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The House Refuses.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16—The House to day struck from the Sundry Civil bill the $20,000,000 appropriation for the Philippine payment to Spain.

The Committee on Appropriations had reported the bill with this clause in it.

The action of the House to day was taken on a strictly technical point of order, which had to be sustained by Mr. Hopkins, of Illinois, chairman of the Committee of the Whole, and by the House, as the Republican leaders recognized, under a fair construction of the rule of the House which forbids new legislation or appropriations for objects not already authorized by law on appropriation bills.

This unexpected action will not prevent the appropriation of that money; but it will be incorporated in the Sundry Civil bill by the Senate, if it is not passed as an independent measure.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three Physicians had given me up. Fortunately a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50c. a bottle at Hood Bro.s' Drug Store.

Statesville Landmark: What has become of the snowbird? Has he gone to join the bluebird? Formerly he was very much in evidence whenever there was any snow at all; now he is seldom seen. He was a harbinger of bad weather and a consolation when it came—for he ignored the discomfort of the coldest, snowiest day, merrily taking everything as a matter of course. The insolent and aggressive English sparrow is commonly thought to be driving away other species of small birds, but many say they are not so numerous as they were a few years ago. The case seems to be one for the ornithological expert.

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The flagship New York and battleship Indiana have sailed from New York for Havana to join Sampson's fleet.

THE LEGISLATURE.

WEDNESDAY, FEB 15.

To-day was a busy day in the House, more bills being introduced than for any day during the session.

Among the large number of bills introduced we note the following:

To reduce certain fees of county and state officers; to prevent minors congregating in barrooms and to prevent bar keepers giving free lunch; to establish a dispensary at Lexington; to incorporate the Atlantic and Yadkin Railway Company; to make Labor Day a legal holiday; to authorize Raleigh Township to issue bonds for public schools; to establish a dispensary for Madison.

The following bills passed third reading:

To amend the charter of the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad Company; to amend Chapter 425, Public Laws of 1891, allowing a mortgage on personal property to be given in lien of bond.

Eighteen other bills passed third reading—bills of more or less importance Seven bills passed second reading and two bills were tabled.

The first joint session of the Legislature was held to-day to elect the Board of Internal Improvements.

SENATE.

Nineteen new bills were introduced in the Senate to day, among which we note the following:

By Senator Hill; to compel railroads to carry two or more refrigerator cars for the convenience of shippers.

By Senator Jones; to incorporate the town of Jerome, in Johnston county.

Twenty-one bills passed third reading—generally local bills. We note the following:

To prescribe a short form of crop lien for Johnston and Iredell counties; to incorporate the North Carolina Society of the Cincinnatti; to instruct the Secretary of State to send the laws of North Carolina to Hawaii.

The bill to establish a dispensary at Smithfield was ratified to day and is now a law.

THURSDAY FEB. 16.

Two sessions were held by the House to day. One from 10 to 2 o'clock and one from 4 to 6 o'clock, and in these six hours exactly 87 bills were disposed of; 46 at the morning session and 41 at the afternoon session. These 87 bills were divided as follows: Seventy-one passed third reading, nine passed second reading, three Senate amendments were concurred in, one was referred back to the committee, and three were tabled. The number of petitions presented and new bills inroduced showed quite a falling off.

Among the new bills were the following, of more than local importance: To incorporate the Granite City, Western and Short Cut Railway Company; Elizabeth City and Western Railroad Company; Pungo and Mattamuskeet Railroad Company; to allow King's Mountain and Washington to establish graded schools; and amend charters of Granite City Land and Improvement Company, Raleigh Water Works Company and Raleigh Electric Company.

Mr Johnson, of this county, introduced a bill to-day to establish a dispensary at Selma.

PASSED THIRD READING.

