

AT RALEIGH.

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

WEDNESDAY.

HOUSE.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 23.—The senate met at 11 o'clock and Rev. Dr. Barb offered prayer.

Bills and resolutions were introduced as follows:

By Senator Justice, a bill to repeal the divorce law of 1895; also the act of 1895 relating to sales by trustees and mortgages.

By Senator Grant, a resolution inviting D. J. L. M. Curry to address the general assembly January 25th.

The rules were suspended and the resolution adopted.

The president announced that the senate would repair to the house to vote for senator.

The senate re-assembled at 2 o'clock and immediately adjourned.

SENATE.

The house met at 11 o'clock.

Many bills were reported, among them, favorably, the bill to repeal the act for aid to the State Fireman's Relief Association; the bill to punish public drunkenness and the bill to require seats to be provided for saleswomen in stores.

Bills were introduced as follows:

By Mr. Sutton, of Cumberland, for the relief of ex-Sheriff Smith, of Cumberland.

By Mr. McKenzie, to pay special venues in capital cases.

By Mr. Duffy, to amend the Code regarding appeals from assignments of widows' years support.

By Mr. Person, of Wilson, to incorporate the town of Bridgersville.

By Mr. Weymess, to designate the duties and fix the compensation of boards of county commissioners.

By Mr. Harris, of Halifax, to repeal the act requiring sworn statements of election expenses.

By Mr. Sutton, of New Hanover, to allow active firemen at Wilmington the amount of their city poll tax.

Mr. Person, of Wayne, offered a resolution to prevent sending of any committees to visit penal and charitable institutions of the state.

THURSDAY.

HOUSE.

The following bills were introduced by Hancock, to amend the charter of Neberne, to make it a felony to steal any election book; Resolution instructing Senators and Representatives to work for repeal of tax on fruit branding; to incorporate Bank of Kinston; to amend the Robeson county stock law; to amend the divorce law bills; to allow clerks of Superior courts to appoint deputies, who can probate deeds, applying to Columbus, Craven, Robeson, Wilson, Richmond, Edgecombe and other counties was taken up and re-committed in order that a general bill might be prepared; bill to regulate appeals passed; bill providing that guardians, administrators and executors who misappropriate funds are liable to indictment for embezzlement, passed; bill to protect furnishers of material to contractors was tabled; Bill allowing Robeson county to hire out the chain gang passed; bill allowing the Wadesboro Cotton Mill Company to issue bonds to the amount of \$40,000 was passed; bill passed second reading allowing Richmond county to levy a special tax to pay the floating debt; bill was passed exempting from jury duty undertakers who are funeral directors; bill to incorporate the Carolina Exchange Bank at Monroe was tabled.

SENATE.

Bills were introduced in the Senate to investigate the use of North Carolina histories in public schools; to incorporate the Lodge of Faith, Hope and Charity, of Craven county; to prevent forfeiture of goods sold on the installment plan; regarding the catching of fish and trapping, and the kill-

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ing of deer in Columbus county; to reorganize all standing committees, giving Republicans and Populists four members each, and Democrats two.

FRIDAY.

HOUSE.

Many bills were introduced most of them being local. Those of interest were: To give the Superior Court power to probate deeds and conveyances; to repeal the act to amend the charter of Wilmington, ratified March 9th, 1895, and declaring all laws and clauses of laws concerning Wilmington existing at that time in full force and effect; to change the elections in that city; to preserve cultivated ground from ravages of poultry; to pay each \$1.50 to judges of election and those who carried returns to county seat on last election day; to amend the Code as to pauper suits; to require cross indexing of deeds, etc., in 24 hours after they are registered. Bill to make it a misdemeanor to disturb any political meeting came up on its third reading—after some amendments, the bill and amendments were referred to the judiciary committee. Bill to incorporate the Moore County and Western Railway passed, after some discussion. Populists were of the opinion that road would parallel the North Carolina Railway, but being assured it did not, withdrew their opposition. Bill to reduce the pay of registers of deeds to ten cents per sheet for recording election returns passed; bill to reduce the salaries of clerks of the House from five to four dollars per day came up with favorable report. The House then adjourned amidst discussion of the bill. McRary said the clerks got all the salary and the members get all the cursing.

SENATE.

Bills were introduced as follows:

To abolish Hertford inferior court; to incorporate the Pinehurst Railroad Company; to levy a special tax in Nash county. The president announced the following committee on county government: Senators Grant, Smathers, McCaskey, Atwater and Abell. The bill passed incorporating the Stone Mountain Railway Company.

SATURDAY.

HOUSE.

