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GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS NOW IN SESSION.

BOTH HOUSES CONVENED AT HIGH NOON ON TUESDAY.

New Bills Introduced On First Day—The Elections—In Memory Of The Lamented Gordon—Other Matters.

Columbia, January 14.—The general assembly convened at high noon on Tuesday.

This being a middle term and all the members having served during one session, both houses were organized and got down to business with very little ceremony.

The matter of the election to be held during the session was taken up early in the day and Mr. Aull's resolution in the house calling for an election of an associate justice, two members of the penitentiary board, a chairman of the dispensary board, two dispensary directors, a liquor commissioner and a state librarian, to be held on Friday. The matter was referred to the committee on privileges and elections.

The most important event of the first day, and that which consumed the most time, as is usual, was the reading of the governor's annual message.

The message was given to the readers of the Herald and News in an extra edition shortly after it was delivered.

FIRST DAY IN THE SENATE.

When the roll of the Senate was called there were only six absentees. Mr. G. I. Holliday, of Horry, was sworn in, succeeding Senator McDermotte, who has resigned since the last session. The proceedings were opened with prayer by the Rev. W. I. Herbert, in the absence of the chaplain.

Lieutenant Governor Sloan delivered an appropriate address, referring to the fact that the ranks of the senators had not been entered by death, and expressing the heartfelt wish that they would live on to see South Carolina, now great and grand, become greater and grander. He expressed the wish that their proceedings would be characterized by harmony, courtesy, intelligence and dignity.

A concurrent resolution was introduced by Senator Mayfield, inviting all county supervisors to attend the good roads convention to be held in Columbia on the 19th of this month and providing for the payment of their railroad expenses by the legislature.

A special message was received from the governor on the death of General Gordon, and the following concurrent resolution was offered by Senator Aldrich:

Whereas, it has pleased the Almighty to end the brilliant earthly career of that splendid soldier and statesman, Gen. John B. Gordon, of Georgia; and,

Whereas, at a trying period and critical period in the history of the State he came to our aid and rendered voluntary service of such value and devotion as entitles him forever to be known as the friend of the people of South Carolina: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate and House of representatives of South Carolina, that a committee of honor be raised to attend the funeral of Gen. Gordon and to pay the State's tribute of respect to his memory, said com-

mittee to be composed of his Excellency, the Governor, or such members of the executive department as he may designate, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, or such member of the judicial department as he may designate, three Senators, to be appointed by the President of the Senate and four of the House of Representatives, and that the sergeant-at-arms of the houses be instructed to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

The resolution was sent to the house and was concurred in by that body.

The large portrait of General Gordon in the senate chamber had already been draped in crape by the sergeant-at-arms, at the suggestion of Senator Sheppard.

THE FIRST DAY IN THE HOUSE.

The proceedings of the house were opened with prayer. Speaker M. L. Smith was very eloquent in his opening address, saying the members of the house had assembled to look after the welfare of their people. That was the highest law and he would caution them that it was more important to find what was necessary than to apply the remedy.

The special message of governor Heyward and the concurrent resolution of the senate relative to the death of General Gordon were received, and speaker Smith appointed the following committee to attend the funeral, saying that he thought those who had fought with Gordon were the proper ones to represent the State at his funeral: Messrs. Triple; James, Brooks, Jeremiah Smith and King.

Mr. McGill introduced a bill of local nature, which the house refused to refer to a special committee consisting of the Greenwood delegation.

Mr. W. J. Johnson, of Fairfield, introduced a bill proposing a franchise tax of one tenth of one per cent. upon the capital of every corporation in the State, except cotton mills, doing business for profit under a State charter, and requiring that the corporations make reports to the secretary of State.

SECOND DAY IN THE SENATE.

The Senate yesterday took up the consideration of the 34 bills left over from last session, mostly which were either recommitted or passed over without discussion. A resolution was passed inviting Senator Latimer to address the legislature on the 20th. The good roads convention which will be in session here at the time, will be invited to be present.

SECOND DAY IN THE HOUSE.

The house yesterday morning adopted the concurrent resolution fixing Friday as the day for the elections.