The following is a summary of the most important bills passed on third reading: To incorporate Elizabeth City and Western Railroad Company; also the Atlantic and Yadkin Railroad Company; the latter is successor of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad Co. To allow cities to use all fines for municipal purposes; to amend the charters of Winston Wadesboro, Statesville, Hertford, Gastonia and Jonesboro; to incorporate Aurora High Schoell, Beaufort county; Thompson Institute, Robeson county; Buie's Creek Academy, Harnett county; Sylvia High Training School, Jackson county; Neuse River Institute, Halifax county; to give the Board of Internal Improvements power to appoint State directors and State proxy for the North Corolina Railroad; to make mayor's certificates prima facie evidence in proving town ordinances on appeals from mayor's court; to submit to the people of Lexington the question of establishing a dispensary; to amend the road laws of Ashe, Watauga and Wake; to pay school claims in Johnston, Surry, Robeson, Halifax, Rutherford, Gaston and Randolph

IN THE SENATE.

The following bills were introduced in the Senate: To appoint a State educational and text book association; to authorize constables to appoint deputies; to prevent fraud on the part of persons obtaining advances on agricultural liens.

The calendar was taken up, and bills passed: To restore white government to counties of the State; to allow Wilmington & Weldon Railroad to consolidate with the Atlantic Coost Line; to incorporate the Carolina and Northern Railroad Company; to amend the charter of Nashville. to prohibit the sale of liquor in Columbus county, and establish a dispensary at Whiteville; to amend and codify the laws in regard to probate of deeds and the private examination of married women; to incorporate the Northern and Southern Railroad; to amend Section 435 of the Code, by allowing judgment of magistrate to merge in judgment of superior Court, when it is rendered in the same case; to amend the charter of Polk County Railroad Company; to incorporate Elizabeth City and Western Railroad; to allow Rockingham county to issue bonds to pay indebtedness.

The Scotland county bill passed second reading.

FRIDAY, FEB. 17.

To-day several bills of minor importance were introduced in the House.

Thirty-six bills passed third reading—generally local bills. The only bill of great importtance passed to-day is the suffrage amendment bill. This is perhaps the most important bill that this Legislature will pass.

SENATE

Twelve new bills were introduced, generally local bills.

Thirty-three bills passed third reading, among which is the bill to create Scotland county.

Bills to prohibit the sale of liquor in Shelby and in towns in Columbus county passed.

SATURDAY, FEB. 18.

The public printing question was settled in the House to-day, by the passage of a bill to let the state printing to the lowest bidder.

Mr. Hoey's bill to establish a Bureau of Labor and Printing passed. This bill provides that the Legislature shall elect a Commissioner of Labor and Printing whose salary should be $1,000 per year, and an assistant whose salary shall be $750 per year. The bill provides that the people shall elect the Commission at the next general election.

The bill to establish a dispensary at Clayton, which had already passed the Senate passed the House to day.

Many other bills passed—generally local or minor bills.

SENATE

The principal work of the Senate to-day was the passage of the suffrage amendment bill, which passed by a vote of 42 to 6. Forty-one Democrats and one Populist voted for the bill and five Republicans and one Populist voted against it.

Only a few bills passed to day and only one new bill introduced

Emile Loubet, President of the French Senate, was elected President of France Saturday by the National Assembly. He received 483 votes while M. Meline received only 279.

Red Hot From the Gun

Was the ball that hit G. B. Steadman of Newark, Mich., in the Civil War. It caused horrible Ulcers that no treatment helped for 20 years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him. Cures Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Boils, Felons, Corns, Skin Eruptions. Best Pile cure on earth. 25c. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by Hood Bros', Druggists.

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The Constitutional Amendment.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That Article VI of the Constitution of North Carolina be, and the same is hereby abrogated, and in lieu thereof shall be substituted the following Article of said Constitution:

ARTICLE VI.

SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE—QUALIFICATIONS OF AN ELECTOR.

Section 1. Every male person born in the United States, and every male person who has been naturalized, twenty one years of age and possessing the qualifications set out in this article, shall be entitled to vote at any election by the people in the State, except as herein otherwise provided.

Section 2 He shall have resided in the State of North Carolina for two years, in the county six months, and in the precinct, ward or other election district, in which he offers to vote, four months next preceding the election: Provided, that removal from one precinct, ward or other election district, to another in the same county, shall not operate to deprive any person of the right to vote in the precinct, ward or other election district, from which he has removed until four months after such removal. No person who has been convicted, or who has confessed his guilt in open court upon indictment, of any crime, the punishment of which now is, or may hereafter be, imprisonment in the State Prison, shall be permitted to vote unless the said person shall be first restored to citizenship in the manner prescribed by law.

