

OVERMAN ELECTED.

End of North Carolina's Senatorial Fight

MANY BALLOTS WERE NECESSARY

A Sharp But Friendly Contest That Ended Happily and Developed No Alliance.

By far the most important matter to be dealt with by the present general assembly was the election of a United States Senator to succeed Hon. J. C. Pritchard, whose term expires on March 4th. The legislature being strongly Democratic in both branches, Mr. Pritchard could not hope to succeed himself. The candidates most prominent on the Democratic side were, Hon. C. B. Watson, of Forsyth; Hon. Locke Craig, of Buncombe, and Hon. Lee S. Overman, of Rowan. The Democratic caucus has met and balloted for three weeks with but little fluctuation in the result. No one dared claim a nomination for his favorite.

On Thursday night, however, the caucus selected Hon. Lee S. Overman by a break in both the Watson and Craig forces.

Hon. Lee S. Overman, of Rowan, is a comparatively young man. He belongs to the order of young men who grew up in the period immediately



LEE S. OVERMAN.

after the war. His record as a lawyer and a legislator is clean, and above criticism. As a politician his record is one of conservatism, coupled with absolute charitableness towards all who differed from him.

The following account of his nomination is taken from the Charlotte Observer's Raleigh correspondence:

Raleigh, Special.—At ten minutes to 10 Thursday night, Lee S. Overman, on the 61st ballot of the series and the fifth of the night received 73 of the 142 votes of the Democratic caucus and was declared its nominee. The excitement during the whole evening had been intense as the first ballot showed a gradual increase for Overman, and it was realized at last to which of the two, Watson or Overman, Craig had decided to give the victory.

It has been the finest game and the cleanest one of high politics ever known in the State.

As soon as the election was announced by the chairman, Mr. Morton, Charles Webb, Craig's manager, moved to make it unanimous. This was seconded by R. A. Doughton, who was Watson's foreman. On motion of Speaker Gattis the chair appointed Messrs. Webb, Gattis, Doughton, Murphy and Watts a committee to notify Mr. Overman of his nomination and escort him to the hall with an invitation to Craig and Watson. A mighty cheer went up when the candidates appeared and by a preconcerted signal, as Overman entered the hall, a snow-storm of Overman ballots, thrown from the galleries, covered the audience.

Ascending the platform in front of the speaker's chair, as soon as the deafening applause had subsided, Mr. Overman said in substance:

"Would that I could give expression to the feelings of my heart. I can only say to you I am glad, that I am grateful, profoundly, deeply grateful. This has been a battle royal but a battle between Democrats. (Great applause). With the exaltation that comes with success there comes to me the sad reflection that two noble Democrats have been defeated. (Great applause). With the responsibilities that are upon me I feel gravely but it is my greatest am-

bition to worthily bear them. With obligations to no corporation, no special interest and pledges to none that will conflict with my service, with the blessings of God, I shall devote myself to the best interests of all the people of my State and for my party, for which I have fought for the past 25 years. (Great applause). Great questions are upon us; the very basal stones of the temple of this republic—equal rights to all, special privileges to no man or set of men—needs to be carefully protected to prevent the encroachments by the great trusts and other combinations that threaten the country with industrial servitude.

"God bless you all, my friends. For the gallant Watson and the great Craig I can but say they are noble in defeat as they have been in battle. (Great applause)."

Mr. Watson said: "It was a great pleasure to him to appear before the audience. It is not the first time I have suffered defeat or been borne from the battlefield with wounds. As I have battled for the Democratic party and my country for the past 35 years, I shall continue to do so for my party and my country."

Closing he said he was proud tonight in defeat, having fought the great fight against corporate greed and encroachments of the great common people than to have won the victory, having failed in the least of any one of these particulars, Mr. Watson concluded by saying he would never forget the friends who had stood so devotedly by him during the contest and for those on the other side he had no heartburnings. He only hoped they would hold up the hands of the gentleman they had entrusted with the highest office in their gift.

War on Employment Agencies.

