

OUR RALEIGH DAILY LETTER

DOINGS AT THE STATE CAPITAL-- THIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO BE IMPORTANT ONE

IMPORTANT LEGISLATION

(By our Special Correspondent.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 3.—It looks like Doughton or Dowd for Speaker unless these two "Westerners" divide so closely in the caucus tonight that Battle, of Wake, or Koonce, of Onslow, or an "unknown" may be nominated.

Brown, of Columbus, and Barham, of Wayne, are strongly supported for President Pro Tem. of the Senate, with Pharr, of Mecklenburg, also a favorite.

Among the probably certain nominations tonight are: W. E. Brock or R. O. Self, for principal clerk of the Senate. For reading clerk of the Senate Mark Squires. For sergeant-at-arms of the Senate, R. M. Staley, of Wilkes, or Kerr, of Caswell. For assistant sergeant at arms of the Senate, Summerlin, of Wayne. For principal clerk of the House, Cobb, of Burke. For reading clerk of the House, Arendell, of Wake. For door-keeper of the House, Kilpatrick, of Lenoir. W. E. Hooks, of Wayne, and J. A. Robinson, of Durham, seem to be running as leaders for the engrossing clerkship of the Senate. There is much uncertainty as to the other officers and it is impossible to accurately forecast the results. Legislators registering in this morning's and tonight's caucus will find nearly all Democrats present.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 3.—The biennial session of the General Assembly of North Carolina convenes tomorrow, and while the personnel of the new body of law-makers has been rather backward in coming forward this time, there will be a pretty full attendance of the Senate and House when the Legislature is formally called to order at noon Wednesday.

Not until yesterday were there many arrivals. Sunday the city was almost destitute of legislators, and the advance guard of office-seekers found only a few "Yarborough House Colonels" and a stray legislator to listen to their more or less meritorious "claims" on the "party."

Some of the wire-pullers that infest every legislature were busy Sunday arranging "slates" in the interest of their several friends who are here after jobs—jobs great and small, with the usual sectional distribution of them among the claimants figuring conspicuously and with the adhesiveness that has put the average court plaster to shame.

These jobs will all be disposed of at the party caucus of the two branches of the Legislature tonight. Some slates are born to be broken and the usual number of the heavy-hearted and disappointed will be buying return tickets to their homes on the afternoon trains tomorrow.

Others will, as usual, linger with the oft-delusive hope of landing a smaller piece of pie than that which they claimed as their portion in the first instance. But, alas! disappointment sits upon the door-steps of Hope and ever has and ever will. In this special case, it may be added that every piece of pie already has a third mortgage upon it at this writing, and nothing but God's mercy can save it from the other one. That is, if many of these good fellows persist in "waiting" after the caucus acts tonight and the formal elections to the positions occur tomorrow.

Our old Confederate friends are perennially with us on these occasions, and as far as this writer is concerned, he hopes they will be as fully or more liberally recognized than heretofore. Every Democratic Legislature for many years has not failed these old heroes and none is going to do it while our party controls the machinery of government.

Not Many Old Faces.

When Lieutenant Governor Newlands looks into the faces of the fifty Senators who will constitute the new Senate tomorrow, he will recognize but seven who served in the last Senate, just one-seventh of the old

Senators being returned. In the House the ratio is little, if any, greater.

But this does not mean that six-sevenths of this General Assembly is composed of "raw material."

Some of the ablest men in both branches, while not serving last session, have been here repeatedly as members of previous legislatures.

Again, there are several "new" Senators who last session served in the House. And vice versa, with relation to a few in the House.

There is Senator Joe Brown, of Columbus, for instance. He has not been here for several years. But he is really the "Nester" of the Senate this session. This writer (in reporting the Senate) has served with him so many terms that he is afraid to risk an assertion definitely on the exact number of times Senator Joe Brown has served Columbus in the Senate. He has been missed more than any other man who has served and then absented himself for a season. He is one of the best assets the Old North State has as a legislator.

Nevertheless, the youthful idea is here in all its visionary splendor. The budding "statesman" whom some fool newspaper man has written up and swelled the exaggerated ego of his subject to dangerous proportions, is right on the spot and possible more than the usual number of worse than "dampfool Bills" will be duly "introduced" and "considered" at the expense of a State treasury which opens the new year with a deficit.

Many of these emanations of the juvenile legislative ego would disgrace the statute books were it not for the watchful care of such men in the House as Doughton of Alleghany, and in the Senate as Brown and others, who some times have to almost blind and gag the colts of the legislative stables.

There will come before this Legislature a number of matters of the graves concern and highest importance to the State.

