

THE LEGISLATURE.

[Raleigh Observer.] SENATE. Friday, January 17, 1879.

MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS.

Mr. Davidson presented a petition from the citizens of Asheville to prohibit the running of trains on the Holy Sabbath day.

Mr. Leach presented a petition of a similar character. President Jarvis presented a petition from Chas. M. Grove, of Fredericksburg, Md., asking that the General Assembly pay him for 2,000 North Carolina bonds and offering to take a certain amount in North Carolina Railroad stock.

By Mr. Taylor, from the citizens of Henderson county for the protection of singing and game birds.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Graham, of Lincoln, requesting His Excellency the Governor, to furnish to the Senate an itemized statement of the expenses of penal institutions for the past three years.

By Mr. Mebane, covering the State debt. To appoint a joint committee on the State debt, said committee to be instructed to inquire into the expediency of changing North Carolina Railroad bonds for State bonds as far as they will go, and making such arrangements for the balance of the debt.

By Mr. Caldwell, a resolution of inquiry requesting the finance committee to inquire into the practicability of taxing boots and shoes, saddle, harness, stoves, iron, vehicles, &c., manufactured out of the State.

By Mr. Epps, a joint resolution relating to the fourteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States to inquire whether this amendment was violated at the late election in the second senatorial district.

By Mr. Everett, a bill to establish a normal school at Trinity, Wake Forest and Davidson colleges.

By Mr. Everett, a bill to prevent gambling on railroads.

By Mr. Henderson, a bill authorizing the collection of arrears of taxes due the township of Salisbury for the years 1876-77.

By Mr. Redwine, a bill to repeal so much of the laws of 1876-77 as relates to the election of county commissioners and justices of the peace—they to be elected as provided for in the constitution before it was amended.

By Mr. Henderson, a bill to prevent the sale of liquor at or near the seat of the University.

By Mr. Taylor, a bill for the protection of birds.

By Mr. Matheson, a bill to aid in the extension of the Atlantic, Tennessee and Ohio Railroad.

Mr. Everett called up S. B. 104 in regard to the seat of the University, which alleged that the district board of canvassers in the second senatorial district had rejected some 2,000 votes for Saml T. Carrow, thereby electing J. G. Walden. Passed its second reading and referred to the committee on privileges and elections.

CALENDAR.

S. B. 116, referring to exemption of personal property from sale. Passed its third reading.

S. B. 141, His Excellency the Governor, to furnish report of cost and compensation in regard to penal institutions, passed second reading and copy ordered to be sent to His Excellency the Governor.

S. B. 29, to punish stealing dead bodies. Passed its third reading, with an amendment that the sheriffs, jailers and superintendents of penal and charitable institutions of the State shall deliver to such medical schools as have schools of dissection the bodies of persons who may suffer death at the hands of the officers of the law, or die while undergoing a term of imprisonment, provided such bodies shall not be claimed by relatives or friends of the deceased.

S. B. 7, amending chapter 106, section 1, laws of 1876-77, adding at the end of said section; and provided further, it shall not be lawful to farm on any person convicted unless the court in its judgment shall so authorize. Passed the third reading.

S. B. 28, draining and damming low lands. Passed the third reading.

S. B. 60, repealing part of section 13, chapter 13, Battle's Revisal. Tabled.

S. B. 36, in relation to judgments on appeal from justices of the peace. A substitute reported by the committee and committee was accepted, and the bill passed its third reading.

H. R. 138, S. R. 107, from joint committee to take under consideration the fish interest of North Carolina by which the streams of North Carolina may be cleared out and fish culture improved. Passed its third reading.

S. B. 43 in punishing seduction of women was made a special order for Friday next at 12 o'clock.

S. B. 74, providing for more efficient returns to the agricultural department was recommitted to the committee on agriculture.

S. B. 40, to allow foremen of grand juries to administer oaths and affirmations, passed its third reading.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 1879.

were presented and referred as follows: By Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, a petition from the trustees of Davidson College asking the institution of the State to the committee on education.

By Mr. Mebane, a petition from the citizens of Melville township, Alamance county, to prevent trains running Sunday. To the committee on propositions and grievances.

RESOLUTIONS were introduced and disposed of as follows: By Mr. Anis, resolution to raise a committee to inquire into the causes of the business depression. Propositions and grievances.

By Mr. Bost, resolution of instruction to the committee on retrenchment and reform. Salaries and fees.

By Mr. Turner, resolution to expel himself. Propositions and grievances.

BILLS were introduced and disposed of as follows: By Mr. Blocker, bill to carry into effect the constitutional provisions in relation to jurisdiction of justices of the peace. Judiciary.

By Mr. Rawley, bill for the more speedy trial of criminals. Judiciary.

By Mr. O'Connell, bill to allow the tax collector of Concord to collect arrears of taxes. Finance.

By Mr. Norment, bill to prevent the wanton fighting of game cocks, and betting thereon. Judiciary.

By Mr. Ritchey, bill to exempt Stanley county from the operation of the law in relation to county governments. Counties, cities, &c.

Insurance—Messrs. Covington, Bizzell, West, Nelson, Smith, Angier, Bird and

Banks and Currency—Messrs. Orchard, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Leatherwood, Davis, of Haywood, Burroughs, Leach, Ford, Forbes and Wayne.

Insane Asylums—Messrs. York, McCorkle, Ford, Lockhart, Richardson, of Wake, Anderson, Barringer, Carson, Wake, of McDowell, Clark, Carles, of Yancey, Johnson, