

INTERESTING SESSIONS OF WEEK AT TALLAHASSEE

Beard's Great Fight For the Disfranchisement of Negroes.

STATE UNIFORMITY GIVEN A BLACK EYE

County School Officials Are Vigorously Opposed to the Scheme.

OPINION DIVIDED RELATIVE TO ADDRESS OF FRANK CLARK—ADAMS'S TEN-STRIKE IN FAVOR OF LAKE CITY—WATSON'S PRIMARY BILL DISSECTED IN THE HOUSE.

By Jefferson Bell. Tallahassee, Apr. 20.—"Friday—always the fairest or the foulest"—was the worst of a series of muddy days. It rains before breakfast, then the sun comes out with a deceptive promise of fair weather, long enough to lure us out, then the clouds open and the floods descend. Fortunately the afternoons have been fine, and the evenings likewise. I have reached the conclusion that all the excitement of the week that is just closing has been too much for me. I feel demoralized, and am on the verge of brain-fag or nervous prostration. Senator Broome is very fond of quoting: "He would rather on a gibbet dangle than miss his great desire to wrangle."

This desire to wrangle has pervaded the legislative atmosphere and there has been no end of talking. Interesting Sessions. The sessions this week have been full of interest. Tuesday afternoon Senator Beard—he of heroic build and classic countenance—delivered his masterly speech upon the resolution to amend the constitution of the United States, under which suffrage to negroes was granted. Mr. Beard was a splendid figure that afternoon—his dark eyes flashing with intense feeling, his powerful voice, resonant and well modulated, ringing through the senate chamber, holding his audience in rapt attention as he recited the story of the ratifying of those amendments. At its close he sat like a stoic through the balloting and when the time came for the vote he leaned forward, and asked the secretary the result, twenty-three to five in favor of the resolution. Then the applause again rang through the hall.

Superintendent's Convention. The state superintendent of schools officials has been in session here since Wednesday morning. The leading educators of the state were in attendance and the meetings have been full of interest. State uniformity of text books received a very interesting eye at the hands of the convention. The convention was tendered a reception at the Leon hotel Tuesday evening and again at the college for women Thursday night. The convention holds the palm for being the largest organized lobby that has been to Tallahassee so far this session. Its business, however, is perfectly proper and legitimate and will result in good.

Address of Clark. Opinion is divided as to the address of Hon. Frank Clark to the convention Wednesday evening at the hall of the house of representatives. Clark is a fine speaker, but it is to be regretted that he chose this occasion for his very violent attack upon so-called yellow journals. The things he said are unquestionably true, but this was no occasion to say them. Mr. Clark has been a very interesting figure at the capital this week. He is a genial, companionable man and generally was the center of an admiring group of friends whom he was entertaining with a clever story.

Adams's Ten-Strike. In the senate this week Senator Frank Adams made a ten-strike by getting a committee appointed to inspect the abandoned university buildings at Lake City and make a report to the legislature. The Cone resolution had been defeated, the fight against it having been led by Senator Buckman. The committee being appointed may be regarded as the entering wedge and may lead to the establishment of the technological institute asked by the people of Lake City.

Senator Adams is probably the most accomplished diplomat in the legislature. He is an admirable mixture of successful business man, statesman, diplomat, politician and all around good fellow. A skilled parliamentarian and able debater and an honest and conscientious man, he is indeed one of the most valuable members of the Florida legislature.

Watson's Primary Bill. Mr. Watson, of Dade, held the center of the stage in the house two days while his primary election bill was dissected. Opponents of this measure are making a valiant fight against the clause that would permit an inspector to mark the ballot of a voter

BIG TRANSPORT COMES WITH TROOPS

The Kilpatrick Arrives With Two Companies and Departs With Two.

The big army transport Kilpatrick arrived at Fort Barrancas early yesterday morning with the Seventy-Sixth and Seventy-Seventh Companies of Coast Artillery on board, and departed yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock with the Seventh and Ninth companies.