There are going to be some of the liveliest scraps (inside party lines) that have ever reverberated through those historic halls.

The Democratic party is not a unit on some of these questions, by any means. It is as "unterrified" as ever in its life's history, and will, as usual, take orders from no "Boss," self-appointed or otherwise.

Among the matters that will take up most of the best thought and time of the session are these:

Shall there be a State primary, at which the candidates of all parties shall be nominated on one certain day?

Shall there be "additional temperance legislation," by which not only the sale of "near beer" shall be prohibited, but the social club feature of handling liquor for an exclusive set be prevented by statute?

Shall the present alleged "pink tea" statute (yellow anti-trust law) be provided with a set of "dentistry"? If so, how shall the operation be performed? Senator Bassett, half-daddy of the present legislative child, is on hand, but Pappa Blow is among the missing in this Senate. The wet-nurse from Anson who now refuses to recognize or nourish the brat, is also absent this time. So new doctors will be called in from the new-comers to work in this case of the Pokeberry and the Smokeful Weed.

Incidentally it may be remarked that Paul Kitchin is this year a Senator and that he is still the Governor's brother.

The Insurance trust is also slated for attention.

One of the most meritorious propositions of the session will be Senator Cotten's registration of land titles plan.

Our deep water brethren are going to measure arms with the advocates of school bonds for higher education. These doctors are going to do each other some real damage in their scrap if a strong and alert referee is not placed on duty—and kept constantly on the job.

Reform in the method of taxation is an old friend whom I recognize almost every session here. It's a great piece of injustice the way much property escapes proper taxation while other property is borne down with every cent that can be placed on it. It is no new thing in North Carolina. Let us hope that something along this promised "reform" will actually eventuate this session.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 4.—The formal organization of the two branches of the Legislature occupied most of the

day.

In the Senate "all Senators except Kitchin, were present. The oath was administered by Justice Hoke.

In the House Chief Justice Clark swore in the members.

These formalities, and those succeeding them necessary to the legal organization, constituted the only proceedings of interest to one o'clock.

The new officers chosen by the caucus, are a fine body of men, capable and of the true Democratic type. While many disappointed faces were presented this morning, the selections give general satisfaction.

Mr. Dowd was placed in nomination for Speaker by George W. Connor, of Wilson in an eloquent speech. Crumpler, of Sampson, nominated Ewart. The vote was: Dowd, 101; Ewart, 13.

At one-fifty Speaker Dowd ascended the restrum and began his address of acceptance, when he stated that although he had prepared an address at length, he did not take it as proper that he should direct legislation in such an address. He counseled unanimity of action of the Legislature, irrespective of parties, when measures affecting the material welfare of the State is concerned.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 4.—The Democratic caucus, in session last night, unanimously agreed upon Editor W. C. Dowd, of Charlotte, as the Speaker of the House of Representatives. This was easily accomplished when his most formidable opponent, Koonce, of Onslow, withdrew from the field and himself placed Dowd in nomination. The election was by acclamation.

The other nominees of the House were:

For Principal Clerk: T. G. Cobb, of Burke.

For Reading Clerk: D. Scott Poole, of Cumberland.

For Engrossing Clerk: M. D. Kinsland, of Haywood.

For Sergeant-at-Arms: G. L. Kilpatrick, of Lenoir.

For Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms: D. H. James, of Halifax.

In the caucus of the Democratic members of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly there were present on the first roll call 96 members of the 104 Democrats elected of the House membership of 120.

The session was a harmonious one throughout.

The Democratic caucus was called to order by Representative Harry Stubbs, of Martin, at the request of the members, Mr. Stubbs, though a young man, being the Father of the General Assembly in time of service.

Senate Nominees.

Hon. H. N. Pharr, of Mecklenburg, was elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate at last night's caucus in the Senate Chamber. His opponents were Messrs. J. L. Barham, of Wayne, and T. T. Thorne, of Nash.

The other nominees named were: Principal Clerk: R. O. Self, of Jackson.

Reading Clerk: Mark Squires, of Caldwell.

Engrossing Clerk: W. E. Hooks, of Wayne.

Sergeant-at-Arms: R. M. Staley, of Wilkes.

Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms: W. G. Hall, of Cumberland.

On the first ballot for President Pro Tem. the vote stood: Barham, 13; Pharr, 13, and Thorne, 12. On the second it was: Barham, 13; Pharr, 15; Thorne, 10. The third was: Barham, 12; Pharr, 17, and Thorne, 9, and on the fourth, which was the final one, Pharr was nominated by a vote of 20 for himself, 13 for Barham and for Thorne.

