

GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONVENE SOON

BOTH HOUSES TO REORGANIZE ON FIRST DAY—INTEREST IN APPROACHING SESSION TO BEGIN ON JANUARY 9 ALREADY MANIFEST.

Columbia, Dec. 28.—Considerable interest is already being manifested throughout the state in the approaching session of the general assembly. The 1923 session will be fraught with a number of familiar battles, the one big issue of taxation for several years past being in line for plenty of argument next year.

The session will begin on the second Tuesday in January, which will be the 9th. However, little work other than reorganizing will take place until after the inaugural ceremonies January 16. Thomas G. McLeod will become governor on the 16th and all other state officials will assume office on that day.

The two houses will convene at noon on the 9th with the reorganization work for immediate attention. In the house one of the first matters to be attended to will be the selection of a speaker to succeed J. B. Atkinson of Spartanburg, who did not offer for reelection as a member of the legislature from Spartanburg county. Two candidates are known to be in the race for the speakership.

The house will also have to name its speaker pro tem, its clerk and other officials, a reading clerk, a sergeant at arms, a chaplain and then all the committees will be named by the speaker. Several of the incumbents for house positions are in the race to succeed themselves. The Rev. R. L. Keaton, the chaplain, is no longer a resident of Columbia and the place will have to be filled. The committees will hardly be named until the second day of the session. The committees choose their own chairmen and it is understood that aspirations are evident in two important committees, the ways and means and the judiciary.

In the senate, Alan Johnstone, senator from Newberry, will call the upper house to order at noon as president pro tem. The senate will elect a president pro tem at that time as the office is filled every two years. Senator Johnstone declined to give up his seat as senator from Newberry county last summer to become lieutenant governor when Lieut. Gov. Wilson G. Harvey became governor and when the senate convenes he will preside as the president pro tem.

The senate will then reorganize by the election of a clerk, reading clerk, sergeant-at-arms, chaplain and other officers. The committee will also be appointed during the day. The senate appointments are made from the floor, but usually have been agreed upon by all the holdover senators on the night before the convening.

Senator Gross will retain his chairmanship of the finance committee, but a new chairman will have to be chosen for the second big committee, the judiciary, as Senator Laney, the chairman this year, was not a candidate for reelection from Chesterfield.

After the reorganization in both houses not many days will elapse before both houses take up the matter of electing the various officers chosen by the general assembly. Four circuit judges are to be elected and the balloting for these places is almost certain to be at length as a number of candidates are already in the field.

The four places to be filled are the judge of the Fourth circuit to succeed the late Judge Edward McIver, the judge of the Sixth circuit to succeed the late Ernest Moore, the Eighth circuit to succeed the late Frank B. Gary and the judge of the Fourteenth circuit to succeed James K. Yarrifoy, resigned.

Other elections will engage the attention of the body also. A superintendent of the penitentiary is to be chosen and several candidates have already appeared in the field.

Three directors of the penitentiary are to be elected and these places always create much interest. One member of the board of regents for the State hospital is to be elected and two trustees for the South Carolina Medical college are to be chosen. There are other places to be filled, but the above are among the more important.

PERSONALS

Mr. C. M. Brand of Sumter has been in the city visiting his sister, Mrs. John A. McMurray.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Pressly who came up from Florida for the holidays have gone over to Winnsboro for a short visit.

Mrs. John A. McMurray and daughter, Beauford, have both been victims of flu this week. The little girl has been quite sick but both are recovering now.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kerr, Davis Kerr and Miss Vic Howie are in Anderson today enjoying Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Miller.

Miss Eliza Horton, who came to Abbeville to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. R. C. Philson, fell a victim to flu and has been quite sick but is recovering now.

Mrs. W. A. Moore of Greenville and Mrs. Mart Cheatham of Columbia were among the visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Cheatham this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Hollingsworth of Columbia and Mr. Thomson Hollingsworth of Greenville, N. C., were Christmas visitors at the home of Judge and Mrs. M. E. Hollingsworth.

Sam Howie has been here from Monroe spending a few days with his cousin, Tom Howie. Both boys left this afternoon for Monroe to enjoy the North Carolina brand of Christmas fun.

THE SHERIFF OUT

Sheriff McLane, who has been so sick, just before Christmas, was out on the streets Thursday. He has had a tough time of it and says he hopes his next spell will come along in August when there is no prospect of a turkey dinner.

MOTHER AND SON SICK

Mrs. M. B. Davis and her young son are beginning to improve after several days serious illness of pneumonia.

DINNER GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Miller of Anderson and Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Davis of Augusta were the out-of-town guests at the dining given by Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kerr at their home on Greenville street Tuesday.

BACK HOME

Mr. and Mrs. John Harris, Jr., are returning today from a visit to Columbia, where they enjoyed a reunion of the Graham family, all being present for the first time in several years.

MISS BOLT RESIGNS

Miss Alpha Bolt, who has taught in the high school since the opening, has resigned and will not return to Abbeville. Rev. M. R. Plaxco will supply until a teacher can be secured.

LOSES TOE

Ernest, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McKee of Due West, had his second toe shot through last Saturday while hunting. He rested his gun on his foot in preference to the ground and the weapon was accidentally discharged. The wound was a painful one and the toe had to be taken off but the young man has made a rapid recovery and today was allowed to walk on crutches. He will soon be ready for school and more hunting.

SCHOOL OPENS

The schools of Abbeville will open Tuesday, January 2nd, and parents and pupils are asked to take notice.

Every married man is head of his house at least once a month and that's when the bills come due.

