



It is rumored that serious complications have arisen between Spain and Great Britain in regard to the Virginia massacre. It is positively stated that the punishment of the Commander at Santiago de Cuba, General Burriel, will be demanded by the British Government.

Some uneasiness is manifested in the Western cities on account of the hostility shown by the working men to the municipal authorities. These meetings in which the pseudo working men are mainly foreigners, are tinged with the wild aims of Communism, and the demand is made that the city government shall give them work or feed them.

Civil Rights.

The question of conferring upon the colored people, by positive legislation the rights which belong to them as citizens, has received the attention of the Legislature of this State and of the National Congress. The former body disposed of the subject in the shortest order, as if it was one which was beyond their concern. In Congress the democrats are ranging themselves against the measures; and doubtless will contest, step by step, the passage of any law which affects the desired rights of the negroes.

In the lower House of Congress, Mr. Beck, of Kentucky, warned the country that an attempt to enforce a law securing mixed schools, would be the signal for rebellion and insurrection. He maintained that the only rights which the colored people can claim under the Constitution are those guaranteed by the constitutional amendments; and generally objected to the action of Congress, as the matter belonged to the States.

Mr. Beck's remarks in reference to schools are suggestive. He is a citizen of Kentucky, which, though divided in sentiment about the war, was almost a unit upon slavery and the negro. It is a State in which the negroes have been left to the mercy of the whites, unprotected by the power of Federal authority.

It is a State where the animosity and hatred for the negroes which is felt elsewhere in the South, is relaxed into contempt for the inferior race. It is a State which did not place itself within the purview of the reconstruction acts, and in which the negro has always been an unresisting victim of whatever impositions the lords of the soil attempted. It is a State which, consequently, feels that rebellion and insurrection are terms which do not signify a great deal; and that they may be attempted without great danger, and with little apprehension for the consequences.

But we are inclined to doubt whether the democratic members from the cotton States who sat with Mr. Beck upon the seats of the House of Representatives, would resurrect the perils of another rebellion, so close upon the heels of the first. Although many of the poorer classes of whites in the South are, by appeals to passion and ignorance induced to act with the party which oppressed them, yet it would be a mistake to assume that again they could be driven into the ranks of an army of conscripts, to fight battles at the command of the leaders of the democratic party. That terrible time in which the poor whites were forced from destitute and agonized families, to defend a cause for which they had no interest or sympathy, is vivid in their memory; and long will it remain.

To the colored people we can say, that the only hope which they have of obtaining a legal recognition of their rights is in Congress. Before that body their claims must be pressed, and doubtless a short time only will elapse before they will be redeemed from that condition which is the last taint of slavery.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(Condensed from the Raleigh News.)

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS. SENATE.

SATURDAY, Dec. 20.

Senate met at 11 o'clock, Lieutenant Governor Brogden in the chair. Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Introduction of Bills and Petitions.

By Mr. Troy, a bill in relation to Battle's Reversal. Provides that it shall not go into effect till February 1st, 1874. The rules were suspended and the bill taken up on its passage. Mr. Seymour offered an amendment

that all laws amended should go into effect at the same time.

Mr. Merrimon offered a substitute for the bill, embodying the bill and amendment, which was adopted.

Mr. Troy stated, in his request for a suspension of the rules to put the bill on its passage, that it was necessary in order to protect the inspection laws of the city of Wilmington, &c. The bill passed its several readings.

By Mr. Dunham, a petition from citizens of Halifax county in regard to the canal from Gaston to Weldon. On motion of Mr. Dunham, the petition was referred to a select committee.

By Mr. Avera, a bill for the better care and protection of the orphans of the State. Referred.

Mr. Avera said in introducing the bill that he did not expect or desire that it should come up till after recess, but he would be glad if the press of the State would after noticing his bill criticize accordingly. It was an important matter and the General Assembly would profit by the voice of the press.

Rules Suspended. Mr. Merrimon's bill to amend the charter of the Greenville and French Broad Railway Company passed its readings.

On motion of Mr. Dunham, the rules were suspended to allow the passage of the bill providing that all acts passed by the General Assembly from November 14th, 1873, to December 22d, 1873, inclusive, shall be in force according to their ratification clauses.

The House's "fish" bill, the provisions of which are to stake out the channel of the Roanoke river at its mouth and to allow the passage of fish upstream, was called up by Mr. Chamberlain and passed its third reading.

Messages Received.

From the House of Representatives transmitting a number of bills for concurrence, in the list of which was the bill to extend the charter of the Swannona Gap Railroad, with several amendments. Mr. Gudger argued in favor of postponing the action on the question of concurrence till the 15th of January.

Mr. Merrimon, though opposed to the amendments, was willing to concur, and opposed the motion to postpone, stating that it would amount to a defeat of the bill.

The motion of Mr. Gudger to postpone, prevailed by a close vote.

HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Speaker Robinson called the House to order at 10 1/2 a. m. Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. McNeill presented a petition from citizens of Richmond and Robeson county, asking a prohibitory liquor law within five miles of Montpelier church, Robeson county.

By Mr. McLaurin, a bill to incorporate Free Love Lodge, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows. Referred.

By Mr. McNeill, a bill to prevent the sale of liquor within five miles of Montpelier church, Robeson county. Referred.

The bill to amend the charter of Rabun Gap Short Line Railway Company, was taken up and passed its several readings.

The Senate bill to appoint Commissioners to devise ways and means to aid the Carolina Central Railroad Company, was taken up and passed its second reading.

The Senate bill in reference to packages of salt fish, was taken up and, on motion of Mr. Shackelford, postponed until the 16th day of January, 1874.

The bill to amend the charter of the Fair of the Carolinas was taken up and, on motion of Mr. Johnston, was recommitted to the Committee on Corporations.

The Senate bill to amend chapter 19, laws of 1871-2, was taken up, amended, and passed its several readings.

The Senate bill to amend the charter for building a bridge across the Pasquotank river, was taken up and passed its several readings.

The bill to make entry takers in certain localities ex officio county agents, was taken up and passed its several readings.

The Senate resolution in regard to defraying Prof. Kerr's expenses at the Vienna Exposition, was taken up [appropriates over \$1200].

After debate, the matter was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The resolution requesting the Governor to furnish the House with a copy of the correspondence between himself and the officers of the Carolina Military Institute at Charlotte, was taken up and adopted.

The bill to amend chapter 130, private laws of 1848-49, was taken up and passed its several readings.

The bill to change the line between Swain, Graham and Macon counties, was taken up and passed its several readings.

The bill to incorporate the town of Teachey's, Duplin county, was taken up and passed its several readings.

The resolution to raise a committee to investigate certain charges against the Board of Directors of the Penitentiary and the Deputy Warden, was taken up.

Mr. Craige moved to table. The yeas and nays were called; and the motion to table failed for the want of a quorum—yeas 19, nays 40. After some further debate the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Moss, the Senate bill to amend section 1, chapter 121, Battle's Reversal, was taken up, and passed its several readings.

The bill to incorporate Free Love Lodge, United Order of Odd Fellows of Wilmington, was taken up and passed its several readings.

The bill to create an additional term of the Superior Court for Edgecombe county, was taken up and passed its several readings.

The bill to appoint a public guardian was taken up and passed its several readings.

The bill to amend chapter 19, laws of 1872-73, was taken up and passed its several readings. Adjourned.

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