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## CONGRESS NOW HOLDS FORTH

### Convened at Noon But Little Business Today

Last Half of Sixtieth Session Starts in, But There Will be an Extra Powwow in March—President's Message Will Likely be Sent in Tomorrow.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The second session of the Sixtieth Congress convened at noon today, and will end March fourth, followed March the fifteenth by extra-session. The Congressmen have been coming in for two weeks. Many more came today. But little business except routine will be transacted today. The President's message is expected to be read tomorrow.

#### COMMERCIAL CONGRESS

##### Big Meetings Representing Southern Interests Now On.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The first session of the Southern Commercial Congress met this morning in the New Willard Hotel, with Secretary Straus presiding. Fifteen states, and fifty two commercial bodies are represented. It is estimated that two thousand delegates are present. The room where the meetings are held has been appropriately decorated and in the ante-rooms are maps, pictures and southern exhibits. Thousands of pamphlets have been printed regarding the commercial progress in the south and will be distributed.

#### SMITH HEARING

##### Has Been Postponed Until Tomorrow by Belligerent Forces.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 7.—The hearing in the police court today in the Smith murder case was continued until tomorrow. The coroner also continued his hearing consenting to let the police finish their hearing before he takes a whack at it. There is hope now that the unseemly wrangle between the coroner and the police authorities will cease.

#### TAFT TO TAR HEELS.

##### On His Way to New York to Deliver Address Tonight.

Hot Springs, Dec. 7.—Mr. and Mrs. Taft left Hot Springs last night. Mrs. Taft stops in Washington and Mr. Taft goes to New York, arriving there this afternoon. He will be a guest of honor at the meeting of the North Carolina Society tonight where he will speak on "The Development of the South." Mr. and Mrs. Taft go to Augusta next week.

#### AREA WINTER WHEAT.

##### Shows Great Decrease This Year in Comparison With Last Year.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The newly seeded area of winter wheat is estimated at 5.6 per cent less than the revised estimated area of 1907, indicating a decrease of nearly two million in acreage. The condition December 1, is 58.3, as compared with 51.1 December 1, last year.

#### DEATH MYSTERY.

##### Prominent Atlanta Dentist Found in the Street.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 7.—Glenn F. Robins, a well known dentist and a son of Rev. J. B. Robins, a prominent minister, was found dead in the street this morning. A pistol was lying near it. It is not known whether it was suicide or murder.

#### BRYAN IN TEXAS.

##### And Will Go Duck Hunting While There.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 7.—William J. Bryan and wife arrived here this morning and are guests of Governor and Mrs. Campbell. They will remain two days and will go from here to Lake Surprise, near Galveston, to hunt ducks.

#### CONSUL SLAYS HIMSELF.

##### Swedish Representative Committed Suicide Today.

St. Louis, Dec. 7.—C. A. Eckstromer, Swedish Consul at St. Louis, and famous for his controversy with President Roosevelt, killed himself this morning.

#### BANK CLOSED TODAY.

##### National Exchange of Springfield Failed to Open Doors.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 7.—The National Exchange Bank did not open its doors this morning. It was closed by the Director Comptroller of Currency. The bank is capitalized at \$100,000.

## A FINE SERVICE

Elks' Lodge of Sorrow Largely Attended in Wilmington—Superb Address by Louis Goodman, Esq., and Some Delightful Music—Decorations Both Beautiful and Unique—Lodge Ceremony Impressive.

The annual Lodge of Sorrow, or yearly Memorial Service of Wilmington No. 522, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, was held yesterday afternoon at the Academy of Music, at which the impressive memorial ceremonial of the order was carried out. The orator for the occasion was Louis Goodman, Esq., a prominent and talented young member of the Wilmington bar and a most enthusiastic and highly honored member of the Order of Elks. The capacity of the first floor of the Academy auditorium and the balcony also was taxed to accommodate the assemblage which gathered to witness the ceremonies. The decorations for the memorial service, carried out under the skilled direction of Mr. Will Reader, were effective and pretty in the extreme, a striking feature of the same being a floral altar erected at the centre of the stage.

The exercises were presided over by Exalted Ruler Jos. F. Leitner, and the program was opened with a fine selection by the Hollowbush orchestra, followed with the hymn "Holy Father Thou Hast Taught Me." Appropriate introductory remarks were then made by Exalted Ruler Leitner, after which the anthem "The Lord is My Shepherd" was rendered by a quartet, composed of Miss Lucy McIntosh, soprano; Mrs. Jas. D. Smith, alto; Mr. W. L. Willford, tenor; and Mr. H. K. Holden, basso.

