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Doings of the Legislature.

Columbia, Feb., 16th—This legislature is probably as well up with its work as any of its predecessors have ever been. The session, it seems now, may end Saturday before noon if the present rate of work is kept up. The house wisely decided to consider only such measures as had passed the senate this week and this left a large number of house bills to go over until next session.

The multitude of measures which are considered in the last days of the session do not admit of specific notice; it is a strenuous time with the clerks and the presiding officers, who have to keep up with the bills and the proceedings, but Lieut. Gov. Sloan and Speaker Smith have the procedure at their fingers' ends, so to speak, and the clerks, Gen. R. R. Hemphill and Col. Tom C. Hamer, are expert at their business.

One of the most interesting matters before the general assembly this week was the election of two judges to fill the positions created by the ten circuit bill passed at this session. As judge of the ninth circuit Mr. R. Withers Memminger was chosen over Mr. W. J. Fishburn of Colleton. Mr. Memminger was recommended by the Charleston bar of which he is a member. As judge of the tenth, Mr. Geo. E. Prince, representative from Anderson, was elected over Mr. Thomas P. Cottrhan, representative from Greenville, the vote in joint session being 80 to 69.

The finance committee of the senate and the ways and means committee of the house submitted their report on the report of the investigating committee in regard to the office of the secretary of state. The report is as follows: "Whereas the report of the committee appointed to examine the books of the State offices, together with the letter of the secretary of state in reply thereto, has been referred to us, and whereas we have given a hearing to the committee who made the report, and also to the Hon. J. T. Gantt, secretary of state, and also to Mr. D. H. Means, clerk of the sinking fund commission, we beg to report, we find:

"1. That the report of the committee is correct, and we commend the thorough and competent manner in which this work has been done.

"2. We call attention to the fact that the report of the committee does not charge any defalcation on the part of the secretary of state."

There was no objection to the receipt and acceptance of the report in either house.

The senate has rejected the bill that passed the house diverting a portion of the revenue from the fertilizer tag tax from Clemson to Winthrop. This is what is known as the Pollock bill and at the time of its discussion in the house it attracted much attention. On the motion to reject the bill the senate voted as follows:

Ayes—Senators Blake, C. L. Blease, Brice, Carpenter, Douglass, Earle, Eford, Hay, Hood, Hudson, Manning, Marshal, Mauldin, McLeod, Raysor, Stackhouse, Walker Boroks, McGown.—19.

Nays—Senator Black, Brown, Butler, Hardin Hough, W. J. Johnson, McIver, Talbert, Dennis.—9

The senate has also rejected the bill introduced by Senator Mauldin of Greenville to abolish beer dispensaries and hotel privileges. On the motion to kill the bill vote was as follows:

Ayes—Senators Blake, C. L. Blease, E. S. Blease, Brown, Carpenter, Douglass, Eford, Hudson, Marshall, McGown, Stackhouse, Von Kolnitz, Walker, Hydrick, Johnson, Warren.—16.

Nays—Senators Black, Brice, Butler, Christensen, Hood, Hough, Johnson, W. E., Muldin, McIver, McLeod, Pourifoy, Talbert, Wells.—13.

The senate has spent much time discussing the reformatory bill, the Toole local option bill and the militia bill. The last is the only one of the three that has passed. It is intended to make the law of this state comply with the national law known as the Dick law so that the militia will receive \$18,000 from the federal government year by year.

The reformatory bill will hardly pass the senate and that body has expressed itself as opposed to the principle of the Toole bill.

The house discusses the lien law every year, as a bill to repeal that law is always presented and it always has strong support. There were several bills looking to that end this year but after a very full debate the house voted them down and the lien law is not repealed or changed.

There were also several bills looking to the improvement of the jury system by providing changes in the manner of drawing the juries, the selection of the names put in the jury box. The bill which received most support would have taken this duty off the county officers and named 3 jury commissioners to be appointed by the governor. But all of these measures were voted down.

In the senate Wednesday night memorial exercises were held in honor of the late Senators Dennis and McCall, who have died since the last session. J. H.

A Peculiar Accident at New Jersey Hanging.

Bridgeton, N. J., Feb. 15.—Frank Raisinger was hanged here today for the murder of his wife. The rope broke as the body rebounded and the back of Raisinger's head struck a cross beam of the scaffold and broke his neck. The physicians present said death was instantaneous. Raisinger was not officially pronounced dead until ten minutes later.

