

place on Wednesday, the 25th of January. He had been informed unofficially that the legislature would consult his wishes, and that is the date most suitable to himself.

The Lexington delegation in the General Assembly have been given places on the following committees:

Senator D. F. Efrid—Agriculture, contingent accounts, dispensary, public lands and printing.

Representative P. E. Hutto—Incorporation and public buildings.

Representative J. M. Eping—Hospital for Insane, State house and grounds.

Representative E. J. Etheredge—Public buildings and mines and mining.

FRIDAY

The house of representatives was in session about 15 minutes Friday and adjourned to meet Monday at noon. There was nothing on the calendar, a great many bills being in the hands of committees, and the house had nothing before it in the way of petitions, memorials, etc. Many of the members spent Sunday at home.

The senate reported that it had agreed to the concurrent resolution to appoint a committee of five to wait upon the governor-elect and ascertain his wishes as to the time for holding the inauguration.

The senate announced concurrence in the resolution to permit the introduction of a bill to amend the charter of the Mt. Pleasant and Georgetown railroad.

The senate announced concurrence in the house resolution to permit the introduction of a bill to charter the Columbia Land company, a concern which will have its officers in Columbia and will be capitalized at \$1,000,000. Its purpose will be to reclaim marsh lands and swamp lands by the erection of dikes and by cutting ditches.

A number of new bills were introduced, among them the following:

To require railroads to afford separate accommodations for the races in chair cars, sleeping cars, etc.

Respecting the election of teachers at the citadel.

Relative to indexing farm labor contracts.

Regarding the payment of claims of employes.

To provide for the erection of a State armory at a cost of \$6,000, with the governor, secretary of state and adjutant general as the building commission.

To require sheriffs to collect delinquent taxes without pay.

A constitutional amendment to classify the jurisdiction of magistrates.

To prevent the hunting of partridges at other times than in December and January.

SENATE—MONDAY

The calendar was disposed of early in the short proceedings. Bills which received second reading were:

Compulsory education

To amend the law relating to fraud in primary elections

Amending the constitution relating to vacancies in the supreme court and lower tribunals.

New bills were introduced as follows:

To change the South Carolina college to a university.

Preventing the spread of contagious diseases.

This enacts stringent laws for boards of health in the matter of physicians reporting cases of small-pox and other diseases.

Amending the code relating to the State board of assessors.

Making the terms of representatives four years

Requiring trolley line companies

to provide separate compartments for white and colored persons.

HOUSE—MONDAY

There were many new bills introduced, some of which measures will excite interesting discussion later in the session.

Mr. Ford, of Fairfield, introduced a bill to authorize the governor to place a tax of half a mill on any county in order to assist in the enforcement of the dispensary law in that county. The following are the new bills presented Monday:

To have county dispensers elected by the people every two years.

To require school trustees to make annual reports to the patrons

To require ginners to make monthly reports.

To provide punishment for disposing of property under 1 in

To regulate the sale of corn and peas and cotton seed.

A dispensary bill identical with that introduced in the senate by Senator Rysor.

To make the term of supreme court justices 16 years

General News.

There are said to be 20,000 bales of cotton in the hands of South Carolina farmers.

The late Col. C. S. McCall, of Bennettsville, left \$5,000 to the Thonwell Orphanage at Clinton.

The new court house at Darlington was formally opened on January 14th, with impressive ceremonies.

A man has been arrested in Philadelphia, charged with having thrown a bomb at the statue of Frederick the Great.

James Roberts, an ex-alderman and a saloon keeper of Chattanooga, has been arrested, charged with having murdered his wife.

Pension legislation at the rate of 459 bills in 108 minutes was the smashing of all records by the National House of Representatives on January 14th.

Among the speakers at the Good Roads Convention to be held in Albany, N. Y., on January 24 and 25, will be United States Senator Asbury C. Latimer, of South Carolina.

Gen. Matthew C. Butler, former United States Senator from South Carolina, and Mrs. Walter Whitman, of New York, were married in that city on January 14. They will reside in North Augusta, this State.

Miss Webb, the wife of Brodie L. Dukes, a half brother of the President of the American Tobacco Trust Company, and Charles F. Taylor, have been arrested in Vacogoches, Texas, upon a charge of swindling.

A negro is charged with having robbed, and then burning the post office at Tourine, Ga. His booty consisted of money, stamps and goods. He made a confession implicating a white merchant at Tourine. Both have been arrested.

Mill men are trying mighty hard to satisfy the striking textile workers of Fall River, Mass., but apparently with little or no success. Gov. Douglas, of that State, has taken a hand in the adjustment of the differences, but it is no telling what the outcome will be. The strike has continued for about six months.

Somebody claims that Mr. G. C. McMakin, of Spartanburg, is the champion hog raiser of the State, because he recently killed a 20 month old hog that weighed 850 pounds. That's nothing. There are hundreds of Lexington farmers who "can see him one better and then make high, low, jack and the game, when it comes to raising hogs.

Peak News.

To the Editor of the Dispatch.

The ladies of the town will give a bazaar and oyster supper in the town hall next Tuesday night, the 24th inst., to raise funds for school improvement. The public is cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Eargle spent last week with relatives at Spring Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Swygert spent last Tuesday in Newberry.

Mr. W. M. Wilson was in Columbia a few days last week on business. Miss Bertha Davidson, principal of the Spring Hill school, was in Peak last Sunday.

Mr. C. L. McEachern spent Sunday with his father's family at Jenksville.

Miss Evelyn Sarratt has returned to her home at Gaffney after a pleasant visit to her sister, Mrs. J. C. Swygert, Jr.

The friends of a certain young business man of Lexington, who has been quite ill, are glad to know that he is improving.

Mr. Henry Parr, of Newberry, is in town on business connected with The Parr Water Co.

Messrs. Lee and R. C. Connor went to Columbia last Saturday on business.

Dr. Ott, a dentist of Ridgeway, spent Monday in town on professional business. He expects to return in about a week.

Mrs. George A. Swygert has a Ponderosa lemon plant growing in her hot house that is attracting some attention on account of the monstrous size of the fruit. A ripe lemon weighing 1 3/4 pounds was taken from the plant this week, and there are a few more ripe ones.

Mr. Bright Lindler is running a saw mill near his shop.

Mr. W. A. Summer spent last Wednesday in Newberry on business.

Mrs. Henry Counts, who broke her left arm by falling on the ice a few weeks ago, is able to be out again January 15, 1905. E

The Ross Case.

In United States court Monday the case involving the celebrated Ross quarry across the river came up. The suit is known as Frederick Turnbull against V. S. Ross, R. G. Ross, Caroline Cayce, Lula E. Cayce, G. B. Christer, Jesse Lowe, G. A. Lederle and Jas. O. Haynesworth, and is to recover the tract of land consisting of about 500 acres now owned by the Cayces. The suit is one of the most interesting in the court and the titles date back over 100 years. Several years ago it came up in the circuit courts of this State and a decision was rendered in favor of the plaintiff. An action is now brought in the federal courts to determine the possession of the land, which was originally owned by the Bryce family by purchase from the Cayces. It is expected that a decision will be given soon. Messrs. Nelson, Lyles, McMahan and J. S. Muller are among the attorneys interested.

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