New York, Special.—Superintendent Merwin, of the department of outdoor poor, has been on crusade against those employment agencies which have been bringing into this city from the South hundreds of colored people, mostly poor girls, many of whom after a short time find themselves destitute and without employment, and are forced to apply to the department for aid. Miss Ferguson, who conducts an agency in Sixth avenue, has been arrested and the police are searching for others.

Sale of Telephone Company.

Richmond, Special.—The physical property of the Richmond Telephone Company was sold by the Virginia Trust Company, trustee, to Warner Moore & Company whose bid was \$10,000. There was no other bidder. It is believed that the purchaser acted for the Southern Bell Telephone Company. The application for temporary injunction to restrain the sale made by U. C. Heinroth, of Chicago, was withdrawn, a settlement with Heinroth having been made.

Eight Americans Killed.

Yaguis, Mexico, Special.—The Yaquis have attacked the town of San Marcial, the mining centre of the State, and almost taken possession of it. The defenders of San Marcial against the Yaquis included more than 20 Americans, eight of whom were killed, among them Mr. McAllister, formerly superintendent of the Puerto Citos mine, of this place; Frank Pendleton, formerly foreman of the same mine, and Ed Shutt, and George Carroll. It is stated there were a number of Americans on the side of the Yaquis.

Hobson to Lecture.

Lexington, Ky., Special.—Captain Richmond P. Hobson arrived here from New York and is the guest of Bishop Lewis W. Burton, a relative. He confirmed the report that he had resigned as constructor in the navy on account of the condition of his eyes. As to his plans he said he would continue to lecture for at least three years, going as far West as the coast. His theme is an appeal for a greater navy, one that shall claim rank above the greatest of any nation.

OUR STATE LAWMAKERS.

Many New Measures Introduced — A Number Enacted.

NEW BILLS.
Among the new bills in the house yesterday were the following:
Mr. Clifton, to amend the code in reference to demurrers.
Mr. Wade, to outlaw slot machines.
Mr. Sinkler, by request, to provide for a State bacteriologist; also a bill to require towns and cities to furnish mortuary statistics.
Mr. Gaston, relating to increase in salary of coroner of Chester.
Mr. Hill, to increase number of magistrates of Colleton county.
Mr. Rainsford, to provide for the sale of the State farms.
Mr. Kelly, relating to a new jail for Lee county.

Mr. Moses, to change and designate certain townships in Sumter county.

Mr. McMaster, to extend the rights and remedies of employees of railroad corporations as provided by the constitution to employees of cotton and textile mill corporations and telegraph companies.

There were a majority unfavorable reports on Mr. Lanham's bill to require railroads to allow each passenger 200 pounds of baggage without charge, and Mr. M. J. Johnson's bill to provide all railroads operating in this State to protect the rates of freight stipulated in the bill for carriage of all freight, goods wares and merchandise, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof.

There was also an unfavorable report on Mr. Maudin's bill to provide against usury.

Mr. Pollock's dispensary bill was recommended to the joint committee on public schools and the dispensary. This bill proposes radical changes in the dispensary law.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS, ETC.

Mr. Kirby's bill to regulate the granting of certificates to teach in the free public schools came up as unfinished business and was killed.
Mr. D. O. Herbert opposed the bill. It is an abrupt and unnecessary junketing trip for the State board of education. It also means that graduates of normal colleges must stand these examinations when the object of normal colleges is to prepare teachers for their work. He objected particularly to members of the State board of education traveling around over the state granting certificates. He objected to giving college graduates merely one-year certificates.

Mr. Kirby defended the bill on the same line of his speech Monday. Mr. Herbert had endeavored to find all the bad points in it, but had overlooked the good features.

Mr. Fraser opposed the bill. The advantages of a college education do not consist in the knowledge of a number of isolated facts, but in the training of the mind to fit itself to work. There is but one examination for doctors and in other professions, then why should teachers be subjected to such harassing examinations every few years.