The memorial ceremonies as set forth in the ritual of the order were then carried out in most solemn and impressive manner by the members of the lodge under the direction of the exalted ruler. A touchingly beautiful feature of this part of the service was the releasing of a white dove from the rear of the floral altar after each name of the departed brothers had been called out three times by Secretary Harry Crosswell, the immediate soaring of the doves at the moment of release typifying the flight of the souls of the departed brothers to their eternal homes. Members of the order who have passed away and in whose memory the service was arranged are: Messrs. F. W. Foster, R. L. Gates, R. E. Zachary, E. P. Bailey, J. H. Gore, E. J. Bear, F. H. Klutz, L. T. Aaron, J. M. Wright, L. Leob, and Isaac Bear.

Prayer was next offered by Rev. S. Mendelsohn, D. D., of the Temple of Israel, after which Miss Lucy McIntosh delightfully rendered as a soprano solo, the selection "Father of Light."

In the absence from the city of Mr. W. F. Robertson, who was to have introduced the speaker for the occasion, the orator, Louis Goodman, Esq., was introduced by Rev. James Carmichael, D. D., the beloved chaplain of the Order of Elks. Mr. Goodman's address was one of the most eloquent orations ever delivered in the city upon a similar occasion, and his remarks were of such an appropriate nature, couched in such wealth of words and innumerable appropriate illustrations that the entire assemblage followed each sentence of the brilliant young orator with a degree of attention which revealed in itself the fine impression the speaker made upon his audience. Mr. Goodman took for his topic the four cardinal principles of the Order of Elks—Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity—and he developed each topic in masterly and eloquent manner. Mr. Goodman concluded his address with the recital of William Cullen Bryant's exquisite poem "Thanatopsis," a fit and rare gem peculiarly fitting to the service and his rendition of the poem was marked with expression and feeling. In part he spoke as follows:

"I thank my good friend for his most kind expressions and would that I were able in some measure to fulfill the prophecies contained in his most felicitous presentation. "I am here to make a simple talk. Oratory runs counter to my abilities and even were I to loquacious utterance inclined I would yet feel that the greatest degree of eloquence can here be best attained by the strictest adherence to the principle of simplicity. For unadorned with wreathe or garland, I speak to you of the cardinal principles of our order—Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. I impose upon your patience neither in the role of savant nor sage. I trust that I may not seem to endeavor to disclose to you far distant and undiscovered realism of thought, for what I am about to say is as old as time itself; our doctrines are ivy-like entwined upon the tree of all the ages; their sentiments permeate the streams of all the ages; our creed in its last analysis but contains the truths uttered by the philosophers and sages of all history. Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity form the four-fold link which binds us to our order, and it is to a brief exposition of these that I would address myself today. It

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## THE BIDS WERE OPENED TODAY

### For Sale of Water and Sewerage Bonds

Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen Held a Meeting at the City Hall at Noon—Representatives of Firms Submitting Bids Were Present at the Meeting—Aldermen Will Meet Tonight to Receive Committee Recommendation.

Much interest has been manifested during the past few days in the proposed sale of \$400,000 of city of Wilmington water and sewerage bonds, the disposition of which was authorized by the voters of the city at a special election held one year ago. It will be recalled that the bonds were practically sold several weeks ago to Seasongood & Mayer, of Cincinnati, Ohio, but on account of a technicality it was decided to repudiate this transaction and to advertise for new bids. This firm did not present a bid today.

Announcements were placed in the leading financial journals throughout the country by City Clerk and Treasurer John J. Fowler, representing the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, calling for new bids for the bonds.

The meeting for the opening of the bonds was held today at noon in the mayor's office at the city hall. The bids were in the possession of the city clerk and treasurer and were read by Dr. C. P. Bolles, chairman of the Finance Committee, of the Board of Aldermen. There were present at the opening of the bids the two remaining members of the Finance Committee, these being Aldermen Martin O'Brien and S. J. Ellis, Mayor William E. Springer, Aldermen W. A. French, R. H. Northrop, T. W. Wood, Mr. H. C. McQueen, chairman of the Board of Audit and Finance, and president of the Murchison National Bank, Vice President J. V. Grainger, of the same bank, Mr. C. N. Evans, cashier of the Southern National Bank, City Clerk and Treasurer John J. Fowler, and Iredell Meares, Esq.