The transport came from Forts Warren and Banks, near Boston, sailing from those forts a week ago. As soon as she was anchored at Barrancas the men were roused up and, although it was only 4 o'clock, the work of unloading was commenced by the two companies.

The members of the Seventh and Ninth companies were also gotten out at this hour and began making preparations for the trip, and as soon as possible the storing of household goods began and by 4 o'clock the vessel was ready to proceed to sea again. The Seventh company is to be stationed at Fort Banks and the Ninth at Fort Warren.

The transfer of the companies, or change in posts, was decided upon several months since, owing to the fact that both had long been stationed at the posts which they have just left, and it was thought the men would be better satisfied if given a change.

SEARCHING FOR BODY OF GEO. W. CRAUSE

Searchers Have So Far Been Unsuccessful, But Many Will Be Out To-Day.

The search for the body of Engineer Geo. W. Crause of the steamer Edna G., who was drowned off Gulf Point Friday, has so far proved unsuccessful, notwithstanding the fact that several boats were engaged in cruising about the point where the engineer fell overboard.

Captain Broadbent and a crew of men from the life saving station, spent several hours yesterday in making a search for the body, returning to the city late in the afternoon and reporting that notwithstanding the fact that they had searched along the beach and in the bay from 10 a. m. until 4 o'clock they were unable to locate the body. They left other boats still cruising about the point, while searchers were on the beach in the hope of finding the body washed upon the shore.

To-day the search will be renewed and a much larger number of launches and parties will engage in it, and as it is expected that the body will rise to the surface they hope to be successful. Not only the beach and bay around the point will be thoroughly searched, but also across the bay on the opposite beach, where it is possible the body has been carried by the tide.

CREDITORS ASK FOR A TRUSTEE

Of the Estate of Henry H. Keynton, Who Was Adjudged Bankrupt in 1904.

A petition was filed in the United States court yesterday by the creditors of Henry H. Keynton, who was adjudged a bankrupt in 1904, asking for the appointment of a trustee of the estate of Mr. Keynton.

It is evident from the petition that the creditors believe that Mr. Keynton, who made application in voluntary bankruptcy in Alabama, is the possessor of considerable property, as in the request for a trustee they asked that he give a bond in the sum of \$2,000. W. B. Snodgrass has been appointed trustee.

ALLEGED HEIR AN IMPOSTER

Philadelphia, Apr. 20.—Four Fritzroy Somerset, of Dundas, in 1904 made legal claim to a portion of Mrs. Wurtshied-Dundas's estate on the grounds of being a son and heir. Defense alleged the claimant was an imposter and the court decided against the claimant.

GRAVES ON BRYAN AND ROOSEVELT

Atlanta Editor Declares that One Word from Either Would Send the Other to the White House—Iroquois Club Dinner at Chicago.

By Associated Press. Chicago, Apr. 20.—"Bryan and Roosevelt—the two greatest men in all the world." John Temple Graves, of Atlanta, thus approached the conclusion of his speech to-night, at the twenty-seventh annual dinner of the Iroquois Club, on "Regeneration of Parties" and of which the key note was the speakers assertion that party lines in general had never been held so lightly as to-day. Mr. Graves's tribute to the two great political leaders was received with loud and prolonged applause.

Immigration Commission Will Study Subject Abroad

By Associated Press. Washington, Apr. 20.—The National Immigration Commission, created by the last congress, consisting of three senators, three representatives and three members at large, appointed by the president, and with no limit as to time of deliberating or expense, meets Monday for organization. Senator Dillingham will probably be chairman. A tentative tour of all the countries of Europe, even Turkey and Greece, studying every phase of the immigration question, is contemplated. The findings of the commission will be used as a basis for legislation and it is likely an international conference will result.

AMERICAN SURETY COMPANY ASKS FOR FURTHER TIME

In Which to Consider the Matter of Assuming the Sewerage Contract.