Mr. Barron, of York, opposed the bill. In behalf of the most legislated against class in the State, the common school teachers who get a miserable pittance for five days' hard work, he opposed the measure. Qualifications to teach do not consist in the knowledge of a few facts, but in common sense, patience and general intelligence. There is already a paucity of teachers in this State and such requirements as this will still further cripple the profession. This was Mr. Barron's first effort in the house, and he acquitted himself very well.

Mr. Richards declared that the bill had been reported unfavorably by all of the committee except the author of the bill.

The house killed the bill by an overwhelming vote.

There was considerable discussion over a concurrent resolution to provide offices in the State capitol for the State superintendent of education. The resolution was killed on motion of Mr. Moses.

Mr. Wingo contended that it was "side tracking" this official to have his offices on Main street. Mr. Moses replied that these offices are really more comfortable and as accessible as those in the State house.

Governor Heyward informed the house that Lieut.-Gov. John T. Sloan had resigned from the board of trustees of the South Carolina college. Received as information.

The house killed Mr. Wade's bill to provide for the office of commissioner of agriculture to receive \$1,800 per annum out of the privilege tax fund. The house did not seem to be much interested.
Mr. Wade declared that agricultural interests are lagging, and the only salvation is diversified farming. This is an agricultural State, but the agricultural interests are neglected. Clemson College has not come up to its expectations. Commissioner Stevens is worth a million dollars a year to Georgia. He cited instances in which farmers had made great success with innovations in farming. The average farmer is a

"slow coach" and doesn't catch on to ideas quickly. They don't subscribe to agricultural papers. We need a bureau where outsiders can get information. This is a very serious question and a very important matter. The salary of the commissioner, \$1,800 was to come out of the privilege tax fund and he thought this a mere bagatelle in comparison with the good it would do.
Mr. Tatum supported the measure.
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Wood For Associate Justice.

Columbia, S. C., Special.—On the fourth ballot the General Assembly of South Carolina elected Chas. Albert Woods, of Marion, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court to fill the unexpired term of Y. J. Pope, elected Chief Justice last week. Mr. Woods received 87 votes to 67 for Robert Aldrich, of Barnwell. The new justice is 50 years of age, and is president of the State bar association. Wm. Elliott, Jr., of Columbia, was elected code commissioner, to serve an unexpired term of eight years.

The following bills passed third reading Saturday:

Mr. Blake: A bill to fix the time for the payment of taxes and penalties thereon.

Mr. McIver: A bill to amend section 1880 of the civil code, vol. I, code of 1902, so as to include tramways in its provisions.

Mr. Douglas: A bill to provide for a voting precinct in each of the four wards in the town of Union.

Mr. Cooper: A bill to provide for reindexing the public records in the office of the clerk of court for Laurens county.

MR. LATIMER'S THANKS.

The following letter from A. C. Latimer was read, it being addressed to the Lieutenant governor and speaker:

"Having been advised by the morning papers of my election, on the 27th inst., to the senate of the United States for the term, beginning March 4, 1903, by the unanimous vote of the legislature, I desire to express to the members, through you, my deep appreciation of the distinguished honor you have conferred on me.
Ten years of continued service in the house of representatives has given me a keen appreciation of the arduous and difficult duties which a seat in the senate of the United States entails, and of my imperfect equipment, for their discharge to the high standard demanded by the country. Profoundly conscious of my responsibility, I pledge myself to the best service of which I am capable, and to unremitting effort in behalf of the best interests of all the people of the State and of our common country so long as I shall continue to represent South Carolina in that high office.
A. C. Latimer.

Six Blown to Death.

Anniston, Ala., Special.—A large boiler in the malleable foundry of the Southern Car and Foundry Company blew up Thursday, killing six persons and injuring probably 20 others, several of whom will die. The dead: Thomas Birch, pipe fitter; Ike Hardy, core maker; J. A. Forte, boiler maker, white, and John Mitchell, Charles Strong and one unknown coal heaver, colored. The fatally injured: W. H. Lewis, a helper, and Clyde Price, white and Anthony McKinney and C. T. Hall, colored.

Mexican Earthquakes.