There was considerable discussion on the matter of referring measures to special committees. The discussion was provoked by a motion to refer a bill relating solely to Charleston to the Charleston delegation. The motion was finally killed and the bill went to the regular committee.

THE HAMPTON MONUMENT.

A number of new measures were introduced,—among them a bill to increase the appropriation for erecting a monument to Hampton to

\$30,000. It will be remembered that at the last session an appropriation was made for this purpose to be available only when the citizens of the State had voluntarily contributed \$10,000 to supplement the appropriation. Not more than half this amount has been raised so far.

The bills to prevent delays in freight shipments and to outlaw slot machines, were passed to a third reading.

Mr. Kirby's bill to appropriate \$100,000 for public schools and Mr. Taylor's bill to abolish sheriffs' and treasurers' fees were killed.

LATEST FROM LEGISLATURE.

Interesting News About the Forthcoming Election—The Candidates and the Offices.

Special to The Herald and News.

Columbia, S. C. January 14.—The general assembly will probably not go into an election until Wednesday.

Hon. H. H. Evans has no announced opponent of the dispensary board, though former senator McDermotte, of Horry, S. C., is being talked and a possibility, Towell of Lexington, Wylie of Chester, Walker of Barnwell, and Boyken of Kershaw are in the race for the two other positions on the board. W. O. Tatum, and W. D. Black are in the race for liquor commissioners. Mr. Tatum will probably be elected associate judge. Woods will succeed himself without opposition. Miss LaBorde is opposed for state librarian by several ladies, but will in all probability be elected for another term. There are a number of candidates for the penitentiary board.

BRYAN WANTS NEW PARTY.

Advocates Campaign on National Issues.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 14.—Wm. J. Bryan arrived here today on business connected with the Bennett will. This evening he was given a reception at the Hypercent Theatre. He made an address advocating national instead of party issues for the coming campaign, placing himself on record for broadening the policy of the Democratic party, and foreshadowing the formation of a party along new lines as laid down by himself this evening. A large crowd listened attentively, applauding liberally.

Death of Mr. Thomas V. Wicker.

Mr. Thomas V. Wicker died at his home in the city at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, in the 80th year of his age. He was a consistent member of the Methodist church and leaves a wife and several children and grandchildren.

Funeral services this afternoon at the house at half past three. Interment in Rosemont cemetery.

Worthily Done.

The John M. Kinard Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, sent Mr R. Herman Wright as its representative at the funeral of General Gordon.

The Drayton D. Rutherford Chapter of the Confederacy, sent a beautiful wreath of flowers for General Gordon's grave.

CITIZENS WILL SEEK SOME OTHER METHOD.

A COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONFER WITH COUNCIL.

A Communication Received From The City Council Giving A Full Statement of the Town's Financial Condition.

The adjourned citizens' meeting held in the court house on Wednesday afternoon heard the report of its committee, appointed at the previous meeting, submitting a full statement of the town's financial condition, and after a full and free discussion of the necessity for the license tax recently imposed by the council, continued the committee, with the addition of the chairman of the meeting, to confer with council and to report to a fourth meeting, some measure for funding the floating indebtedness of the town and by which the current expenses may be met out of the revenues. The meeting was attended by about sixty citizens.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George B. Cromer.

THE COMMITTEE REPORT.

The committee, consisting of Messrs. George Johnstone, chairman, W. E. Pelham, O. B. Mayer, T. C. Pool, B. F. Griffin, F. H. Dominick, and E. C. Jones, appointed at the last meeting to secure adequate information as to the financial condition of the town, reported through its chairman, Col. Johnstone, as follows:

QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE.

