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MORE PARDONS GRANTED.

Seventy-One Pardons, Commutations and Pardons Issued Saturday.

Bringing the total number of his cases of executive clemency up to 1,415, the governor yesterday granted 71 pardons, paroles and commutations to prisoners serving terms in the state penitentiary, on the county chain-gangs and at the state farms. Thirty-three murderers, 16 persons convicted of homicide in a lesser degree, one criminal assailant, one man who attempted assault, one firebug and 20 convicted of other crimes, ranging from arson and burglary to "entry of land after notice," the last offense being punished by a \$15 fine, were included in the list to receive clemency from the governor. Sixteen full pardons, 18 paroles and 37 commutations made up the list of 71 sent to the office of the secretary of state.

All of the 33 murderers who were beneficiaries were originally given life terms. Two, one of whom had already received a commutation to 20 years, were granted full pardons; three were given paroles and 28 commutations. The sentences, all originally for life, were cut to terms ranging from two to 20 years, one being to the former figure, three to the latter; one to 15 years, one to 12 years, 17 to ten years and five to five years.

The governor pardoned three men convicted of manslaughter. Two of these had already been paroled. Five others, with sentences ranging from seven to 20 years each, were paroled and eight others were granted substantial reductions in their terms, which ranged before the exercise of clemency from three to 20 years.

One man convicted of criminal assault and serving a life term was paroled. Another convicted of attempted criminal assault and given 20 years was paroled.

Thomas Nolan, alias "Chicago Nolan," alias "Detroit Nebs," and Chas. Howard, alias "Texas Dutch," each serving a term of ten years from Spartanburg county on the charge of house-breaking and larceny, were granted paroles, on the condition that they be turned over to federal officers upon leaving the state prison.

The action of the governor yesterday will result in the immediate release of 35 prisoners. There remain 133 state prisoners in the state penitentiary, four on county chain-gangs and 58 at the state farms. There are 155 negro boys in the Lexington reformatory. Including these the total of state prisoners left is 350.

During the present week the governor has granted clemency in 170 cases. He did not send a regular "Christmas list" to the office of the secretary of state. Last Monday he took action in 44 cases, Wednesday in 55 and yesterday in 71. — Sunday's Columbia State.

Two From Kershaw.

In the list from Kershaw county were James McGirt, November term, 1914, violation dispensary law, two cases, \$100 or four months; Lewis Moore, February term 1909, burglary, ten years.

More Clemency.

Columbia, Jan. 5.—The governor this morning granted pardons and paroles in nine cases bringing the total number of cases of clemency up to 1,624.

Joe Bowman, convicted in Orangeburg in 1907, for attempted criminal assault and given a life term, was paroled. John Haynes, convicted in Orangeburg in 1907 for manslaughter and given 30 years was paroled.

Predicts It Will Last Two Years.

New York, Jan. 4.—"The year 1914 dealt a staggering blow to civilization, the arts and the sciences," said Thomas A. Edison at his laboratory in West Orange today. "But civilization will recover from the blow very soon after the war ends."

"And that will be?" asked the correspondent.

"Not for two years, I fear," said the great inventor. "This war has taught the world that the killing of men in war is a scientific proposition now. With all the implements of destruction and plans for offensive and defensive operations so carefully mapped out with the great number of men that can be drawn into the fray by both sides, the conflict will be long drawn out."

"There have been wars that have lasted thirty years, but those days are past. Killing men is a different proposition today, but I believe the present struggle will not end for at least two years, although I pray it will end sooner than any of us expects."

Good Colored Man Dead.

Dan Williams, a highly respected negro man, who for many years has conducted a shoe shop on east DeKalb street, died Monday after a lingering illness, and was buried Wednesday after funeral services conducted at Trinity Methodist church, attended by a large crowd. He had the respect of both white and colored and there were many expressions of genuine regret when it was known that he had passed away.

To Repair City Prison.

At its regular monthly meeting Monday evening city council awarded the contract of repairing and improving the police station to Mr. R. W. Mitcham at a cost of \$230. Several steel cages will be added and other necessary improvements will be made.

The Belgian Relief Fund.

Contributions to the South Carolina Belgian Relief Fund up to Saturday last was \$4,034.49, according to a statement given out at headquarters in Columbia. Of this amount Kershaw county is credited with \$42.50, while York county, the county so hard hit by hail storms the first of the summer leads all other counties in amounts contributed—her figure being \$398.20.

BANKS PAY DIVIDENDS.

