

LOCAL.

To Correspondents.

We again ask our friends in all parts of the county to write letters to THE RECORD, and give publicity to any items that may be of interest.

Apology.

We regret exceedingly that our issue is two or three days behind time this week, but it was owing to the fact that our supply of paper was delayed on the way, being on a Philadelphia steamer which was detained on the Delaware River.

At the Democratic caucus, held on Wednesday night, Gov. Vance was unanimously nominated as our Senator. Of course this is equivalent to an election, which will take place on the 21st.

The sale by E. F. Moore, Mortgagee, is postponed until next Tuesday. Read his advertisement.

Rape.

On last Saturday, two negroes, Tim Emerson and Andrew Manichewer were committed to jail by J. A. Houston, J. P., to await their trial at the March Term of our Superior Court, on the charge of having committed a rape on Alpha Hamner (col.) on the night of the 8th inst. We will not give any of the particulars, for fear of prejudicing the public mind, as it is a hanging offense, if guilty. This will look another heavy bill of costs for our county to pay.

Heavy Rain.

This section was visited by the heaviest rain storm, on last Saturday night, that has been known for many years. Although it rained only a few hours, yet the small streams around town were higher than almost ever known and we regret to learn that a portion of the dam of Pendergrass Mill (one mile from here) was washed away, and the mill-house badly damaged. We hear that several other mill dams in the county have been broken. Fortunately no bridges have been washed away. R. City River was higher than it has been in 33 years.

Hittens Hatching Chickens.

I mentioned last week about some chickens being hatched in the bed of an old lady, and now we have heard of a still more ingenious method of hatching them. There is a negro woman employed in a family near our town, who is deaf and dumb, but remarkably bright, and some time ago a setting hen having forsaken her nest, and "dumny" having the eggs would spoil, she took a litter of young kittens and put them on the eggs until they hatched. Who would have thought of so novel a plan?

Fire Insurance.

Scarcely a week passes now that we do not hear of some building in this county being burnt, with no insurance on it, and thus becoming a total loss and heavy misfortune to its owner. Every prudent man should provide against such a misfortune by insuring in some good Fire Company, and we know of none safer and stronger than the North Carolina Home Insurance Company, whose advertisement appears in another column. This is a Home Institution well worthy of our patronage, for it has paid out, in the last ten years, the immense sum of one hundred and seventy thousand dollars. Take out a policy at once.

Deaths of Congressmen.

A most alarming mortality has prevailed among the members of the present House of Representatives. In the past few weeks four have died, viz: Messrs. Williams, Douglas, Hartridge, and Schleichler, all Democrats; and during the past year, three others died, Messrs. Quinn, Welch, and Leonard. Such a rate of mortality, 7 out of 292, in the brief space of a little more than a year, is believed to be unprecedented, except when the great poisoning accident at the National Hotel at the time of Buchanan's inauguration wrought such widespread fatality among public men at the capital.

Personal.

We are pleased to learn that our venerable friend, Jordan Tysor, Esq., is recovering from his recent severe illness, and is now able to walk about his room. Mr. Tysor is nearly 85 years old, and previous to his late sickness, there was no man in the County so robust, strong and well-preserved both in body and mind, considering his age. We hope he may be spared for many more years of usefulness.

We are pleased to see that our townsman, A. G. Headen Esq., has returned with his wife from their visit to relatives in Caswell County. They were detained by the recent severe cold weather.

Rev. Dr. Sutton will preach his farewell sermon next Sunday, as he will leave the following week for his new field of labor at Greensboro'.

Inferior Court.

The next term of this Court will begin next Monday, the 29th inst., and will continue about three days. Quite a number of important cases are for trial, there being several prisoners in jail awaiting trial. As our farmers are not very busy just now, there will doubtless be a large attendance at Court. We would here suggest to those of our readers who intend coming to court that each one of them bring with him the name of some neighbor as a subscriber to the Record. Remember that the Record will give its readers in Chatham TWO DAYS later proceedings of the Legislature than any other weekly newspaper in the State.

Our Members.

