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THE LEGISLATURE.

RESUME OF PROCEEDINGS.

Thirty-first Day, Tuesday, February 12th.

Senator Scates, by consent, submitted a report from the joint select committee on retrenchment on reform [This report is printed in full in 'The Sun' to-day.]

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It was strange that it should be proposed to tack it to this bill. Mr. Lockhart discussed the amendment, and could see no objection that could be offered to it.

Mr. Vaughan offered an amendment to the amendment, providing that the regulation of tariffs on this road shall not go into effect until such law shall be put in operation upon all the roads in the State.

Mr. Clarke thought the State had no pride, no policy, no system, but was manipulated for the benefit of Virginia and South Carolina. This proposed road will injure the West. He spoke of the loss it would cause the State by damage to the N. C. R. R.

Mr. Jones took up this, saying that the State had never paid one dime for that road.

Mr. Clarke, continuing, said the roads tapping the State had damaged her.

Mr. Cary said he was a veteran member, but had never before spoken upon the railroad question, but would be recognized to the people if he opposed the amendment, for it was for the interest of the people of the West, by preventing their being charged high rates. But as to the bill, they speak of its damaging Wilmington; does it not work good for the State at large?

The question first recurred on the amendment proposed by Mr. Vaughan to the amendment offered by Mr. Foard.

The amendment to the amendment was discussed by Messrs. Clarke, Vaughan, Foard, Norman, Atkinson, Turner, Blocker, Cobb, Norman, Carroll, Blocker, Ritchey, Ardrey, and Carter of Buncombe.

The amendment to the amendment was voted down by a vote of 53 to 50.

Mr. Foard's amendment was adopted by a vote of 54 to 44.

Mr. Atkinson moved to amend so as to provide that Mr. Foard's amendment shall not apply to this road until a like provision is applied to all other roads in the State.

Mr. Richardson, of Columbus, moved to amend by providing that the amendment of Mr. Foard should apply to all roads alike in the State. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 98 to 2.

Mr. Cobb moved to amend so as to subject the road to taxation. Lost.

Mr. Armstrong moved to amend by starting the road at Lockville and running by Gulf, Lockville, &c. Lost.

Mr. Lockhart moved to amend by providing that ten miles of the road shall be finished in one year, and the whole road finished in five years. Lost by a vote of 40 to 59.

Mr. Clarke moved to amend by making the road liable to taxation. Lost.

Mr. Dobbins moved that the road run from Sanford straight to Charlotte. Lost.

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SUN TELEGRAMS.

EARLY AND MIDNIGHT REPORTS.

WASHINGTON.

Congress—Rail Road Measure and River and Harbor Bill, Etc.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—SENATE—Senator Kellogg introduced a bill to secure the completion of the line of railway from San Antonio, Texas, to a point at or near Fort Clark, and thence at a point at or near El Paso, upon the Rio Grande, to be known as the Mexican and Pacific extension of the Galveston and San Antonio Railroad.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Atkinson, of Tennessee, antagonized the motion, he desiring to proceed with the appropriation bill, said if the legislative bill does not pass this week he did not see how the Appropriation Committee could get a bill ready in time to be passed.

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vent other associations from getting it who are willing to go to the necessary expense for a special report. Let them get up a combination to collect the news and we will send it at the same rates as charged the associate press for the equal amount of service, but we cannot afford however to supply anybody at a tenth or fifteenth part of a price paid by our best customers. At the conclusion of Mr. Green's remarks the committee adjourned until to-morrow.

THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL of the Postoffice Department in reply to a letter addressed to the Postmaster General by the Speaker of the House of Representatives has decided that members of Congress elect are not entitled to franking privileges.

VIRGINIA. Bank of Petersburg—Election Cases.

RICHMOND, VA., February 13.—The Commercial National Bank of Petersburg has gone into liquidation, and is closing up affairs as possible. Its condition is said to be sound and no loss will result to any one.

The United States Circuit Court today decided the case of Alex. Vaughan, Judge of Elections in Petersburg, charged with ballot-box stuffing at the November election, was concluded, the jury rendering a verdict of guilty. The sentence will be pronounced to-morrow. The evidence showed that when the ballot had been emptied out of the box to be counted, Vaughan attempted to deposit a number of fraudulent ballots from his sleeve into a pile of legitimate votes.

Judge Hughes has decided that a judgment rendered in a United States Court need not, in order to continue a valid lien on lands, even as against a subsequent purchaser, for value and without notice, be docketed in accordance with the statute of Virginia in a county or corporation where the land is situated. The case came up on a question of priority of the lien of a judgment rendered in the United States Circuit Court at Richmond in 1877 against J. M. Humphreys, late Collector of Customs of this city, and sureties, or that of a deed conveyed to Thos. N. Page, trustee of certain lands of said Humphreys.

