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## RALEIGH'S INAUGURAL DAY.

Four Thousand See Our New Governor Take Oath of Office In City Auditorium. Governor Bickett Delivers Powerful Address Outlining Program. Other State Officers Take Oath of Office.

(News and Observer, 12.)

Hon. Thomas Walter Bickett took the oath of office as Governor of North Carolina shortly after noon yesterday and in an inaugural address devoted to an enunciation of his four years' program of progressive administration wrung a deluge of frequent cheering from four thousand North Carolinians who packed the city auditorium.

Chief Justice Clark administered the oath that made Governor-elect Bickett Governor Bickett, after he had sworn in Lieutenant-Governor O. Max Gardner and after Associate Justice W. A. Hoke had given the oath to Insurance Commissioner James R. Young, Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham, Corporation Commissioner W. T. Lee, Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman, Attorney-General James S. Manning, Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner, State Treasurer B. R. Lacy, State Auditor W. P. Wood and Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes.

The ceremonies of inauguration followed the welcome Governor Bickett received at the union station when he arrived at 11 o'clock under escort of the legislative committee appointed for the purpose. The welcome kept up, for the inauguration was succeeded by Governor Bickett's acceptance from Governor Craig the keys of the executive office and the temporary ownership of the Governor's mansion. With these acts, Governor Craig officially passed out of Capitol life and Governor Bickett entered. His first official appearance after the inauguration was an hour later at the luncheon given by the legislative committee at the mansion. Last night he received the public generally in the inaugural reception which gave way at 10:30 o'clock to the ball in the city auditorium.

## GREENBACKS TO APPEAR AGAIN

New Issue of One and Two-Dollar Bills, Which Were Discontinued 30 Years Ago, Authorized.

Washington, Jan. 10.—A new issue of one and two-dollar greenbacks of Civil war days, discontinued more than 30 years ago, will be put into circulation, probably about February 1, displacing similar United States notes of larger denomination to provide relief from the unprecedented demand for small paper money. The treasury department announced tonight that the issue had been decided on because silver certificates of one and two-dollar denomination, could not be issued under the law in sufficient quantity to meet the demand.

A limit of \$346,681,016 to the amount of outstanding federal notes was fixed by law in 1878 after the greenback had become an issue in politics and had resulted in the birth of a new national party, backed largely by the farmers of the west and south. No greenbacks have been issued since 1885, and the amount of outstanding \$1 and \$2 notes of that variety now is slightly over \$3,000,000. There is, however, \$102,445,300 outstanding in United States notes of \$10 denomination and higher and a portion of these will be retired and cancelled, dollar for dollar, to meet the new issues of small denominations.

## Goes to Two Dollars a Year.

The Henderson Gold Leaf, a semi-weekly newspaper published at Henderson, has advanced its price to two dollars a year. It also announces that it is going to be run on the cash-in-advance plan. This is the best plan and every newspaper that adopts it does a wise thing.

## Johnston County Local Measures.

The representatives from Johnston were able to get through several local measures during the first week of the General Assembly. A bill introduced by Representative Barnes relating to extra pay for the County Officers during the busy season was passed. A law was also passed taking Johnston out from under the provisions of the primary law for the nomination of County Officers.

## OUR STATE CAPITAL LETTER.

The Passing of the Day of Little Bill. Legislature Busy On Tuesday Night With Local Measures. Johnston's Representatives.

(By Llewaxam.)

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—In memory of my oldest legislative friend, "Little Bill," I beg leave to gladly announce his exit from the legislative stage to that realm provided by the newly adopted Constitutional Amendment.

To every legislative reporter his "passing" means the removal of much drudgery in his line of work and the opening of the way to devote more thought and care to preparing intelligent reports of the proceedings of the General Assembly in its larger and more important bearing.

Little Bill's last hours were the busiest of a long and troublous career and ended only with the expiration of the time limit which compelled his withdrawal from the halls where he had for so many years been unwelcome and a constant source of annoyance—to put it mildly, and say nothing more harsh.

