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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOW IN SESSION

### SOLONS MEET AT COLUMBIA—MANY NEW MEMBERS ARE SWORN IN

The annual session of the General Assembly of South Carolina convened in Columbia at noon Tuesday.

Reorganization of both houses will be completed as soon as possible, although in the senate the new lieutenant governor will not take office for one week.

In the senate a president pro-tem to succeed the late LeGrande Walker of Georgetown, is to be elected and also a clerk, sergeant-at-arms, reading clerk and chaplain. All the committees were chosen yesterday and each committee will select its own chairman.

So far as it is known no candidates are in the field for president pro-tem of the senate.

#### Liles Starts Session.

The new lieutenant governor, Wilson G. Harvey, of Charleston, will assume his duties as president of the senate at the same time the governor is inaugurated, which is expected to be at noon Tuesday, January 18. Until then Junius T. Liles, present lieutenant governor, will preside.

#### Would Economize.

The only debate Wednesday came over a resolution offered by Senator Christensen to set the hour of convening at 10:30 o'clock in the morning and to start night sessions next week, when uncontested local matters could be disposed of.

Senator Christensen favored meeting every morning at the above hour with the exception of Monday. The object of this resolution is to shorten the session and so to economize the legislative expenditures and conserve the time of the departments, institutions and individuals involved in legislative business," Senator Christensen said in supporting the resolution.

The Beaufort senator pointed out that last year of the first 28 days the senate met only 15, and in these 15 meetings actually sat only 21 hours. He stressed the point that if economy is to be practiced, it should start at home.

Mr. Christensen said he believed the session could be shortened at least a week by the adoption of the resolution.

Senator Clifton seriously objected to the resolution and upon his insistence it was referred to the committee on rules. He favored pruning every increase asked for.

A resolution by Senator Pearce, asking for concurrence by the house, asked the assembly to go on record as favoring the continuance of federal aid for building roads to the several states. The resolution urged congress to appropriate funds for this work and desired to have South Carolina contribute its portion toward keeping the federal aid. Senator Baker of Florence objected saying that he did not want federal aid for his county, as his experiences along this line had not been encouraged. The resolution was held over until later.

The opening session was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Liles and after roll call by the Rev. C. A. Freed, chaplain, offered prayer. The senators then took the oath of office, as did the newly elected officers.

Senator Baskin of Lee county was granted an indefinite leave of absence on account of sickness. Senator Clifton of Sumter said he was not feeling well and did not expect to attend many of the sessions of the senate.

#### In The House.

Thomas P. Cothran of Greenville was elected speaker of the house of representatives without opposition. Mr. Cothran begins for the fourth time to serve as speaker of the house.

Promptly at 12 o'clock the gavel wielded by the hand of J. Wilson Gibbs struck sharply on the speaker's desk in the house of representatives and the legislative machinery of the first session of the 74th general assembly began to turn. Work of nominating a temporary chairman, swearing in the members, electing a speaker and various clerks and officers and the drawing of seats by the members proceeded smoothly and by 3 o'clock the house was ready for adjournment.

The opening session was preceded by a concert given by Neil O'Brien's minstrel band, the members of which were stationed on the northern portico of the State House. The concert was greatly enjoyed, a large pro-

### MR. E. TRATE HAMER DEAD.

One of the County's Staunchest Citizens Passes Away Suddenly.

Salter's Depot, Jan. 11.—Our little town was grieved and saddened on yesterday morning by the death of one of our staunchest citizens, Mr. E. T. Hamer. He had been in declining health for some time but had been ill only about twenty-four hours when death claimed him. Of late years he had made his home with his sister Mrs. Mattie Ferrell of this place, where he died on yesterday.

