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RECIPROCITY PASSES SENATE.

Eighteen Senators Vote Against the Measure—Adjournment for the Holidays.

Washington, Dec. 16.—By the decisive vote of 57 to 18 the senate today passed the bill carrying into effect the reciprocity treaty with Cuba.

The bill passed carries into execution the treaty between the United States and Cuba which was ratified last March. The treaty provides for a reduction of 20 per cent. on the rates of duty under the Dingley law on all Cuban articles imported into the United States and a varying reduction of from 20 to 50 per cent. from the established Cuban duty on articles imported into Cuba from the United States.

After the passage of the Cuban bill the senate adjourned to the house resolution providing for a holiday recess from Dec. 19 to Jan. 4.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Items of More or Less Interest Condensed in the State.

A negro in Abbeville county, near Donalds, last week shot and probably mortally wounded his wife because she had quit him a few days before.

General John B. Gordon, who lectured in Gaffney on Monday night, was taken sick and confined to his bed in Gaffney on Tuesday. It was hoped General Gordon would be up yesterday.

The vault of the Courtenay Manufacturing company at Newry, near Seneca, was blown open on Monday night and about \$2,500 secured. It was evidently the work of professionals as they left a new kit of tools.

A train on Monday morning struck the buggy in which Mr. W. E. Osteen, a farmer 70 years of age and slightly deaf, was riding to his farm near Camden, throwing Mr. Osteen out and killing him. He was a highly respected citizen and a man of family.

Former President Cleveland and a party of other sportsmen arrived at Georgetown on Monday and left for the hunting preserves of Gen. E. P. Alexander, at South Island, whose guests the distinguished party will be for ten days, during which time they will indulge in ducking, deer hunting and fishing.

John G. Capers denies that he sat at Hanna's banquet in Washington, at which Judson Lyons, a negro, of Georgia, was a guest. He says an engagement in Boston did not permit him to attend, but that the thought of Lyons being at the banquet never entered his mind, for the simple reason that his engagement had forced him to dismiss the thought of the banquet.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Items of More or Less Interest Condensed Outside the State.

The signed treaty with the republic of Panama has been returned to the country.

While greeting a bank examiner he came unannounced to examine his accounts, Asa C. Bush, cashier of the Yale National Bank of New Haven, Conn., went

into the basement and shot and killed himself. His books showed he was about \$15,000 short.

A reduction in wages averaging 17 per cent. and affecting 30,000 men in the Connellsville coal regions of Pennsylvania was announced on Tuesday.

The Republicans of the Senate have decided upon Rev. Everett Hale of Boston for chaplain of that body, beginning January 1. He is a Congregationalist and is now 83 years old.

The Democrats won an overwhelming victory in the municipal election in Boston on Tuesday, Mayor Patrick Collins being re-elected by 27,000 plurality. The board of aldermen will be solidly Democratic.

Fred Bradshaw, a 14-year-old boy, was shot and killed in the suburbs of Atlanta on Tuesday by James Dean, a boy with whom he was hunting. Dean was taken into custody but claims the shooting was accidental.

Robert Burchett was murdered at his home at Max Meadows, Va., and suspicion points to his wife and another man. His wife was found washing blood stains from the floor. The body had been dragged some distance from the house.

A. V. Keech, charged with fraudulently using the mails in connection with the Mississippi Valley Planter prize distribution, has been bound over to the federal grand jury of Memphis in the sum of \$5,000. It seems that it was another get-rich-quick concern.

News From Excelsior

Excelsior, Dec. 17.—Prof. J. S. Wheeler and family moved to his former home in this section on Tuesday. Mr. Wheeler is a good, able teacher in the school room and also a good neighbor.

Mr. J. D. H. Kinard has the sympathy of all his friends in his loss by fire on Tuesday evening.

Mr. George B. Cook, of Columbia, is visiting in this section.

Our people are about done work now and getting in shape for Christmas.

Ice has been plentiful for the past few weeks.

