

Mauldin were appointed a special committee to wait on the Speaker-elect and escort him to the hall.

In appropriate and fitting words the Speaker-elect thanked the members of the House for the high compliment they bestowed upon him, this being his third term as speaker of the House. Speaker Gary then declared the House ready for business.

The next business was the election of a clerk for the session.

Mr McCullough nominated Gen J. Walter Gray, of Greenville.

Mr Rogers, of Marlboro, nominated Mr Thomas C Hamer, of Marlboro.

Mr Ragsdale, of Florence, nominated Mr R M McCowan, of Florence.

All of the speeches were eulogistic of the several candidates, all of whom are good men.

The first ballot resulted as follows: J W Gray, 38; T C Hamer, 35; R M McCowan, 42. Vote cast, 115. No election resulted, a majority vote being necessary.

As soon as the roll had been called Clerk Hemphill, of the Senate, was announced, and stated that the Senate had organized and was ready for business, having elected Mr Robert B Scarborough, President pro tem, and Mr Robert R Hemphill, clerk of the Senate.

The House then took a second ballot for clerk, which resulted as follows: J W Gray, 31; R M McCowan, 44; T C Hamer, 38.

A third ballot had to be called, there not being a majority vote on the second ballot. This resulted: J W Gray, 31; R M McCowan, 47; T C Hamer, 38. Total vote cast 116.

On the fourth ballot the vote stood: Gray 31, McCowan 51, Hamer 45.

On the fifth ballot the Gray voters scattered, the ballot resulting as follows: J W Gray 4, R M McCowan 51, and Thomas C Hamer 63.

Mr Thomas C Hamer was declared elected and he was immediately sworn into office Mr Gray and Mr Hamer sat side by side and went to work.

The election for sergeant-at-arms was next taken up.

Mr Peurifoy nominated Mr Samuel B Holly, of Saluda, and Mr Patterson nominated Mr N H Stansell, of Barnwell, the incumbent. Mr Stansell was elected. The vote standing: N H Stansell 85, S B Holly 30. Total vote 115.

Mr Stansell was sworn into office at once.

The election of the reading clerk next came up, and Mr J S Withers, the efficient incumbent, was unanimously re-elected. There was no opposition to him, and any would have been futile.

The roll had to be called, and a yea and nay vote was recorded in favor of Mr Withers. Fully a quarter of an hour was spent in the roll-call. Mr Withers was sworn into office at once.

For chaplain the Rev Messrs M M Kinard and J C Abney and Dr Wingard were placed in nomination. The vote resulted: Rev M M Kinard 20, Rev Mr J C Abney 70.

Mr Abney was declared elected, Creek. Each of the members felt a rise of 57 y and, offered the following

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Insane, dispensary and all of the State institution of learning; to make recommendations for the more economical government of the same. Said committee to be composed of five members, who hold no office of honor or trust in the State.

Mr Bacot, of Charleston, offered a resolution to provide for a gift of a sword to Lieut Victor Blue, U S N. The Governor and Attorney General authorized to make the purchase of a sword to present Lieutenant Blue, U S N. The sum of \$500 is appropriated, if so much be necessary.

Mr N G Evans offered a resolution that the time for the payment of taxes be extended to the 1st of March, 1899.

These resolutions were held, to be referred when the committees are appointed.

Committees were sent to the Governor and the Senate to notify them that the House was ready for business and had perfected its organization.

Mr W J Johnson, of Fairfield, moved that the drawing of seats be ordered. Some members thought it too late for this work—it being within a few minutes of 3 o'clock. The members, however, appeared to be impatient to know where they were to sit during the session. It was a regular lottery, and the members went into the contest with merriment. The first name drawn out of the hat was Williamsburg, and the three members took seats near the main aisle, about half way down. Then Pickens got two seats on the aisle, Laurens, Saluda and Lancaster got good selections. Lee County was the sixth county called, but its spokesman was out of the hall, Charleston drew the 17th selection and got tolerable seats in the rear of the hall, two of the seats being on the aisle. The drawings went tediously along. The members seemed to be very well satisfied with the selections they chose or were forced to take. Florence and Chesterfield were the last counties drawn and had to take such seats as were available.

The following standing committees and House officials were appointed by the speaker:

Privileges and Elections—D H Maggill, chairman; J O Patterson, John G. Madley, John W Ragsdale, S P Dendy, J V L McCraw, W H Sharpe, Jas. Cosgrove, T P McMill, J W Means, R J Ghatt, D M Young, W J Montgomery.

