

AT RALEIGH.

Happenings in the Legislature Since Our Last Issue—Extracts From the Dailies.

WEDNESDAY.

HOUSE.

Bills introduced: To establish the North Carolina reform school; to require foreign corporation doing business in this State to take out license; to make guardians, administrators and executors who misappropriate funds liable for embezzlement; to incorporate the Mutual Aid Banking Co. of New Bern; to incorporate grand lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias, of North Carolina; to allow Robeson county to levy a special tax; to amend the code by allowing jointer in actions for wages; (by Mr. Dixon, of Greene) to repeal the law forbidding remarriage of divorced persons.

The bill in regard to a reform school provides for the discipline, training and education of youthful criminals; it provides for a \$10,000 appropriation for each race for the purchase of from 300 to 600 acres of land for farm purposes.

It was ordered that each Monday should be the day for the enrollment of bills, but the presiding officers of each branch of the Legislature can ratify any bill any time.

The resolution to pay the expenses of the Arrington committee came up with an unfavorable report and was tabled unanimously. The resolution to pay T. B. Purnell \$300 for attorney's and clerk's salary was also tabled.

A resolution was adopted raising a joint committee to consider the reduction of salaries to conform to the decline in prices of farm products.

Mr. Sutton, of New Hanover, offered a resolution to print 10,000 copies for Governor Russell's inaugural. A lively debate ensued and the resolution was referred to the finance committee.

SENATE.

Bills introduced: To provide for reasonable rates on railroads, telegraph and telephone lines; to establish a uniform standard of time in North Carolina; to incorporate Tar River Bank at Rocky Mount; to prevent the sale of concealed weapons; to amend the school law of the State; to reduce fee for registering crop liens from \$1.05 to 30 cents.

THURSDAY.

HOUSE.

Bills introduced: To carry out the true intent of grantors and testators and to abolish the rule in Shelby's case by providing that whenever an estate in land is conveyed to one for life it shall not be construed to confer a fee simple estate upon the life tenant; to prevent the spread of contagious diseases among live stock in North Carolina; providing for three commissioners forming the North Carolina live stock sanitary board. Contest papers of A. J. Field, of Granville, for the seat held by W. J. Crews were filed, as were also the papers in the contest of Broughton vs Young from Wake.

The bill passed making the unlawful taking of a legislative bill or other paper a felony.

The bill passed in regard to suits or actions of quo warranto, providing that in trial for title to any county office or other local office it shall be sufficient for the person desiring to bring such action to give bond to save the State from costs, and such suits shall be placed by the clerk at the head of the docket or calendar.

The bill passed providing that the terms of justices of the peace elected last November shall end the first Monday in December, 1898; also the bill to levy a special tax of 25 cents on the \$100 in Robeson county to pay the floating debt.

A resolution was adopted giving each legislator a set of colonial records. It was stated that there were 1,200 sets of records now on hand.

The bill passed by a vote of 71 to 24 (Democrats voting no) providing for new jury lists next July in all

counties in the State.

The resolution to create a committee to investigate the charges in the senatorial contest was ratified.

SENATE.

Bills introduced: To abolish the office of cotton weigher in Edgecombe; to license foreign associations and other corporations.

The bill passed its third reading to incorporate the town of Millbank, Wilson county.

The following were appointed on the part of the senate as the committee on senatorial bribery investigation: Senators Atwater and Smathers.

The following Cuban resolutions, as modified by the committee on federal relations, was adopted:

Resolved by the Senate, the house concurring, That we are in sympathy with the people of Cuba who are struggling for liberty against such overwhelming odds, and we assure our Senators and representatives in congress that any action they may take looking to the independence of Cuba will meet our hearty approval.

FRIDAY.

HOUSE.

The following bills were introduced: To amend the school law so as to strike out "chairman of county commissioners" and insert "register of deeds."