Bankers Say That Business Conditions Generally Are Improving.

The First National Bank of Camden last Friday morning declared its usual eight per cent annual dividend. The First National is a very prosperous institution and its statement shows it to be in a flourishing condition. This bank has a capital of \$50,000 and the officers of the institution are as follows: C. J. Shannon, Jr., president; John T. Mackey, cashier; board of directors are C. J. Shannon, Jr., L. A. Wittkowsky, G. H. Baum, John T. Mackey, M. H. Heyman, Dr. W. J. Dunn, George T. Little and Leroy Springs.

The Bank of Camden.

The Bank of Camden, the oldest in the city, declared its annual dividend of twelve per cent, paying to its stockholders the handsome sum of \$12,000. The capital of this bank is the largest of any in the city—being \$100,000 and its officers are H. G. Carrison, W. M. Shannon, Leo Schenk, John W. Corbett, David Wolfe, Geo. A. Rame and C. H. Yates.

The Loan & Savings Bank.

The Loan & Savings Bank, the youngest bank in the city declared its semi-annual dividend of six per cent the past week. This bank has a capital of \$35,000 and has as its officers T. J. Kirkland, president; W. R. Eve, Jr., vice president; John S. Lindsay, cashier; the directors are W. R. Eve, Jr., Jas. H. Burns, R. Zemp, M. Baruch, H. L. Watkins, T. J. Kirkland, John S. Lindsay, L. I. Gulon, F. M. Wooten and H. L. Schlosburg.

While none of the banks have made any money much within the past several months, they all say that there is a gradual improvement in business conditions, and seem to think that conditions generally are bright for another year.

GUARDSMEN TO MEET.

Captain vonTresckow of This City Issues Annual Call.

The annual meeting of the National Guard Association of South Carolina has been called by the president, Capt. E. C. vonTresckow of Camden, on January 20th, at 3 p. m. in the city hall in Columbia.

As a result of the increased demands made by the war-department governing the efficiency and numerical strength of the companies and of the regimental formations, and of the falling out of the annual encampments, the past year has been a very hard one for the militia in general, and the company commanders in particular—the latter bearing the brunt of the burden of keeping things going in dark days.

But National Guardsmen confidently hope that the new year will bring a turn in the road traversed during the last 12 months, and that the meeting at Columbia will be a rally for fresh enthusiasm and the discussion and carrying into effect of much that will be of greatest benefit to the militia.

Governor Richard I. Manning, commander-in-chief, will receive an invitation to attend the meeting of Guardsmen in Columbia.

PLANT BREEDERS TO MEET

In Columbia on January 12th to Discuss Advanced Methods.

Clemson College, Jan. 4.—It is announced that the third annual meeting of the South Carolina Plant Breeders Association will be held in Columbia on January 12. This association was formed in December, 1912, pursuant to a call issued through the newspapers by some prominent farmers and papers by some prominent farmers and breeders. Since its organization, it has waged an active campaign for the general adoption of improved methods of plant breeding as a means of increasing the yield and quality of South Carolina's staple crops.

The proceedings of the association are published in the Clemson Agricultural Journal, which is the official organ of the association. The Journal and other literature is sent to all members and those interested in breeding and in the production and distribution of high grade seed are, therefore, able to keep up with what is going on in these lines when unable to attend the annual meetings.

A number of the most progressive planters and plant breeders have joined with the charter members. The president is D. R. Coker, of Hartsville, and the secretary is H. W. Barre, of Clemson College.

Forming Sanitary Corps.

Dr. M. B. Edgerton, as first lieutenant, began Monday the organization of a sanitary corps for the second regiment, Infantry, National Guard of South Carolina, which will have headquarters at Columbia. This corps will consist of 16 privates and three officers, commanded by Major Zemp, M. D., of Camden, where the corps formerly had headquarters.

Dr. Edgerton explained that the members of this corps should not necessarily be physicians, that only considerable intelligence being required to perform the duties of a member of the corps. His desire is to induce 16 young men of Columbia to join this corps who will be consensual and take an interest in making it efficient, as he explained.

This corps was formerly stationed at Camden, but the moving away from that town of the members finally forced mustering it out of service, when Major Zemp found that the member could not be maintained. Dr. Edgerton received last spring his commission as first lieutenant in this corps, and has voluntarily undertaken the attempt at reorganization. Monday's Columbia Record.

SHIPPING CATTLE NORTH.

Two Cars Loaded With Kershaw County Cattle Go To Baltimore.

