

Plenty of Action In Legislature

Appropriation Bill Now on Third Reading in Senate

Columbia, Feb. 17.—Getting down to business, South Carolina General Assembly last week found its stride and did more work than during the previous combined days of the present session.

The House of Representatives was in somewhat of a sanguinary mood and many of the bills of State-wide application introduced during this and the past session were summarily rejected, most of them without the semblance of debate.

Thursday night, following a day of unlimited debate, the House rejected the joint resolution by Representative Smoak of Colleton and fourteen others providing a referendum election on the proposal to float a bond issue of \$40,000,000 for the purpose of constructing a permanent system of hard-surfaced and top soil roads. The vote was 54 to 46.

Resolutions by Senator S. H. McGhee of Greenwood and Representative W. M. Layton of Marion providing for a new constitutional convention received their death blows.

The Senate, after debating the measure for several days rejected the bill to create an examining board for chiropractors. The vote was 20 to 16. A measure of this character has been before the General Assembly every year for the past few sessions, and has invariably been rejected by one or the other of the Houses.

The most vehement session of either body last week was that in the House Monday night when the invitation to Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri, announced candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, was recalled.

The most important action of either House was the final adoption of the general appropriation bill last Tuesday in the lower body. It carried a total of \$8,910,811, of which \$431,000 of it was an increase over the recommendations of the ways and means committee. The measure has been advanced to third reading on the calendar with notice of general amendments and the Senate is now awaiting the report of its finance committee.

A long step toward the rounding out of a ten-year movement was taken when Governor McLeod approved four of the series of joint resolutions providing for a change in the sys-

tem of State government, so that there will be biennial sessions of the General Assembly, assessment and collection of taxes every two years and quadrennial elections of constitutional State officers. These four resolutions, which now will have to be voted on by the people, were fathered by Representative Joseph R. Bryson of Greenville.

Two of the series of resolutions to perfect this form of government have yet to be signed—one by Representative Bryson providing a four year term for governor which had to be amended to clear up technical errors and the other by Senator S. H. McGhee of Greenwood providing for a four year term for attorney general. These, however, have been passed and ordered enrolled for ratification.

Another important measure which has received the signature of the Governor is the bill by Senator Pearce of Richland, finally passed by the House this week, preventing railroads from collecting Pullman surcharges on intrastate journeys in South Carolina. This measure is now the law.

Other important bills ordered enrolled as acts during the week were the bills by Senator T. B. Butler of Cherokee, providing for the disposal of the silver service donated by the people of the State to the old battleship South Carolina and providing that schools and the grounds used by them for athletic purposes be exempt from taxation.

Oldest Building In World Found

History of Babylonia Moves Back 1,000 Years—Temple 6,000 Years Old.

Philadelphia, Feb. 17.—The oldest building in the world still standing above ground has been found by the joint expedition of the British museum, London, and the University Museum, Philadelphia, at Tell El Obeid, Babylonia, four miles from Ur, of the Chaldees, of Biblical fame.

This was announced tonight by Dr. George B. Gordon, director of the University museum, in making public a report from Dr. C. Leonard Woolley, head of the joint expedition on the banks of the Euphrates.

The excavation of this building, a temple, has moved the already ancient history of Babylonia back another 1,000 years. The building is more than 6,000 years old, and its history is placed at a period as far

removed from King Tut-Ankh-Amen in the past as the present generation is removed from him in known history.

Dr. Gordon announced that the expedition has unearthed remarkable carvings, one of the choicest finds was a small golden scaraboid head inscribed with the name of the builder of the temple, King A-An-Ni-Pad-Da, of Ur who reigned 4,500 years before Christ. This is the oldest royal jewel known.

In the report describing the building, Dr. Woolley says in part:

"A broad flight of stone steps led to a platform about twenty feet high on the South corner of which stood the temple proper, its gate tower torn from the stairway. Its facade set back from the edge of the platform so as to leave a narrow step on which stood a row of statues of bulls sculptured in the round. These stood some three feet high and were made of thin copper plates beaten up over a wooden core. Their heads were turned out to face the spectator and their horns were of gold.

"Two of these statues have been recovered, though in bad condition due to the crushing of the metal under the enormous weight of the brickwork which had fallen and to the enemy hands which had torn off the golden horns.

"Of the frieze of cattle lying down . . . we have now a dozen examples. Above them was a frieze of a different sort. Figures carved in white shell or limestone were inlaid against a background of black tesserae. Of this we have a complete section in perfect condition. Some show bulls advancing in solemn procession. The most interesting, a panel four feet long, has on one side a milking scene, cows and their calves and men milking the cows into tall jars. . . .

"Found close to this, but hardly to be connected with it, is a limestone plaque, carved in relief with a mythological subject, a man-headed bull on whose back is perched a lion-headed bird.

"An important discovery was that of two columns ten feet high encrusted with mosaic work in black paste, redstone and mother of pearl. Both had been damaged by their fall. . . . It was found possible to . . . preserve those remarkable columns, if not as they stood in the temple, at least as they were after they had once fallen from it."

Thoughts Turn To Baseball

Initial Workouts for Presbyterian Varsity Nine Soon to Begin.

By H. J. Hindman.

No official call for spring football training will be issued from Coach Johnson's office this year. On the other hand, as soon as the basketball team returns from its jaunt to Macon, Ga., where they will enter the S. I. A. A. Tournament, the summons for baseball candidates will be sent out from the Presbyterian Mentor's desk.

This year Johnson will probably assemble his batterymen a week or so earlier than the others. The initial workouts for the tossers and receivers will undoubtedly be held in the gymnasium. Thus, he will have the pitchers and catchers prepared, and ready for action when the diamond dust begins to fly. Lewis, the Johnsonian pitching ace for several seasons, will do the major part of the serving while Hannah, a portsideer will be called upon often to do his share of the work. At present, these two men are the only twirlers visible and some one else will have to be trained up for cases of emergency.

Roy Moore, veteran catcher of two seasons and rated as one of the best receivers in amateur circuits last season, will captain the 1924 Diamonds. The experience this lad gained last summer should place him on the top of the horse-hide artists this season.

Miller will be back at the initial sack and Moore, J. will probably be in the short field with Holladay switched to the gardens in order to build up a hard hitting outfield. Warner will play either around second or third base which in either case leaves one position open for a corner-up from last season's rat team. Norton will in all probability be seen in right field with Holladay in left and Hunter, the whirling basketball dervish will cavort about the center garden.

Manager Nickles will round up his prospective pitchers and catchers about March 3rd and his infielders and outfielders will report about March 10th or 15th. Just how many men will report for the initial workout cannot be ascertained at this early date. But it can safely be stated that Johnson will not have a variety of material this year. If he puts a winning team to the foreground it will be accredited to his indomitable personality and concentrated efforts.



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