Section 3 Every person offering to vote shall be at the time a legally registered voter as herein prescribed and in the manner hereafter provided by law, and the General Assembly of North Carolina shall enact general registration laws to carry into effect the provisions of this Article.

Section 4 Every person presenting himself for registration shall be able to read and write any section of the Constitution in the English language; and, before he shall be entitled to vote, he shall have paid, on or before the first day of March of the year in which he proposes to vote, his poll tax, as prescribed by law, for the previous year. Poll taxes shall be a lien only on assessed property and no process shall issue to enforce the collection of the same except against assessed property.

Section 5. No male person, who was on January 1, 1867, or at any time prior thereto, entitled to vote under the laws of any State in the United States wherein he then resided, and no lineal descendant of any such person shall be denied the right to register and vote at any election in this State by reason of his failure to possess the educational qualification prescribed in section four of this Article: Provided, he shall have registered in accordance with the terms of this section prior to December 1, 1908. The General Assembly shall provide for a permanent record of all persons, who register under this section, on or before November first, one thousand nine hundred and eight; and all such persons shall be entitled to register and vote in all elections by the people in this State, unless disqualified under section two of this Article: Provided, such persons shall have paid their poll tax as required by law.

Section 6. All elections by the people shall be by ballot, and all elections by the General Assembly shall be viva voce.

Section 7. Every voter in North Carolina, except as in this Article disqualified, shall be eligible to office, but before entering upon the duties of the office he shall take and subscribe the following oath: "I, ———, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina, not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as ——— ———. So help me God."

Section 8. The following classes of persons shall be disqualified for office: First, all persons who shall deny the being of Almighty God. Second, all persons who shall have been convicted, or confessed their guilt on indictment pending, and whether sentenced or not, or under judgment suspended, of any treason or felony, or any other crime which the punishment may be imprisonment in the penitentiary, since becoming citizens of the United States, of corruption and malpractice in office unless such persons shall be restored to the rights of citizenship in a manner prescribed by law.

Section 9. That all of the provisions of the Constitution relating to suffrage, registration and elections, as contained in this act, amending the Constitution, shall go into effect on the first day of July, 1902, if a majority of the qualified voters of the State so declare at the next general election.

Section 10. This amendment shall be submitted at the next general election to the qualified voters of the State, in the same manner and under the same rules and regulations as is provided in the law regulating general elections in this State, and in force May 1st, 1899; and at said election those persons desiring to vote for such amendment shall cast a written or printed ballot with the words "For Suffrage Amendment" thereon; and those with a contrary opinion shall cast a written or printed ballot with the words "Against Suffrage Amendment" thereon.

Section 11. The said election shall be held and the votes returned, compared, counted and canvassed, and the result announced, under the same rules and regulations as are in force for returning, comparing, counting and canvassing the votes for members of the General Assemble, May 1st 1899, and if a majority of the votes cast are in favor of the said amendment, it shall be the duty of the Governor of the State to certify said amendment under the seal of the State to the Secretary of State, who shall enroll the said amendment so certified among the permanent records of his office.

Section 12. This action shall be in force from and after its ratification.

STATE NEWS.

Dilsey Bradsher, a colored woman, died at her home in Durham Saturday at the advanced age of 100 years.

Messrs. C. R Emry and E E Britton have purchased the Wilson Advance and Daily News and will take charge of the two papers on March 1st.

Governor Russell has pardoned James Stanton, of Madison county, who was convicted of of murder in 1896 and sentenced to 1 5 years in the penitentiary.

Judge W. L. Norwood. of the Twelth Judicial District has sent his resignation to Governor Russell and it has been accepted. This stops the impeachment proceedings which has been inaugurated in the Legislature.

Governor Russell has commuted the sentence of Millard F. Moore to life imprisonment. Moore to a convict who was tried at the last term of Wake Superior Court for killing a penitentiary guard and sentenced to be hanged March 30th.

Oliver H. Dockery has served notice on John D. Bellamy, Congressman elect from the Sixth District, that he will contest his seat in the next Congress. Dockery has summoned many witnesses and will begin taking evidence next Saturday.

