

ACTIVE CONGRESSMAN

Judge Watkins Has Not Made Many Speeches

But He is Accomplishing Results for Many Portions of the Fourth District.

Judge Watkins is making one of the most active Congressmen that has represented this district in many years. Notwithstanding the fact that he is a member of the committee on the revision of the National laws—a committee that has been at work night and day during the present session of Congress in order to complete the codification of these laws so that they can be passed on before Congress adjourns, as was fully shown by an article clipped from the Washington Times and published in our last issue—he has not neglected to look after the interest of his own constituency.

He has assisted and is assisting in the establishment of various free rural delivery routes in nearly every parish in the district; has introduced a bill to open up navigation in Cane river, which from all accounts, was closed against the wishes and without the knowledge of a majority of the people directly interested; the proposed enlargement of the Government building at Shreveport as well as the locating of the new building at Natchitoches has received his constant aid and watchful attention, and he has also been exceedingly active in his efforts to prevent the closing of the land office at Natchitoches, something in which the homestead settlers of his district are deeply interested. This office had been ordered closed by the Department of the Interior at Washington about the time Mr. Watkins went into office, but by prompt work on his part the order was held up and he hopes to be able to have it rescinded later.

In addition to this work he has succeeded in having soil surveys made in several of the parishes of the district and is at present giving what aid he can in an effort to have the Department of Agriculture construct model roads at several points in the district. Of course, in building these roads as well as in the establishment of free rural routes for the delivery of mail he must have the co-operation of the people interested to be successful. The respective departments under which these improvements are made have certain rules that must be complied with and these improvements are only undertaken where the local surroundings would seem to justify the outlay.

It is true that Judge Watkins has made but few speeches. New members, as a rule, are seldom heard on the floors of Congress. But he has always been at his post ready to vote on every question that came up. And, furthermore, he has at all times been wide awake to the interest of his constituency.—Minden Signal.

School Board Refused.

The Clairborne Parish School Board, in session at Homer, recently adopted resolutions declining to disburse Parish Superintendent E. H. McClendon, which action had been advised by the State Board of Education in the event that Superintendent McClendon did not devote his entire time to school affairs. Mr. McClendon is an attorney, and practices law in connection with his duties as Superintendent of Education. He receives a salary of \$600 per year as Superintendent. The Clairborne board finds it impracticable to pay more than \$600, and, in its resolution, states that "this Board commends the desire of the State Board to elevate the standard of the public schools, yet if the innovations, by legislation or otherwise, serve to transfer the management of local affairs to other than our own citizens, we would regard the efforts as detrimental to the cause for which they are proclaimed."

Tribute of Respect.

Whereas, it has pleased the all wise architect and Ruler of the Universe in his inscrutable providence to remove from our midst, our beloved friend and brother, W. H. Woodruff, and,

Whereas, in his death the Masonic Fraternity has lost an exemplary and worthy member, therefore, be it resolved:

That while we bow in humble submission to the will of Almighty God, we, the members of Colfax Lodge No. 269, F. and A. M., deeply deplore his loss, feeling that we have lost an active, efficient and worthy brother, while his family have lost a loving husband, father and protector.

Resolved: That we extend to the family of our deceased brother, our heartfelt sympathy and condolence, and secretary of this lodge be ordered to furnish them a copy of these resolutions.

Resolved further: That the members of this lodge wear the usual badge of mourning for our deceased brother for thirty days: That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge.

Resolved further: That a copy of same be sent to Eastern Star Lodge No. 151, of Winnfield, Louisiana, to be spread upon the minutes of that lodge.

That copies of these resolutions be furnished to the Colfax Chronicle and Winnfield Sentinel, for publication.

J. J. O'Quinn,
H. G. Goodwyn,
J. W. Duncan,
Committee.

Sentence Day.

The last day of court last week was sentence day and Judge Wear meted out justice to several who were guilty of infractions of the law. In addition to the list printed last week, the following sentences were handed out:

Wash Murrian, colored, robbery, sentenced to 8 years at hard labor.

Jim County, colored, burglary, 2 years at hard labor.

Bill Bailey, colored, burglary, 3 years at hard labor.

James Powell, colored, larceny, 3 months in parish jail with privilege of working out.

Sam Tannehill, colored, selling whiskey without license, \$150 or 12 months in jail.

John Hamilton, colored, two charges of burglary, 2 months in one case in jail and 3 months in jail in the other.

John Henry, colored, larceny, \$15 and costs or 70 days in jail.

Norah, Louis and Charley Kelly, white, grand larceny, 12 months at hard labor.

Is the Moon Inhabited.