It must be very gratifying to the people of this county to see what prominent positions have been given our Members of the Legislature. Mr. Moring occupies the highest position, as speaker, while Mr. Johnston has been appointed on the two important committees on Internal Improvements and Finance, and Mr. Merritt on the committee on Education and Enrolled Bills.

Wonderful Walking.

In our last issue we mentioned that a woman in Brooklyn had undertaken to walk 2760 quarter miles in 2700 consecutive quarter hours, and at 11 o'clock Monday night she successfully completed her task. This is the most wonderful walking and extraordinary physical endurance ever known! Think, for a moment, of any human being walking a quarter of a mile during every quarter of an hour for a whole month!

The Expulsion of Turner.

On the morning of the assembling of the Legislature, the Democratic members held a caucus for the purpose of selecting their candidates for the various Legislative offices, and they allowed Mr. Josiah Turner to enter and take part with them, notwithstanding he was the late Republican candidate for Congress. But when the Legislature met, and Mr. Moring (the candidate chosen by the caucus) was nominated for Speaker, Mr. Turner refused to vote for him, so when the caucus met again, that night, and Mr. Turner made his appearance, a resolution was adopted expelling him. This was eminently proper, and the caucus would have been wanting in self-respect, if they had allowed him to remain, after he refused to be bound by their action. What would be the use of holding a caucus if any member could refuse to uphold his nominees? It certainly is not fair for any man to take part in a caucus or convention, and because his choice is not nominated, refuse to vote for the nominee.

Merrimon's Withdrawal.

At the Democratic caucus, on Monday night, the following letter from Judge Merrimon was read:

RALEIGH, Jan. 1, 1879. To THE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS:—My friends have ascertained that whatever may be the popular desire for my reelection to the Senate of the United States, causes and influences have been brought to bear that will prevent my reelection. I have no desire to disturb the quiet of the Democratic party by further contest over the Senate, and hence, beg my friends not to mention my name further now in that connection.

I beg to express my grateful thanks to friends in and out of the Legislature who have so generously and cordially manifested interest in my behalf. I can never cease to remember them with feelings of pleasure and deep gratitude, and I venture to trust that they will not have occasion to regret the confidence that they have reposed in me.

A. S. MERRIMON. This action of our distinguished Senator must commend itself to all who wish to avoid any division in our ranks, and put an end to an unjust controversy. We regard Judge Merrimon as the equal of any Senator, who has ever represented this State, and think that his retirement at this time a national loss. We deem him worthy of any honor that is within the power of our people to confer. He has made a reputation in the United States Senate, of which his State may well feel proud, and we only regret that we have so few public men, whose private characters are as pure and spotless as his. He will retire from the Senate with the consciousness of having discharged the duties of his office in such a manner as to reflect honor both on himself and the State. We trust that North Carolina will again have the benefit of his valuable services in some other capacity.

School Notices!

Miss Kate Hanks will resume the exercises of her School, on Monday, the 31 day of February, and respectfully solicits the patronage of her friends.

Miss Alice Haughton will commence the 6th session of her School on the 20th inst. For terms, apply to Principal. Kindergarten and Calisthenics will be taught without extra charge. Pittsboro', Jan. 5, 1879.

MARRIED.

At 4 o'clock, a. m., January 7th, 1879, at the residence of Dr. R. K. Smith, by the Rev. T. J. Gattis, G. P. J. H. Wessler to Miss MINNIE H. JONES, all of Chatham County.

DIED.

In this county, on the 5th inst., CLEMENT SNIPES, infant son of Cornelius and Della Womack.

"I take these little lambs said He, And fold them to my breast, Protection they shall find in me, In me be ever blest." T. J. G.

At Pittsboro', on the 12th inst., Mrs. MARY ANN HARTCOCK, wife of William Hartcock, Esq., in the 53d year of her age.

THE MARKETS.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE COTTON MARKET Compiled expressly for THE RECORD by

M. T. NORRIS & CO., Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 14, 1879.

Cotton—Middling 8 1/2; Strict Low Middling 8 1/4; Low Middling 8; Good Ordinary 7 3/4.

CITY MARKET—WHOLESALE PRICES. Raleigh, January 14, 1879.