On account of the keen rivalry between the bidders for the bonds there were present at the opening of the propositions today the following representatives of large financial concerns in various parts of the country: Mr. H. E. Weil, of Weil, Roth & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio; Mr. T. M. Kerckhoff, of MacDonald, McKoy Co., Chicago; Mr. G. D. C. Hannahs, with N. W. Harris, bankers, New York; Mr. J. C. Search, representing Trowbridge & Niver Company of Chicago; Mr. W. S. Glenn of the Security Trust Company, of Spartanburg, S. C., and Mr. E. L. Forrest, of R. L. Forrest & Co., of Philadelphia.

The bids were declared closed at noon by Dr. Bolles and before the various communications were opened he made a lucid explanation of the requirements governing the proposed sale of the bonds in order that the possibility of any misunderstanding with regard to the same might be removed.

Dr. Bolles explained the term "accrued interest," requiring a written statement from each of the bidders to the effect that they had a clear understanding of the expression as applied to the present sale of the bonds. He also said the bids must not state any particular purpose to which the money from the sale of the bonds is to be applied, this feature to be entirely in the hands of the city authorities.

The bids were then opened and each reviewed in detail the conditions surrounding the disposition of the bonds, stating that the securities are to run for forty years, dating from October 1, 1908, and continuing until October 1, 1948.

The following bids were submitted: Security Trust Company, of Spartanburg, S. C., for \$400,000 water and sewerage bonds in denominations of \$1,000 each, 4 1/2 per cent bid, with accrued interest from date, and an offer of \$5,480 premium, bond blanks to be furnished free, the bonds to be issued subject to legal inspection and approval. Trowbridge, Neber Co., Person, Son & Company, and Thos. J. Bolger & Co., of Chicago, for \$400,000 bonds, 4 1/2 interest payable semi-annually premium \$7,065 with accrued interest, blank bonds furnished free. On 5 per cent bonds these parties offered \$28,000 interest and free blanks.

N. W. Harris & Co., of New York, on issue of \$400,000, bid \$103,318, with accrued interest, subject to legal conditions and examinations.

McDonald, McCoy & Co., of Chicago, offer for \$400,000 issue at 4 1/2 per cent with premium of \$5,209, with free blanks. Forrest & Co., of Philadelphia, issue of \$400,000 at 4 1/2 per cent interest at \$102,879.

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## SUPERIOR COURT

One Week Term Convened Today and Suit of Taylor vs. Thomas Now Being Tried—A Divorce Granted—Order in the Rockingham Case.

The Superior Court convened this morning at 10 o'clock in a one week session, with Judge C. C. Lyon presiding, and the term is solely for the trial of civil cases. By consent the first case on the docket, that of Julia Austin, et al., vs. C. D. Gore, was passed over temporarily and a divorce action, brought by William Judge vs. Martha Judge was tried. This only consumed about fifteen minutes, however, and a decree of divorce was granted. The next case was that of J. A. Taylor vs. A. P. Thomas, being a suit for an account, and it took the entire morning session to get a jury. Messrs. Bountree & Carr appear for the plaintiff and Hon. John D. Bellamy for the defendant. Testimony in the case is being taken this afternoon. The Austin vs. Gore case may be called next and, if tried, will consume several days.

A continuance was made this morning in the case of Joseph Outlaw vs. Creveling VanDyke Company. His Honor, who is a hard worker, decided this morning that the daily session of court will start every morning at 9:30 o'clock and will last until 1:30, when a recess will be taken until 3 o'clock.

Judge Lyon will likely today render his decision in the action brought by R. M. Sheppard against the Rockingham Power Company and others, which was heard at chambers here Saturday. The court will hold with the plaintiff so far as continuing the injunction, restraining a re-organization, to a hearing, but will not order the defendants to hold an election, or dissolve the voting trust at this time. This means that the case will go on the docket for trial, to be called as other cases are.

At the Bijou. The feature film at the popular Bijou theatre today is called "The Jester." This picture deals with an interesting subject and it will please the patrons of the theatre.

#### OFF FOR WASHINGTON.

Mr. James H. Chadborn, president of the North Carolina Waterways Association, leaves tonight to attend the meeting of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress which begins Wednesday. Others who will likely go from here tomorrow will be Messrs. J. A. Taylor, D. L. Gore, R. A. Parsley, Meares Harris, Capt. Thos. D. Meares and Capt. J. W. Harper.

Mr. Chadborn goes ahead to attend a dinner tomorrow as the guest of Congressman Ransdell, president of the Congress, who will entertain the presidents and directors of the different State organizations.

