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THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

It is Fast Approaching and the Political Pot is Already Swimmering—The Elections.

The State.

With the approach of the legislative session, which is only five weeks off, the political pot will begin to boil, though by even the widest stretch of the imagination it can hardly be said to be more than simmering so far. This being an "off year" in elections the vacancies which the legislature will be called upon to fill will be few in number and for the most part unimportant.

There is no promise of any heated contest, though the endeavor to become members of the dispensary directorate may develop some excitement. It is understood that the chairman, Mr. L. J. Williams, will retire and that Mr. H. H. Evans will aspire to this place. Gen. Willie Jones cannot offer for election, Gov. Heyward having appointed him to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Dukes.

Among the candidates for representation in the directorate ex-Mayor W. McB. Sloan of Columbia, Col. John Bell Towill of Lexington, Representative Walker of Barnwell, Representative Gourdin of Williamsburg and ex-Senator McDermont of Horry are mentioned.

CRUM ALSO WILL RETIRE.

At this time it appears that the fight for Commissioner Crum's place will be between Representative Tatum of Orangeburg and Capt. W. D. Black, head bookkeeper at the penitentiary. Mr. Crum will not stand for re-election.

The terms of two penitentiary directors, Messrs. W. D. Mann, of Abbeville and W. B. Love, of York, will expire this winter. They are up for re-election and Mr. P. T. Hollis of Chester is an aspirant for a place on the board. Superintendent Griffith's term expires Jan. 20, 1905.

The office that lasts longest between elections is that of member of the supreme court, which term is for eight years. The term of Associate Justice Charles A. Woods—who was chosen to fill out the unexpired term of Chief Justice McIver—expires August 1, 1904. Mr. Justice Woods will probably have no opposition next month and will be elected for eight years.

Miss Linnie LaBorde, who has served so acceptably one term as librarian, will likely succeed her with dignified grace and ease. There may be other applicants.

NO JUDGES TO BE ELECTED.

There are no places on the circuit bench to be provided for this year unless new circuits are created, which seems likely.

The dates to which the terms of present eight circuit judges expire are:

Charles G. Dantzer, Feb. 16, 1905.
James Aldrich, Feb. 16, 1906.
R. O. Purdy, Dec. 6, 1906.
R. C. Watts, Feb. 16, 1907.
Ernest Gary, June 5, 1908.
Geo. W. Gage, Feb. 15, 1909.

Judge D. A. Townsend, Dec. 15, 1905.

Judge J. C. Klugh, Feb. 14, 1906.

LEFT OVER BILLS

The "copy" for the senate calendar has not yet been submitted for printing, and it is not known what bills continued from last session will be presented to that body on its convening day. The house has on its calendar 106 bills which were continued from last session. All of these may be taken up at once. Some of the measures are very important.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Items of More or Less Interest Condensed Outside the State.

The riots continue in Chicago growing out of the recent strike on the street railway.

A small schooner capsized in a heavy gale off Cape Fear, N. C., the crew and two passengers being drowned.

The Louisiana legislature convened in special session on Thursday to consider measures to prevent the spread of the boll weevil in Louisiana.

H. T. Lewis, of Greensboro, Ga., the man who made the famous speech in the Democratic convention in 1896, nominating Bryan for the presidency, died on Thursday.

Great Britain is stirred over the cotton situation and an imperial grant in aid of cotton growing in British West Africa will be proposed during the coming session of parliament.

The Governor of Alabama has refused to honor the requisition of the Governor of Florida for two safeblowers arrested in Montgomery until it is seen whether there is sufficient proof to convict the men in Alabama.

The torpedo flotilla has left Newport News for its 18,000-mile journey to the Philippines. The first stop will be at Beaufort, S. C. It is calculated that the flotilla will make the run in about 70 days.

Secretary Hester's weekly cotton statement issued on Friday showed for the 102 days of the season that had elapsed the aggregate was ahead of the same days last year 46,000 and ahead of the same days year before last 184,000.

The National Republican committee met in Washington last week, presided over by Senator Hanna, and decided on Saturday to hold the national convention in Chicago on the 21st of June. The committee turned down Deas from South Carolina and seated Mr. John G. Capers.

The United States grand jury at Omaha, Neb., has returned twenty-two indictments in connection with postoffice bribery cases and illegal fencing of government lands. The indictments are against ex-State senators and other prominent persons. There will be other indictments.

President Williams, of the A. C. L., has given out a statement in which he emphatically asserts that his road is independent and that its affairs financially are in excellent condition. He says the earnings

for the past months have increased at the rate of about \$3,000 per year over the same months last year.

The District of Columbia school board in its annual report takes note of the fatalities in football games and says that no self-respecting organization should tolerate such manslaughter in the name of athletics and the board will not fail to take notice of brutality in play and, if need be in order to stop it, to prohibit the game in schools.

On motion of Mr. Lamar, (Democrat), of Florida, the House of Representatives on Thursday adopted a resolution directing the judiciary committee to inquire into the official conduct of Chas. Swayne, judge of the United States court for the northern district of Florida, and "to report whether the action of the house is requisite." Mr. Lamar, in introducing the resolution, charged Judge Swayne with "pernicious absenteeism from his district; corrupt official conduct; maladministration of judicial matters, so much so as to embarrass bankrupts and annihilate the assets of litigants and others appearing within his jurisdiction.

Queen Alexandra, of England, and her secretary, Miss Knollys, had narrow escapes from being burned to death on Thursday. The fire broke out early in the morning in Miss Knollys' bedroom, caused by an imperfectly insulated electric light wire, which set fire to a beam between the ceiling of Miss Knollys' bedroom and the floor of her majesty's apartment. The queen was awakened by Miss Knollys, and she and Miss Knollys got out not a moment too soon, as the floor of the queen's room collapsed immediately after. Only a few hundred pounds' damage was done by the fire, it being confined to the two rooms. King Edward was hunting in Suffolk.

SITUATION ON THE ISTHMUS.

Gen. Reyes Chosen President of Colombia. Ambassador to Panama—Other Matters.

The Colombian legation at Washington has received dispatches conveying the news that General Reyes, who is now in Washington, has been elected president of Colombia. Gen. Reyes says he will remain in Washington a fortnight longer.

W. I. Buchanan, of New York, minister to Buenos Ayres under Cleveland, has been chosen by Roosevelt first minister to the republic of Panama.

War talk is still coming from Colombia but yesterday there seemed to be nothing alarming in the situation.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Peculiarly Sad Occurrence in Florence—Retired In Best of Spirits and Apparently Well.

Miss Lillian Stroud, a young lady of Florence 17 years old and in the bloom of health, was found dead in her bed on Friday morning. She retired on Thursday night, having prepared her lessons for next day, apparently in the most perfect health. Her relatives are of the opinion that she was taken with an epileptic seizure and was smothered to death.

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S. B. JONES.