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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS.

North Carolina Senators to Have Good Places.

The State's Claim in Behalf of Troops That Served in the Spanish War—Editors to Have a Good Time in Washington.

Washington, Nov. 18.—The Democratic steering committee of the Senate, over which A. P. Gorman presides, disclosed the committee slate this afternoon, which has been a subject of careful consideration since the opening of the session. The list of assignments is not wholly complete, but such selections as have been made will be ratified by the Republicans. The North Carolina senators were fortunate in the distribution of coveted prizes, though of course they did not land on the big committees, like finance, appropriations or commerce, because their rather brief service in the Senate did not entitle them to such consideration. Senator Overman has the choice of assignment to either



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the committee on interoceanic canal or the Philippines, which are very important. He is also given a position on the committee on Indian affairs, pension claims and forest reservations. He will also be given several other assignments not yet agreed upon. What these will be can not be stated as yet with any degree of certainty.

Senator Simmons' new assignment is to the committee on the District of Columbia, which he asked for some months ago. He retains membership of the following committees: postoffices, agriculture, public buildings and grounds, coast defenses and the committee to examine the several branches of the civil service. He is dropped from the committee on forest reservations and relations with Cuba at his own request. Senator Simmons stood a chance of being appointed to membership on the judiciary committee, had it not been for the fact that there are four southern Democrats—Senators Bacon, Blackburn, Pettus and Culbertson—on the committee. It was decided that the west was entitled to representation, and consequently Senator Patterson, of Colorado, was assigned to the committee.

The fact was developed today at a meeting of the North Carolina delegation, including both senators and the ten representatives, that the state probably has a claim against the government for something like \$15,000, which is due the troops in the Spanish-American war. Representative Small brought the subject before the meeting in a letter from Governor Aycock, in which his excellency sought the advice of the state's representatives in congress as to the course he should pursue.

It had been suggested to him that he press the claim before the court of claims, so the amount of the sum thought to be due the state could be determined. The governor had doubts as to whether this course should be pursued and wished to be informed.

Kentucky was the first state to discover that her troops were entitled to an extra allowance, provided by law, for service ren-

dered in the war with Spain, and attorneys were selected to press the claim. The result was that judgment was secured against the government for \$128,000 in favor of the state. A half dozen other states followed suit and have obtained funds of like nature for their troops.

Representative Small first took notice of the situation and called the governor's attention to the



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action of the other states. Just what extra compensation it is that the troops are entitled to was not known by any of those who attended today's meeting. A rough estimate placed North Carolina's share at \$15,000, though the opinion was expressed that the sum would be in excess of that amount. North Carolina had two and a half regiments, about 2,500, almost as large a number as Kentucky, which state was awarded \$128,000.

An investigation is to be made of the act under which proceedings were instituted by Kentucky and the other states. It was the sense of the delegation today that the governor should select attorneys to prosecute North Carolina's claim. It was pointed out that the method for collecting such a claim was provided by Congress and that it was up to the state to establish its rights, if any it has, for whatever sum may be due the troops who served in the war for the state. The subject is one that will be of deep interest to those who served in the North Carolina regiments.

At the meeting of the delegation arrangements for entertaining the North Carolina Press Association on the occasion of its visit here were considered. While it is possible the extra session may have adjourned and the members of the delegation may be at their homes, it was decided to give the visiting editors a five-hours' carriage ride. In case of rain a theatre party will be substituted. Literally speaking, the carriage ride may be a misnomer, for it is possible that a sufficient number of red devils may be secured and the boys will be whirled around in automobile touring cars.—Thomas J. Pence, in Raleigh Post.

Thanksgiving at Hopewell.

Mr. D. C. Johnson writes us as follows:

"We had a large congregation at Hopewell church last Sunday and a good sermon by Rev. J. I. Owen, the pastor. We decided to make Hopewell church a place of prayer and fasting on Thanksgiving Day, November 26. We cordially invite the Christians of the community to come and be with us. We expect to have preaching by one or more preachers."

Not a Sick Day Since.