Science has proven that the moon has an atmosphere, which makes life in some form possible on that satellite; but not for human beings, who have a hard enough time on this earth of ours; especially those who don't know that Electric Bitters cure Headache, Biliousness, Malaria, Chills and Fever, Jaundice, Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Torpid Liver, Kidney complaints, General Debility and Female weaknesses. Unequaled as a general Tonic and Appetizer for weak persons and especially for the aged. It induces sound sleep. Fully guaranteed by all druggists. Price only 50c.

Term of Court.

Winnfield, La., }
March 31, 1906. }
To P. K. Abel, Clerk of the Fifth District Court for the Parish of Winn:

It is ordered that a special term of the Fifth Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Winn, State of Louisiana, be held in the Town of Winnfield, Louisiana, commencing on Monday, the 16th day of April, 1906. You will give public notice of this order and spread the same upon the minutes of said Court.

GEORGE WEAR.

Judge Fifth Judicial District.

Attest:

A true copy.
P. K. ABEL,
Clerk.

AN EPIDEMIC OF CRIME

Followed Interference of Federal Supreme Court

In the Case of Ed Johnson at Chattanooga—Many Brutal Assaults in Only a Few Days.

Since the interference of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of the Chattanooga negro, Ed Johnson, charged with criminal assault, there has been an epidemic of outrages by negroes in Southern states, and, while all of these crimes may not be attributable to the misguided confidence of the negroes that they will be protected by that high tribunal, there is little doubt in the minds of many leaders in Southern thought that the interference has inflamed the negroes more or less and caused them to become arrogant and court trouble.

Following is a record of the outrages occurring in Louisiana since March 19, the date of the Supreme Courts interference, the perpetrators in every case being negroes:

Leesville, La., March 21—Negro attempted criminal assault on a white woman and escaped.

New Orleans, La., March 21—Negro attacks white woman in store and beat her terribly and robbed the store. Escaped.

Palmetto, La., March 21—Negro shot and fatally wounded Deputy Sheriff without cause; captured and jailed. Negroes become arrogant and another shooting followed, one negro being killed.

Alden's Bridge, La., March 22.—Negroes barricaded themselves in house to resist arrest for trifling offense; defied officers and fired on them when they broke into the house, wounding one white man; two negro women were also wounded in the fusillade.

Boyce, La., March 22.—White woman found negro in her room at night; he escaped when she screamed.

Monroe, La., March 22—Negro criminally assaulted negro woman; arrested.

Plaquemine, La., March 22—Two negroes held up another negro, who killed one, and was wounded by the other, who escaped.

Shreveport, La., March 25—Negro cab driver attempted assault on white girl on street at dusk; arrested and identified.

Forest, La., March 28—Negro assaulted white woman; lynched.

Torras, La., March 29—Negro desperado ran amuck with a gun; lynched.

A Considerable Saving.

In his farewell address, before retiring from the gubernatorial chair, Governor Heard offered suggestions which are worthy the attention of the present administration. In part, he said that "in 1914 the entire bonded indebtedness of the State, amounting to \$11,108,000, will fall due, and it will be the part of wisdom to begin, at least, to provide by proper legislation for the liquidation of this debt, either by exchange of the present 4 per cent. bonds for a bond bearing a lower rate of interest for a limited number of years, or providing for the sale of a new issue of bonds bearing, say, 3 per cent. interest, for a term of fifty years." The adoption of Governor Heard's suggestion would save the State \$100,000 annually in interest.

Two New Projects.

It is rumored that as soon as the necessary buildings can be erected there will be a new hardware and mill supply business opened up in Winnfield, a business that is badly needed here. A wholesale grocery store is another project that has within the past few days assumed definite shape and will become a reality. With low freight rates and our advantages of distribution no place is better situated for such a business than Winnfield.

Live Stock Laws.

At the coming session of the Louisiana Stock Breeders' Association and the State Agricultural Society, to be held at Marksville, May 1, 2 and 3, resolutions will in all probability be adopted urging the Legislature to adopt some sanitary live stock laws to prevent the introduction of diseased cattle into Louisiana, and to prevent the spread of contagious disease after it has made its appearance in this state. At present Louisiana has practically no sanitary live stock laws and no methods of preventing the spread of disease among the live stock in Louisiana. Several efforts have been made in the past to secure the passage of such a law, but the bill has failed. During the last year, however, there has been a great impetus to the live stock business in Louisiana, and extra efforts have been made to secure an appropriation from the National Government to assist the state, in common with all other southern states, in extirminating the cattle tick.

A Tent Meeting.

A tent meeting to be run on the full salvation line, will begin in Winnfield on Friday night, April 20th. Rev. J. E. Gaar, president of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the M. P. church, will have charge of the meeting, assisted by Mrs. M. E. Perdue, of Atlanta, Tex., and others. Everybody is respectfully invited, and all christians are requested to pray for and cooperate with the workers for the success of the meeting.

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