Owing to the continued cold weather, grain in this section is making very little show. Some of the old people say this is a sign for a good grain year.

Mrs. Caroline Cook has been confined to her room sick for a few days. Glad to learn she is a little better.

Mrs. Willie Blanton of Graniteville, S. C., is visiting her father's family, Mr. A. A. Nates, here.

Special Judge Welch.

The Saluda Standard, speaking of the trial of the Durst case in the session court for Saluda last week, Special Judge Robt. H. Welch presiding, says, "The case was given to the jury in one of the finest charges to which we have ever listened."

A Coming Marriage.

Invitations have been issued announcing the marriage of Mr. Tom Davis and Miss Annie Cleland, of No. 6, which happy event is to take place on Wednesday, the 23d of this month.

THE WHIPPERS OF WERTZ.

Pardon Asked For Henry Williamson and the Negro Snow, of Greenwood County.

The State, 15th.

It is seldom that so large a delegation visits Gov. Heyward to apply for a pardon as the one which arrived yesterday from Greenwood, and held a conference with his excellency. The object of the party was to ask the pardon of Henry Williamson, white, and Charles Snow, colored, convicted in 1902 of assault and battery with intent to kill, which consisted in brutally whipping a white man named William Wertz.

The crime, for so it was decided by the jury, occurred in the early part of March, 1902. Williamson went, with the negro Snow, to the home of Wertz and while the negro held the victim, Williamson lashed him. At the time, the occurrence set Greenwood county in an uproar, there being parties on both sides. Efforts were made to have the case quashed, but it was put into the courts and the white man and his negro comrade given five years each in the State prison at hard labor.

The petition submitted yesterday was endorsed by every member of the jury which convicted the two men and Solicitor Sease who prosecuted them. In his endorsement the solicitor says:

"While the whipping administered to the prosecutor was severe, Mr. Williamson acted on strong provocation and we think that he has been sufficiently punished."

Gov. Heyward, it was learned, was asked to grant the pardon on Dec. 23, no doubt so that Williamson might go to his home to spend Christmas, but his excellency declined to act so precipitately and will consult Judge Gary, who presided at the trial, before taking final action.

In the party who came to urge that the pardon be granted were: R. M. Hays, S. F. Evans, D. H. Tompkins, R. F. McCaslan, county sheriff, T. C. Turner, clerk of court, James Rogers, county superintendent of education, J. Russell Wright, S. M. Cooper, B. B. Kinard, E. L. Richardson, attorney for the prosecution.

THE CROSS OF HONOR.

Governor Heyward Rightly Felt He Could Not Receive It And Rightly Refused It.

Columbia Cor. News and Courier.

At a recent meeting of Confederates at Chester Governor Heyward was a guest as well as a speaker. The Governor made an address that took with the old soldiers, and one of them was so enthusiastic that after the speech he moved that the Cross of Honor be conferred on the Governor. Governor Heyward greatly appreciated the honor intended to be conferred on him, but, being a young man, whom the accident of birth prevented from participating in the war, he felt that he could not receive the honor, though he expressed his heartfelt thanks for the intention conveyed in the proposition. The Governor only regrets that he cannot wear the cross, because he was too young to participate in the war, and he considers

it a great honor that any old Confederate soldier should suggest that he wear it. The resolution was introduced by Major Reid and was carried with enthusiasm. The Governor wrote him the following letter which will be appreciated by all Confederate soldiers:

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 10, 1903.

Col. J. W. Reid, Chester, S. C.

—My Dear Colonel: The receipt of your letter, 7th inst, was a most pleasant reminder of my recent pleasant visit to your town. Its contents add to my appreciation but I shall have to ask you to understand that I do not see my way clear to properly make such a request. I feel that only those soldiers of the Confederate army who wore the gray, like yourself, are entitled to the badge of honor which this bronze cross alone can confer. With this strong conviction, you will see that I cannot consistently ask for the honor, which belongs entirely to the heroes of the Lost Cause.