As a result of the government agents efforts in this county to eradicate the cattle tick, Mr. L. I. Gulon, of the Camden Beef Cattle Farms, was allowed to ship two car loads of Kershaw County raised cattle to Baltimore last Thursday. Mr. Gulon has a large dipping vat on his farm and all day Thursday representatives of the government were engaged in running these cattle through the vats—giving them a last dip to insure them being free from infection in order to allow them being shipped out of the state.

There were two cars loaded at Lugoff siding, containing sixty-nine head with an average weight of 694 pounds each, making one of the largest shipments of cattle ever made from this county. They were said to all be in the best of condition and we understand the owners realized quite a neat sum from the shipment. This farm has an immense pasture on the Water river where the cattle is kept until free of the cattle tick before being shipped off, and it looks as if this is going to be quite an industry in this county within the next few years.

Besides the beef cattle raised on this farm Mr. Gulon has some of the finest pure bred Hereford cattle ever brought into this state. They were prize winners at the Georgia-Carolina Fair held at Augusta; the Columbia State Fair, and also the Kershaw County Fair held the past year. His herd is headed by the famous Armour Fairfax, the highest priced bull ever brought into the state.

THE MAN PROPERTY SOLD.

Valuable Real Estate on Main Street Sold at Private Sale.

Only one piece of property was sold at public outcry at the court house Monday, and only a very few were in attendance upon salesday. Property sold was that of the Smyrl lot on Lytleton street, and went to L. A. Wittkowsky, attorney for the Waterco Building & Loan Association at a price of \$1,650.

Five shares of stock of the Waterco Building & Loan Association went to the same attorney for \$45.

The property of the estate of the late John G. Man, embracing the store building on Main street, now occupied by G. W. Crosby and others, a plantation east of Camden, and the Man home on Fair street, advertised for sale Monday was called off and by agreement of the attorneys and the heirs who were present from Texas and elsewhere the property was sold at private sale. The store building on Main street, said to be one of the most desirable pieces of property in the city was sold to James H. Burns, H. L. Schlosburg and F. M. Wooten for the sum of \$21,000.

The farm property east of Camden, formerly known as the McGee lands, and now occupied by Mr. Langley, was sold to James H. Burns for \$4,000. The Man home, located on Mill st., in Camden was purchased by S. Belton Beard for the sum of \$1,200.

HIS NAME ON HIS ENGINE.

Former Camden Man Receives Recognition of Merit.

The Charleston News and Courier of Monday publishes the following concerning Southern Railway engineers. Job Shiver referred to began his career as an engineer on the old South Carolina & Georgia Extension railroad running out of Camden many years ago, and his many friends and acquaintances in Camden will read of this recognition with pleasure. His engine is the "No. 8345."

"Messrs. Job Shiver, J. W. McCarter and M. B. Pierson are the latest additions to the Southern Railway Engineer's Honor Roll" from the Charleston division. The former has made the required mileage and the latter two have completed their twenty-fifth year in the service, thus giving them the privilege of having their names painted on the panel of their locomotives.

"An order went into effect on July 1, 1914, on the Southern Railway, that engineers who made a certain number of miles with an engine without having it 'shopped' or who have been in the service for a period of twenty-five years, were to have their names painted on the panel of their locomotives as a reward of merit. The idea was incorporated into the system in order to encourage a more personal pride in the locomotives by the engineers.

"Engineers, for the most part, have always taken a great pride in the appearance of their locomotives, going to considerable pains to see that every part is clean and shiny and all necessary parts well greased and oiled. Every effort is made to keep the working parts of the engine tuned to a nicety and the majority of these men appreciate a compliment of their locomotive.

"To have one's name painted between the word 'Southern' and the number of the engine is considered a reward of merit and of satisfactory service. Reports are to the effect that already the improvements in the appearance of the locomotives is noticeable. The new system is said to have made a most favorable impression with the engineers of the Southern."

War Pictures to Be Here.

Manager DeLoche of the Camden Opera House has just made arrangements to present to the people of Camden and vicinity scenes of the European War in motion pictures at the opera house on the afternoon of January 29th. These pictures have attracted attention all over the country and the people of Camden are fortunate in having them brought so close to them.

WOODMEN ENJOY SUPPER.

Members Had Good Time at Annual Banquet Last Friday.

Last Friday night the annual supper of Live Oak Camp, Woodmen of the World was served in the hall of the Camp in the third story of the Opera House building.