Mr. Hamer was born in Marlboro county, Sept. 7th, 1859, but moved to Williamsburg County, with others of the family in the early eighties. He was 61 years old, and was a constant member of Union Presbyterian Church and a member of the following orders: Masons, Knights of Pythias and Woodmen of the World, also a member of the board of trustees of Salter's School. He was a man of sterling character, kind hearted, and numbered his friends by the score. In the death of Mr. Hamer, Williamsburg County has lost one of its best citizens the town of Salter's one of its best friends and Union Church one of its most loyal members. He is survived by three following brothers and sisters: Mr. J. D. Hamer of Little Rock Ark; Mr. Philip Hamer of Oklahoma; Mrs. W. H. Stubbs of Bennetts and Mrs. Mattie Ferrell of Salter's.

Mr. Hamer was buried at Union Church at 3:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon with Masonic honors following funeral services conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Mr. Sinnot. The high esteem in which the deceased was held by his fellow citizens was attested by their presence at the burial to participate in the last sad rites to their departed friend and neighbor.

portion of the membership of both house and senate being present to hear some of the numbers. The opening exercises in the house were attended by a small crowd of spectators who watched the proceedings with interest.

#### Administer Oaths.

After the house had been called to order by Mr. Gibbs, he announced that a temporary chairman would be necessary in order to administer the oath to the members. J. K. Owens nominated George S. Mower of Newberry. The nomination met with many seconds and Mr. Mower was elected temporary chairman, the oath being administered by J. Wilson Gibbs.

After expressing his appreciation of the honor shown him, Chairman Mower ordered the roll called by counties and as the members came forward they grouped themselves in front of the speaker's stand and the oath was administered. Only a few members failed to respond. W. T. P. Sprott of Clarendon, elected a member of the house died Christmas Day, and it is likely that the speaker will order an election within a few days to fill the vacancy.

In the absence of one member from Clarendon the house enrolled a total of 123 members.

#### Gibbs Made Clerk.

At the conclusion of the address of the speaker, S. T. D. Lancaster nominated J. Wilson Gibbs as clerk of the house. The nomination met with many seconds and Mr. Gibbs was elected without opposition. He was escorted to the desk by Representatives Clinkscales, Gresham and McElveen.

W. R. Bradford nominated A. E. Hutchinson of Rock Hill as reading clerk. He also was elected without opposition and was escorted to his desk by Representative Bradford, Jackson and Segars.

Representative W. P. Robinson nominated J. S. Wilson of Lancaster for sergeant at arms and he was elected without opposition. He was escorted to the desk by Representatives Robinson, Johnson and Lancaster.

The Rev. R. L. Keaton, pastor of the Green street Methodist church, Columbia, was nominated chaplain by C. N. Sapp. The chaplain was escorted to the desk by Representatives Sapp, Pursley and M. P. Cooper.

During the session the house was informed by M. M. Mann, clerk of the senate, that the senate had convened and organized. A similar message was sent to the senate from the house. After the transaction of other routine business, during which the members selected their desks for the session the house adjourned until 11:30 a. m. today.

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### NEWS LETTER FROM ROME

Happenings of Interest by Our Correspondent

#### Happenings in and Around Rome.

Rome, Jan. 11.—Mr. and Mrs. W. Carey Rollins spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Eaddy at Hemingway. Mrs. R. K. Wallace and children of Kingstree spent last weekend with Mrs. L. B. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Huggins and little son of Johnsonville, spent Sunday with Mrs. Huggins' parents Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Carroway.

Miss Lucile Turbeville visited friends in Indiantown last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bethel DuRant are happy over the arrival of a fine baby girl on Dec. 27th.

Col. and Mrs. Holmes B. Sprins and little daughter have returned to Greenville after spending two weeks here with Mrs. Springs' parents Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Wilson.

The boys and girls have returned to the various colleges after spending two weeks at home.

Mrs. B. B. Chandler has returned from Barnwell where she has been with her sister who has been very ill. We are glad to hear of an improvement in her condition.

Wilson Buie has returned to his home in Merchantsville, N. J. after spending the holidays here with relatives. Mrs. Buie and son, Wilson, Jr., are now visiting in Georgetown. They will spend sometime here before returning home.

Mrs. Fannie Munnerlyn was called last week to the bedside of her son Dr. J. F. Munnerlyn of Columbia who was very ill. We are glad to report that he is now improving.