BOARD OF BOND TRUSTEES RECEIVE TELEGRAM FROM COMPANY THAT IS SURETY FOR R. C. STORRIE IN SUM OF \$73,000.

It is possible that the American Surety Company, of New York, surety in the sum of \$73,000 for R. C. Storrie, the sewerage contractor, may assume the contract which Mr. Storrie refused to carry out. The Board of Bond Trustees is in receipt of a telegram from the company in which it asks for further time in which to consider the matter. The notification was sent the company over ten days ago by the Bond Trustees to the effect that Mr. Storrie had failed to comply with his contract of installing the sewerage system within a stated period and had ceased work, and should the company desire to assume this contract it should do so within ten days after receipt of the notification.

Nothing was heard from the company and some of those acquainted with the sewerage work were of the opinion that the company would not reply, but the telegram received shows that the company at least anticipates investigating the matter further and if possible make some arrangement for completing the contract and thus avoid paying to the city the sum of \$73,000.

The council had already at its special meeting, authorized the Bond Trustees to allow the surety company ten more days in which to reply, but the letter of notification had not reached the company when it sent the telegram. Engineer T. Chalkley Hatton, who has been in the city for several days past in connection with the improvements, left last night for his home in Wilmington, Del.

25,000 MINERS NOW ON STRIKE

Situation in Alberta and in British Columbia is Extremely Serious.

By Associated Press. Winnipeg, Manitoba, Apr. 20.—Twenty-five thousand miners are now involved in the strike in the Alberta and British Columbia mines and the situation is critical.

It is estimated that the Canadian Pacific road will be unable to operate passenger and mail trains in another week. It is reported that President Sherman is trying to form an independent organization, breaking away from the United Mine Workers of America.

Gimbel Will Recover. New York, Apr. 20.—It is expected that Benedict Gimbel, the Philadelphia merchant who attempted suicide yesterday after his being released on bail charged with assault and attempted bribery, will recover.

A QUIET DAY AT STATE CAPITAL

Both Houses of Legislature Adjourned Until Monday Morning.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED UNDER CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AND LEAVE TO-DAY TO INSPECT DRAINAGE OPERATIONS—COMMITTEE RETURNS FROM STATE INSTITUTIONS.

Tallahassee, Fla., Apr. 20.—This was a very quiet day in Tallahassee, as neither house was in session.

The DeSoto county divisional advance guard arrived to-day. The education committees will probably hold a joint meeting some night next week for public discussion of state uniformity of text books.

The principal measure for early consideration is the Harris child labor bill, on third reading. The governor's veto of the constitutional amendment will be received with interest.

The committee appointed under the concurrent resolution from the house and senate will leave to-morrow to inspect and report on the drainage operations. The visiting committee to state educational institutions has returned from St. Augustine and Gainesville.

THAW'S ATTORNEY DENIES RUMORS

By Associated Press. New York, Apr. 20.—A visit to-day by Dr. Jelliffe, the alienist, gave rise to rumors that Thaw was ill. Daniel O'Reilly denied the rumor and said the visit was personal. O'Reilly also denied reports that Mrs. Thaw is in financial straits, saying she was able to raise bail to any amount if needed.

PENSACOLIANS ARE ELECTED TO OFFICE

By the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows at Recent Meeting.

Delegates to the grand lodge meeting of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at St. Petersburg, Fla., are returning to the city, and while only Grand Representative Thos. C. Watson and Grand Chaplain A. H. D'Almeida have reached home others are expected within a few days. Pensacola was honored by the selection of two of the delegates from local lodges to offices. Chas. Friederichsen was chosen grand high priest of the grand encampment and A. H. D'Almeida grand chaplain. Thos. C. Watson is to present the grand representative.