The Senate was kept in session till the wee sma' hours bordering on midnight Tuesday night because of Little Bill's lingering presence and he finally had to be incontinently kicked out, figuratively speaking, of the chamber and down the stair steps leading to the first floor of the State House building. While pressing important legislation, that should be transacted before midnight in order to amend the Constitutional inhibition, was pressing for consideration, one of the charter measures which will not hinder legislation next session clogged the legislative machine for hours and got everybody on edge. It was finally defeated and laid on the table. If anything was lacking to convince legislators of the wisdom behind the new amendment this experience amply supplied it—and the law-makers were not different in expressing their opinion to that effect.

## Legislative Personalities.

The Republican Senators who represent the County of Johnston as part of their district are showing up pretty well, barring politics. Senator Parker has figured on the floor several times already and handled himself well. But, as is to be expected, he is often on the losing side of propositions. One of these instances was when he attempted to get in an amendment to the Governor's salary bill so as to fix it at \$6,000.

Senator Benehan Cameron, of Durham, got in his first speech on the floor Tuesday night, while the question of adopting the minority report of the committee on the chartering of the Henderson and Wilson Railroad was under consideration. His speech amplified the situation at once automatically (so to speak), shed a large beam of light on the general questions involved and the situation involved that was seriously lacking in the persistent line of argument passed out by the others engaging in the debate. A man of large business affairs and long experience and something of a railroad promoter and builder himself, he readily informed the Senate of some things which were very pertinent at the right moment.

Representatives Sanders and Barnes are on the job here on time every day and all day, and the interests of Johnston County are in good hands in the House branch of this General Assembly.

The alacrity and unanimity with which the resolution inviting Hon. Wm. Jennings Bryan to address a joint session of the Legislature was adopted, was in striking contrast with the treatment similar resolutions met with in at least two previous Legislatures.

The inauguration today of Governor Bickett and other State officers is the paramount event here, and the law-makers are devoting more thought to that event than to law-making. A great crowd assembled in the City Auditorium and listened to the eloquent Governor's inaugural address.

## Books and Reading.

Mr. G. T. Whitley, of the Burlington Graded School faculty, has prepared a series of articles on "Good Reading for the Home." The first of these appeared in The Herald of January 9th. Others will appear from time to time. Those interested in the best books for the home reading should clip the articles as they appear.

## BUFFALO BILL PASSES AWAY.

He Played 'High Five' As Death Drew Near. The Famous Soldier and Scout Accepted His Fate Like a Stoic and Died Wednesday.

Denver, Col., Jan. 10.—Col. William Frederick Cody ("Buffalo Bill"), soldier, hunter and scout, died at 12:05 p. m., here today at the home of his sister.

Buffalo Bill, the idol of juvenile America, fought death as he often had opposed it on the plains in the days when the West was young.

"You can't kill the old scout," he would tell his physician whenever his condition would show improvement, but near the end he accepted his fate like a stoic.

"Let the Elks and Masons take charge of the funeral," he said to his sister. Then he turned to his business affairs, making suggestions for their continuance.

"Let us have a game of 'high five,'" he said after he had talked with his family. And every one joined, the Colonel laughing and joking because he was winning.

Since January 5, when he was hurried back to his sister's home in Denver, Col. Cody had surprised all who knew his real condition by great powers of resistance and recuperation.

On January 8, however, his system broke down entirely and from then on it was a question merely of time.

The body of the famous plainsman will lie in state in the capitol building here from 8 a. m. till noon next Saturday, and funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon. The body will be placed in a receiving vault in a local cemetery until spring, when it will be transferred to a tomb hewn in the solid rock on top of Lookout Mountain.

Col. William F. Cody, hunter, soldier, scout and showman was for many years known to nearly every man, woman, boy and girl in America through his wild west show with which he toured this country and Europe. He was a picturesque type of the pioneer frontiersman and lived to see large cities built where he once hunted the buffalo and fought Indians.