Cotton ties, new 4 1/2; cotton ties, spliced, 3 1/2; Bagging, 1 1/2-1 3/4; Flour, North Carolina, \$5 00 to \$5 25; Corn 65; Corn Meal, 65; Bacon, N. G. hog round, 9; Bacon, N. G. hams, 12 1/2; bulk meats, clear rib sides, 10; Coffee, prime, 17 1/2; good, 16 1/2; Syrup, sugar house, 27; Molasses, Guila, 35; salt, Liverpool, 41 1/2; sugar, white, 10; yellow, 8 1/2; leather, red sole, 20 to 27 1/2; potatoes, 3 1/2 bushel, sweet, 25; Irish, 65; oats, shelled, 40 to 45; chickens, 10 1/2; Butter, 12 1/2; eggs, per dozen, 15.

Legislative Proceedings.

(Continued from the Observer.) Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 9, 1879. SENATE.

Mr. Merritt opened the calendar with a resolution inviting the city Clergy to open the Senate sessions with prayer.

Mr. Dortch introduced a stringent measure for the protection of innocent women against wanton and malicious slanderers. Punishment, fine imprisonment, or penitentiary not exceeding ten years.

Mr. Graham, of Lincoln, introduced a bill requiring the Judges of the Supreme and Superior Courts to report to the Governor amendments or changes in the laws, and suggest the passage of such other laws as they may deem important.

Mr. Dortch introduced a bill authorizing the Governor to appoint three commissioners to collate, revise and digest all public statute laws now in force in this State, including the laws passed by this Assembly, following the general plan of the Revised Statutes, 1854. The General Assembly, making such suggestions as may be proper.

Mr. Davidson is looking after the unfortunate debtor class, and introduced a bill to exempt from executions issuing upon all judgments heretofore, or which may be rendered upon causes of action existing prior to April, 1868, such property as the judgment debtor may have then been entitled to have set apart and allotted to him. He also introduced a bill to amend the law authorizing the county authorities to farm out convicts, so as to prohibit the farming out of persons imprisoned for the non-payment of a fine, or as a punishment imposed for offenses, unless the court shall so authorize. It was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Everett came forward with a relief measure for manufacturers. He wants factories and factory sites, where cotton and woolen fabrics and machinery and agricultural implements are made relieved of all sorts of taxation. It will increase the investment of capital, and will prove popular with all classes.

HOUSE.

By Mr. Atkinson, a resolution proposing a joint committee of three on the part of the Senate and five on the part of the House to ascertain the public expenditures and how they can be curtailed.

By Mr. York, a resolution to request that our representatives in Congress secure a reduction of tax on liquors and tobacco.

By Mr. Blocker, a bill to declare and secure the personal property exemption to debtors on debts contracted prior to the State Constitution of 1868.

SENATE.

January 10.

Mr. Caldwell proposed a joint committee of eight on the Governor's message relating to public roads and highways.

Mr. Everett introduced a regular revolutionary resolution on the State Debt. A preamble about integrity, dignity, &c., at home and abroad, and all that sort of thing. It raises a committee of four members and three Senators, to whom all bills on the public debt shall be referred. It requests the Governor to invite the authorized representatives of the creditors to meet it for conference as soon as possible in the city of Raleigh. After consultation it makes it the duty of the committee to prepare and report a bill for a settlement of the debt.

Mr. Williamson introduced Senate Bill No. 14. It turns into the county school fund the tax fees of lawyers in all cases determined in the Superior Court or in the Probate Court. Tax fees in the Supreme Court to go to the general educational fund.

Mr. Graham, of Lincoln, presented a bill, No. 28, providing for the more speedy execution of felons convicted of capital offenses. Upon affirmation of judgment in the Supreme Court, the clerk shall within ten days, notify the Clerk of the Superior Court, who shall immediately notify the sheriff, and he shall proceed to execute the sentence on the 2d Friday after being notified.

Also, an act in relation to warrants on bastardy.

Mr. Alexander introduced a bill amending article 11, section 1, of the Constitution by inserting between the words death and imprisonment in line the words public whipping.