Miss Martha McFadden of the Union School faculty was a visitor in Kingstree Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Cooke of Blooming vale were visitors here Sunday.

The Rondoliers were the entertainers at the Lyceum attraction at Union High School last Monday night. This was the third number and an exceptionally good one—and the best is yet to come.

Miss Lydie Clyde of Kingstree was a visitor here last Tuesday.

Miss Louise Haddock, who is teaching at Bloomingvale spent Sunday at home.

Dr. P. S. Thomas of Hemingway was a visitor here Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Way attended the district meeting of preachers held at Lane one day last week.

Quite a number of people here attending the Lyceum attraction at Hemingway last Tuesday night. I was an especially fine number.

Prof. D. H. Dantzer, Misses Helen Cheatham, Eleanor Todd, Martha McFadden and Helen Clarke of the Union High School faculty have returned after spending the holidays at their respective homes. They began work last Monday.

Prof. O. M. Mitchell has returned to his school in Marlboro County, near Gibson, N. C. He was accompanied by Mrs. Mitchell. We are very sorry indeed to lose them from our community even for a few months.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. D. Munnerlyn and family spent last weekend-end at Indiantown with Mrs. Munnerlyn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Snowden.

There will be an old fashioned hot supper—the kind that used to be at Union High School next Friday night, Jan. 14th. Turkey and Barbecue will be on the menu, besides lots of other good things. This supper is under the auspices of the Women's Missionary society for the benefit of the Church.

### "MONK" EASTMAN'S SLAYER

Prohibition Enforcement Agent Bohan Said to Have Confessed

New York, Jan. 8.—Backwash from the high tide in New York's crime wave created more excitement in police department circles today than the few fresh outbreaks of violence in the past 24 hours.

The mystery which had enveloped the killing on the morning after Christmas of "Monk" Eastman gangster-soldier, was cleared up when Jeremiah Bohan, a prohibition enforcement agent, surrendered and it is alleged admitted shooting Eastman, who had his citizenship rights returned after valiant war service.

Bohan described the killing as taking place after a drinking party at the Blue Bird cafe, following threats on his life and "vile language" by Eastman, police said.

### BANKS MAKE FINE SHOWING

Bank of Kingstree Stockholders Met Yesterday.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Kingstree was held in the directors' room of the bank yesterday. The meeting was well attended, there being represented either in person or by proxy 516 shares of the total of 600 shares.

The report of the president and cashier was highly satisfactory, showing the bank's condition to be in excellent shape, and as having passed through a most successful year with net earnings of about 15 per cent. out of which a dividend of 8 per cent. was declared and ordered paid to the stockholders.

A unanimous vote of thanks was extended by the stockholders to the officers and directors of the bank for the successful manner in which the affairs of the institution were conducted during the year.

It was decided that the bank will occupy its new quarters on the corner of Main and Academy streets, about March 1st, next. New fixtures for the new home of the bank are being shipped and installation will be made as soon as they arrive.

Old officers and directors of the bank were re-elected for 1921.

#### Bank of Williamsburg.

The Bank of Williamsburg held its annual meeting of stockholders in the office rooms of the bank Monday. The report of the president and cashier showed the bank to be in a very flourishing condition, and as having passed a very successful year with net earnings of about 15 per cent. The usual eight per cent. dividend was declared and will be paid to the stockholders. The old officers and directors were re-elected for the ensuing year.

#### Expect Changes in Primary Law.

Columbia, Jan. 9.—Legislation for women, made necessary by the ratification of the nineteenth amendment, will be one of the features of the seventy-fourth annual session of the South Carolina General Assembly, convening in Columbia at noon Tuesday.

It is expected that legislation will be adopted making changes in the primary laws of the state giving women the right to participate in the primaries. Agitation is also being brought to the front for the erection of a woman's building at the University of South Carolina, the sum of \$200,000 being asked for this purpose.

A joint tax committee, appointed at the last session to give its findings in 1921, has made its report and has recommended a complete change in the tax system, including a revaluation and reassessment of all property. This program includes a departure from the system by which tax receipts have come entirely from property.