The hall was filled to its capacity. The excellent Consul Commander, Mr. J. F. Bateman, engineered the plans for the occasion and when it comes to matters of this kind he knows no such word as fail. Oysters with coffee and other necessary accessories were served in delightful style and the seventy-five or one hundred Woodmen present enjoyed the occasion to the fullest.

After supper the Consul Commander requested Mayor C. H. Yates to act as Master of Ceremonies and quite well did he perform the duties devolving upon him. Before taking up these duties, however, he was introduced by Consul Commander Bateman who stated that Mr. Yates would address the audience, giving a history of the Woodmen Order. Mr. Yates was followed by Messrs. C. W. Birchmore, D. Wolfe, A. J. Beattie, M. G. Huckabee, Jas. H. Clyburn, and Rev. John A. Davison. Others were called upon but not being orators they begged to be excused.

Always ready to exemplify the true Woodmen spirit of assisting the unfortunate, the Consul Commander took occasion to solicit a collection for an unfortunate Woodman, and the appeal was quite liberally responded to.

Live Oak Camp is growing rapidly and an effort will be made to double its membership during 1915.

CHANGES AT BETHUNE.

Popular Agent at McBee Died in Florence Infirmary.

Bethune, Jan. 6.—Miss Senor Jordan, of Bethune, and Mr. Wm. H. Campbell, of Chesterfield county, were married last Sunday, the 3rd inst.

Another marriage of interest to friends of the contracting parties in this section was that of Miss Neta Watkins, daughter of Mr. B. E. Watkins, of Lucknow, and Mr. Clyde Waters, son of Mr. Lafayette Waters, of Camden, which was also solemnized last Sunday.

Mr. C. J. Williamson, agent for the Seaboard Air Line Railway at McBee, died at the Florence Infirmary last Saturday morning, result of an operation performed on Friday. Mr. Williamson was considered one of the Seaboard's best employees and was popular with all who knew him. His death is a distinct loss to the town of McBee, for whose growth and interests he was always a faithful worker.

Mrs. Martha Cassidy, who has been quite ill with pneumonia for some time, is still in a serious condition and very little hopes are entertained of her recovery.

Leslie Moses, a negro man of quite unsavory reputation, went to the residence of Mr. Luther Barnes last Saturday, while the latter was at dinner, and calling him out, proceeded to curse both Mr. Barnes and his father, Mr. D. W. Barnes, applying a vile epithet to each. Mr. Barnes knocked the negro down, who arose and struck him with a pistol. Mr. Barnes then drew his pistol and shot the negro three times, one ball passing through the thigh, another through the abdomen, and the other grazing his neck. As stated above, this negro, who came from near Bishopville, bears a bad reputation and is considered a dangerous character. From last reports the wounded negro was in a serious condition.

Mr. Gilliam B. Clyburn has commenced work on his new residence next to the Baptist church.

Dr. B. L. Norwood and family will move today to their new home at McBee. Dr. Norwood has been a citizen of this town for the past fifteen years, and his removal means a distinct loss to the citizenship of this community.

It is rumored that Mr. Joe Hough and family will soon leave Bethune, and that his position as manager of the Stevens Mercantile Co., will be filled by Mr. Walter M. Stevens, of Lancaster.

The Lynchess Creek Lumber Co., has resumed operations after being shut down for some time on account of bad weather.

Broke Up Skin Game.

Officers Latta and Goff rudely butt into a "skin game" in a house on west Rutledge street Monday afternoon and took nine of the party for a night's stay in the county jail—the city prisoner being in no condition to hold prisoners. Tuesday morning they all appeared before Recorder Goodale who imposed fines of \$10 or twenty days in each case. Officer Goff learned of the game and knowing there were two men in the house for two men to handle they called into service several citizens and had the house surrounded.

When the gamblers realized that escape was impossible all surrendered. In the catch were James Howell, Bill Kelly, Steve Bristol, Willie Laney, English Cook, Sanders DuBose, Jake Monroe, Willie Williams and Will Williams.

Another offender on Tuesday morning was Linnie Williams, a negro woman charged with being drunk. She was assessed a fine of \$5 or six days.

What's He Going To Do Now?

County Supervisor West received a message from Governor Blease yesterday as follows: "Please wire me number of convicts this day in your charge." There are now twenty-six convicts working the roads of Kershaw County.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR.

A Total of 275 Indictments Handed By Mr. Cobb During Year.

(Columbia Record, Jan. 4.)