By Mr. Dockery, to allow Richmond county to levy a special tax; to amend the stock law so the expense of changing the boundary fence in the territory released be paid by the property holders in such district or territory, but these not to be liable for cost of repairs.

By Mr. Sutton, of Cumberland, that R. P. Buxton, F. P. Willston, D. A. Bryant, Nicholas Brown and Jas. R. Deal, be trustees of the Fayetteville colored normal school; also to amend the homestead law so that whenever a homesteader, with the assent of his wife, shall convey the homestead allotted him he shall be entitled to have another allotted up on any lands he may have; also to amend the charter of the Raleigh and Gaston railroad so the track may be straightened at curves.

By Mr. Peace, to amend the law as to lynching, so as to allow damages to the amount of \$5,000.

By Mr. Dixon, of Cleveland, to protect female clerks by requiring that in stores, etc., where they are employed a seat be provided for them for use when they are not at work.

By Mr. Smith, of Johnston, requiring that any railway ticket sold shall have the amount of purchase money paid for it marked thereon; By Mr. Smith to provide that buyers and not sellers of cotton shall pay weighers fees at Goldsboro.

Mr. Sutton, of Cumberland, introduced a resolution asking congress to rebuild the United States arsenal at Fayetteville, which was burned in April 1865.

The house took up the Cuban sympathy resolution, as amended by the senate.

Mr. Lusk said that if the Cubans amounted to anything they were entitled to recognition as an independent nation; that this was the opinion of the people of North Carolina. Let them spring into nationality.

At this stage of the proceedings the house adjourned.

SENATE.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 15.—The following bills and resolutions were introduced:

By Senator Smathers, to amend the Code relating to challenges of jurors.

By Senator Person, to make wire fences lawful fences in Edgecombe; also to enact a Curfew law for all towns and cities in North Carolina.

By Senator Moye, to establish a scale of fees for registers of deeds.

By Senator Anthony, to amend Code regarding chattel mortgages.

The following senators were added to committee: Senators Whedbee, on salaries and fees; Early, on fish and fisheries; Barker, on agri-

culture; Atwater, on railroads and the railroad commission.

SATURDAY.

HOUSE.

The House was in session on y a few minutes this morning. Only two unimportant bills were introduced.

Hancock was announced as chairman of the Committee on Fish Interests.

Schulken, Lusk and Nelson were appointed a committee to investigate the charges of fraud in Senatorial elections.

Harry Skinner attacks Cy Thompson. Says he is permitting himself to be used as a tool by Butler to play a sham battle. Republicans all allege that Butler is seeking to destroy Thompson. They say Butler would not permit him to be elected. It is impossible to tell what the result will be. Thompson's nomination caused Pritchard to both lose and gain ground.

SENATE.

The Senate was called to order at 9:30 o'clock by Lieut. Gov Reynolds, and after prayer by Rev Mr. McNeill, of the Senate, the journal of yesterday was read and approved. Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Scales and Mr. Justice. No bills or resolutions were introduced; Senators were evidently too deeply engrossed on the subject of grip germs to draw up bills.

The calendar was taken up and the following bills were disposed of:

Bill for relief of A. M. Veno, ex-sheriff of Wilkes county, passed second and third readings.

Resolution to pay postoffice box rent; adopted.

Bill for the relief of Dr. Geo. W. Walker, of Pender county, exempting him from the tax of \$10.

By unanimous consent the Senate took up House bill repealing chapter 466, known as the "Assignment Act," and it passed its several readings and was ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

The Senate then adjourned until 4 o'clock Monday afternoon.

In the United States Circuit Court Friday at Wilmington, Judge Simonton, presiding, argument in the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad case was concluded. Judge Cross, counsel for the Baltimore commission, read a tender of \$2,000,000 for the entire road. The court ordered all brief to be filed in 30 days, upon which consideration of the case will again be taken up. It is not likely that the final decree shall be issued before the latter part of February.—Exchange.



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