The following communication was handed Mayor Earhardt by the committee:

John W. Earhardt, Esq., Mayor of the Town of Newberry, Newberry, S. C.—Dear Sir: The undersigned have been appointed a committee on behalf of a meeting of the citizens of the town who have under consideration certain matters relating to the finances of the town in which they are vitally interested. They requested of us to obtain certain information from you which is necessary, as they conceive it, to an intelligent understanding of the matters in which they are concerned. They request us, therefore, to ask of you the following information:

1. What are the entire revenues of the town, and from what sources are they derived, and what amount is derived from each source? In this connection, we would be glad to have a statement, (a), As to what is the amount derivable from the ordinary six mill levy; (b), what amount is derived under each of the special levies and what are the amount for the special levies.
2. What is the indebtedness of the town? Under this head, we would like to be informed, (a), what is the present amount of the different bond issue outstanding against the town; (b), what is the amount of the floating debt including all items not covered by the bonded debt, and we would like to know to whom this indebtedness is owed, and what rate of interest it is drawing.
3. What amount is it estimated that the present license ordinance of the town recently passed will bring into the Treasury?
4. To what purposes is it proposed to apply the amount realized under the present recently passed license ordinance.

We would be pleased to have this information at the earliest practicable moment as we understand it is desired that we submit it to an adjourned meeting of the citizens on Wednesday next.

Very truly yours,
George Johnstone, Ch'n
W. E. Pelham,
Fred. H. Dominick,
B. F. Griffin,
T. C. Pool,
E. C. Jones,
O. B. Mayor,
Committee.

THE ANSWER OF COUNCIL.

To this communication council replied as follows:

Newberry, January 12.
Messrs. Geo. Johnstone, Pelham, Mayer, Pool, Griffin, F. H. Dominick and E. C. Jones, Committee: Gentlemen: In reply to your request for information concerning certain matters relating to the finances of the town in which the citizens are virtually interested, it gives me great pleasure to hand you the within statement. If we have failed to fully cover all questions, or if any further information is desired, please call on the City Clerk who will gladly furnish you with whatever additional information you may desire.

Very truly yours,
Jno. W. Earhardt,
Mayor of Newberry.

(1) What are the revenues of the town, and from what sources are they derived, and what amount is derived from each source?

6 Mill Regular Tax	\$ 9120 28
3/4 Mill Opera House Tax	1140 03
2 1/2 Mill Wat. Wks. & El. Lt. B'ds.	3800 12
1 Mill Sewer Bonds	1520 04—\$15530 49
Street Duty	1435 50
Rents	293 50
License	591 62
Fines Mayor's Ct.	1709 80
Dispensary & Beer profits	5000 02
Petty cash	26 42
Sale of 3 lots in colored cemetery	15 00—\$ 9071 86
	\$24652 35

(a) Derived from 6 Mill Regular Tax..... \$ 9120 28

(b) See answer question number one.

(2) What is the indebtedness of the town? Under this head we would like to be informed:

Opera House Bonds	\$22000 00
Water Wks & El. Lt. Bonds	42000 00
Sewer Bonds	25000 00
	\$89000 00
(b) What is the amount of the floating debt, including all items not covered by the bonded debt, and we would like to know to whom this indebtedness is owed, and what rate of interest it is drawing?	
Commercial Bank (Note) Due 12-1-03 (8 per cent.)	\$ 3028 91
Commercial Bank (Note) Due 3-9-04 (8 per cent.)	2804 80
National Bank (Note) Due 1-2-04 (8 per cent.)	3696 35
Fair Gravel Co (Note) Due 3-27-04 (6 per cent.)	1000 00
Fair Gravel Co (Note) Due 6-19-04 (6 per cent.)	584 11
Eureka Fire Hose Co. (Note) (6 per cent.)	450 00
F. C. Hallbrook (Note) Due 1-6-04 (8 per cent.)	2500 00
Sarah W. Houseal (Note) Due 1-10-05 (8 per cent.)	1500 00
Carolina Savings Bank (Note) Due 12-23-04 (8 per cent.)	2000 00
Carolina Savings Bank (Note) Due 2-28-04 (8 per cent.)	2000 00
M. G. G. Scherer (Note) Due 12-31-05 (8 per cent.)	300 00
Mary A. Ehrman (Note) Due 12-31-05 (8 per cent.)	100 00
Nat'l Bank Newberry (Note) Due 12-22-03 (8 per cent.)	569 33
Savings Bank Newberry (Note) Due 12-30-03 (8 per cent.)	2000 00
Savings Bank Newberry (Note) Due 12-31-03 (8 per cent.)	1000 00