Col. William F. Cody was born in Scott County, Iowa, February 26, 1846. His ancestral stock was Spanish, English and Irish. Cody's first employment was as a courier between the freight wagon trains operated between the Missouri river and the Rocky Mountains. In turn he became wagonmaster, trapper hunter, pony express rider and stage coach driver, all giving a varied experience in a school, the graduation from which left the scholar an adept in every possible line of frontier activity.

An exciting experience in the Union army as a soldier and subsequently as a confident and scout of his commanders in the desultory and guerilla warfare of the southwest left him at its finish well known as an all round frontiersman, competent to advise, guide and lead. These qualities soon brought him to the attention of such distinguished commanders as Gen. W. T. Sherman, Lieut.-General Phil Sheridan and Generals Crook, Custer, Merritt, Carr, Royal, Miles, Dodge and others and secured his appointment as chief of scouts in the United States army during its numerous Indian campaigns in the west.

His career in this line identified him with the great fighting epoch between the red man and the white man waged by Gen. Sheridan after the Civil war that temporarily ended in 1876, but was effectively finished in the Ghost Dance war in the decisive battle of Wounded Knee in 1890-91 campaign with the Northern Sioux.

During the construction of the Union Pacific railroad young Cody attached himself to a camp of United States troops protecting the laborers, and won his sobriquet of "Buffalo Bill" by taking a contract to supply the entire force with fresh buffalo meat for a certain period, killing under one contract 4,280 buffaloes. On one occasion he killed the noted Cheyenne Chief Yellow Hand in the presence of Indians and troops.—Greensboro News.

Harry K. Thaw, who was released 15 months ago from an asylum for the insane where he was sent after he had killed Stanford White, was indicted in New York Tuesday charged with kidnapping Fred Grump, Jr., of Kansas City, Mo., a youth of 19, and assaulting him with a whip.

## AT THE CAPITAL OF BANNER.

Death of Two Small Children Noted. Benson Loan and Trust Company Soon to Be Opened. Many Personal and Local Items.

Benson, Jan. 11.—Mr. Walter Massengill, who has held a position as Cashier of the Elon Bank for the past two years, has moved his family back to Benson and will make his home here in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom R. Barbour spent Saturday and Sunday here visiting relatives and friends, returning to their home at Four Oaks Sunday night.

Janie Gray, the six-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Canaday, died last Friday night at their home here and was buried Saturday afternoon in the Benson Cemetery. Rev. J. T. Stanford conducted the burial services.

Mr. Eli Baggett, of Dunn, was a visitor to Benson Monday and Tuesday on business.

Mr. W. C. Lassiter spent a few hours in town Tuesday afternoon on business. Mr. Lassiter is one of the most up-to-date farmers of Johnston County.

Mr. U. P. Britt and family has moved back to his farm near Benson where he will make his home the present year.

Mr. William Canaday, who holds a position in Richmond, Va., recently spent a few days here with relatives.

Mr. Fisher has moved to the residence on Church Street recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Godwin. Rev. J. T. Stanford left today for Fayetteville, Maxton, Laurinburg and other places where he will spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Parrish and Miss Daisie Bryant left Sunday for New York City where they are spending the week.

Mr. J. J. Rose, of Lower Johnston, spent a few hours in town Monday on business.

Mrs. Callie Royal, who has been spending several weeks with her mother, Mrs. M. C. Benson, left for her home at Emporia, Va., Sunday.

A baby boy, J. H. Godwin, Jr., was born Monday night to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Godwin of this city.

Mr. R. U. Barbour, Walton Johnson, N. T. Ryals and others attended the Recorder's Court at Smithfield Tuesday.

Mr. J. R. Woodall and Mr. Junius Peterson, of Smithfield, were visitors to our city Wednesday afternoon.

Messrs. S. F. Ivey and D. M. Raynor went to Durham yesterday to attend the burial of Miss Alice Ivey, a daughter of Joe Ivey, who moved to Durham from Benson a few years ago.

