

LEGISLATURE OPENS SESSION ON TUESDAY

SENATORIAL FIGHT LOOMS

NINE ENTRANTS FOR THE HONOR ARE WORKING HARD FOR ELECTION TO McLAURIN'S UNEXPIRED TERM

Jackson, Jan. 5.—The biennial session of the Mississippi legislature convened at the noon hour Tuesday with practically all members in attendance.

The lower house was called to order by Speaker H. M. Street of Lauderdale, and the senate by Lieutenant Governor Luther Manship of Hinds.

The assembly of the legislature has been preceded by a week of spirited caucusing over the unexpired term of the late United States Senator A. J. McLaurin, whose successor is to be chosen by the body, and the senatorship is the one-absorbing topic of discussion, to the exclusion of almost all other legislative subjects.

Nine candidates are in the field, and at least three of the number appear to have excellent fighting chances to capture the toga.

While nothing definite indicating the manner of settling the contest has developed, indications are that the contest is going to be short and decisive, and that the legislature will not wait until Jan. 18, the date fixed by law, for the settlement of the contest.

Plans are being formulated for a democratic caucus, to be held either during the latter part of the week, or early next week. If a majority of the members will agree to this course the fight can be disposed of quickly, thus eliminating the likelihood of a deadlock, which will doubtless be the situation that develops in event of balloting in joint legislative session.

Under caucus rules secret ballots could be taken, and the hindmost candidate dropped on each succeeding ballot.

Postoffice is Entered.

Meridian, Miss., Jan. 3.—Thieves looted the postoffice at Increase, a small station twelve miles south of this city early yesterday morning, blowing open the safe with nitroglycerine, and making way with postoffice money to the value of \$65 and personal funds of Postmaster J. W. Grantham amounting to \$75. The robbers also took a large quantity of merchandise and hardware, the postoffice being located in Mr. Grantham's general store.

Meat Inspection Not a Success.

Washington, Jan. 3.—That half the meat eaten in the United States can be called unsuspected and that a real and serious danger to the public exists as a result is one of the conclusions reached by Dr. A. D. Melville, chief of the United States bureau of animal industry, in his annual report to the secretary of agriculture. Inefficiency of the government inspection, because of its lack of authority to reach far enough, is given as one of the reasons and Dr. Melville points out the great need of supplementing the government inspection of meats with state and municipal inspections.

Bottling Works Sold.

Mr. D. H. Bowlin has sold his interest in the Southern Phosphate Co.'s Crown Bottling Works in this city to Mr. T. B. Blake, Jr., and has bought T. B. Blake's interest in the Star Bottling Works at Aliceville, Ala., where he has made other investments. Mr. Bowlin established the Southern Phosphate Co. in Columbus in 1903, where he has operated and carried on a very successful business. Mr. Bowlin will leave Monday for a trip through the west.

PLOW FACTORY IS TO BE OPERATED

OHIO MEN THE PURCHASERS

PLANT SOLD FOR \$35,000 BY MISS SMITH TO CRAIG & LUNDEGAN WHO WILL OPERATE IT SOON

The New South Plow Factory was purchased Monday morning from Miss Estelle Smith by Craig & Lundegan of Columbus, Ohio, consideration being \$35,000. The new owners held a 60-day option on the property and on the day of its expiration the deal was closed. Craig & Lundegan operate the P. & O. Plow Factory in Ohio and are extensively interested in the steel industry in that state. Mr. W. W. Craig, of the firm, will reach Columbus in about two weeks and personally take charge of the plant, which it is expected will begin operations about that time. Mr. J. F. Blackburn, who will be manager of the sales department, is already in Columbus. Mr. Blackburn has been traveling in this territory for an Atlanta hardware house. A large stock of plows is now on hand at the factory and the machinery is said to be in excellent condition. The plant has been closed down for about two years. Its renewed operation means a number of laborers and a considerable payroll and is regarded as an important addition to the industrial development of Columbus.

