session of the legislature. One State officer talked about it quite freely, saying he saw no other way out of the situation; another said he hoped an extra session would not be found to be necessary; a third said never a word, but simply pinched his lips together with his fingers, this being the sign language to show that he could not talk. It was very evident that under officials and persons connected in any capacity with the railway rate case thought an extra session was coming and was the solution of the great question of the day.

Your correspondent interviewed Governor Glenn regarding the status of the passenger rate matter. The Governor said that as well known the only proposition he had made to the railways in the first instance was to obey the law and if they found the new rate worked a hardship and made it appear as entailing great loss he would convince the legislature in special session. To this proposition the Southern railway made a counter one asking him to recommend the same terms as those accepted by the Governor of Alabama. The Governor not thinking these latter terms were sufficient declined to do so. He was then asked if there was any proposition he would make to the roads, subject of course to the approval of the legislature.

After consulting the Council of State corporation commission, and the State's attorneys, he made the following proposition. That he would recommend to the Legislature an increase of the flat rate from 2-1-4 to 2-1-2 cents provided the railways change the interstate rate from 3 to 3-1-4 to 2-1-2, making it uniform in all States, and in addition give mileage books for firms and employees not over five in number for 2 cents, then to be both inter and intra state and interchangeable, also thousand mile books at 2 cents and family books 500 miles at 2 cents. The railways to pay the cost of the litigation to date.

The railway, as to the family mileage books gave good reasons why they could not afford to issue the latter so this part of the proposition was so amended as to make the rate 2-1-4 cents. Those terms were accepted by the Southern, and the Seaboard Air Line, but the Atlantic Coast Line and a few other roads declined to accept them and it was useless to call the legislature together to submit the matter unless it was acquiesced in by all the roads, nothing further was done as to calling the extra session. Governor Glenn said the terms he proposed subject to approval by the legislature and acquiesced in by the Southern and Seaboard Air Line, would have been best and that he greatly regrets all the trouble cannot be amicably settled by the other roads agreeing.

Before the Corporation, the various attorneys, including E. J. Justice Manning, Guthrie, Foushee and Herbert Norris, met and submitted the draft of the complaint which is to be at once put before the interstate commerce commission in the matter of alleged discrimination in freight rates by the Norfolk and Southern Railway against North Carolina towns, notably Durham and Winston-Salem. Other counsel against other roads will come along later; in fact may be said to be now pending. It is not known, of course, when the Interstate Commerce Commission will take action in the matter, but it will be urged to expedite it as the importance of the question is felt by every one and it is really a test case, which will have a far-reaching result.

Mrs. Mary Brady Hall, a society woman, well known in Newport, got a divorce from Major Charles Hall, of the British army, on the ground of desertion.

SELECTION OF LOOKOUT HARBOR

As Proper Place for Presentation of Silver Service to Cruiser N. C.

TOBACCO REPORTS COME SLOW

Trophy From the Recent Spanish Navy. Failure of State Railway Interests to Agree on Rate Question. News From Raleigh.

Special Correspondence. Raleigh, N. C., December 12.—Governor Glenn has written a very strong letter to the Secretary of the Navy requesting that the cruiser North Carolina shall be in North Carolina waters when the gift of the State to the vessel is presented, this to be a silver service, the design for which has already been accepted. The governor in his letter points out that Cape Lookout is a wonderful harbor, a natural one, having 40 feet of water and that it is a place of safety, fit for a fleet to ride in. It is hoped that the Navy Department will have the cruiser there to receive the gift. The date for the presentation has not yet been fixed, but most probably it will be in the spring or summer of next year.

Today a rapid fire gun captured from the Spanish navy at the battle of Santiago de Cuba, was received here, from the Norfolk navy yard, and will be placed as a trophy of the war beside the bronze statue of Ensign Worth Bagley in the capitol square. The gun has a shield and is a type of the smaller ones in use in the Spanish navy.

The Commissioner of Agriculture says there is a lot of trouble in securing prompt reports from tobacco warehouses. One offender in this respect is to be made an example of. The law imposes a \$500 fine for failure to make prompt and accurate reports and the Agricultural Department today turned the case over to the attorney general so that he can sue for the penalty. After this it will be imposed upon all who fail to make these reports as they should be made.

Of course there was no end of talk today about the failure of the governor and the railways to come to terms as to the passenger rate question. The action of the Atlantic Coast Line and of the Louisville and Nashville Railways came as a surprise to the public. The Southern and Seaboard Air Line agreed to a settlement and everything looked all right, but the Coast Line and its affiliated road broke up everything by the refusal. These roads, by the way, are, as some one remarked today, "first cousins, once removed." Now the whole case goes along and no one can tell what will be the outcome. A prominent member of the legislature said today that as far as he was concerned he did not care, and he boldly advanced the opinion that the Coast Line was joking and added to quote the slang phrase of the day that it would "come across." In other words that it would fall in line and was merely playing for position. This gentleman said that up to yesterday he had expected an extra session of the legislature and thought possibly in January. He now thought it very well to let the suit go on as it is going, and let the United States Supreme court pass upon it. He declared that what he wanted to see, was first of all, a decision by this highest Federal court, so that the people in North Carolina and the other States too could know the project of the inferior Federal courts as to enjoining the Acts of the legislature and thus stopping or checking State control of public service corporations.