Robert A. Cooper will be inaugurated for the second time as Governor of South Carolina on Tuesday, January 18. At the same time Wilson G. Harvey of Charleston, will become Lieutenant Governor and President of the senate, succeeding Julius T. Liles, of Orangeburg.

At this session of the general Assembly a number of state offices are to be filled by elections and four circuit judges will be named.

#### Fires At Lake City.

At Lake city Sunday morning fire destroyed the Lake City Music Company in the Singletary block. The fire was restricted to the store occupied by the Music Company but the stock of goods of Sanders, adjoining store, was considerably damaged by water and smoke. The Music Company suffered a material loss. It is thought the fire started from the stove. The residence of Mr. M. C. Collins was also destroyed by fire last week.

In the Mayor's court at Lake City Saturday M. E. King pleaded guilty to the charge of shooting a pistol on the streets. A warrant has been issued for King charging him with shooting Clifford Graham, who was struck by one of the stray bullets alleged to have come from King's pistol, the ball passing through the former's hip. King will be tried at the next court of sessions. The shooting took place on Christmas day. King claims it was entirely accidental.

#### Huggins - Godwin.

Married at the Baptist parsonage, Kingstree, Monday afternoon, Jan. 10, by the Rev. E. A. McDowell, Miss Annah S. Huggins, of Hemingway, and Mr. Chalmers L. Godwin, of Summerton.

### TOBACCO GROWERS ATTENTION

Important Meeting at Florence, Friday, January 11th.

Clemson College, Jan. 12.—Representatives of the tobacco growers of Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina met in Richmond, Dec. 17-18, to work out a plan for the co-operative marketing of the tobacco crop of these states. This plan is to be submitted to the tobacco growers in Virginia on Jan. 11 at Lynchburg; in South Carolina at Florence on Jan. 14.

"These are all-important meetings," says Mr. W. W. Long, director of the extension Service of Clemson College and the United States Department of Agriculture, "and our South Carolina tobacco farmers can not afford to miss the meeting at Florence on Friday, January 14. Growers must get together and stand together in a real co-operative organization that will control the sale of this important crop. The co-operative plan will be thoroughly explained and discussed, and the advisability of adopting it for the Carolinas and Virginia will be passed upon."

Mr. Aaron Sapiro, the famous California marketing expert, who has organized 14 successful co-operative marketing associations among California farmers will be present and make addresses. This greatest authority in the United States on such questions will make clear what co-operative marketing is and why it is the best hope for escape from such conditions as now exist in the selling of tobacco, corn, cotton, etc.

"At last the real fight for commercial freedom for Carolina-Virginia farmers is definitely begun," says Dr. Clarence Poe in speaking of the proposed co-operative marketing plans; "let's show the world that we mean business"

#### Kingstree School Notes.

The Junior Red Cross of Kingstree has contributed \$100 to the Near East Relief.

The High School boys have organized a basketball team and have as coach the Rev. Mr. Davis. They are working real hard to build up their team in order that they might be able to give and accept challenges. They expect to play a good many match games in the near future.

The Wee Nee Literary Society will hold its regular meeting Friday, Jan. 14 at 1:30 o'clock. The query for debate is resolved: "That the County Should Furnish Free Text Books for the Public School Pupils." Visitors are welcome.

#### Greeleyville Plays Kingstree

The most interesting event of the season was the game played by the ball teams Tuesday afternoon. The game was called at four o'clock, and both teams were awaiting their chance to show their superiority in basketball playing.

The goal throwers of the Kingstree team Miss Maria Burgess and the center of Greeleyville team, Miss Jaunita Funderburg, put up the best fight of the game. The scores which both sides made were due to their unsurpassed playing, while the others took a most important part also.

Miss Burgess played better than ever before, making six scores from throwing the ball into the basket from the opposite side of the court. She did this repeatedly for three times.

The centers were well matched and each fought for his team.

This was Kingstree's second game this year, while it was Greeleyville's first. They played as if they had been playing all of their lives.

The referee of the game was Miss Madaline McCants of Kingstree and the Umpire was Mrs. Bonner of Greeleyville.