Mr. Watson and Mrs. D'Almeida returned from the meeting, while the other delegates stopped over for a day in Jacksonville. They report the meeting one of the most largely attended and enthusiastic to be held in years, and reports showed the order to be in a flourishing and healthy condition.

MANY BIG MEN TO ATTEND FERRY PASS PICNIC

Annual Barbecue on May 10, Next, Will Be Great Affair.

The Ferry Pass people are making great preparations for their annual picnic to be held there Friday, May 10, next, and Geo. W. Harper, who is master of ceremonies in the city yesterday at work on the coming event.

A large number of prominent men will be invited to attend, among them being Senator S. R. Mallory, Governor Broward, Congressman W. B. Lamar, Hon. John S. Beard, Hon. Jas. E. Broome, Hon. J. Walter Kehoe, Hon. T. A. Jennings, Capt. J. Ed. O'Brien, Mayor Charles H. Bliss, and various other public officials. A big barbecue is being arranged, with a program of speaking and sports, and a big day is expected.

CASE WHICH MAY BECOME OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE

THE BURTON PROSECUTION RELIEF BILL

Matter of Payment of Attorneys' Fees Is Carried to the Legislature.

The matter of the payment of outside counsel in the prosecution of the Burton case has been carried to the state legislature as will be seen by the bill published below.

It will be remembered that when the Burton forgeries in the office of the circuit clerk were discovered the county commissioners, despite the fact that they had a paid attorney or's duty required him to prosecute criminal cases of that nature, employed Maxwell & Reeves to help prosecute Burton in the criminal court.

Certain taxpayers, however, objected to this additional, and what they considered unnecessary, expense, and one of them, Thos. Pebley, secured an injunction preventing the board of county commissioners from spending the money for attorney's fees.

Through the following bill which was introduced by Mr. Beard in the senate and Mr. Reese in the house, an attempt is being made to secure the payment of these fees by the state. The bill has passed the senate, but was reported unfavorably by the committee on claims in the house and is now on the calendar of bills on second reading in the house. The bill is as follows:

The Relief Bill. A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of E. C. Maxwell and L. J. Reeves, attorneys at law, doing business under the firm name of Maxwell & Reeves.

Enacted by the state auditor, of the records of the office of the clerk of the circuit court in and for Escambia county, Florida, it was discovered that one B. H. Burton, a deputy in said office, by a series of forgeries and by inducing the chairman of the board of county commissioners in and for said county to sign numerous and spurious vouchers covering a long period of time and many intricate and difficult transactions, had fraudulently obtained many thousands of dollars of the various funds belonging to said state and county, and Whereas, on account of the voluminous and intricate nature of said fraudulent transactions it was thought by the state auditor, the clerk of said court and the board of county commissioners in and for said county, and by inducing the chairman of the board of county commissioners in and for said county to assist in preparing said indictments and in the prosecution thereof, and Whereas, E. C. Maxwell and L. J. Reeves, attorneys at law, and doing business under the firm name of Maxwell & Reeves, were employed to assist in preparing said indictments and in the prosecution thereof, and Whereas, the said Maxwell & Reeves did assist in the preparation of said indictments and in the prosecution thereof, and Whereas, the said Burton was on the 26th day of July, A. D. 1905, in said prosecution convicted of said offense and is now serving a term in state's prison under said conviction, and Whereas, the said board of county commissioners at a regular meeting held on the 26th day of June, A. D. 1905, prior to the rendition of said services by the said Maxwell & Reeves and in order to secure said services adopted a motion which was in the words and figures following:

"Motion was made and carried that Judge L. J. Reeves be employed in the prosecution of B. H. Burton, the cost not to exceed \$200.00," and Whereas, after the conviction of the said Burton at the instance of a tax payer residing in said county the board of county commissioners were enjoined from paying said sum of any part thereof upon the ground that said board of county commissioners was without authority to employ or pay counsel to assist in the said prosecution, and Whereas, the said Maxwell & Reeves have received no compensation whatever for said services, now therefore

Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Florida: Section 1. That the comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his check or warrants in favor of Maxwell & Reeves for the sum of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars on any fund of the state not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 2. That this act shall take effect upon its passage and approval by the governor.