The annual report of Wade Hampton Cobb, solicitor of the fifth circuit, Richland and Kershaw counties, has been completed and will be included in the report of Attorney General Peoples to the forthcoming general assembly.

During the year ending December 31 a grand total of 275 indictments were handed by Solicitor Cobb, of which 36 were either discontinued or returned as no bills by the grand juries; 74 defendants were found not guilty; 165 were found guilty.

A summary of the crimes, assault and aggravated assault and battery with intent to kill was the charge involved in the majority of the indictments, larceny came second; house-breaking was third. Murder was charged in 14 cases, and of this number 12 acquittals resulted and there were two convictions. Two cases were based on manslaughter and conviction resulted. Both were in Kershaw county.

There were 10 cases of alleged murder in Richland county during the year. Not guilty was the verdict in nine trials and one conviction.

The death sentence was imposed upon one prisoner. This was in Richland county. A negro was sent to the electric chair for criminal assault. The crimes in Kershaw county, as shown in the report of the solicitor were:

Assault, with intent to kill, and aggravated assault and battery—No bill 2; discontinued 1; not guilty 3; guilty 16; county changing 16.

Burglary—Not guilty 1; guilty 1; county changing 1.

Disposing of property under lien—No bill 1; discontinued 1; not guilty 2.

Larceny—Not guilty 2; guilty 12; county changing 12.

Larceny of live stock—Not guilty 4; guilty 1; jail and fine 1.

Manslaughter—Guilty 2; county changing 2.

Murder—Not guilty 3; guilty 1; penitentiary for life 1.

Obtaining goods under false pretenses—Guilty 1; county changing 1.

Obstructing highway—Guilty 1; county changing 1.

Rape—Not guilty 1.

Seduction—Discontinued 1.

Violation of dispensary law—Not guilty 3; guilty 4; county changing 4.

Bawdy house—Not guilty 1; guilty 2; penitentiary for term 2.

Adultery—Guilty 2; jail and fine 1; penitentiary for term 1.

COMPANIES CONSOLIDATED.

Williams Insurance & Realty Co. Goes With Kennedy & Carrison.

The old insurance and realty company of David R. Williams has been consolidated with that of Kennedy & Carrison, and will be continued in the name of Williams Insurance Co.

This old company was the representative of seventeen of the most reliable fire insurance companies doing business in America, and together with the four companies represented by Kennedy & Carrison will give them a total of twenty-one companies.

Mr. Cooper H. Griffin will continue with the new firm until February 1, and will then be succeeded by Mr. John J. Workman, former manager of the Pine Creek Cotton Mill, who has resigned that position.

Mr. Burnett Whitaker, who has been with Springs & Shannon, as bookkeeper now has charge of the collecting up of old accounts of the Williams Insurance & Realty Co.

Arrivals at The Kirkwood.

Among the recent arrivals at the Kirkwood are: Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Lee, of Wilkesbarre, Pa.; The Misses Lee, of Wilkesbarre; Mr. George W. Curran, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Miss Stell Moore, New York; Miss Embury, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kettles, Jr., New York; Jules Tamagni, New York.

Arrivals at The Court Inn.

W. L. Weeks, Wichita Falls, Texas; J. C. Man, Wichita Falls, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. G. Moore Smith, New York; Miss Stell Moore, New York; Miss Emily Cribun, Trenton, N. J.; Miss Eleanor Cook, Trenton, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. G. Taylor, and maid, New York; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Roberts, Brooklyn.

Died in Columbia.

The remains of Mr. W. C. Smith, a contractor, who died at his home at Shandon, near Columbia, were brought to Camden Sunday afternoon and taken in charge by the McCormick Undertaking Co. From Camden they were carried to Smithville in Lee County where the funeral was held on Monday.

His aged mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Boyce, of Camden, were with him during his last illness. He was in his 38th year and died of paralysis.

Mrs. Gaskins Dead.

Correspondence of The Chronicle. Mrs. M. Caroline Gaskins, so well and favorably known in this county, died on December 17th, at Waxhaw, N. C. She was 74 years of age, and a consistent member of Bethany Baptist church, which she loved so well, having joined same when at the age of fourteen years, and was devoted to her church and Sunday school. She was a good woman and beloved by all who knew her, who deeply mourn her death. She is not dead, but only sleeping—resting from a well spent life.

Unofficial figures compiled from the books in the office of the secretary of state show that approximately \$11,000,000 was invested in new enterprises in South Carolina during 1914. Nearly 500 new corporations were chartered during the year.