Ways and Means—H H Crum, chairman; J Harvey Wilson, Julian Mitchell, Jr., Geo. E Prince, D F Eard, J C McBreten, T C West, F H Weston, C T Wyche, M B Woodward, W J Johnson, Thomas F Medow, C W Wiseman.

Judiciary—T W Bacot, chairman; W F Stevenson, P H Gadsden, C L Winkler, H C Patton, F Y Williams, W H Thomas, D E Hydrick, M P Donnell, F J Rogers, N G Evans, Jos. A McCullough, B H Moss.

Incorporation—C L Winkler, chairman; J A McCullough, W H Sharpe, Hawkins K Jenkins, G P Smith, W J Montgomery, C F Sanders, J G Richards, Julian Mitchell, Jr., T P McMill, Jeremiah Smith, J J Colcock, W F Dargatz.

Agriculture—R M Lott, chairman; J W Ashby, Police Harris, D E Eard, John M Bell, A B Dean, Sr., S H Epps, D E Keeble, Frank Manning, R M Senbrook, T J McLaughlin, J F McLaughlin, W A Strom.

General Appropriations—S C Jones, chairman; M P Donnell, John W. Balts, John Maxwell, J H Black, J M Woods, H H Woodward, J R Hopkins, John B Leverett, C E Robinson.

Claims—C F Wyche, chairman; R L Goughman, Peter Hollis, R H Henderson, J W Means, J N Estridge, H E Johnson, A F H Dukes, J O Wingo.

Roads, Bridges and Ferries—Joshua W Ashby, chairman; R L Goughman, J S Graham, J O Wingo, F C West, J E Smith, A H Dean, T F Stackhouse, W D Moss.

Railroads—George E Prince, chairman; H H Gadsden, W E Mauldin, Lewis W Simpkins, C P Sanders, J H Manning, J O Patterson, John K Rogers, M B Woodward.

Education—A Blythe, chairman; H C Patton, S J McCoy, J H Marion, I D Smith, C W Wolfe, D M Varn, S P Dendy, Huger Sinkler.

Internal Improvements—A F H Dukes, chairman; A K Cross, T S Browning, W D Black, J C Bailey, S W Gamble, W B Gause, J W Hill, Gust. Hoffmeyer.

House and Grounds—W F Stevenson, chairman; George W Faircy, J R Hopkins, Horace E Johnson, George R Jones, Labin Mauldin, W A Nettles, George W. Richardson, H H Evans.

Public Buildings—J N Estridge, chairman; T F Stackhouse, W A Nettles, D B Peurifoy, D M Young, J W Miley, J W Hill, C P Smith, W D Black.

Accounts—Horace E Johnson, chairman; W H Lockwood, C J Colcock, S U Davis, W B Gause, Gust. Hoffmeyer, James L Jackson. Mines and Mining—J C McBreten, chairman; J M Wilson, C W Whisonant, J H Wharton, J F McLaughlin, T J McLaughlin, J L McCraw, Frank Manning, George R Jones.

Military—Cole L. Blease, chairman; W H Thomas, James Cosgrove, S W Davis, H H Evans, J W Ragsdale, Hawkins K Jenkins, W H Lockwood, W J Thomas.

Public Schools—T F Rogers, chairman; J G Richards, S J McCoy, W O Mann, John S Graham, W K Cross, T L Browning, Henry B Richardson, John W Balts.

Penitentiary—J H Wharton, chairman; S H Epps, E L Sanders, Jeremiah Smith, C W Suber, J S Wamberly, W A Strom, John B Leverett, John M Bell.

Commerce and Manufactures—H M Senbrook, chairman; T S Stackhouse, J L Smith, Huger Sinkler, E L Sanders, C E Robinson, Henry B Richardson, D B Peurifoy, John G. Madley.

Officers and Officers—R H Robinson, chairman; John Floyd, H H Woodward, C W Wolfe, W A Downing, J W Hill, J W Wamberly, T Threath, C W Suber.

State Hospital for the Insane—F H Weston, chairman; L K Sturkie, H H Crum, T W Bacot, Peter Hollis, J F McLaughlin, C E Robinson, T F Stackhouse, C W Suber.

Medical Affairs—L K Sturkie, chairman; C T Wyche, J R Hopkins, T Threath, S W Gamble, D E Keeble, B H Moss.

Public Printing—C W Wolfe, chairman; A Blythe, C J Colcock, D H Maggill, J O Patterson, R J Ghatt, A C Lewis.

Engrossing Bills—E D Smith, chairman; W J Thomas, George W. Richardson, J C Bailey, J B Bach, John Floyd, S W Gamble.