TELEGRAPHY. A meeting of the holders of the Tennessee State bonds was held here today, and endorsed the proceedings and action of the bondholders at a meeting recently held in New York, and agreeing to scale the debt to 60 cents on the dollar.

HAVANA, Feb. 13.—The American schooner, Geo. Seely, in the cattle trade, was on the rocks at the entrance of the harbor of Abila, leaving the in ballast, and lies in a precarious condition.

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OVER THE CABLE. Yesterday in the Old World.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The Paris correspondent of the London Times, in order to show that there was some mistake in the recent reports, that in consequence of the domestic embarrassment of President Grey, who could not conveniently dispense hospitality, says: The foreign Ambassadors, Ministers and high functionaries of the Government and their wives have been received at the Elysee by Madame Grey and her daughters.

The weavers at Ashton, under Lyne, struck to-day. The masters will probably later desire to continue work.

There have been further stoppage of mills, and notices of a reduction of wages were posted at Burnley this week.

Forty firms at Bolton have given notice of ten per cent. reduction in wages. The spinners offer to accept a reduction of five per cent. If the Masters refuse to comply 10,000 will strike.

The Manchester Guardian's London correspondent telegraphs at midnight last night that the Intelligence is received from South Africa that the native levies, serving with the British, have risen en masse and massacred the officers. Those natives engaged in the fight on the 21st ultimo, have massacred their officers and the bulk of the native's force along the frontier is deserting.

There have been no means of getting later advices, than those received at St. Vincent on the 10th.

The Colonial Secretary, referring to the report sent to the Manchester Guardian by its London correspondent, says: "We have no information as yet confirming the rumor that the natives have risen against their officers."

Sir Stafford Northcote, Chancellor of the Exchequer in the House of Commons this evening, said: It was not desirable to either exaggerate or depreciate unduly the severe blow in South Africa. There exists a general admiration for the gallantry of the troops, and an unusual sympathy for the sufferers, and the cabinet is resolved, therefore, to wipe out the disaster. The first batch of reinforcements will leave before Thursday next. He recommended an abstinence of the expression of their views upon the disasters until further details were received.

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Z. B. Chatterton, lessee of the Darry Lane theatre, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. Liabilities £40,000.

There were altogether 500 laborers carried into Liverpool yesterday. Fourteen thousand have arrived from Scotland, since the strike began.

THE Rt. Hon. Lt.-General, Jonathan Peel, well-known patron of the turf, is dangerously ill.

Parliament will reassemble to-day. The House of Commons will meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon, and the House of Lords at 3 o'clock. Lord Beaconsfield in the House of Lords, made a statement similar to that of Sir Stafford Northcote.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 13.—The dock laborers numbering over forty thousand held a meeting to-day, at which it was decided that unless the masters agreed to the rates by 3 o'clock this afternoon, they would demand an advance of the day rate and of a penny per hour for overtime.

BREITENBURG, Feb. 13.—The Minister of Prussian district to-day, the Minister of Commerce said negotiations are pending for the purchase of all private railways in Prussia. The purchase of all private railways in the Empire was contemplated, but unfortunately the federal government did not concur in the project.

HAYES TO MERRITT. New York, Feb. 13.—The following is a copy of President Hayes' letter to Gen. Merritt:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4th 1879. My dear General—I congratulate you on your confirmation. It is a great gratification to me, and very honorable to you and will prove I believe of signal service to the country. My desire is that the office be conducted on strictly business principles and according to the rules for the civil service which were recommended by the civil service commission in the administration of Gen. Grant.

I want you to be perfectly independent of mere influences from any quarter, neither my recommendation nor that of Secretary Sherman, or of any member of Congress or other influential person must be specially regarded.

Let appointments and removals be made upon business principles and according to rules. There must, I assume, be a few confidential places filled by you personally know to be trustworthy; but restrict the area of patronage to the narrowest limit. Let no man be promoted because he is a friend to Mr. Arthur; let no man be promoted merely because he is your friend. The good of the service should be the end in view. The best means yet presented, it seems to me, are the rules recommended by the civil service commission. I shall issue no new order on the subject at present.

I am glad that you approve of the message, and I wish you to see that all that is expressed or implied in it is carried out.

AGAIN congratulating you and assuring you of my entire confidence, I remain sincerely, Gen. E. A. Merritt, R. H. HAYES.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. FIRST WARD DEMOCRATIC CLUB.

Second Ward Democratic Club. BY ORDER OF THE CITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, there will be a meeting of the Democrats of the Second Ward, on Friday Evening, February 14th, at 8 o'clock, at Munds' Hall, to act upon a resolution from the Committee in regard to city affairs.

THIRD WARD DEMOCRATIC CLUB. YOU ARE HEREBY REQUESTED to meet at City Hall on to-morrow (Friday) Evening, February 14th, at 8 o'clock punctually. Business of great importance. By order of the President. JAMES W. KING, Secretary.

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