"I was taken severely sick with kidney trouble. I tried all sorts of medicines, none of which relieved me. One day I saw an ad. of your Electric Bitters and determined to try that. After taking a few doses I felt relieved and soon thereafter was entirely cured and have not seen a sick day since. Neighbors of mine have been cured of Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Liver and Kidney troubles and General Debility." This is what B. F. Bass, of Fremont, N. C., writes. Only 50c at Hood Bros.; Druggists.

STATE NEWS NOTES.

The Monroe Enquirer says that Dr. H. M. Brooks, of Union county, has been arrested for unlawfully giving a prescription for liquor. He was bound to court in a bond of \$50.

The residence of Rev. Dr. Mentz, with its contents, and all out-houses except the stables, located near Southern Pines, were burned Saturday. Loss \$5,000 to \$6,000 with insurance of \$1,000.

The funeral services of the late Col. W. T. Blackwell, held at Durham Sunday, were attended by 8,000 to 10,000 people—a remarkable and deserving tribute to a man who made Durham.

While felling a tree near Cameron, Moore county, Thursday, a negro who was employed by the Bell Telephone Company was struck on the head by the falling limb and killed. His skull was crushed by the blow.

The Sparta (Alleghany county) Star says that from a patch of less than half an acre of molasses cane Isom Reynolds got 132 gallons of molasses, 640 bundles of fodder and 33½ bushels of clean seed—which was a pretty good yield.

At a recent term of Buncomb Superior Court Judge Shaw announced that the first witness found swearing falsely would be presented to the grand jury. A negro woman swore falsely, was indicted, convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for two years.

The Raleigh Post says that ex-Sheriff Wall, of Anson county, has deposited in the State Museum a 5-pound rock crystallized from the mud collected on the end of a hog's tail and stayed there until it turned into rock and the tail had to be amputated to get it off.

Chas. Yelverton, a colored man who lived in the Pikeville section of Wayne county, was accidentally shot and killed last week. He had placed the muzzle of a loaded gun under his arm when the weapon was accidentally discharged, tearing away his shoulder and killing him instantly.

The Governor has pardoned Dora Grissom, a white woman convicted in Granville county of child murder and sentenced to 20 years in the penitentiary. She had served 13 years, had made a good prisoner and the people about her old home asked for her pardon on the ground that she had been sufficiently punished.

In Wake Superior Court last week George Smith, 19 years old, a former brakeman on the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, was awarded \$30,000 damages against the road on account of the loss of an arm and a leg while in the service of the road. Judge Peebles set the verdict aside as contrary to the evidence and the judge's charge.

It is learned at the office of the State labor commissioner, upon inquiry as to the number of textile mills in operation in the State, that there are 241 cotton, 43 knitting, 14 woolen and 3 silk. A total of 301, which shows a considerable increase over last year. The increase in the number of spindles and looms will be even greater than the increase in mills will indicate, so many additions having been made to old mills.

Chairman McNeill, of the corporation commission, in an interview concerning the increase on the assessed value of real and personal property, said that about 75 counties had been heard from, and their returns filed, these showing an average increase of about half a million dollars in the county. This will make something like \$50,000,000 for all the counties, and the increase in the valuation will yield something like \$125,000 more tax, that is, from real and personal property. Chairman McNeill thought earlier in the year that the increase would be somewhat larger, say about \$75,000,000, but it now seems reasonably certain it will run considerably under that figure.—Raleigh Times.

At Saulston, Wayne county, Thursday, a mill stone in the grist mill of Frank R. Musgrave exploded. Some of the flying fragments penetrated Musgrave's throat and head, inflicting fatal injuries.

Mr. W. R. Henry, who recently lost his job as national bank examiner, has closed a contract with one of the largest national banks in New York city to act as solicitor and special representative of the bank throughout the South.

Judge Jeter C. Pritchard, well-known to all North Carolinians, and Miss Lillian E. Saum, of Washington, D. C., Saturday. Miss Saum is considered one of the handsomest of Washington's women. Miss Saum's mother is a native of Halifax county, North Carolina.