Mrs. J. C. Stancel and children and Mrs. Heber Creech, of Smithfield, were visitors to our city this week.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Denning died at their home near Benson Tuesday night and was buried today at the home of Mr. D. B. Denning near Benson.

Mr. Seth Allen, who has been in the Highsmith Hospital at Fayetteville for an operation for the past few days, is improving and will be home soon.

Mr. W. L. Burnes was a visitor to Tarboro Tuesday on matters of business, returning home that night.

The office of Benson Loan & Trust Company, a new concern which is beginning business here, will be on Main street in the building recently put up by Mr. S. E. Williams. The new concern will do insurance, real estate and loan business, and will be under the management of Mr. Walter Massengill who formerly held a position with the Farmers Commercial Bank here, and who for the past year has been Cashier of the Bank at Elon, N. C.

Miss Livia Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Williams, gave a birthday party to a large number of her friends last night, the occasion being her eighteenth birthday, at the home of her parents on Main street. Those present were Misses Nelie Barber, Ina Johnson, Virginia Lee, Lucile Lee, Ruby Hobbs, Velma Goodrich, Claudia Wood, Maggie Wood, Pansie McLamb, Lumie McLamb, Christel Lucas, and Ora Johnson, and Messrs. Harvey Gurley, Henry Coats, Clarence Britt, Casper Jernigan, Aaron Penny, Dalma Wood, and Carl McGee. Various interesting games were engaged in and the time spent pleasantly.

The contest which has been going

## ED. JUSTICE MAY GET BIG JOB.

He Is Said to Be Slated for Assistant to Attorney General Gregory at a Handsome Salary.

The following from the Greensboro News was written by its Washington correspondent, Parker R. Anderson: E. J. Justice, of Greensboro, who is now handing a hundred million dollars land suit for the federal government on the Pacific coast, is said to be slated for even a bigger and better place than he now has. He will be offered, according to well founded rumors, a position as assistant to Attorney General Gregory, and placed in charge of all of the public land litigations now before the department of justice.

As Mr. Justice is now receiving a salary of a little over \$12,000 a year and in addition a liberal expense account, his friends here say that he would not likely accept a federal judgeship, even if it was offered to him without a contest.

Mr. Justice is expected in Washington before the end of the week. It is said his visit to Washington at this time has to do with the promotion which Attorney General Gregory is said to be ready to offer the Greensboro lawyer.

It is understood that Mr. Justice will make some statement with regard to the judgeship before he returns to the Pacific coast.

## GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

President Wilson, as President of the American Red Cross Society, has issued an appeal for renewed subscriptions to enable the society to carry on its war relief work, which is in serious danger from lack of funds.

F. L. Dell, a traveling salesman, of Philadelphia, and L. C. Garrett, Jr., an automobile demonstrator of Jacksonville, N. C., were instantly killed shortly after noon Tuesday when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by Atlantic Coast Line passenger train No. 63 at Woolvin's near Holly Ridge, in Pender County. Both were about 33 years old.

British exports of yarns during December totalled 11,000,000 pounds against 14,835,000 pounds last year. They brought the total for the season up to 171,967,000 pounds compared with 188,178,000 pounds the previous season. Exports of cloth were 499,000 yards during December against 374,209,000 last year, making the total for the season 5,255,143,000 yards compared with 4,748,904,000 the previous season.

American gold coin to the amount of \$25,000,000 from Canada was deposited in the Sub-Treasury in New York Monday for the account of J. P. Morgan & Co. This is the first shipment of gold from Canada in 1917. A single shipment of \$25,000,000 was made on December 28, followed by a second shipment on the same day of \$8,000,000. Since January 1 \$3,350,000 in gold has been shipped from the United States to South America.

The Senate gave place in the Senate chamber at noon Monday to the North Carolina Presidential Electoral College. N. A. Sinclair, of Fayetteville, was made president of the college, the nomination of Woodrow Wilson was most eloquently done by Cameron Morrison, and D. E. Henderson, of the Third Congressional district, was chosen as special messenger to convey the solid vote of North Carolina for Woodrow Wilson to Washington for the National Electoral College.