Chihuahua, Mex., Special.—Reports from Urique regarding the earthquakes in that district state that there were four severe shocks throughout that section, one occurring on the 22nd, one on the 25th, one on the 26th and one on the 27th ultimo. All were followed by loud explosions, but only slight damage resulted. Eighteen houses were destroyed at Guazaparez, State of Chihuahua. The people of the district are panic-stricken and fear a volcano. Clouds of dust hung in the atmosphere after each earthquake, but there is no indication of a volcanic eruption.

Arsenic in Coffee.

Louisville, Special.—Arsenic in large quantities has been found by State Chemist Cashin in the coffee which poisoned Mrs. Nancy Birch, her daughter Mrs. Laura Feaman; Mrs. Frank Cannon, of Owensboro; Mrs. Emma Wade; Mrs. Birch Cooper and a negro servant, at Mrs. Birch's home, near this city, Wednesday morning. All of the victims have recovered, though for several days Mrs. Birch and Mrs. Freeman were in a critical condition. It is thought an attempt was made to murder the entire family. No arrests have been made.

JEFFERSON HONORED

Appropriate Monument to Be Erected To His Honor.

APPEAL FOR FUNDS TO BUILD IT.

Not a Tablet to the Memory of the Great American—Congress not to Be Asked for Money.

Washington, Special.—The Thomas Jefferson Memorial Association formed for the purpose of erecting at the national capitol an appropriate and truly national memorial to the author of the Declaration of Independence, through its president, Admiral George Dewey, has issued an appeal to the American people for funds to carry out the object of the association. The text of the appeal is as follows: "Headquarters, Thomas Jefferson Association of America.

Washington, Jan. 31, 1903.

"To the American People:

"The Thomas Jefferson Memorial Association has been organized to take up the long-neglected duty of erecting a fitting memorial to the memory of the man who wrote the Declaration of Independence. We have here beautiful and costly tributes to the memory of American soldiers, statesmen, physicians, inventors and philanthropists; and the soldiers and sailors of France are honored; but there is not one tablet to the memory of that great American, Thomas Jefferson.

"We ask the people to contribute according to their ability to this memorial. Congress will not be asked for money, as we rely solely upon the people, the young and the old, the children and their parents for the success of the movement. The character and cost of the proposed memorial cannot be stated, but it will be appropriate to the greatness of the man and the importance of the document from which his name is inseparable. Rigid economy will be observed in the expenses of carrying on the work.

"Every contributor will receive a certificate acknowledging his subscription and carrying with it membership in the association. In time to come those certificates will be badges of honor.

"Contributions, checks, money orders, or drafts should be made payable to the order of the treasurer of the association, Mr. Jesse B. Wilson, Lincoln National Bank. The people will be kept informed of all important actions of the association. The communications addressed to the secretary, W. S. McLean, will receive prompt attention.

"GEORGE DEWEY, Admiral, U. S. N."

The association is now complete in its list of officers, every State being represented by a vice-president and in some cases by a representative on the board of governors, the controlling body. No great movement of a similar character in this country, it is claimed, has had as its officers more men of national character and influence than have become interested and have written to the officers of the association expressions of approval. The association, it is stated, is thoroughly non-partisan.

Troops Called Out.

Waterbury, Conn., Special.—Eight companies of the First Regiment, Connecticut National Guard, and five companies of the Second Regiment, with two Gatling guns, were called to Waterbury Sunday night, at the command of Governor Chamberlain, because of "the imperative need" occasioned by the trolley strike situation. The riot about the streets last night, coupled with threats of further disturbances, led to the call for troops. There was no repetition of the violence of Saturday night, but crowds congregated about the streets and had to be dispersed by the police, while there were rumors of an attack to be made tonight on the car barn, where the non-union motorman and conductors brought here by the Connecticut Railway and Lighting Company were stationed.

Minister Burned to Death.

Elizabeth, N. J., Special.—The Rev. Robert Street, a retired minister, aged 57 years, was burned to death Sunday at his residence in Roselle Park, by the explosion of an oil lamp. In an attempt to save him, his daughter was terribly burned about the neck, face and shoulders. Mr. Street was born in Germantown, Pa., and was a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary.