

THE LEGISLATURE MEETS.

MENDEL L. SMITH RE-ELECTED SPEAKER.

House Organized and Officers Elected—James A. Hoyt Made Clerk Once More—Speaker Smith Talks About Socialism—Outstanding Features of Gov. Blease's Message.

Columbia, Jan. 14.—Meeting at noon today the House of Representatives effected an organization by electing Richard S. Whaley, of Charleston temporary chairman; Mendal L. Smith, of Kershaw, was re-elected Speaker without opposition.

James A. Hoyt, defeated J. Wilson Gibbs, for clerk.

In an address to the house Speaker Smith advised that Socialism be discarded.

Mr. Mower, of Newberry, Mr. Stevenson, of Chesterfield; Rembert, of Richland, were appointed a committee to notify the Governor that the House was organized.

Mr. Kibler of Newberry moved that the house adopt the rules of the last house, with an amendment providing for the election of a speaker pro tempore. Mr. Kibler's motion prevailed.

Speaker Smith appointed Butler Stanley as the page to draw for seats for the members.

The private secretary of the governor presented the annual message of Governor Blease, which was read and ordered printed in the Journal of the house.

The house adjourned at 2.30.

The Senate.

The senate met today promptly at noon with Lieut. Governor Smith presiding. Senator Hardin was chosen president pro tem and the other officers were re-elected. The committee assignments were read.

S. McGowan Simkins, elected reading clerk of the house and J. S. Wilson, sergeant-at-arms.

Senator Hardin is chairman of the finance committee and Carlisle as chairman of the judiciary.

The Governor's message was read following which the senate adjourned until noon tomorrow.

The Governor's Message.

The annual message of Governor Blease contains the following recommendations:

"A flat two cent passenger rate on all railroads, a special one cent tax for the support of the common schools, to change the name of Clemson College to Calhoun University, to combine the Medical College in Charleston with the University; a water power tax; the repeal of the right of cities and towns to grant exclusive franchise; to lower the legal rate of interest to six per cent. Governor Blease scored Comptroller General Jones for turning down the pay warrants of his detectives. He attacked cotton mill mergers and recommended that the hosiery mill at the penitentiary be abolished.

REPORT OF CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE.

Several Contributions Omitted From Previous Statement.

Editor Dialy Item:

Please make note of a few changes in our statement. Jr. Order of American Mechanics should have been credited with \$10.00 instead of \$5.00 and there were several contributions of articles used in the distribution that did not enter into the cash account:

- Schwartz Bros, toys about, \$5.00.
- J. M. Chandler, clothing \$10.
- Shaw and McCollum Mer. Co., skirts \$10.
- Paid D. J. Aud, wood orders \$5.25.
- Bartow Walsh,
- W. S. Jones.

DEATH OF FRANK G. POTTS.

Husband Follows Wife to the Grave within Week.

Lynchburg, Jan. 15.—J. Frank G. Potts, whose wife died last week, died last evening, and will be interred at the Lynchburg cemetery some time this afternoon. The deceased is an old and well known citizen of this place. He is 69 years old and leaves six small children to be cared for by relatives. He and his wife became ill nearly the same time.

The City Manager told a reporter for The Item Tuesday morning that he was trying hard to get the city's streets in a presentable condition. Somebody must have carried the gentleman on a bicycle ride on Broad or West Liberty Street during the recent rainy spell.

The result of the use of the latter part of last week of the road scraper and the split log drag, aided by the spreading of ashes at crossings and other places on the streets where they were needed, can be plainly seen and the good accomplished is noticeable.

COTTON TAKES ANOTHER DROP.

Active Months Make New Low Ground for Movement Under Influence of Bearish Factors—Close Steady Within Point or Two of Day's Lowest Figures, Showing Net Decline of 11a17 Points

New York, Jan. 13.—The cotton market was generally easier and unsettled today with most of the active months making new low ground for the movement under continued liquidation of scattering pressure, which seemed to be inspired by increased arrivals here from the South and predictions that interior holders will soon begin to sell hedges against remaining old crop supplies should the decline continue. The close was steady, but within a point or two of the lowest, with last prices showing a net decline of from 11a17 points.

The market opened steady at a decline of 5a6 points, the more active positions sold 8a17 points lower shortly after the opening in response to disappointing cables. A rally of 8 or 9 points followed on reports that preliminary returns showed a very light ginning for the first of January, but the improvement brought out increased offerings for both accounts and prices broke again, reporting the lowest point of the day in the late trading. Below 12.30 for March and 12.35 for May, quite an active demand was encountered which, was said to include covering by shorts and fixing of prices on "call cotton" by spinners, while a considerable volume of buying by houses with Western connections helped the tone toward the close.

Wall street houses were very heavy sellers during the day, and there was quite a good deal of selling here by houses with Southern connections with some to be against supplies in the interior. Arrivals of consigned cotton at New York since January 1 have been about 16,000 bales and so far 27,000 bales have been delivered on January contracts. Cotton futures closed steady.

NEWS FROM WINTHROP.

Students Hard at Work After Holidays—Number of Enjoyable Lectures.

Winthrop College, Rock Hill, Jan. 15.—Since our return from home after the Christmas holidays we have been very busy. Some have been trying to pull up their last term's marks and some have been studying to keep good marks up for next term.

In spite of the fact that we are studying very hard, we are not too busy to enjoy the lectures and different amusements that have been provided for us. Dr. Johnson secured Dr. Harvey W. Wiley to give us a very interesting talk on last Monday night. We are very grateful to Dr. Johnson for securing such an interesting and helpful speaker for us. Dr. Wiley told us many things that will be helpful to us when we go out as teachers.

The Choral Society gave their first public meeting on last Saturday night. The program was taken entirely from the life and work of Schubert. The lovers of music had a very delightful evening.

The Carolina-Davidson debate will be held on the 15th. We expect some good debating from both sides as a good many boys from each side are expected to be here. Room for them has been made in our auditorium.

The legislature has been invited to spend the day with us on the 18th. We sincerely hope that they will come. It is always a pleasure to us to have them with us.

A committee from the legislature came up on last Wednesday. The chairman of the committee gave the student body a very instructive talk at the chapel exercises.

Classes have been started in the Tillman science hall. Work is still going on but many of the class rooms are complete. The annex to the infirmary is going up rapidly.

Each of the Sumter girls was saddened by the news of the death of Annie Randle. Each of us extend our sympathy to our schoolmate and her family.

"A Cock."

Crowd at Basketball Game.

The basketball game at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium attracted a good crowd Tuesday night and much interest seemed to be manifested by the spectators in the contest. The game was a good one, Brown's team defeating Hall's men by a score of 17 to 19.

Hereafter exhibition games will be played every Wednesday night. Those interested should see the athletic director to get on one of the teams.

The gas people are still busy at many places putting down the gas mains. Many service connections are put in all along the streets as fast as the mains are located, the citizens seemingly being anxious to have the gas at the earliest date possible.

A PROGRESSIVE GOVERNMENT.

PROMISE OF PRESIDENT-ELECT IN TRENTON SPEECH.

As Instrument of People Who Elect Him, Nation's Next Chief Executive Declares He'll Only be Carrying Out their Expressed Wish when He "Picks Out Only Progressives" to Aid Him in Administering Country's Affairs.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 13.—Governor Wilson, for whom the majority of the States in the Union today officially cast their electoral votes for the Presidency, proclaimed, in a speech to the New Jersey Presidential electors, that he interpreted his election as the distinct expression of the progressive impulses of the country.

"I shall not be acting as a partisan when I pick out progressives and only progressives to aid me," the Governor said, in analyzing the spirit that he said had produced his election.

The Governor predicted no division in the counsels of the Democratic party, but foresaw solidarity. "These Democrats," he said, "who hitherto have been slow to align themselves with the progressive banner of the party, are everywhere yielding. The business men of the country, too, are swinging around to an unselfish and broader view of their duties to the people."

The speech was delivered at a luncheon given for the electors by the Democratic State committee just before the official ballot was cast. It was the last Dr. Wilson is scheduled to make before his inauguration.

"I feel that it would be unbecoming in me," he said, "not to make a speech today. I feel that it would be unbecoming in me to make a speech today in other tone than that of a man who believes that he is speaking for the men with whom he is associated. Some men have been slow to observe, but the majority of us have seen that the people of the United States have taken a definite choice. I happen to be one of the instruments through whom that choice is expressed, but I am for the time, and that choice is for the long future.

"The people of the United States have turned their faces in a definite direction and any party, any man, who does not go with them in that direction, they will reject, and they ought to reject.

"Therefore, in looking forward to the responsibilities that I am about to assume, I feel first, last and all the time that I am acting in a representative capacity. I am bolden to interpret as well as I can the purposes of the people of the United States and to act, so far as my choice determines the action, only through the instrumentality of persons who also represent that choice. I have no liberty in the matter. I have given bonds; my sacred honor is involved and nothing more could be involved. Therefore, I shall not be acting as a partisan when I pick out progressives, and only progressives. I shall be acting as a representative of the people of this country. And, therefore, it is a matter of supreme pleasure to me to find in every direction, as I turn about from one group of men to another, that men's minds and men's consciences and men's purposes are yielding to that great impulse that now moves the whole people of the United States.

A Mere Slap.

A young lawyer in a Southern town was sitting in his office one day when an old negro who had belonged to the lawyer's father, came in and hailed him.

"Mistah Campbell," he said, "Ise done got in a little mess 'count of my ole 'oman, and I wants you to please, suh, to come 'long over to de cote-house and fix it up for me. It don't 'mount to nothin' but dey is talkin' 'bout swearing' out a writ and sendin' de constables after me."

"What is the matter?" asked the lawyer.

"Well, suh," said the old man, "you know what a aggevatinn nigger 'oman dat wife o' mine is? Dis mawnin' at breakfus' she kept on argufyin' and 'sputin' wid me ontwell I up and slapper, Dat's all it is; I des slapped her 'longside he haid on't to correct her."

Leaving the old man in his office the lawyer crossed to the court house. He found that the woman was in a hospital, reported as dangerously injured, and that a charge of assault with intent to kill had been lodged against the husband. He hurried back.

"Now, Uncle Ike," he asked, "if you want me to defend you, you've got to tell me the truth about this whole affair. They say your wife is badly hurt—she may not get well. What did you do to her?"

"Mistah Campbell," protested the old man, "I done tole you de truth—I des up and slapped dat 'oman alongside de haid wid my hand."

"With your hand?"

"Yes suh."

"Was there anything in your hand?"

"Well, suh, since you mentions it," said the accused, "I des seem to recall dat I happened to be holdin' a Blatiron in my hand at de time."

BIG FIRE AT PINWOOD.

Felder Bros Store Reduced to Ashes—Boy Has Narrow Escape from Death.

Pinewood, Jan. 15.—This morning at 3.30 o'clock Felder Bros store was found to be on fire and was soon in ashes. If the wind had been blowing from the north or west it is likely it would have swept the town. A. G. Stack's two-story brick store caught several times, but was promptly extinguished by the bucket brigade. Capt. Lee Morris, A. C. L. section master, was one among the first to see the blaze. He had to run a quarter of a mile and ring the church bell, which is used in case of fires. R. M. Johnson lost the contents of his meat market. The Pinewood Telephone Exchange lost a telephone and has two poles badly scorched. Almost to the hour sixty days ago a vacant store was burned and an adjoining building full of cotton seed. Felder Bros was composed of Mr. R. Lee Felder of St. Matthews and F. A. Felder, manager, of this place.

Last evening Sam Williams, colored, drove a fine mare of Jeff James' right in front of A. C. L. passenger train No. 32 from Augusta and the animal was so badly injured that it had to be killed. The boy received a few bruises which are not serious. The boy saw the train, stopped the horse and then whipped up and tried to cross ahead of the train when the engine struck the team with the above mentioned results. The train was in charge of Engineer Divine and Conductor Jones. The train was brought to a standstill in two coach lengths after it struck.

PULLMAN SERVICE UNPROFITABLE.

Chair Car on Charleston-Greenville Train Will Probably be Discontinued in Near Future by Atlantic Coast Line.

After operating a Pullman chair car on the Charleston-Greenville train for more than a year and finding it unprofitable, the Atlantic Coast Line has given notice that the chair car service will be discontinued in the near future unless the patronage increases to such an extent as to pay the cost of operation. This service was inaugurated as the direct result of the efforts of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce, there being a demand on the part of the public for Pullman service on the train. The Atlantic Coast Line officials declined for several months to comply with the request of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce and similar organizations of other cities that endorsed the request, the ground for refusing to institute Pullman service being that, in their opinion, it would be operated at a loss. According to the statement now made, a test of more than a year has demonstrated that there is not sufficient patronage to pay the actual cost of operating Pullman service on this train, and the natural consequence is that the service will be discontinued. If the traveling public want a chair car on the Charleston-Greenville train they will have to patronize it. The Atlantic Coast Line will not continue the service at a loss and cannot be expected to do so for the accommodation of the few who want it.

Real Estate Transfers.

Charles N. Chandler to R. Frank Chandler, right, interest and title in 160 acres in Shiloh township, \$432.

J. A. Schwerin, Sr., to Miss Maude C. Wright, lot on Dingle street, \$265.

J. L. McCallum and D. R. McCallum, Jr. to J. K. Crosswell, lot on Main street, \$2,400.

TAX RETURNS FOR 1913.

Notice is hereby given that I will attend in person or by deputy at the following places on the days indicated, respectively for the purpose of receiving returns of personal property and poll taxes, for the fiscal year commencing January 1st, 1913.

All males between the ages of 21 and 69 years, must make returns as to whether or not they are liable for road duty for the year 1913.

- Tindals, Tuesday, January 7.
- Privateer, Wednesday, January 8.
- Levi Siding, Thursday, January 9.
- Wedgetfield, Friday, January 10.
- Claremont, Tuesday, January 14.
- Hagood, Wednesday, January 15.
- Rembert's, Thursday, January 16.
- Dalzell, Friday, January 17.
- Brogdon, Monday, January 20.
- Maysville, Tuesday, January 21.
- Pleasant Grove, Wednesday, January 22.
- Shiloh, Thursday, January 23.
- Norwood Cross Roads, Friday, January 24.
- Oswego, Monday, January 27.

All persons whose duty it is to make returns should be prompt to meet at these appointments. All returns must be made before February 20th, 1913.

R. E. WILDER, Auditor Sumter County, Sumter, S. C., Dec. 3, 1912.

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

Statement of the Condition of

The Bank of Sumter,

SUMTER, S. C.

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JANUARY 10, 1913.

RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Loans and Discounts, 647,477.22	Capital stock, 200,000.00
Bonds and stocks, 21,706.23	Surplus, 50,000.00
Furniture & Fix., 8,400.49	Undivided profits, 13,366.11
Real Estate, 49,468.34	Dividends unpaid, 704.00
Cash in vault, and in banks, 139,459.76	Bills payable, 160,000.00
	Deposits, 442,441.93
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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF DEPOSITS:

Deposits, January 10, 1912.....318,371.04

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INCREASE OF \$124,070.89

Garden Seeds.

We have just received a shipment of LANTHRETH'S NEW CROP SEEDS, in bulk and in 5 cent papers. Also a full line of Flower Seeds.

Hearon's Pharmacy,

PHONE 36

Frost Proof Cabbage Plants

Prices: 1,000 to 4,000 plants at \$1.25 per thousand; 5,000 to 9,000 at \$1.00 per thousand; 10,000 to 90 cents per thousand and special prices on larger lots or to those acting as our agents.

We have cheapest express rate, we guarantee count, safe delivery, prompt shipment and satisfaction. Plants grown in open fields and guaranteed Frost Proof. We have all varieties. The earliest, Early Jersey Wakefield; next earliest, Large Type Charleston Wakefield; late varieties, Succession and Late Flat Dutch. Plants now ready for shipment.

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