The gentleman said that to ascertain this would cost a lot of money, as the hearing, etc., is very expensive, but that it would cost a lot more not to find it out in the long run. When the Supreme court decides the question the State will know just where it stands. It may lose out; it may win, but the legislature will certainly have some power. The roads which yesterday agreed to make the rate 2-1-2 cents everywhere, to make the 2,000 mile books 2 cents and the 1,000 mile books 3 cents at the same rate and family mileage books 2-1-4 cents certainly made concessions. The Atlantic Coast Line made no concession. The legislature could therefore say that it could fix the rate at 2-1-2 cents as to the Southern, Seaboard Air Line, Norfolk and Southern, etc., and 2-1-4 cents on the Atlantic Coast Line, since as to the other roads named there will be a uniform rate within and without the State, both as to flat passenger and mileage books, while the Atlantic Coast Line offered nothing but simply desired to maintain the existing rates beyond the State, as to mileage books, etc. Of course the Atlantic Coast Line may, as the legislator hinted, "come across," or it may not. If it comes why of course there will be a session of the legislature. It will be interesting to see the outcome of the news-

DENVER PULLS THE PERSIMMON

The Democratic National Convention to be Held There July 7.

HOKE SMITH AT WHITE HOUSE

Operation for Appendicitis on Mrs. Longworth. Roosevelt's Strength Divided Between Hughes and Cortis. Kaiser's Physical Condition Serious.

Special to Journal. Washington, D. C., December 12.—The choice of the Democratic National Committee for the location of the Democratic National Convention was at Denver, Col., and the date set is July 7. The committee received \$100,000 for making that city its choice. President Roosevelt entertained Governor Hoke Smith of Georgia, at lunch today. The currency question was discussed and many other topics were discussed briefly. Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, daughter of President Roosevelt, underwent an operation for appendicitis this morning. The operation was entirely successful, and the patient is improving rapidly.

The announcement of President Roosevelt's positive refusal to accept second nomination has cast a decided gloom over the politicians who were anxious for him to be a candidate. His strength will be divided between Governor Hughes and Secretary Cortis.

London, December 12.—The German emperor is still at King Edward's country seat, where he is being treated for a throat disease, which has bothered him for many months. The physicians state that the nature of his disease is such that there is every reason to fear the worst. They state that while the development of the disease is slow there can be no doubt of the presence of cancer and it will be only a matter of a few months before the dreaded truth must be known.

Monongah, W. Va., December 12.—The work of exhuming the bodies from the exploded mine progresses well, but slowly. There have been 237 bodies recovered.

Craven's Share is \$1,020. Special to Journal.

Raleigh, N. C., December 12.—The State Board of Education today appointed what is known as the first \$100,000 direct appropriation to public schools. It allows 14 cents to each of the 714,571 persons of school age. Wake county gets \$2,533, Mecklenburg \$2,712, New Hanover \$1,064, Forsythe 1,814, Craven \$1,020.

State Candidates Showing Up

Special to Journal. Raleigh, N. C., December 12.—John E. Woodard, of Wilson, is here and announces his candidacy for attorney general. Other known aspirants are B. B. Winborne and E. J. Justice.

It's like a summer breeze; cool, refreshes and builds up your waning energies. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea is the most effective tonic. 35 cents. Tea or Tablets. F. S. Duffy.

papers of the State on the situation as it now stands. One prominent editor telephoned the governor that he was going to take very strong grounds against the Atlantic Coast Line for its action in this matter, this editor saying that the governor had proposed a splendid arrangement for the public and one which was certainly very fair to the railways. The same comments were heard by men in public and private life here today in numbers. These went on to say that the arrangement the governor proposed had which practically all the roads had accepted was one which would have settled for many a year the existing troubles. One member of the legislature said that his own view was that with the fixed rate of passenger fare, there ought also to be a fixing of terms as to freight rates. His view further was that this question was bound to get into politics next year; all the more so if the decision of the courts is against the State. He could see no end to the matter, for a kicking railroad might object to the 2-1-2 cent rate if the legislature fixed it and claim that it too is unconstitutional.

The Fraternal Mystic Circle is reported as flourishing in North Carolina there being 46 rulings as the lodges are known. The largest is in Winston where there are 175 members. This jurisdiction comprises North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. Today the legislature committee will place its recommendations of the committee, in the office of the State treasurer and begin work on the session of the office.