1,800 TRILLION OF RUSSIAN RULES

ARE IN CIRCULATION AT PRESENT TIME—SOVIET ARMY IS BEING REDUCED TO 600,000 MEN—NEARLY ALL OF RESOURCES ARE EXHAUSTED

Moscow, Dec. 28.—The all-Russian Soviet congress at its session yesterday heard reports concerning the financial situation and industry, to which questions the various government departments are giving much attention because of their events.

M. Sokolnikoff, the acting commissar of finance, was the principal speaker.

He asserted he was not prepared to present the budget for 1923, because of the unstable condition of the ruble and declared that the depreciation of the ruble and the budget deficiency had necessitated a further issuance of paper money with the result that the currency had not yet been stabilized.

As one of the means for overcoming the deficit, M. Sokolnikoff recommended a change in the tax system, asserting that he thought it best to shift from a tax to a monetary basis. He suggested that the change be brought about gradually so as to prevent confusion and hardships among individuals.

M. Stalin, commissar of national minorities, urging unification of the allied republics, announced that curtailment of the Soviet army to 600,000 men had already begun. He asserted, however, that owing to the fact that there still was danger from outside attack because of unsettled conditions Russia should have a strong, unified army for protection.

He asserted that another cause calling for unification of the Soviet republics into a single socialistic federation was the economic situation, inasmuch as nearly all of Russia's resources had been exhausted.

The small autonomous republics, he said, could not exist without Russia proper and on the other hand Russia could not satisfactorily re-establish her national life without their combined support.

The present financial condition of the country necessitated unification, he asserted.

There was no opposition to the unification proposal and it was suggested that a special congress be called to make the plans a reality.

To give an idea of the situation confronting the country as a result of the ruble's depreciation, the commissar said that last January seventeen trillion paper rubles were in circulation, while at the present time the total was 1,800 trillion.

L. Bogdanoff, chairman of the supreme economic council, reported upon the state of affairs in industry and commerce which he said had shown good results justifying the new economic policy. Commerce, Logdanoff said, had suffered heavy losses because of lack of capital and the unsettled conditions of the currency.

The speaker asserted that private capital is taking small part in production and that the number of factories leased to private enterprise and those being nationalized were insignificant. He offered resolutions urging attraction of foreign capital for the national industries which, he said, the government cannot establish by its own means.

MRS. THEOPHILUS BAKER

Washington, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Theophilus Baker of Lowndesville died here Saturday at the advanced age of 85 years at the residence of her son, James M. Baker, 3141 Highland Place. She leaves three sons, James M. Baker, former secretary of the United States senate; Charles L. Baker of New York City and Gibbs L. Baker, a leading attorney of Washington.

Temporary interment will be in a vault at Rock Creek cemetery Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. At a future date the funeral and permanent interment will be at the cemetery at Lowndesville.

The largest ocean liner carries 4,100 passengers.

PASTOR OF METHODIST CHURCH MAKES APPEAL

Next Sunday is the last day of the year. In this year God has graciously blessed our church. The preaching services have been well attended. There has been a gratifying increase in the Sunday School enrollment. The women's work has done exceedingly well. The church is more thoroughly organized than hitherto. These things should be encouraging to us. We must strive to honor God by doing greater things next year. We must take a forward look and press toward higher ideals of accomplishments. We trust that every member of the Methodist church will be in his place next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. A subject of vital interest to the church will be discussed.

C. E. Peele, Pastor.

EDITOR KOESTER COMING

Editor Geo. R. Koester of the Greenville Daily Piedmont will speak Sunday a. m. at the First Baptist church.

Mr. Koester is coming under the auspices of the Baraca class of the Baptist church. At the Sunday School class hour, about 10:15 a. m., he will address the men's classes of the church and at 11 a. m. he will speak to the whole church. Mr. Koester is one of the most brilliant editors in the South and his messages to laymen are of unusual interest and inspiration. Every man in the church should hear Mr. Koester at the men's class meetings especially.

H. L. Weeks, Pastor.

FOR THE LIBRARY

The picture Monday night at the Opera House will be a benefit for the Abbeville Library and the officers of the Library hope that a large crowd will see the picture. "It's A Great Life" is the name of the picture and it is based on one of Mary Rinehart's books which is a guarantee of a pleasant evening's entertainment. Many people in Abbeville have enjoyed the library books all year and Manager Verchot is offering this benefit that new books may be bought for the ensuing year.

See "It's A Great Life" and help the Library.

WANTS

LOST—December 26th between my home and Philson's store, silver fountain pen. Return to Philson's and receive reward. Miss Elizabeth Edmunds. 1tcol.

FOR SALE—Fine selected paper shell pecans at 35 cents per pound. Mrs. D. A. Rogers, Pone 1. 12, 6t

WANTED—To buy from two to twenty million feet, good pine timber, long or short leaf. Must be well situated, good grade and reasonable price. Advise location, give accurate description, with price and terms. Baptist & Goode Boydton, Va. 12, 11. 7tpd.

NEW SEABOARD SCHEDULE

Effective Sunday morning at 12.00 the following will be the schedule of the Seaboard trains:

NORTHBOUND	
No. 12	1:27 a. m.
No. 30	12:18 a. m.
No. 6	4:30 p. m.
No. 18 (from Atlanta)	10:30
SOUTHBOUND	
No. 11	3:17 a. m.
No. 29	3:50 p. m.
No. 17 (for Atlanta)	5:00 a. m.
No. 5	1:15 p. m.

FOR RENT—Three unfurnished connecting rooms. Apply to Mrs. Julia McAllister at Mrs. Cochran Store. 11, 27t



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