Bills introduced in the House were as follows: Requiring Craven county to refund illegal tax collected under act of March 1895; to place the steamer Lily in hands of Naval Reserves; to authorize sheriffs to make tax titles; to make rates of passenger fare on railroads 1 1/2 and 2 cents per mile; to make telegraph charges 15 cents for 10 words and one cent for each additional word; to amend the code for the better protection of mechanics and owners of buildings and vessels; to provide for public road supervisors; to make the terms of the registers of deeds four years after the election in 1898; to prescribe time in which mortgages may be recorded; bill to promote temperance introduced, which makes it unlawful to sell or give spiritous liquors to an unmarried person under 21 years of age. A motion to table the resolution fixing the salaries of clerks at four dollars was lost. An amendment by Cook to make the act effective in 1898 was adopted—Ayes 40, Noes 34. An amendment to reduce the pay of members to \$3.00 per day was lost. An amendment was offered by Dockery that the resolution take effect when each member returns to the treasury one-fourth of his per diem. This caused a lengthy debate, which is estimated to have cost our State \$350.00. The bill as amended failed to pass. Auditor Ayer issued a circular to sheriffs calling attention to the fact that firms who offer a gift or prize as an inducement to purchase are subject to a fine of \$20.

SENATE.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock, Lieut. Governor Reynolds presiding. The following bills and resolutions

were introduced and referred: To amend the charter of the Carolina Mutual Insurance Company; in regard to the supervision of public school; bill for relief of sheriffs and tax collectors; to amend Chapter 214, laws of 1895; to amend chapter 455, laws of 1893, in regard to trustees and assignees. The calendar was then taken up and the following bills and resolutions were disposed of: Bill to incorporate the Stone Mountain R. R. Co. Mr. McNeil moved to amend—amendment lost. Bill in regard to the county line between Chatham and Alamance counties was made the special order for Friday next.

MONDAY.

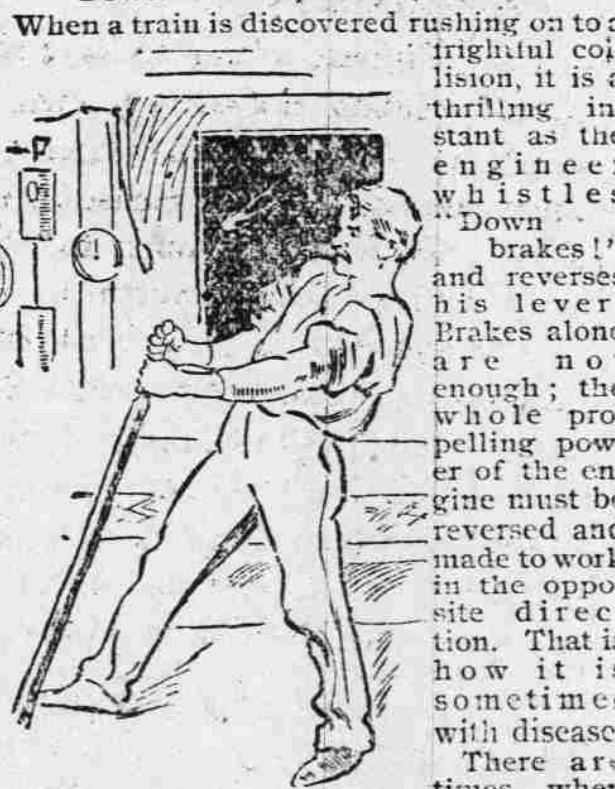
HOUSE.

Bills were introduced in the House as follows: To regulate assignments; to amend the Code so as to allow grandchildren of certain ex-slaves to inherit and become distributors of their estate; to prevent affrays, to prevent slander and to amend the Code in reference to Sunday trains; to charter the Eastern Hospital for the insane at Goldsboro; to provide that land owners shall pay for one-fourth of the fertilizer used by tenants, unless, when the land is rented the tenant is notified that the owner will not pay for any fertilizer; to change the age when road duty shall begin from 18 to 21 years. Bill to allow a woman a divorce if her husband is in the penitentiary was tabled. At noon Dr. Curry, agent of the Peabody fund addressed the Legislature in the House. The subject of the address was "Education." He made a strong plea for education, and declared that if the legislature did not elevate the blacks the latter would drag them down to the nethermost bill of ignorance. He said that there would always be ballot box frauds as long as there was ignorance.

SENATE.

Bills were introduced as follows: To establish and maintain an insurance department and consolidate the insurance laws; to require the registration of the names of partners in business concerns; to include, in the list of benevolent societies exempt from insurance tax, Knights of Labor and the Masonic Life Indemnity Company; there was some discussion of the bill to incorporate Bridgersville, Wilson county. Senator Butler claimed this was a bad habit of incorporating these cross roads towns so as to allow them to sell whiskey. It was decided that the Senate attend the inauguration of President Alderman, at the University on Wednesday in a body and that there be a night session Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

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