Also a bill altering the constitution so that justices of the Supreme and Superior courts shall be elected by a joint ballot of the two houses of the General Assembly and shall be commissioned by the Governor and hold office during good behavior, and the solicitors of the superior court shall be elected by a joint ballot of the General Assembly, and hold office for six years.

Mr. Graham introduced a bill to provide for the adjournment of terms of the superior courts, when the Judge fails to open the court by 5 p. m. of the day appointed. The adjourned term stands at the foot of the district.

Mr. Davidson introduced a bill permitting the foreman of Grand Juries to administer oaths and affirmations to persons endorsed on the bills of indictment, by the prosecuting officer, or by the direction of the court.

Mr. Dortch introduced a bill to amend an act to establish the inferior courts so as to give them exclusive jurisdiction in bastardy cases and exclusive jurisdiction of all crimes and misdemeanors whereof jurisdiction is given to said courts by sec. 7 of said act, &c.

Also a bill in regard to practise in criminal actions. Prevent quashing of indictment or arrest of judgments on the ground that a party to an action pending had not paid his tax for proceeding or current year.

Also a bill to punish the selling or giving away of poisonous drugs or medicine, except upon prescription of a physician.

Also a bill making the seduction of women under 21 years of age a misdemeanor. Fine or imprisonment at the discretion of the court or sentence to the penitentiary may follow. Carried.

Also a bill allowing a person accused of rape or attempt to commit rape at his own request to become a competent witness.

HOUSE.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Amis, a bill in relation to public road.

By Mr. Clarke, a bill to repeal the tax on merchants and other traders. Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Dunn, a bill for extending the time to redeem land sold for taxes and bought by the State. Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Anderson, a bill for the punishment of the crime of incest. Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, a bill to amend sections 4 and 7, chapter 37, Battle's Revised. Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Covington, a bill to amend chapter 255, laws of 1876-7, to divide the State into nine judicial districts. Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Reynolds (col.), a bill to amend the act to regulate elections. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

By the same, a bill to exempt merchants from the payment of the special privilege tax. Finance Committee.

Mr. Richardson, of Columbus, made a motion to take up House Bill No. 1 and place it upon its several readings. This bill repeals the privilege tax upon all merchants and traders.

Mr. Jones, of Caldwell, moved its reference to the committee on finance. Upon this motion he submitted some remarks. He thought the House should not act too hastily in this matter; that time should be given to inquire into it.

Messrs. Richardson and others, submitted remarks, urging the immediate passage of the bill. They gave some illustrations of the cruel hardships which came under their knowledge, of the working of this bill.

Mr. Atkinson offered an amendment that the tax be in proportion to the amount of business done. This was rejected by a vote of 88 to 22.

Mr. Carter, of Buncombe, then offered amendment that the tax do not apply to merchants whose business does not exceed one thousand dollars, which was lost.

Mr. Jones withdrew his motion to refer and the bill passed its several readings and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Cooke, the Senate bill to repeal the law providing for two additional terms of the superior court of Wayne county, was taken up and passed its several readings.

By consent, Mr. Turner introduced a resolution in regard to compound interest felony.

Resolution relates to Swenson-Litfield, and getting evidence from Gen. R. M. Henry, now in Raleigh.

On motion of Mr. Turner, the rules were suspended and the resolution taken up. [The preamble goes on to state that these two parties were indicted in Haywood county, and were allowed to buy off the prosecution with money and the bill was quashed, and furthermore states that G. W. Swenson was now indicted in Wake for obtaining \$4,000,000 in State bonds from the treasury, &c. The resolution asks for a committee of three to confer with R. M. Henry, late solicitor, concerning the case, and to wait upon the Attorney General to ascertain his opinion in the case.]

Mr. Turner addressed the House at considerable length in advocacy of the resolution, touching on rings generally.

Messrs. Vaughan, Bernard, Blocker, Ford and Jones, favored the adoption of the resolution, but wanted to strike out the preamble, because it contained assertions which were stated as facts, which the House was not cognizant of.

Mr. Lockhart was opposed to the whole thing upon legal principles. The matter was now in the courts, and no interference should take place until the case was determined.