The enterprise was inaugurated by Mr. W. C. McClure and associates several years ago. Shortly after it closed down Mr. Charles R. Smith, a large stockholder, bought the entire property, later transferring it to his daughter.

Stevens-Halbert.

A quiet and pretty wedding of the week was that of Mr. Joseph Halbert to Miss Mary Stevens, which occurred last Sunday evening in the pastor's study of the First Methodist church, Rev. T. W. Lewis having performed the ceremony. The bride who is a beautiful and attractive young lady, came to Columbus several months past from Fulton, Ky., and has since been taking a course at the Columbus Business College. The groom who is the son of Mr. L. A. Halbert of Bil-lups, holds a profitable position with Messrs. J. L. Walker & Co. in this city. The Commercial joins the many friends of this couple in wishing them a long and happy married life.

A Waterless Bath.

"What do you think?" said the man curiously. "I cleaned my face to-day with a vacuum cleaner. It just takes the skin and pulls it so you can hardly get away. The man who operates one told me that he went over his face and clothing every night when he got through his work and felt as fresh as a daisy. Of course, he takes off the thing he uses for floors and walls. I believe I'll start a fad—taking waterless baths."

Always There.

If all who count themselves happy were to tell, very simply, what it was that brought happiness to them, the others would see that between sorrow and joy the difference is but as between a gleadsome, enlightened acceptance of life and a hostile, gloomy submission; between a large and harmonious conception of life and one that is stubborn and narrow.—Maeterlinck.

Left Over.

Barbara, aged four, had always been allowed to make small cakes out of the scraps of dough left from the morning's baking, so one morning after being sent to gather eggs, she came running in with a very tiny one and exclaimed, "Oh, mamma! see this little egg, it must be that's all the dough the hen had left."—Delineator.

Washington Inventor.

A Washington man has invented a ruzzle for the roosters, to keep them from crowing before he gets ready to wake up in the morning. Now, if he will invent some process by which the babies can be prevented from crying during the night he will have conferred a lasting blessing on the race.

Daily Thought.

"Politeness is like an air cushion; there may be nothing in it, but it eases the jolts wonderfully."—George Eliot.

SALVATION ARMY HOME HERE

Capt. W. R. Winsett, Southern division officer of the American Salvation Army has opened an Emergency Home in Columbus, which will be conducted by Capt. and Mrs. C. J. Worcester. The Home is on the corner of Second street and Sixth avenue, a block north of the postoffice. Capt. Winsett for several years has been in Montgomery doing work of this kind and from the mayor of the city and numerous state officials, he brings letters of the highest recommendation. The Emergency Home established here is to provide temporary quarters for needy women and children.

The American Salvation Army is not denominational. Its work is to "affiliate with any cause that has for its object the uplifting of humanity." Capt. Winsett will begin holding Sunday school services in the Mission chapel in the cotton mill district.

President of Supervisors.

A regular monthly meeting of the board of supervisors convened Monday morning at 10 o'clock at the court house when Supervisors P. J. Ussery, C. H. Jordan, W. D. Phillips, J. M. Ledbetter, Sheriff W. D. Prowell, Chancery Clerk D. D. Richards and Maj. Battle Bell, the retiring president of the board of supervisors from the Second district, were present. Mr. Willis Eanks who was recently elected to fill the vacancy of Maj. Bell, was sworn into office by the chancery clerk and later was unanimously elected to succeed him as president.

At the above meeting it was ordered that the execution of Henry Betts, who last September killed Mr. J. W. Smith, at his plantation several miles south of Columbus, and which has been fixed for February 11, be private. The execution to take place in the jail yard and the sheriff was instructed to make the necessary arrangements for same.

Produce Market.

The French Market Grocery Company, a new produce house will be opened in the city in the next few days under the management of S. Krekoria. This business has long been needed in Columbus and will aid the public in buying many country products. This company, which will occupy a part of the Odd Fellows building on Main street will handle such as chickens, eggs, butter, vegetables, fish, oysters, fruits, candies, sliced boiled and raw ham and all kinds of imported sausages.