The body of K. Rayner Bell, of Elizabeth City, who disappeared from the bedside of his sick daughter during the night three weeks ago, was Saturday found floating in the waters of Pasquotank river. A line was wrapped twice around the body, and to this line was attached a bag containing two bricks. Since Bell's disappearance his daughter has died.

Reception in Washington.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. Luther S. Cannon celebrated the fifth anniversary of their marriage last evening by a reception at their new home on Rhode Island avenue, where they entertained some 200 or more friends.

Before coming to Washington Mr. Cannon resided in Caldwell county. The hostess, who before her marriage was Miss Minna Atkinson, of Selma, N. C., where her wedding took place, wore a becoming gown of blue silk veiled in white organdie and carried lilies of the valley. The parlors were tastefully decorated in smilax and ferns, with large carnations banking the mantels and large chrysanthemums in jars and vases adding to the graceful effect. In the dining room, where a buffet supper was served, the table was decorated in smilax, bouvardia blossoms and red carnations. A large collection of presents in dainty and useful wooden articles were on view, some of the most admired being a cuckoo clock, boot racks, trays, and bowls in burnt wood. Mrs. Cannon was assisted by Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Howard, Dr. and Mrs. Henry Knowles, Mr. and Mrs. David O. Miller, Miss Virginia Fletcher, Miss Edna Follin, Miss Ruth Rucker, Mr. A. S. Jones, Mr. Joseph R. Atkinson, the brother of the hostess, and Mrs. N. J. Fields, of Patterson, N. J.—Fred L. Merritt, in News and Observer.

The Woods Full of Them.

The truth is there are thousands of Democrats all over North Carolina, "from the mountains to the sea"—or words to that effect—Democrats who have never dickered with butler, Populism, or fusion, who believe Grover Cleveland is the greatest living Democrat, and look upon him as the safest candidate the party could possibly put up for the presidency next year. The Argus is one of these—and there are others—scores of them right here in Goldsboro—the best town in the State—and in Wayne county—the banner Democratic county of the State; Democrats who have always kept the faith, abided in the ship, and made no "overtures" or quarter to other craft.—Goldsboro Argus. (Some could be found in Smithfield who believe the same way.—Ed.)

A Runaway Bicycle.

Terminated with an ugly cut on the leg of J. B. Orner, of Franklin Grove, Ill. It developed a stubborn ulcer unyielding to doctors and remedies for four years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured. It's just as good for Burns, Scalds, Skin Eruptions and Piles. 25c at Hood Bros., Drug Store.

BEASLEY BITS.

We are sorry to note the illness of Mrs. Joel Flowers.

Miss Almira Beasley is visiting relatives in Durham.

Miss Jane Lee, of near Benson, is visiting Mr. David Evans' family.

Mr. Jim McFatter's child died Monday, November 9th. It was buried here Tuesday afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Bruton preached his supposed farewell sermon at Ebenezer Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Charlie Lindsay, of Smithfield, is doing a very nice job of painting on Ebenezer church.

Mr. Thomas Dupree, of Dunn, was in this section last week the guest of his mother, Mrs. Martha Dupree.

Rev. Mr. Frost will preach at Mill Creek Sunday. He is our new pastor. We welcome him in our community.

Mr. W. L. Cobb attended the marriage of Mr. John Hudson and Miss Zilpha McCullers near Clinton Thursday.

Miss Mollie Warrick, who has been spending several days here, returned to her home at Grantham Store Monday.

Mr. C. M. Ingram and family visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Atkinson, in the Bizzell section Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Remus Dunn and Mrs. Amy Morris were married at Massey school house Wednesday the 11th, in presence of the school and a few others. Mr. M. W. Smith, justice of the peace, officiated.