#### HONNET'S CHRISTMAS DISPLAY.

At Honnet's old reliable jewelry store it has always been a policy to prepare a rich stock early in the season. The idea of early buying seems to be this year a fixed principle, and the crowds at this popular show room have given good evidence of this fact. Mr. Honnet's system of heavy purchases direct from factory have reduced cost and selling prices to a minimum—and he asks comparison with the various catalogues before any orders are sent away.

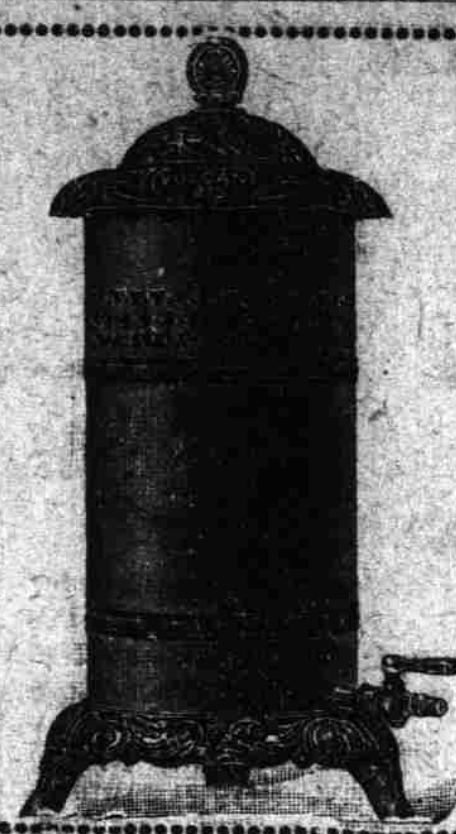
#### DEATH OF A LITTLE ONE.

##### Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kenan Returns to Heaven.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kenan will learn with much regret of the death of their little girl, Doree Kenan, which occurred at their home, corner Ninth and Princess streets, Sunday morning at 5:45 o'clock. The little one had been ill for weeks with continued fever. It was believed she would recover until Saturday night when unforeseen complications developed and in a few hours the little one was relieved of her suffering by the appearance of the Death Angel, which came and claimed this dear little one. She was a child of bright, sunny disposition and was loved by all who knew her. Doree was 3 years, 7 months and 29 days old. The funeral services will be held from the family residence this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Fred D. Hale.

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Resources:	Capital Stock	Liabilities:	
Loans and Discounts . . . \$208,543.38	Capital Stock . . . \$100,000.00	Overdrafts . . . 45.53	Profits—net . . . 2,849.88
U. S. Bonds and premiums . . . 46,784.38	Circulation . . . 45,000.00	U. S. Bonds and premiums . . . 46,784.38	Deposits . . . 222,132.31
Redemption Fund . . . 2,850.00	Furniture and Fixtures . . . 4,580.49	Cash . . . 107,078.41	
		\$369,782.19	\$369,782.19

W. B. COOPER, President. GEO. O. GAYLORD, Vice President.  
THOS. E. COOPER, Cashier.

STATEMENT OF  
**The Wilmington Savings and Trust Co.**  
At the close of business, Nov. 27th, 1908.  
(Condensed from Report to North Carolina Corporation Commission.)

Resources:	Capital	Liabilities:	
Loans and discounts . . . \$1,363,390.68	Capital . . . \$ 100,000.00	First mortgage bonds . . . 1,500.00	Undivided Profits . . . 138,102.21
Real Estate . . . 45,000.00	Deposits . . . 1,308,931.16	Furniture and fixtures . . . 1.00	
Cash and due from banks . . . 137,141.63			
	\$1,547,033.37		\$1,547,033.37

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STATEMENT CONDITION  
**THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK**  
OF WILMINGTON, N. C.  
At the close of Business November 27, 1898.

Resources:	Capital	Liabilities:	
Loans and Discounts . . . \$2,574,534.92	Capital . . . \$ 550,000.00	N. C. State and other . . . 298,134.69	Surplus and Net Profits . . . 298,134.69
Bonds . . . 188,044.25	Circulation . . . 550,000.00	U. S. Bonds (at par) . . . 550,000.00	U. S. Bond Account . . . 100,000.00
Bank Buildings . . . 55,000.00	Deposits . . . 3,098,102.66	Cash . . . 1,228,698.18	
	\$4,596,237.35		\$4,596,237.35

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