The Senate caucus was called to order at 8 o'clock by Senator Z. V. Long, of Iredell, who moved that Lieutenant-Governor Newland be called to the chair. This was carried by acclamation, and the Lieutenant-Governor, in a few graceful words, stated the purpose of the meeting and called for the election of a caucus chairman, who should serve throughout the session. Senator Bassett, of Rocky Mount, was elected by acclamation, and on his taking the chair Senator Henry M. London, of Chatham, was chosen and assumed the duties of secretary.

London, Jan. 3.—Private advices from Lisbon state that the situation there is so grave that British residents are hoisting the "Union Jack" over their residences as protection.

Ashland, Ky., Jan. 3.—Six persons were killed in a wreck on Miller Creek Railway, near Van Lear, a few miles above Paintsville, Ky., Sunday night.



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Carriers Exchanging Letters.

To the Editor Rural Letter Carriers' Department:

I am jogging along over the roughest road writing you "with gloves on." I always carry a tablet of pencil paper, and, after I have read the morning papers, the afternoon papers and a few weeklies, if my "pegasus" begins to fly, I jot down his meanderings. I never get cold, for I use a carriage heater, wear a "pull-down" cap and woolen gloves. My ponies know their business and if I get into a reverie, they pull up to the box and stop for advice. Receiving this they are rewarded for kindness and go off in a brisk trot for the next box.

I have just finished reading the Rural Letter Carriers' Department in the sample copy of The Wilson Times. As I read along enjoying the wholesome sentiment, I thought surely I ought to belong to the Association and I would send a dollar at once for a year's subscription to the paper. When I reached the last paragraph of Bro. Ed. D. Pearsall's article, I hesitated, and think it best to have some better understanding. I note that Bro. Pearsall is not only an easy writer, but that he appears as vice-president of the association. He must, then, be a man of influence. If he speaks with the authority of his office, and utters the sentiment of the Association, it will be repugnant to a large number of carriers, because clearly in violation of the service regulations. If the association through him is playing "poor pussy" with the Congressmen, it falls far short of my view of proper dignity.

I take no exception to Bro. Pearsall's kind reference to the Raleigh Postmaster, but his remark about his only opponent is entirely gratuitous and unworthy. If he means to commit the association to that sentiment, as well as joy in the result of the election, and in the kind of partisan President we shall have at some time in the future, as expressed by him, then there is trouble ahead for the association and some of its members. The right of any carrier to hold such views is not questioned—he may be a strong partisan—but when he seeks to commit others, he is—well, treading in forbidden ways.

Will Bro. Pearsall let his readers know if he speaks only for himself, or does he voice the sentiment of the association? I am inclined to think that he does not intend (in this public way) to express either—that, it being near Christmas when he wrote, he was a little off his guard and different from his "chaplain," he LET-TETH his write hand know what his booze hand doeth.

Wishing the Editor and the boys in the service a happy New Year and a prosperous 1911, I am,
Your humble servant,
T. IVEY.
Cary, N. C., Dec. 27, 1910.

Reply.

Rocky Point, N. C., Dec. 29. The Times, Wilson:

I am indeed under many obligations to Brother Ivey for his nice Christmas letter, and trust he may see fit to knock at the door again.

He sees fit to place serious objection to my peroration of the many things to be thankful for. The discussion of politics is an unknown problem in our association gatherings. While having met many of my brother carriers at annual conventions, I have never questioned as to which political party they belonged, neither have I ever heard the matter discussed. But during the time politics were at a white heat, I read a lengthy

article in a Republican paper and have it filed away by Brother Thad. Ivey, extolling many of ex-Senator Butler's qualifications and lauding him to the skies. Now, Senator Butler has belonged to so many parties—all three—I judged from Brother Ivey's article that he was on Senator Butler's side. Anyway that most excellent Grand High Priest and Chief Apostle of Democracy, Josephus Daniels, in his paper, The News and Observer, saw fit to reprimand Bro. Ivey and pull the "pernicious political activity" act on him.

While I know my church and my political party and their teachings are the best, I willingly and cheerfully grant that a brother may think the same of his. And the members of the N. C. Rural Letter Carriers' Association, I judge, holds the same views, viz.:

That we know no party and as individuals may express our opinions personally but not for the guidance of the Association.

I take the view that the past records of the parties are well worth reviewing and that it is well to hold with that that has educational, morally and otherwise done our State the greater good, and each Rural Carrier is at liberty to take the same broad view.