His Preference.

Five-year-old Bobby went visiting with his mother and, unexpectedly remaining over night, was obliged to wear his cousin Kate's nightgown. The next morning he said tearfully: "Mamma, before I'll wear a girl's nightgown again, I'll sleep raw."—Harper's Weekly.

Duties of Military Attache.

The duties of a military attache are to make himself thoroughly acquainted with every change that takes place in military affairs and to report from time to time on the mobilization, armament and equipment of the power to which he is accredited.

Physicians' Fees Fixed by Law.

A German antiquarian has found documents showing that in ancient Babylon, 4,150 years ago, the sums due to doctors for treatment were exactly prescribed by law. They varied according to the social position of the patients.

Expressive.

"Of all the quaint expressions I have heard recently," said a clubwoman, "none has struck me as more delightful than that of an English woman who told me that her daughter 'would never smooth out a room.'"

Heart Not Always on the Sleeve.

A light manner does not necessarily mean a light heart. Nine out of ten jest to cover a sorrow. It is better so, and you may find serious worth under that gayety you fear.

A First Impression.

That the churches might catch more men by putting turnstiles at the doors.—Cleveland News.

Wisdom and Luck.

Wisdom gets a great deal of the credit to which luck is entitled.

OFFICER SHOT BY NEGRO IS BETTER

PRISONER IS IN MERIDIAN

POLICEMAN COOK FIRED UPON TWICE. FIVE MINUTES BETWEEN SHOTS WHILE THREE POLICEMEN AFTER WATT

Policeman Major Cook who was shot twice with a shot gun late Saturday night by John Watt, a negro carpenter, whom the wounded man and two other police officers, Cummins and Marshall, had gone to arrest at his house in Williams Addition for cruelly beating and imprisoning for four days without clothing or food, his fourteen year old daughter, is resting well at Dr. McKinley's hospital, where he was taken Saturday night, and little doubt is now felt as to his recovery.

Mr. Cook was wounded with small shot, in the left side of the abdomen and in the left side of the head. For a day or so his condition was precarious.

Both shots were fired from the shadow of the house, where the officers couldn't see the negro, and they were fired at an interval of five minutes.

Afterward when the negro's house was searched it was found that he had escaped. After deliberately firing upon the officers, when they had told who they were, Watt made his way to Mayor Donnell's house, to give himself up, and the mayor being absent, went to the home of Mr. D. S. McLanahan, who notified the police station and officers arriving found Watt in the cellar awaiting them. The negro was taken to the county jail about 1 a. m. About two hours later Deputy Sheriff Rowland Prowell with Officer James Cook took the negro through the country to West Point. There had been considerable indignation expressed on the streets over the shooting of Mr. Cook, but it is not known that any move was on foot to take him from the jail. The sheriff at West Point, it is said, did not want to keep the negro, and on the early morning train he was taken to Meridian, where he has remained.

That Watt had been beating his daughter, and that she had disappeared, was reported to the police Saturday afternoon, and officers going to the negro's house were told that he had left town. Shortly after 10 o'clock that night, however, the three officers again went to the house. Some distance away they saw the negro going into his gate, and when they reached the gate

it was chained and locked and the negro had disappeared. Officer Cummings called to the negro telling him who they were. Heard Cook then went around the corner toward the rear of the house, Marshall being stationed near the front gate. The yard enclosed by a high barbed wire fence over which Cummings was assisting Cook to climb when the negro fired upon him from around the corner of his house, 20 feet away, where it was too dark to see him. This shot struck Cook in the abdomen. Mr. Cummings fired toward the flash of the shot gun and hit the negro, wounding him slightly. As the negro walked back around the house Mr. Marshall got a glimpse of him and snapped pistol three times, which refused to fire. Mr. Cummings took the wounded officer, who was suffering greatly, to the side of the house and joined Mr. Marshall at the front gate, but no sooner had he got there than Mr. Cook followed. It was while he was standing there with the other two officers that the negro from his back porch, which was completely in the dark, shot him the second time, this time in the head. Mr. Marshall then went to a telephone a block or so away and notified headquarters of Mr. Cook's condition. When several other officers and a number of citizens had arrived and searched the house Watt was gone.

