

THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION.

Speech of Senator Robbins, of Rowan, in opposition to extravagant Railroad appropriations, delivered in the Senate of North Carolina, Dec. 12, 1868.

It is full time, Mr. President, that some voice were raised here in vigorous protest against the wild and reckless propositions now pending before this body...

Let us first make a few figures, and see what the debt of the State is, and how much you propose to make it. I shall only mention large items, and not waste time on minor expenditures.

Table with 2 columns: Description of debt items and Amount. Includes items like 'Actual existing debt', 'Bonds authorized by Convention and Legislature', 'Western R. Road', etc.

Total debt as now contemplated, \$67,029,945. The Constitution commands you to provide means to pay the annual interest on this debt. That interest will be \$2,221,736.

But let us view this subject in another light. In each of these several Railroad bills I perceive you propose to levy a tax of a certain per cent on all the property of the State to pay the annual interest on these new appropriations.

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It did. Will a few roads compensate North Carolina for the discredit thus fastened on her through all the mighty future? No, Sir.

I am a friend of Internal Improvements. No Senator here is more so. I would be delighted to see all these roads built.

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A MARRIAGE WITNESS CALLED TO TESTIFY FORTY YEARS AFTER MARRIAGE.—A gentleman named Shirley died possessed of a large estate in Madison county, Virginia, nearly a century ago.

CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR BY RETAIL.—The Special Revenue Commissioner reports that the amount paid in the United States by the consumers of spirits reaches the sum of \$1,483,491,865.

North Carolina News.

APPOINTED.—We are pleased to learn that our friend Col. A. W. Shaffer, who has been for some months acting as Register in this District, was on Saturday last appointed and confirmed as Register in Bankruptcy for the Fourth North Carolina District.

THE LEGISLATURE.—This body has been in session five weeks, at a cost to the State of not less than \$10,000. If it has accomplished anything beyond paying the way of an immense increase of the indebtedness of the State and wasting the people's money, we are not aware of it.

FIRE IN RALEIGH.—About half-past one o'clock Tuesday morning last our citizens were aroused by the alarm of fire, and on repairing to the spot our Reporter found the Seymour and Blair House and T. V. Moss' Jewelry Store, corner Fayetteville Street and Market Square, enveloped in flames.

In the upper story of the Market House was the office of the Raleigh Register and Holden Record, which, with the exception of about \$100 worth of material, were destroyed.

A. T. & O. RAILROAD.—We learn upon good authority that a meeting of the Stockholders in this company will be called about the 1st of January, to decide upon the acceptance of the amended charter, and take action for rebuilding the road immediately.

THE N. C. UNIVERSITY.—We learn from the Raleigh Standard that the Presidency of the University has been tendered to L. P. Olds, Esq., of Raleigh.

The Western North Carolina Railroad will, it is anticipated, be in running order by Marion, McDowell county, by the middle of June next. Nearly all the contracts between that village and Morganton are approaching completion.

FIRE INSURANCE.—The North Carolina Mutual Home Insurance Company has just been incorporated by the General Assembly. At its first meeting on Monday last the following gentlemen were elected officers.

On the 14th inst., Mr. Sumner presented a memorial of the colored citizens of Georgia, complaining of wrongs to which the race is exposed, asking relief.

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Administrators of Thos. M. Kerns, dec'd, will sell, at his late residence, on Tuesday the 5th day of January, 1869, all the personal property of said deceased, not sold at a former sale.

N. C. Legislature.

In the Senate, on the 12th inst., the bill to divide and separate the Eastern and Western divisions of the Wilmington, Charlotte & Rutherford Railroad came up.

Ayes—Messrs. Beasley, Breeman, Bellamy, Burns, Blythe, Colgrove, Cook, Davis, Eaves, Etheridge, Eppes colored, Forkner, Harrington, Hyman colored, Lassiter, Lindsay, Love, Mason, Martindale, Moore of Carteret, Moore of Yancey, Rich, Respass, Smith, Stephens, White, Wynne Wilson—28.

SENATE.—A bill was passed to amend the Chatham Railroad Act, so as to make valid the late appropriation.

The bill authorizing the Commissioners of New Hanover, Robeson, Union, Anson, Rutherford, Wake, Granville, Halifax, Cumberland and Pasquotank, to issue bonds, was taken up.

The resolution relating to the Committee on the Penitentiary was taken up and discussed at length. Messrs. Barrow, Robbins, Welker and Love held that the Committee had transcended their powers, or, at least, had violated the spirit of the bill.

A resolution was then adopted declaring that the Committee on the Penitentiary transcended their power in purchasing the 8,000 acres of land, and instructing the Public Treasurer to withhold the bonds to complete the sale.

HOUSE.—House bill repealing an act appropriating money to furnish the Executive Mansion was taken up and passed its third reading.

SENATE.—A communication was received from the Code Commission, covering a bill to create a Mechanics' and Laborers' Lien; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. McLaughlin, the following additional section was adopted, to wit: "That an act amending the Charter of the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio Railroad Company, ratified on the 19th day of Aug., 1868, is hereby repealed."

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Nothing of much importance was transacted by either House to-day. A long discussion occupied the time of the Senate in regard to Mr. Purdie's right to hold his seat.

Washington Items.

The object of the bill increasing the number of the Judges of the Supreme Court is to keep the Circuit in perpetual session, with a view of maintaining better order in the South.

The disorderly conduct of members of the National House of Representatives, the present session, is the subject of general comment by the letter-writers.

Judge Moses, of South Carolina, having had his disabilities removed by Congress, has gone home to enter upon the discharge of his duties as Chief Justice elect of the State.

The Committee on Elections gave Menard, the negro Congressman from Louisiana, an indifferent encouragement as to the prospect of his being admitted.

The total estimate of expenses for the Government for the next fiscal year is three hundred and three millions, including one hundred and ninety-two millions for interest on the public debt, and twenty-eight millions for pensions.

REMOVAL.

New Store and New Goods.

Having removed to the new Store in McADEN'S IRON FRONT BUILDING.

Boots and Shoes.

Corn Wanted.

FOR RENT.

Wanted.

WALKER & BRO., Auctioneers and Commission Merchants.

BINGHAM SCHOOL, MECHANVILLE, N. C.

Classical and Mathematical School FOR BOYS, LINCOLNTON, N. C.

LOST.

Buckwheat and Butter.

Buggies.

Fresh Crackers.

Wholesale Buyers.

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Discharges in Bankruptcy. We are indebted to His Honor Judge Brooks, of the U. S. Court, for the following list of persons who have received discharges in Bankruptcy during this session of the Court:

W. W. GRIER & CO., Wholesale and Retail Grocers, Would respectfully inform their friends and the public generally, that they are daily receiving fresh supplies of

FRESH ARRIVALS. W. H. H. GREGORY, (At J. Y. Bryce & Co's Old Stand, Charlotte, N. C.) is now receiving another supply of GROCERIES, suitable to the season.

MINERS WANTED. At King's Mountain Coal Mine, Gaston county. We want 100 Hard Ground Miners. Sober, steady men can get constant employment and pay at end of each month, at \$1 to \$1.50 per day, according to qualification.

Books and Stationery. WADE & GUNNELS, Successors to S. R. JOHNSTON, keep constantly on hand at the

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