Please consider this a final disposition of this matter, and be sure to know that this decision does not in the most remote manner detract from my sincere appreciation of the honor which has been conferred. Further discussion of it would not, in my judgment, be wise; and I beg that if you have anything further to say, please wait until we can have a personal interview, at which time, I am sure, I can make myself fully understood. I often think of the pleasant day I spent in Chester and of all your kindness to me on that occasion. Trusting you are quite well, believe me, with regards, yours sincerely,
D. C. Heyward, Governor.

The Rev. J. J. Long.

The congregations of Bethlehem pastorate have very cordially received the Rev. J. J. Long as their pastor. Rev. Mr. Long served Bethlehem before his connection with the Newberry pastorate and the cordial and sympathetic relations formed during this former service have been but strengthened.

It was with a great deal of regret that the Newberry circuit parted from Mr. Long. His relations with the members of this circuit were most cordial and sympathetic and they respected and esteemed him very highly. Mayer Memorial as a token of appreciation of his services added \$5.00 to the final portion of his salary and he was suitably and lovingly remembered by Colony.

A Stocking Party.

The Ladies of the Missionary society of St. Paul's church, near Pomaria, have issued the following unique invitations to a stocking party to be given at the residence of Mrs. L. I. Epting on the evening of the 30th of December, from 6 to 11 o'clock:

On the thirtieth of December, If you think you can remember, To a Stocking Party we invite You at early candle light. In the little stocking new, Pennies twice the No. of your shoe, (Or more if you care to do) Kindly send or bring with you. With music sweet and games so gay We'll entertain while you stay, There will be no extra fee, As refreshments will be free.

SALUDA NOT LAWLESS.

Not More So Than Other Counties Says Special Judge Robert H. Welch. Eulogy on the County.

In closing his remarks to the grand jury at the sessions court for Saluda county last week, after the jury had read its presentment, Special Judge Robert H. Welch said:

"Now, gentlemen, before I close my remarks you will indulge me while I refer to a rumor, in fact, a current belief, that your county is pervaded with a spirit of lawlessness. I know it to be a fact that people beyond the borders of your county have formed the conclusion, based upon what they have heard and what they have seen in the newspapers, that your county at this time is seriously troubled by an unusually large amount of crime.

I will be frank and state to you that when I came to your county to hold this court I was among those who had formed this conclusion. When I opened court here Monday morning I was surprised to find only four cases upon the docket; and of these four, only one was for murder, while the other three were for minor offenses.

The Solicitor has handed to you by this time all the bills that he has, and of these bills, three were for murder; and of the three, one was against an unfortunate negro who was so weak in mind that the State will agree to accept a plea of manslaughter, when the facts, were he of strong mind, would unquestionably warrant a conviction for murder; while one of the two remaining indictments for murder is against a white man and his daughter. The other few indictments are for the petty crimes that usually are wrought in the most peaceful and best regulated counties.

From these facts, gentlemen, I am glad to state to you, as the presiding judge of this court, that I see nothing—absolutely nothing—to warrant the current belief that your county is a lawless county; while on the contrary, everything that I have seen convinces me that the peace and good order of your county stand as high as any other county in this State.

Monday was salesday in December—a time when a large crowd always gathers at the county seat, and we had a very large crowd here. Still I did not observe the slightest disorder during the entire day. During the recesses of court I mingled freely with the crowd, and did not observe anything of an unseemly nature, but, on the contrary, a well-disposed and behaved crowd. I did not see one man at all boisterous or under the influence of liquor, and I have not heard of a single arrest being made.

It gives me great pleasure, gentlemen, as a court, to state these facts to you, and my only regret is that, if they can be of any service in correcting the false and unjust impressions that exist against your county, they may not have as wide circulation as the rumors that have created this impression."

DeHart-Bishop.

Mr. Simpson DeHart and Miss Bishop, of No. 6 Township, were married on Sunday by the Rev. L. W. Swope.