Monday morning Watt's wife, Annie Watt, was arrested as an accessory in beating the girl, who is not her daughter, and Mayor Donnell fined her \$25 or sixty days.

The little negro girl, Beatrice Watt, tells a pitiful story. She had disappeared Tuesday of last week. Late Saturday night she reached the home of Pauline Moore on Military road. From Tuesday to Saturday night she says she was locked up in the coal house in her father's backyard, where he had beaten her unmercifully and left her out with scant clothing and no food. As soon as she got out Saturday night she says she went to the home of the negro woman Pauline Moore.

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Southern Railway Co. in Miss.

Effective Dec. 8, Pullman Drawing Room Buffet Sleeping Cars on trains 11 and 12 will run through between Greenville, Miss., and Birmingham, Ala. For time of trains and all other information, apply to nearest Agent, Southern Railway Co. in Mississippi.

COTTON TAKES TUMBLE OF SEVENTY POINTS

BEARS SPRING A SURPRISE

McFADDEN AND OTHER SPOT INTERESTS MAKE A WELL-TIMED ATTACK AND \$3.50 A BALE WIPED AWAY

The cotton market yesterday broke about seventy points, or \$3.50 a bale. From start to finish it showed the hammering of the well-timed attack. The market gave way some times six and seven points between quotations. It was a bad bear raid. McFadden is said to be the leader, other spot interests falling in line, but in spite of this sheer drop in future prices spots New Orleans remained unchanged at 15 3/4, and in New York they gave way only ten points. It is the prediction of the friends of the staple that bulls will shortly avail themselves of the opportunity to renew their line at the cheaper figures. Futures closed yesterday New York, March 15.50, May 15.58; New Orleans, March, 15.47, May, 15.80.

Great Clearance Sale.

A Great Clearance Sale of pianos, organs, piano players and organ players will begin Saturday morning and last for twenty-one days at their quarters in the Stone hotel under the direction of Mr. W. F. Lamb, special sales manager for the E. E. Forbes Piano Co. Read their advertisement on the last page of this issue.

White Goods Sale.

In another part of this issue can be found a special announcement of Loeb's Great White Goods Sale, which will commence Tuesday January 11.

Mr. W. J. Denton, "The Cattle King," of Mobile, Ala., spent several days in the city last week purchasing 141 head of cattle while here, amounting to \$2,500.

Messrs. R. Q. Harrington and W. H. Dotherow of Artesia, were visitors to the city Sunday.

Hon. D. R. Hinton of Carrollton, Ala., spent Sunday and Monday in Columbus.

The U. D. C.'s will meet Friday morning at 10 o'clock with Miss Mary Harrison.

Mr. C. Barksdall of Laurel, was in Columbus Tuesday on business.

BUSINESS CHANGE

We have rented the Keaton store and bought his stock of Crockery WAY BELOW COST. To convert this stock into cash quickly, we offer same at OUR PURCHASE PRICE, which is FAR BELOW THE FIRST COST of the goods. Sale begins January 10, to continue one week only. Avail yourself of this rare opportunity.

Loeb's Variety Store

At the Keaton Stand

What's in a Name?

Columbus is going to have a new Motion Picture Theatre. The management wants the people of Columbus to name it. The one that submits the best name will have their choice of 3 Months Free Tickets, or a Solid Gold Locket, on display at Rombach Bros.' jewelry store. Name will be decided on first Friday after opening day. Fill out this Coupon and mail to New Theatre, or leave it at Rombach Bros. It is not necessary to have Coupon to submit name.

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