The deed conveying the C. F. & Y. V. Railroad property to W. G. Elliot and others was recorded in the Register of Deed's office of New Hanover county last week. The price paid for the property was $3,125,000, and $3,125 worth of documentary internal revenue stamps were required.

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THE ELECTION LAW.

Suffrage Amendment to the Constitution Passed the House of Representatives.

Wilmington Star.

Raleigh, N. C. February 17,—The legislative event of to-day was the passage of the suffrage amendment to the constitution on its several readings by more than three fifths vote of the House. It came up as the special order at noon and after three hours debate passed a second reading by a vote of 89 to 29, and a third reading by 81 to 27.,

All the Republicans and several Democrats voted against the bill. Crumpler (populist) and Johnson (Populist) of Sampson, and Tarkenton (Populists) of Washing on, voted for it. The Democrats voted against it were Barnhill, of Pitt; Currie, of Moore; Curtis, of Buncombe; Fleming, of Clay; McNeil, of Brunswick; Reading; of Randolph; Reinnardt, of Lincoln.

The speech of the day in support of the bill was made by Rountree, of New Hanover. It was a great effort and the applause lasted for nearly a minute when he finished. He said the bill was the result of the most anxious and painful consideration by the committee; it was also the result of mutual concessions on the part of members but such as it is, has the unqualified approval of all committemen, and all lawyers in the Legislature; it is a measure to secure to North Carolina, for many years at least, good government, it is a just and constitutional measures.

Speeches were made in opposition to the amendment by Smith (colored), of Craven; Eaton (colored), of Vance; Wright (colored), of Vance; Hampton (Republican), of Surry, and Petree (Republican), of Stokes. The debate was closed by Winston, of Bertie, in a short but eloquent speech, almost every sentence of which was applauded.

The Religion of our Legislators.

The Raleigh News and Observer has made the following summary of the members of the present Legislature respecting their religion and vocations:

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

SENATE.

Methodist Epis. Church	16
Missionary Baptist	9
Presbyterian	8
Episcopalian	4
Methodist Protestant	2
Disciple	1
Christian	1
Primitive Baptist	1
Lutheran	1
No church	7
Total	50

HOUSE.

Methodist Epis. Church	30
Missionary Baptist	26
Presbyterian	15
Episcopalian	8
Free Will Baptist	3
Methodist Protestant	3
Lutheran	4
Quakers	4
Disciples	2
Christian	1
Asso. Reform Presbyterian	1
No church	23
Total	120

VOCATION.

SENATE.

Lawyers	22
Farmers	18
Merchants	3
Bankers	2
Teachers	2
Preachers	2
Doctors	1
Total	50

HOUSE.

Farmers	52
Lawyers	33
Teachers	6
Merchants	8
Manufacturers	6
Preachers	4
Doctors	3
Insurance agents	2
Editors	2
Bankers	1
Druggists	1
Total	120

Are you a Magistrate? Then you need some blanks, perhaps. Let us supply you.

McKinley on the Philippines.

President McKinley visited Boston last week as the guest of the Home Market Club. At a banquet given in his honor the President spoke on the Philippine question, making the speech as follows:

Until Congress shall direct otherwise it will be the duty of the executive to possess and hold the Philippines, giving to the people thereof peace and order and beneficient government, affording them opportunity to prosecute their lawful pursuits, encouraging them in thrift and in industry, making them feel and know that we are their friends, not their enemies, that their good is our aim; their welfare is our welfare, but that neither their aspirations nor ours can be realized until our authority is acknowledged and unquestioned.

That the inhabitants of the Philippines will be benefitted by this republic is my unshaken belief; that they will have a kindler government under our guidance and that they will be aided in every possible way to be selfrespecting and self governing people if as true as that the American people love liberty and have an abiding faith in their own Government and in their own institutions.

No imperial designs lurk in the American mind. They are alien to American sentiment, thought and purpose. Our priceless principles undergo no change under a tropical sun. They go with the flag:

Why read ye not changeless truth.

The free can conquer but to save?

If we can benefit these remote people who will object?