The score was 39 to 3 in favor of Kingstree.

Mr. A. C. Hinds advisory Councilman of Williamsburg County is acting as chairman for the membership drive in the Alumni Association of the University of South Carolina, being made during the last three days of this week. The purpose of this campaign is to bring all graduates and former students of the University into active connection with the association. All Carolina men and women in Williamsburg County are urged to communicate with Mr. A. C. Hinds during Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

#### Parent-Teacher Meeting.

The meeting of the Parent-Teachers association which was to have taken place Monday afternoon was postponed until next Monday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock.

## GREELYVILLE BANK HOLDS MEETING

NEWS FROM GREELYVILLE IS TERSELY TOLD BY THE RECORD'S CORRESPONDENT.

Greeleyville, Jan. 11.—The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of Greeleyville was held in the offices the Bank of Greeleyville was held in the offices of the bank on Tuesday afternoon, January 11th.

The condition of the bank was found to be in excellent shape and, in spite of the nation-wide deflation and hard times, it was voted to declare an 8 per cent. dividend on all stock and let the remainder of the profits pass to the surplus fund. All officers and directors of the bank were re-elected and entire satisfaction in their management of the affairs of the bank were demonstrated by the stockholders.

#### Greeleyville vs. Kingstree.

The Greeleyville High School has been running high on athletics for the past week. A game was scheduled with the Kingstree High School last week, but bad roads prevented all the visiting team from arriving. However, the game was played Tuesday with such disastrous results for Greeleyville that we forgot to count the score. Kingstree was out with a full brigade, commanded by her good looking referee and backed up by a cracker-jack team and a good bunch of rooters. Miss Maria Burgess was decidedly the feature player, who did everything well, from the constant sucking of her lemon down to the phenomenal goal throwing. However she was backed up by a fast and scientific team. The unhappy climax of the game was that we had to admit that Kingstree High can play basketball and Greeleyville High can't. However, we have the best looking girls in the world and, as they are young and ambitious, Kingstree had better look out, for we are surely going to get her!

#### Right Word Wouldn't Come.

The following is related by a four-year-old Greeleyville boy to his mother, being a very excited description of how a small boy and his little cousin of the same age were "cussed out" by two other Greeleyville boys, both aged six.

"Mama me and Sam wuz down the street just awhile ago and Jimmy and Charlie just 'cussed' us to every bad word they could think of! I kept looking at Sam and asked him why he didn't 'cuss' 'um back and Sam just kept standing there and wouldn't say a word, and I couldn't think of a single 'cuss' word myself and I asked Sam again 'to for goodness sake say sumpin', but he still never said a word, so I just made up my mind I would say sumpin anyhow, so, I just said, 'Jimmy, both yours and Charlie's shirt-tail is out.'"

#### Personal Mention.

Miss Ethel Ferrell is visiting her sister in Atlanta.

Mr. Ben A. Hughes has just returned from North Carolina, where he visited his father.

Mr. Marvin D. Lewis, formerly of Greeleyville, paid a visit to his many friends here last week, who regret to know that he will make his future home in Hemingway.

Dr. and Mrs. Middleton spent Sunday in Sumter visiting relatives there.

Miss Eloise Moore stopped by to see relatives and friends here upon her return to Columbia from a delightful trip to New York and eastern cities.

Mr. Pressley Hogan was in Greeleyville this week on a business trip. Mr. Hogan is head of the Hogan Advertising Company, of Columbia and he has secured from his friends here a nice business in the way of calendars and other advertising matter.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. Robert W. Moore, who has undergone a serious operation in a hospital at Charleston is recovering rapidly.

Mr. Jamie Mallard made a business trip here this week.

Dr. and Mrs. William Boyd are in Charleston this week.

Charleston this week seeing the city.

Mrs. S. B. Varner has returned home from an extended visit to relatives in Charleston.

Mr. M. D. DeLorme, of Charleston, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. Claude I. Truluck recently elected superintendent of the Baptist Sunday School entered upon the duties of his office Sunday. His host of friends bespeak for his success.