No, Dear Bro. Ivey, I have no intention of leading or misleading any one politically. I was simply rejoicing in a general way at the outlook, especially at the parcels post, the cheapening of provisions for man and beast, a lower tariff so as to enable us to buy the necessities of life at a less price—the entire disappearance of the postal deficit, which is rapidly being cut down, and we were assured by Gen. DeGraw at Raleigh that the parcels post would entirely do away with it and leave a large surplus. We will praise the bridge that carries us across safely, let it be a National Republican or Democratic—both parties promise, which will be fulfilled, we await hopefully.

Finally, Brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things."

I've said my say.
Faithfully and truly,
ED. D. PEARSALL.

A GOOD LETTER FROM MR. HAYES

Advices the Rural Letter Carriers to Join Their Association for Profit and Co-Operation.

To the Rural Letter Carriers of North Carolina:

This is my first letter to our official organ, The Wilson Times.

I wish to say that I highly appreciate the place that has been set apart for the Rural Letter Carriers by such a valuable paper as The Wilson Times, and I am sure we will all be benefited by having it as our official organ.

I hope that every carrier that reads this will not only join our Association but will subscribe for The Wilson Times.

I was glad to see a nice long letter from our dear "Grandpap" for the past two weeks.

Come as often as you can, "grandpap" for my wife and two children are delighted to read your letters.

Our Secretary, R. C. D. Beaman, should give us some news, and my old friend, J. M. Hayes, should give up an account of the happenings around the great city of Burlington.

We would also be glad for J. W. Jacobs to send the little rock that he promised to send me last summer,

or I think he was the one that told me he would.

Let every carrier strive to make this the best year in the history of our Association. We have a great duty to perform, which no one can do but ourselves. I am sure that the officers of our association are doing all they can.

I appeal to every carrier in the good Old North State to help in the great work that is before us by joining your county and State Association.

With best wishes to every Letter Carrier from the mountains to the sea,
Your friend,
E. B. HAYES.

Fairmont, N. C., Jan. 2, 1911.

Bank Guaranty Laws Are Declared Constitutional.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The bank guaranty laws of Oklahoma, Nebraska and Kansas were declared yesterday constitutional by the Supreme court of the United States, and thus the fight over the establishment of the policy of guaranteeing through the State of deposits in banks was won by the advocates of such a policy.

The opinion of the court in the cases was announced by Justice Holmes. He said the main objections to the laws was that the assessment of banks by the State in order to create a fund to guarantee the deposits in other banks within the State took private property of one bank for the private use of another without compensation.

"In the first place," said Justice Holmes, "it is established by a series of cases that an ulterior public advantage may justify a comparatively insignificant taking of private property for what, in its immediate purpose, is a private one."

"The police power," he said, "may be put forth in aid of what is sanctioned by usage, or held by the prevailing morality or strong and preponderant opinion to be greatly and immediately necessary to the public welfare." The laws came within this limit, he held.

New Governors Inaugurated.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 4.—John A. Dix was inaugurated Governor of New York Monday, succeeding Governor Horace A. White, with imposing ceremonies. In his speech of acceptance Mr. Dix dwelt at length upon the need of public economy in this State, pointing out that the fiscal statements for the ensuing year show a deficit of \$13,000,000 for the State. Mr. Dix is the first Democratic State Executive in nearly a score of year, Roosevelt P. Flower being the last.

Reform Governor in Office.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 4.—A new era dawned for California Monday with the inauguration of Hiram Johnson, the new reform governor. If Governor Johnson is successful in the campaign he purposes to wage as executive, he claims that "the interests," meaning the railroads, steamship companies and other powerful corporations will be driven from their control of Golden Gate politics.

Reno, Nev., Jan. 4.—Taker L. Oddie was Monday inaugurated Governor of Nevada, at Carson City. He is the first Republican to occupy the position since the early nineties. Other State officers were sworn in at the same time.

Fire Destroys Million in Property at Little Rock.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 4.—Property comprising an entire business block and valued at \$1,000,000, was destroyed by fire here yesterday, which originated in the Hollenberg Musical Company's building. Two paintings valued at \$60,000, "The Wagonsmith" and "Venus De Milo," also were destroyed.

The business houses destroyed are the Hollenberg Musical Company, Jones Furnishing Company, Jackson-Hanley Furniture Company, E. D. Bracy Hardware Company, Askin and Marine, clothiers; Lord Arms Company, J. H. Martin Arms Company and the Arkansas Water Company. The burned buildings were owned by Governor Doneghey and others.

Sydney, C. B., Jan. 4.—An explosion of gas caused the death of six miners in the south section of No. 4 colliery of the Nova Scotia Steel Company's mines at Sydney mines yesterday. Eight miners were entombed by the fall of coal and stone and only two were rescued.