

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

House Cut the Wages of Employees.

GOVERNOR'S REPLY

Governor Russell Will Make His Reasons for Removing the Wilsons as Railway Commissioners Next Tuesday.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock, and prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Branson.

Reports from committees were favorable as to bills to abolish the chain gang system of Madison county; to extend the powers and duties of justices of the peace and to amend sections 872 and 890 of the Code; to amend the charter of Bingham's School.

A report was sent by Senator Osborne, stating that the special committee had called upon the Governor and asked him to produce evidence in the case of the dismissal of J. W. and S. O. Wilson from the Railroad Commission, and that the Governor stated that he would submit all the papers in this matter on or before Tuesday next.

A resolution was offered by Senator Cotton to the effect that there should be an investigation as to the \$25,000 claimed to be spent by the State for the equipment and mustering in of the troops of the three North Carolina regiments. The chair directed that this matter be referred to the consideration of the Committee on Finance.

Introduction of bills was next in order, the following being introduced: By Senator Satterfield, to appoint extra county commissioners of Caswell county; by Senator Hicks, for the relief of C. M. Rogers, by Senator Mason, in relation to bankruptcy; by Senator McIntyre, to amend Chapter 114, Laws of 1895; by Senator Davis, regarding fences in Brunswick county; by Senator H. K. to amend section 2815 of the stock law elections; by Senator Speight, to amend section 1308 of the Code; by Senator Bryan, in regard to certain oaths; by Senator Stanback, in regard to the courts of Montgomery county.

Bills as follows passed final reading: To provide a permanent system of government of Craven county; to provide for the filling of vacancies in office in Craven county; to regulate the bond of officers of Craven county; to increase the number of commissioners in Craven county; to unite the Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina Railroad; to amend the charter of St. Mary's School; and to amend Chapter 67, Laws of 1897.

The matter of \$500.00 allowed Cannon, the losing contestant in the election contest case from the Thirty-fourth district, again came up, and Senator Ward said that he thought this amount excessive and that the payment of such large sums to contestants would be conducive to increasing the number of contests before the Legislature and a consequent heavy expense to the State.

Senator Skinner said that the account of Mr. Cannon had been carefully examined and considerably reduced, and that he did not think there was any item on it that should not be paid.

While referring to Senator Skinner's statement, both Senators Ward and Glenn requested that before a final vote was taken upon the account a bill of particulars should be filed and considered. This chair ordered to be done.

By leave, Senator McIntyre introduced a bill to repeal chapter 190, Laws of 1897.

A bill to repeal chapter 464, Laws of 1897 (passed by the House), which Senator Justice explained as a bill to repeal the printing laws enacted by the last Legislature, was placed upon immediate passage and passed final reading.

The Senate Committee on Finance reported favorably on a bill to repeal the law of 1897, establishing a Board of Equalization.

The Senate adjourned at 12 m.

HOUSE.

The House met at 10 a. m. and prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Eugene Daniel.

An announcement was made by Justice that Governor Russell would send in, not later than next Tuesday, his reasons for removing R. L. Wilson and James W. Wilson. He added that the Governor had informed the special committee that he would, if it were desired, furnish the names of persons who gave him information on which he made the removals.

The following bills were introduced: By Gattis, to incorporate the Chapel Hill School; by Leatherwood, to change the time of holding superior courts in the Twelfth district; by Reeves, for the relief of two ex-sheriffs of Ashe; by Bryan of Madison, to abolish the chain gang system in Madison county; by Willard, to revise the jury lists of New Hanover, and to amend the charter of the Wilmington Gas Light Company by allowing it to combine with

ELECTROCUTED.

James Coffin Killed by a Shock

WORKED FOR BELL CO.

JIM COFFIN WAS DRAWING A WIRE WHEN IT CAME IN CONTACT WITH WIRE OF THE RALEIGH ELECTRIC COMPANY.

James Coffin, a negro employee of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, was killed while at his work this morning.