Legislative Library—Jeremiah Smith, chairman; J A Sawyer, Laman Mauldin, W J Johnson, D E Hydrick, N G Evans, A Blythe.

Enrolled Acts—T Y Williams, chairman; R H Henderson, D M Varn, R M Lott, J A Sawyer, B H Moss, T P McMill.

Rules—H Cooper Patton, chairman; Huger Sinkler, W L Mauldin, W F Stevenson, W F Dargatz.

The following appointments were announced: Assistant clerk, S C Casson; janitor, M G Donald; outside doorkeeper, Peter Sanders; inside doorkeeper, William Mandy; gallery doorkeeper, W D Harmon; keeper of speaker's room, J M Peerman; mess, Bolton Drafts; Cantor, Archie Sosa; Alms, B McSwaney, J Leroy West.

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A bill has been introduced in the Legislature by Mr. E. E. Verner, of Oconee, for the repeal of the lien law. A similar bill was introduced at the last session by Mr. T. J. Rogers of Marlboro. The advocates of this bill are very hopeful of success as the bill has gained friends.

In his message, Governor Elberle recommended that an amendment to the Constitution of the State, looking to the establishment of biennial sessions of the General Assembly, be submitted to the people. Each session cost the tax payers about \$50,000 and if this plan was adopted there would be a great saving of the people's money—in round numbers about 25,000 a year. It was also suggested that members of the Legislature be selected for a term of four years, thereby doing away with the necessity of having elections every two years. To our mind this is a good plan, we are having too much legislation, most of which is not worth anything to the people generally.

—Mr. P. G. McCurkie of Rock Hill was in town Wednesday.

—Rev. Dr. C. W. Humphreys, of Chester, came over Wednesday.

—Miss Ledita Lathan of Chester is visiting Mrs. R. B. Allison here.

—Judge of Probate, Charles D. Jones, went to Columbia on professional business, Wednesday.

—For sale—New Home sewing machine for cash or on installment.

—Mr. J. M. Hough has been appointed clerk in the engrossing department, by the Attorney General.

—Messrs. T. M. Fitzpatrick and S. W. Heath of the Farmers' Banking & Mercantile Co. went to Charleston Wednesday on business.

—The largest number of marriages ever reported in one newspaper to our knowledge was in the People's Advocate of January 9th. It contained nineteen marriages which took place in a little over two weeks.

## The Governor's Message.

For lack of space we are unable to publish the Governor's message in full. A brief synopsis is herewith given:

### FINANCES.

The finances of the State are still in an unsatisfactory condition. Every obligation of the State has been promptly met, but, to do this, the State Treasurer has overdrawn, for small amounts, upon various banks in which State funds have been deposited. The State of South Carolina should always be in a position to meet current expenses without the necessity of overdrafts upon bank. To do this it is evident that one of two things will have to be done—either the appropriation must be cut down or the tax levy raised.

### PHOSPHATE INDUSTRY.

Only \$23,592.64 have been paid during the year into the State treasury from the phosphate mining industry. Mr. James Reid is due the State \$2,860 royalty on phosphate rock which he has mined. The Attorney General has instituted proceedings against him, and all of his personal and real property has been attached. The phosphate inspector estimates the value of the property attached to secure this debt at \$4,000. Efforts are being made to force the matter to a speedy settlement, and as no disposition has been shown to question the State's proceedings, if the estimate as to the value of the property attached is correct the State is not likely to lose anything.

### CONFEDERATE RECORDS.

At the last session of the General Assembly \$500 were appropriated for the completion of the Confederate rolls. Col. John P. Thomas, Confederate historian, reports that the rolls have been completed, but the history has not been written.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

You will be called upon to elect various officers to fill positions of emolument or of trust in the State. A superintendent of the Penitentiary, a librarian of the State Library and various trustees of higher educational institutions are to be chosen. I urge the importance of at once holding these elections and filling these positions for the experience of the past proves that while such elections are pending and undecided public business is often made to wait and made to suffer. All elections should be set for an early date in your session.

### BIENNIAL SESSIONS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Only eight States of the Union hold annual sessions of their Legislatures, and it seems a most desirable policy for our own State. Each session of our General Assembly costs about fifty thousand dollars. We have too much legislation, and consequently too many laws. Biennial sessions, limited to forty days, would be ample for due consideration of all matters pertaining to Legislative business. I therefore recommend that an amendment to the Constitution of the State, looking to the establishment of biennial sessions of the General Assembly, be submitted to the people. Members of the Legislature would then be selected for a term of four years. This very desirable action on the part of the voters would result in a saving of twenty-five thousand dollars a year, and this and other good reasons will commend the