Sultan Is Defiant.

Tangier, Apr. 20.—A courier from Fez brings a report that the sultan is unwilling to observe the terms of the Algeiras convention and ignores the French claims relative to redress for the murder of Dr. Mauchamp.

Japanese Subject Granted Final Papers of Citizenship.

WILL BE CARRIED TO SUPREME COURT

Difference of Opinion Regarding the Immigration Law Exists.

JUDGE SWAYNE, NOTWITHSTANDING RULING AGAINST ADMISSION OF JAP TO CITIZENSHIP BY DEPARTMENT, HOLDS THAT LAW DOES NOT PROHIBIT SUBJECTS OF MIKADO.

A naturalization case, recently decided by Judge Charles Swayne of the United States District Court, in favor of the applicant for final papers, Tanomatsu Matsuki, a subject of Matsuhiti, Emperor of Japan, at present employed as steward to the commandant at the Pensacola navy yard, bids fair to eventually become of international importance, and it is probable that the United States Supreme Court will be called upon to decide whether or not the citizenship papers issued to Matsuki are valid. Tanomatsu, Matsuki, according to his statement in the application for final papers, came to the United States from Japan sixteen years ago and made his declaration before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York on November 6, 1902. First papers were issued to him at that time, notwithstanding the fact that there appears to be some doubts as to whether a person of Mongolian blood can become a citizen of the country.

Prior to the adoption of the Naturalization Act of 1906, the Constitution of the United States the law provided that "all aliens, being free persons, could be admitted to citizenship, and numerous decisions are upon record where courts have held that Chinese and Japanese, as well as natives of other Oriental countries, were Mongolians and, under the law, could not be admitted to citizenship. After the negro was made a citizen an amendment was passed which made the law read, "All aliens, being free white persons, and all aliens of African nativity, and of African blood" may be naturalized.

In 1867 an amendment to the immigration law was passed especially prohibiting the naturalization of Chinese. Japanese have ever been specifically prohibited from becoming citizens, although many United States District Courts, particularly in the west, have held that they were ineligible to naturalization.

Judge Swayne, in granting the application of Matsuki held, in substance, that Mongolians had never been prohibited from becoming citizens of this country; that the constitution, as amended, prohibited such prohibition, a specific amendment including Chinese would have been necessary.

An interesting feature of the case is the fact that the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization of the Department of Commerce and Labor, when advised that the application had been filed, as is customary in such cases, wrote to Clerk F. W. Marsh, of the United States Court, instructing that the first papers, issued to Matsuki should be cancelled and the application for final papers denied as, under the law, a subject of Japan could not become an American citizen. Mr. Marsh replied that he had no authority in the premises and referred the matter to Judge Swayne, who granted the application, notwithstanding the action of the immigration department.

It is believed the Department of Justice, by request of the Department of Commerce and Labor, will direct that the matter be appealed to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals and from there, if Judge Swayne's decision is sustained, to the Supreme Court of the United States for final settlement.

DARING HOLD-UP IN NEW YORK STREETS

By Associated Press. New York, Apr. 20.—Emerging from a bank with one thousand dollars in a package, the superintendent of the Shonko Glass Works was struck down in the street, in view of hundreds of people by a highwayman, who captured a horse and wagon and, with a pistol at the head of the driver, compelled him to flee from pursuers across the city, where the highwayman escaped.

FINAL ACTS OF THE D. A. R. CONVENTION

By Associated Press. Washington, Apr. 20.—Approving the action of the finance committee and the presentation of a silver loving cup to the President-general, Mrs. McLean by Mrs. Egan, Honorary State Regent of Florida were the final acts today of the annual congress Daughters of the American Revolution.