The accident happened about ten minutes to 11 o'clock this morning. Inspector Lewis and Lineman John Sheald, assisted by Coffin, were trying to arrange the wire, which had been damaged by the steel. The weather was unsuited for the work and it was raining hard. Lineman Sheald was on the pole on Edenton street, where Blount intersects, and Coffin was standing on the ground, on the east side of Blount street, just north of Newbern avenue. He had a coil of wire on his arm, and had wrapped the wire he was drawing around his hands. The wire was being drawn over the wire of the Raleigh Electric Company, when the wire either cut the insulator or insulation was impossible on account of the weather. The wire received the full charge and Coffin fell to the ground with a scream. Mr. Sheald descended from the pole on which he was working and ran up town for assistance. Mr. Lewis went to the negro, but he says that the wire was wrapped around his hand, and to pull it loose would have meant death to the one who attempted it. Mr. Lewis says Coffin was dead in two minutes.

Mr. Sheald met Mr. John Morgan near the capitol and Mr. Morgan ran to the spot and with his hatched cut the wire. He thinks Coffin was still alive, for when the wire was cut the body moved, but this was probably due to the relaxation of the muscles when the current was cut off, which had been running through the body for at least ten minutes.

Dr. A. W. Goodwin reached the spot shortly after, and tried to resuscitate the man, but in vain. The negro lay on his back on the sidewalk, in mud at least four inches deep. A carriage was summoned and the limp body of James Coffin was carried to his home on East Cabarrus street.

Coffin was about 25 years old. It is understood that he has a wife, but no children. He had been employed by the Bell Company as a ground lineman about two months. Mr. Sheald, with whom he was working, has recently moved to Raleigh from Durham.

The killing was one of those accidents which are liable to happen at any time in this profession. It is always dangerous work and especially in such wet weather, when perfect insulation is impossible.

Notwithstanding the fact that rain was falling in torrents, just after the accident, yet scores of people went to view the body before its removal.

MURDERERS' WEEK.

Next week will be one of fearful record in Wake county. On Monday Alonzo Hinton (colored) will be tried for the killing of Lucien Bryan Mal, another colored man, in Mark's Creek township. On Tuesday Alexander Allen (colored) will be tried for the killing of his wife, near this city. On Wednesday Jim Booker alias Jim Chav's (colored) will be hanged in the jail-yard for the murder of Mahala White. On Thursday Millard F. Moore (white) will be tried for the homicide of Claude Shaw.

NEW COMPANY.

The meeting to be held tonight at 7:30 in Rescue Hall to organize a military company promises to be one of importance, both to the future welfare of the city and those who attend. Every young man of good character in Raleigh, and especially those who were members of the old organization, should be present, and thus take steps to give the city a much-needed protection.

MONDAY EVENING LITERARY CLUB.

The next regular meeting of the Monday Evening Literary Club will be held on the evening of the 16th, at the residence of Mrs. Mattie A. Heck, at 8 o'clock. A most interesting programme will be made especially attractive by excellent music, both vocal and instrumental.

MASONIC.

Hiram Lodge, No. 40, A. F. and A. M., will meet in regular communication Monday evening, January 16, at 7:30 o'clock. A full meeting of the membership is requested. Brethren of sister lodges cordially invited to be present. W. W. PARRISH, W. M. E. B. THOMAS, Secretary.

DINGLEY'S DEATH.

Funeral Services Will Be Held Monday at Noon.

By Telegram to The Times-Visitor. WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The death of Nelson Dingley, of Maine, tonight caused a deep gloom in official circles. Prominent men in branches of the public service today to express their condolence in response to a desire generally expressed the public funeral service will be held in the hall of the House of Representatives Monday at noon. The funeral cortege will leave Washington for Lewiston, Maine, his home, on Monday at 4 o'clock.

REGAN'S PROVOCATION.

By Telegram to The Times-Visitor. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 14.—Commissary General Egan declined to either deny or affirm the statement that he would apologize formally to the War Investigating Commission for the language he used in his response to General Miles. It is generally believed that he is making the preliminary of a revision of his statement, but somewhat under protest. He remarked today: "I am sure the public will, after some reflection, agree with me that my provocation was great. Such a low and base accusation as was made against me could not fail to arouse the best minded person."

SOUTHERN RAILWAY ACTIVE.

By Telegram to The Times-Visitor. NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The Southern Railway was most active in the stock market today, which is one of the most active Saturday's on record. Fifty two thousand shares were sold. Activity is due to heavy increase in business, largely attributed to a revival of business in Cuba. The business of the road shows a very large increase each week over the preceding week, since the close of hostilities.