It is with much sadness that we chronicle the death of Mr. John Stephens, which occurred near here Monday the 9th, after an illness of a few weeks. Mr. Stephens was a most estimable man and in his death his neighbors and many friends, as well as his devoted wife and family, sustain a great loss. He was a devoted husband and father, and a kind and sympathetic neighbor. Mr. Stephens was in his sixty-ninth year, and had been a member of the church for several years, and evinced by his daily upright life the evidence of a sincere and pious Christian. The living testimony of his life affords to his friends the blessed assurance that all is well with him. He leaves a desolate wife, four daughters and five sons. He was laid to rest at the family burial ground near his home Tuesday afternoon in the presence of many sorrow-stricken friends. The funeral was preached by Rev. Blackman Crumpler.

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Doesn't Respect Old Age.

It's shameful when youth fails to show proper respect for old age, but just the contrary in the case of Dr. King's New Life Pills. They cut off maladies no matter how severe and irrespective of old age. Dispepsia, Jaundice, Fever, Constipation all yield to this perfect Pill. 25c at Hood Bros., Drug Store.

ARCHER DOTS.

Mr. J. P. Glover will soon have a new residence built on his farm near here.

Give us another serial story as good as Graustark is the cry of our people.

Miss Lizzie Wall returned home Sunday from an extended visit to relatives and friends near Clayton.

Miss Cynthia Austin, of near Clayton, arrived Sunday to take charge of the Batten school Monday, November 16th.

A mad dog passed through our community last Thursday but fortunately no one was bit. The brute is still at large.

The funeral of Mr. George Whitley, who died a few months ago, was preached at Selma Primitive Baptist church Sunday morning by Elder J. A. T. Jones through the agency of Elder J. A. T. Jones to a large and appreciative audience.

Miss Ida Castleberry, who is teaching at the Benson school house, was at home Sunday. She reports good attendance and very good progress.

Mr. J. W. Barnes raised this year on one and one half acres 300 bushels of potatoes. Mr. Barnes is one of Johnston county's best farmers, as the above goes to prove.

The White Oak choir will begin taking special lessons in the fundamental principles of vocal music under their esteemed teacher, Mr. W. A. Newton, next Saturday. After a few weeks we expect to have one of the best choirs in the State.

The school at Archer did not begin November 2nd, as heretofore announced, but commenced November 16th. The attendance was very good and with the aid of a Rural Library and two of Johnston's best teachers, we bespeak for them a very good school.

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CLAYTON CHIPS.

Clayton cotton market is still top, 11.50 Wednesday.

Sheriff Ellington was in town Wednesday.

Mr. E. B. McCullers has had a well drilled.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Barnes went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Baptising is postponed until first Sunday in December.

Look up Barnes & Co's. proposition on "Free Lamps".

Mrs. M. Durham and Landon spent Sunday with her mother.

Mrs. Ransom Penny is visiting her daughter Mrs. O. G. Smith.

Mr. Ashley Horne is having his well in the gin lot drilled deeper.

"Four Bullocks" showed here Friday and Saturday nights of last week.

Messrs M. K. and T. R. Pleasants have discontinued their drug business here.

We forgot to mention Mr. Hal O. Ellis' boy last week. Still he's here all the same.

Mr. Luther Terrell has been out town several days painting Mr. J. A. Sanders' store-house.

The young people of our place enjoyed a pleasant evening with Miss Joyce Barnes Tuesday.

The siding to the Oil Mill is completed. They will be ready for shipment of seed in a few days.

We are informed that Mr. Lonnie Boone and Miss Maude Rogers are to be married to-night (Wednesday.)

Miss Blanche Barnes of the Conservatory of Durham spent several days with parents recently.

The Masons had a very enjoyable oyster supper last Friday night after initiating two new members.

Thanksgiving services will be held at the Baptist church, Thursday night November 26th, at 7:00 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Hales and Lillian, spent Saturday and Sunday in Smithfield, the guests of Miss Addie Massey.

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Disastrous Wrecks.

Carelessness is responsible for many a railway wreck and the same causes are making human wrecks of sufferers from Throat and Lung troubles. But since the advent of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, even the worst cases can be cured, and hopeless resignation is no longer necessary. Mrs. Lois Craig of Dorchester, Mass., is one of many whose life was saved by Dr. King's New Discovery. This great remedy is guaranteed for all Throat and Lung diseases by Hood Bros., Druggists. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.