The motion to strike out the preamble prevailed, when the resolution was adopted. Messrs. Turner, Lockhart and Ford, were appointed by the speaker as the special committee under the resolution.

SENATE.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

January 11.

By Mr. Nicholson, a bill to make Justices of the peace ex officio rangers in the counties in which they reside.

By Mr. Henderson a bill to prohibit the removal of criminals causes to another county, except where the ends of justice absolutely required it.

By the Senator from Perquimans, a bill to modify the landlord and tenant act. This bill creates that no landlord shall have a lien on crops for provisions furnished except by a written mortgage, and that the tenant shall have full privilege of using one tenth of the crop raised before housing them without constituting a misdemeanor.

Mr. Everett moved to suspend the rules and put upon its second and third reading House bill No. 1, which was for the repeal of the privilege tax. The rules were suspended and the bill placed upon its passage. A lengthy and spirited discussion followed. Mr. Henderson said this was an old and yet a small tax. There were many men of small means desirous of entering into business, but were prevented by this unjust tax.

Mr. Austin was surprised that there should be any evil over this matter. He proposed a million of dollars worth of business paid five dollars, and men who did but a small business paid the same. He was in favor of repealing this act.

The motion to refer to the Finance Committee did not prevail. When the bill passed its third reading, and was called which resulted as follows: Ayes 47; noes 1.

HOUSE.

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By Mr. York, exempting conveyances and mortgages from seal tax.

By Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, permitting the extension of the Raleigh Air-Line Railroad to Garlets.

By Mr. Post, a petition of the citizens of Rowan, asking for the abolition of the homestead law, and a revival of the whip ping post.

Mr. Vaughan under a suspension of the rules, moved to take up House Bill No. 2 from the calendar, and to put it upon its passage. The bill reduces the cost of printing one half.

The bill then passed both readings, and then was, on Mr. Vaughan's motion, laid on the table.

SENATE.

BILLS.

January 13.

By Mr. Seales, a bill in regard to salaries and fees in certain cases. The Governor to receive \$3,000 and Private Secretary \$570, Treasurer \$2,750, Treasurer's Clerk \$1,250; Secretary of State \$1,000 and fees not to exceed \$1,000, all fees in excess of \$1,000 to be paid into the Treasury. Auditor \$1,500, Attorney General \$500 and \$1,000 as reporter of the Supreme Court; Superintendent of Public Instruction \$1,500; Librarian \$500. The bill was read by 12 members on first Monday in March, 1879, and every four years thereafter, to regulate fees of Clerks, Sheriffs, Registers, and all county officers.

By Mr. Caldwell, to raise a joint committee of five, three Representatives and two Senators, to consider the questions of reduction and regulation of railways freight charges.

By Mr. Reppas, a bill to allow two years for redemption of real estate sold under execution, lien or mortgage.

Senate bill No. 18 in regard to that portion of the Governor's Message referring to highways and roads was passed, ordered to be engrossed and sent to the House.

Mr. Seay, a resolution as follows: That a joint committee be raised of three on the part of the Senate and five on the part of the House, whose duty shall be to examine, inquire into and investigate the conduct and management of each and every department of the State government, including the penal and charitable institutions, their respective receipts and disbursements, salaries and fees, and to further ascertain whether the expenses of the said several departments and institutions should not be reduced, and that said committee also directed to report by bill or otherwise.

HOUSE.

By Mr. Carter, of Buncombe, to repeal law providing for the maintenance of lunatics outside the Asylum.

By Mr. Norman, to relieve Ex Gov. W. W. Holden of his disabilities. Judiciary.

Mr. Berry, obtained leave to take up H. R. 22. This resolution asks for a committee of 5, 3 from the House and 2 from the Senate, to investigate the affairs of the Western N. C. R. R. &c.

The bill passed its second reading, on a motion to put it upon the 2d reading, Mr. Lawley offered an amendment that said committee be authorized to examine into the affairs of the Western Insane Asylum at Morganton, and make a full report of the progress of that work, its management and financial condition. The amendment was accepted.

By Mr. McEachern, a bill to provide for more efficient returns to the Agricultural Department.

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