NO HOPE.

By Telegram to The Times-Visitor. NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Application by "Eugene" Malone for a certificate of reasonable doubt in the legality of his conviction was denied by the Supreme court today.

HORRIBLE AFFAIR.

An Insane Man Commits a Double Tragedy in Atlanta. ATLANTA, GA., Jan. 14.—With a fury, resulting from unmanageable rage or insanity, Alex Cohen stabbed A. S. Mullian with a knife last night when he drove the blade twice into the throat of Mrs. Harris. When Harris rushed to his wife's rescue Cohen turned upon him, but was subdued after a fight in which one of Harris' fingers was nearly bitten off. His hand was severely cut. Mrs. Harris may not recover. Her infant in her arms was also injured. Cohen reported to the police sometime since that he was becoming insane. In jail this morning Cohen said Mullian and Harris talked about him calling him all sorts of names.

FILIPINO KILLED.

By Telegram to The Times-Visitor. MANILA, Jan. 14.—The political situation is improving. The military campaign of the waterworks, six miles out of the lines, was completed Thursday evening by an advance guard of 150 men, armed with various weapons. The place was captured. Sixty-five natives were taken captive. No deaths were reported.

A NEW TRIAL.

PARIS, Jan. 14.—Charles and Mathilde say that the court of assizes may positively decide to order a new trial for Dreyfus.

ALBANY.

By Telegram to The Times-Visitor. NEW CASTLE, Jan. 14.—The United States cruiser Albany was successfully launched this afternoon.

"OCEANIC" LAUNCHED.

By Cable to The Times-Visitor. BELFAST, Jan. 14.—The new White Star liner "Oceanic," the largest vessel of the company's fleet, was launched successfully this afternoon.

PHILIP SUCCEEDS BU'CE.

By Telegram to The Times-Visitor. BROOKLYN, Jan. 14.—Commodore Philip will succeed Rear Admiral Bruce in command of the navy yard today.

FAIR AND COLDER.

For Raleigh and vicinity: Clearing this afternoon; fair, cooler tonight and Sunday.

The conditions are now decidedly favorable for clearing weather. A severe storm is central over the east Lake region, which presumably moved there from Texas. Threatening weather with rain continues in the east, with largest amounts at Memphis, Cincinnati and Palestine.

The barometer is high in the West with clear, colder weather which has already extended as far east as Meridian, Mobile and Memphis. The temperature has fallen 24 degrees and is at Abile, but is much warmer in the southeast.

The special attention of the public is called to the announcement of the Bobbitt-Wynne Drug Company, and of Mr. Henry T. Hicks' Drug Store for garden seeds.

ODD FELLOWS' COLUMN.

We were glad to see so many Odd Fellows in the Grand Lodge of Masons.

Grand Master B. S. Royster is now Deputy Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge.

Grand Master Dr. R. J. Noble, of the Masonic Grand Lodge, is a Past Grand of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 37, I. O. O. F.

A good petition for a new Lodge at Shelby has been received and is now under consideration.

Dr. L. R. McBrayer, our District Deputy for the Fifty-ninth district, writes encouragingly of the prospects in his district. Dr. M. is a hustler.

Bro. A. C. Tainter, the District Deputy for the Sixty-first district, says: "We are getting along nicely; all we lack is timber of the proper dimensions." This means that they have all the men who are worth having already.

We think that Hot Springs Lodge, No. 179, deserves the credit of making the largest donation, in proportion to membership, to the Orphan Home at Christmas. It was not voted out of its treasury either.

Our Grand Treasurer has just paid over to the Treasurer of the Orphan Home another installment of one thousand dollars for the fiscal year.

Have the Lodges in Raleigh discussed the proposed amendment to the Constitution now pending, and to be voted on at the next session of the Grand Lodge? Do you know what it is?

We notice something about "withdrawing" fellowship from a Grand Jurisdiction in the proceedings of another Order. This would never occur for a similar cause with us, only white men can be members of our Order, and if our law upon this subject is not obeyed by a Grand Lodge we simply call in their charter and the charter ends.

In these days of many societies, many notions and many remedies for existing evils, when the spirit of criticism and antagonism is rife among men, that organized body of workers the most active, the most faithful to obligations taken and promises made, and the most careful in the matter of its finances, will become strong and durable, and as a consequence survive the weak and inert, which will go to the wall.—O. F. Sittings.