Governor Manning's message to the 72nd South Carolina general assembly, which began at Columbia Tuesday, contained recommendations for election form, statewide compulsory education, and legislation to settle the situation caused by recent withdrawal of many fire insurance companies from the State. The Governor also urged preparation for an invasion of boll weevil, a careful study of the State's financial system, imposition of an inheritance tax and granting of greater power to the governor to enforce laws through sheriffs.

There isn't a parallel of latitude but thinks it would have been the equator if it had had its rights.—Mark Twain.

on at the Benson Drug Company's Store for the past several weeks, closed last night. The prize was an eighty-dollar graphonola, which was won by Mrs. E. H. Dixon.

## THEY CAN "DRY" THE STATE.

Under the Webb-Kenyon Law the Legislature Can Prohibit Even a Gill of Liquor From Coming Into North Carolina. May Make a "Dry" Drive.

(Greensboro Daily News.)

Washington, Jan. 10.—If North Carolina really wants prohibition she can have it now, providing the legislature, which is dominated by the dominant party in the State, has the nerve to declare that the State must be dry. Under the ruling of the Supreme Court of the United States Monday in the Webb-Kenyon liquor law, North Carolina can prohibit even a gill of whiskey from being shipped into the State, if she desires real prohibition.

The highest court in the land has ruled that whiskey cannot be shipped into dry territory in violation of the laws of the State. Under the present law only a quart every two weeks can be shipped into North Carolina. But if North Carolina now says no whiskey shall be shipped into the State, the Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that it is legal for her to do so and unlawful for the express companies and railroads to accept the shipments for interstate commerce.

Prohibition leaders here are very much gratified over the decision of the court. Dr. E. E. Dinwiddie, head of the Anti-Saloon League here, and who does the same kind of work around the national capitol as Dr. R. L. Davis does in Raleigh before the Legislature, told the Daily News correspondent tonight it was but the natural thing to expect the prohibitionists to make North Carolina as dry as dead man's desert.

It is understood that immediate steps will be taken to have such a law passed. How far they will get, however, is a question. There are people who believe such a move would result in the State voting "wet" if the entire population is given a chance to vote. When Mr. Average citizen finds out he cannot get his little "toddy" there is a question what he will do even though he votes for prohibition and takes his toddy when he gets into wet territory, such as Washington and other cities where "thirst parlors" thrive.

But it is now up to North Carolina. If she wants real prohibition she can have it. Have it so tight that no one can bring into the State. What is the Legislature going to do about it is the question uppermost in the minds of many loyal Tar Heels here. Both "wets" and "drys" are interested.

An effort has already been started in West Virginia to prevent any amount of rum being sent to the State. It is said there is a good chance that the bill already prepared with that end in view will pass.

## THE GOVERNOR GETS \$6,500.00.

Senate Increased Pay of Other State Officers to Have House Refuse.

Last Tuesday the Senate passed a bill to increase the pay of the Governor from \$5,000 a year to \$7,500. Senator Parker, of Johnston, offered an amendment to make the salary \$6,000 a year, which was defeated by one vote.

When the matter came up in the House the \$7,500 a year would not go. An amendment was offered making it \$6,500. This passed and was accepted by the Senate and now is the law.

A bill was offered in the Senate increasing the salary of the Secretary of State, Treasurer, Attorney General, Auditor and Superintendent of Public Instruction to \$4,500 a year. This was amended by making it \$4,000 a year and passed.

But when the measure reached the House it had no friends and was promptly refused passage, and these officers will have to serve their new term at the old price or resign.

## The House Busy at Work.

On Tuesday afternoon and night the House was a busy place. There were hundreds of local bills that had to be passed, enrolled and ratified before midnight when the amendment to the Constitution went into effect.

Speaker Murphy was in the Chair, and he knows how to dispatch business in a hurry. For sometime the House passed local bills at the rate of two a minute.