MUCH WORK FOR NEXT SESSION.

Ambitious Programme of Constructive Legislation.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 2.—An ambitious program of constructive legislation faces the general assembly of South Carolina, which convenes in annual session one week from Tuesday. Probably not before in a quarter of a century has a legislative session been looked forward to with greater hope that something will be done for the uplift and betterment of the State than is the one which is only ten days distant.

Organization of the two houses will consume the first part of the opening day. The House will be called to order by James A. Hoyt, the retiring clerk, and himself a member from Richland county. As soon as temporary organization is perfected Mr. Hoyt will be elected speaker without opposition. The clerkship of the house is attracting attention and a vigorous campaign from six candidates. J. Wilson Gibbs, and E. O. DePass, both of Columbia; J. W. Hanel, of Kershaw; J. R. McGee, of Batesburg; H. C. Booker, of Spartanburg, and J. C. Mays of Greenwood. John S. Wilson, of Lancaster, who is offering for re-election as sergeant-at-arms, is opposed by E. P. McCray, of Pickens, a former member, while S. McE. Simpkins, of Edgefield, is encountering opposition for re-election as reading clerk from A. E. Hutchinson, of Rock Hill, who was a member of the last House.

The death of Senator P. L. Hardin, of Chester, leaves the position of President pro tem to be filled. The names of Senators Alan Johnstone, of Newberry, and Legrand Walker, of Georgetown, are mentioned for the position. Both are leaders of the upper chamber and both command the respect and popularity of their fellow members.

M. M. Mann, of St. Matthews, is opposed for re-election as clerk, and J. Fred Schumpert, of Newberry, will again be elected sergeant-at-arms without opposition. It is believed that Senator Christensen will be re-elected as chairman of the finance committee, a position to which he was elevated on the resignation of the late Senator Hardin in the extra session. Senator Carlisle will be again named as the chairman of the judiciary committee, it is generally accepted.

The annual message of Governor Blease will be read in both branches immediately after the organization is perfected. The message has already been prepared, and the governor has stated that this will probably be his only communication to the General Assembly. His reason for clemency in the various number of cases in which he has paroled or pardoned convicts will be reported to the Senate as required by the Constitution.

The birthday of Gen. Robert E. Lee, the great Confederate chieftain, will be celebrated this year by the inauguration of Hon. Richard I. Manning, of Sumter, as governor of South Carolina to succeed Cole L. Blease who will retire to private life. The inauguration of Mr. Manning as governor and Mr. A. J. Bethea, of Columbia, as lieutenant governor will take place at noon on January 19 in the hall of the House of Representatives in the presence of the joint session of the Senate and House, the Chief Justice and members of the Supreme Court, State House officials and the people. Chief Justice Gary will probably administer the oath of office to Governor Manning and Lieutenant Governor Bethea.

Governor Manning in his inaugural address is expected to outline the policies of his administration and urge on the Legislature the adoption of those things which he advocated in his platform in the race for Governor last summer. Particular interest will attach to what the new governor will have to say on taxation, compulsory education, the liquor question, and appropriations.

Two of the main questions to come before the General Assembly will be compulsory education and the proposed referendum on prohibition. The prohibitionists will ask for a referendum by the people along about next September on the question of the driving of liquor from the borders of the State. While compulsory education is a prominent issue many view the injection of the liquor question with apprehension. Child labor laws, workingman's compensation, readjustment of the taxation assessment good roads, and the policy to be adopted toward the State Hospital for the Insane are some of the leading matters to be acted on by the lawmakers.

The state officials are getting their reports ready for submission to the Legislature. Some have theirs completed while others are now in the hands of the printers.

Married.

Married, on Thursday, December 31st, at Lugoff, the Rev. J. C. Rowan, of Camden officiating. Mr. Thomas Orren Lee to Mrs. Lella Rosborough, both of Lugoff.

Unknown parties dynamited and destroyed the monument to Prof. Elisha Mitchell, erected on the top of Mt. Mitchell near Asheville last week. The monument which was composed of a mixture of bronze and lead, was reduced to a shapeless mass. It was placed there 26 years ago to mark the resting place of the man who lost his life exploring the highest mountain east of the Rockies. The outrage is believed to have been the work of foremen employed in a lumber camp whom the foreman had discharged. They thought the statue was the property of the lumber company.

Kenosa, Wis.—This city has adopted the pay-as-you-go system and will pay cash for everything it buys and demand the same discounts that would be allowed to any private firm or corporation.