Admissions to the Illinois (old F. F. L.) Orphan Home are governed in part as follows:

"The age limit for admission is 12 years, and children admitted may be retained until 16 years of age or in the discretion of the Board.

No vicious child or child of naturally wicked tendencies will be admitted. The Home is full of young and innocent lives whose future is too important to be subjected to any corrupting influence. Whenever the Board discovers that improper children have been admitted, whether the same be through mistake or imposition, such children will be promptly returned to guardians. Children having one living parent will not be received, except in case of extreme emergency, as where the surviving parent is a confirmed invalid or is insane, or is otherwise wholly incapacitated from earning or providing a living."

This branch of the Order has had a refining influence upon the Order at large. The taste and grace with which the ladies put upon the floor the work in the beautiful form has been an inspiration to the Subordinate branch of our Order, and has led them to a much higher degree of excellence in the performance of their work.

MRS. COLEY DEAD.

One of Raleigh's oldest and best known citizens, Mrs. Elizabeth Coley, died at her residence on South McDowell street yesterday evening at 8 o'clock, in the 58th year of her age. The funeral will be held from the Presbyterian church here at 11 o'clock.

Her husband was James Coley, a well known citizen. Mrs. Coley was a native of North Carolina, and was the daughter of a prominent family in that State.

Mrs. Coley was a true Christian woman. Her surviving children are Messrs. Henry, Samuel and Charles Coley, Mrs. Billings and Miss Hannah Coley.

MARK TWAIN'S STORY.

Mark Twain tells of an instance which happened on one of his lecture tours. He delivered one of his most comical addresses to quite a large audience in a country town, and excited himself to the utmost, but had utterly failed to start an audible smile. He had finally closed with the impression that he must have made a failure. As the audience was leaving one of the gentlemen comes up to him and said: "Mr. Twain, we enjoyed your address very much. It was extremely interesting, but do you know there were two or three times during the evening I had just all I could do to keep from bursting out laughing. Some of your remarks were so funny." Now if you will attend the performance of that comedy drama, "Side Tracked," at the Academy of Music on Wednesday, January 18, you will find something quite as funny as any of Mark Twain's remarks, but don't try to keep from laughing. You will never be able to do it, and you need not. We don't expect it of you, for "Side Tracked" is built for laughing purposes only, and it's a great success. Don't forget the date.

RELEASE PRISONERS.

By Cable to The Times-Visitor. MADRID, Jan. 14.—The Filipino contingent here has offered to assist the government in obtaining the release of Spanish prisoners in the Philippines.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Familiar Faces in the Passing Through

SHORT STATEMENTS

Movement of People You Know—Gleanings in and About the City—Snatches of Today's Street Gossip.

Mayor Powell continues to improve and will be out shortly.

The session of the court was brief today, and no cases of interest were tried.

Major Powell today fined W. R. Robertson \$5.25 and R. W. Hoods \$4.25, both colored, for disorderly conduct.

The fire-alarm box, corner of East and Edenton streets, is burned out, and it will be several days before it can be repaired.

Another batch of road hands convicted at this term of court was taken from the jail to the workhouse quarters late yesterday evening.

Judge Brown decided yesterday evening that Dr. A. J. Buffaloe had a perfect right to remove the stable from his place on Edenton street.

The work of mustering out the Third Regiment at Macon, Ga., is progressing rapidly, and they will be out of the service by the 25th of January.

The place of Mr. John M. Starwood, now occupied by Mr. W. H. Harding, will be sold next Monday. This is a most desirable place, just north of the city limits.

Mr. Charles H. Pool has purchased the interest of Mr. Emery and will continue the business of the firm of Pool & Emery, as building contractors. Mr. Pool is thoroughly experienced and he will be successful.

At Edenton Street Methodist Church service tomorrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., by the pastor, Rev. W. C. Norman. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Jos. G. Brown, Superintendent.

There will be a rally of the Epworth League of Central Church tomorrow evening at 7:30 to which all the members are invited; also all who wish to spend an hour in hearing good short talks, etc.

At the usual hour Rev. Mr. Glenn will preach in Central church tomorrow. The public, and strangers in particular are invited to attend and take part. Sunday school at 9:30 o'clock.

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