If in the years in the future they are established in government under law and liberty, who will regret our peril and sacrifices? Who will not rejoice in our heroism and humanity? Always perils and always after them safety always darkness and clouds, but always shining through them the light and sunshine; always cost and sacrifice, but always after them the fruition of liberty and education and civilization.

I have no light or knowledge not common to my countrymen. I do not prophesy. The present is all absorbing to me but I cannot bound my vision by the blood-stained trenches around Manila where every red drop, whether from the veins of an American soldier or a misguided Filipino, is anguish to my heart; but by the board range of future years when that group of islands under the impulse of the year just passed shall have become the gems and glories of those tropical seas, a land of plenty and of increasing possibilities, a people redeemed from savage indolence and habits, devoted to the arts of peace, in touch with the commerce and trade of all nations, enjoying the blessings of freedom, of civil and religious liberty, of education and of homes, and whose children and children's children shall for ages hence bless the American republic because it emancipated and redeemed their father land and set them in the pathway of the world's best civilization.

The McEnery Resolution.

Last week the United States Senate, by a vote of 26 to 22 passed the following resolution regarding the future disposition of the Philippine Islands:

That by the ratification of the pending treaty of peace with Spain it is not intended to incorporate the inhabitants of said island into citizenship of the United States, nor is it intended to permanently annex said islands as an integral part of the territory of the United States. But it is the intention of the United States to establish on said islands a government suitable to the wants and conditions of the inhabitants of said islands, to prepare them for local self-government, and in due time to make such dispositions of said islands as will best promote the interests of the citizens of the United States and the inhabitants of said islands.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Twenty-one persons were killed and more than one hundred injured in a railroad accident in Belgium Saturday.

Maitre Garconnet, Dean of the Faculty of the Law School of Paris, met his death last week while on his wedding tour, by slipping on the icy steps of a railroad station in the north of France.

Felix Faure, the President of France, died of apoplexy at 10 o'clock last Thursday night. He was elected President of the Republic on January 17, 1895, to succeed Casimir Perier, who resigned. President Faure was 58 years old.

A. L. Jennings, a graduate of the law school of West Virginia University, and former prosecuting attorney of Canadian county, Oklahoma, has been convicted of train robbery in the Federal court at Oklahoma City, and sentenced to life imprisonment.

The great book store of A. C. McClurg & Company, Chicago, was destroyed by fire last week, the loss being placed at $550,000. On the ground floor was the "Saints' and Sinners' Corner," holding a stock of rare and curious volumes gathered from the bookstalls of European Capitals.

The estimate of losses to the cattle and sheep interests caused by the recent storms in Colorado made by State Veterinarian Charles Cresswell, reaches a total of $200,000, covering 4,200 head of cattle and 47,500 head of sheep. A lage number of sheep and cattle were killed in Wyoming and northern New Mexico at the same time, but Mr. Cresswell has no data from which to base an estimate.

In the House Friday a bill was passed authorizing the President to appoint five additional cadets-at-large to the Naval Academy. During the course of the brief debate upon the bill, it developed that one of these cadetships was to go to a son of Captain Gridley, who commanded Admiral Dewey's flagship at the battle of Manila, and another to a brother of Ensign Worth Bagley, of North Carolina, the hero of the torpedo boat Winslow's encounter with the masked batteries in Cardenas harbor, Cuba.

Two bills were introduced Friday to pay Spain the $20,000,000 provided for in the Paris treaty. One by Representative Cannon is in the terms of provisions of the paragraph which was eliminated from the sundry civil bill. The other was introduced by Representative Gillette, of Massachusets, and in addition to the appropriation, contains a second section substantially in the language of the McEnery resolutions passed by the Senate. The third section is the same as the Bacon resolution offered as an amendment to the McEnery resolution, and which was defeated by a tie vote in the Senate.

It is evident that the Celestials don't want to be Christianized or civilized by foreign missionaries, as efforts to destroy them are being actively employed. A Chinese society called the Koleo Hui has been formed to slay foreigners. It offers a reward of $100 for a man's head and $75 for a woman's or child's, For months the leaders of the society have been inciting the people throughout the Central China provinces against the Catholics and other foreign missionaries working there, and direct results of this agitation are seen in the numerous uprisings against Christians that are now taking place.