A shudder ran through those who were assembled to witness the hanging as the rope parted and Raisinger's body fell to the ground. Nearly every one present turned his head from the gruesome sight.

Sheriff Dement said after the hanging that he was unable to account for the snapping of the cord, as it had been tested with a weight more than 100 pounds heavier than Raisinger's body.

Raisinger made no statement on the scaffold, simply saying as he passed through the sheriff's office: "Good bye, boys".

Sam Marks to Hang.

According to an opinion handed down by the supreme court yesterday, Sam Marks of Darlington will hang and Moses Ham will get a new trial. These negroes, it will be remembered, were brought to Columbia for safe keeping on account of the killing of a young white woman near Timmonsville. The appeal to the supreme court on the sentence of both were made some time ago by the attorney for the defense, Senator Geo. W. Brown. The case is thus remanded to the circuit court in order that the condemned man may be given another sentence.—The State, 16 inst.

Respite is Granted Mrs. Kate Edwards.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 15.—On recommendation of the board of pardons today, Gov. Pennypacker withdrew the death warrants in the case of Mrs. Kate Eddwards, the white woman, and Samuel Greason, the negro, who were under sentence to hang together in the Berks county jail at Reading tomorrow morning for the murder of Mrs. Edwards' husband in 1901. The case of Greason will now be again taken to the Pennsylvania supreme court and if that tribunal refuses to reopen the case the attorneys for Mrs. Edwards and Greason will have to appear before the board of pardons next month.

Judge Aldrich Ill.

Special to News and Courier.

Saluda, February 15.—A letter addressed to the Saluda Bar was received here today from Judge Jas. Aldrich, who is now in Baltimore for treatment, in which he stated that under the advice of his physician he would not be able to hold the March term of court for this county. The members of the Bar will at once decide upon some one to sit as Special Judge and transmit their action to Chief Justice Pope.

Child Burned to Death.

Special to News and Courier.

Darlington, February 15.—A two-year-old child of C. N. Graddick, one of the operatives at the factory, was burned to death between 8 and 9 o'clock this morning. The child's mother was out in the yard when its clothes caught on fire, and before she could get in the house her child was fatally burned. C. A. B.

Rewards Offered.

Union, February 15.—Rewards have been offered for the discovery of F. G. Trefyer, the missing jeweler of this city. His wife and benevolent associations have offered liberal payment for any information of his whereabouts.

Suicide or Murder.

Special to News and Courier.

Union, February 16.—R. G. Trefzer, the jeweler of this city, who has been missing since last Tuesday week, was found this afternoon by a searching party in Fair Forest Creek near the West Springs road. The left breast had been pierced by a bullet and the body submerged in the waters of the creek. The deceased leaves a wife and six children. He was a quiet man, about forty years old, and highly respected by all. His untimely death is sincerely deplored. W. W. J.

Gen. Lew Wallace Dead.

Crawfordsville, Ind., Feb. 15.—Gen. Lew Wallace, author, farmer American minister to Turkey and veteran of the Mexican and Civil wars, died at his home in this city tonight; aged 78 years.

Building Cotton Mills.

Manchester, Feb. 14.—The heavy crop of American cotton has caused increased activity in mill building here. Four new mills are in course of erection and at the same time a number of new mills are going up for Egyptian cotton. Altogether the capital in these new enterprises amounts to \$15,000,000. The new mills will give employment to 9,000 workmen.

Miss Magnolia Waters was run over and killed by the fast mail near Westminster Monday. She was deaf and probably did not hear the approaching train.

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We have the largest and best selected stock of Ladies' Collars that has ever been shown on this market. A pretty line of Mohair tailor made Skirts in all the leading shades.

Also a large assortment of black mercerized Sateen Petticoats very cheap.

We have the swellest and nobbiest line of Spring Silks in all the up-to-date shades, so come at once and take a look and you will be pleased with prices, pattern, and quality.

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The most up-to-date line of CRAVATS, in all colors. Ascot's Four-in-hand and string ties. International and United Shirts and Collars, the very best to be had, and also our fifty cent line can't be duplicated.

Several dozen HATS to be turned loose, name 20 Dozen Soiled Linen Collars, the price and let your cranium be covered. 20 the very best, 5 cents each.

We have several rolls of CARPET that we will close out at cost. Also a small stock of Furniture that we will sell at cost.

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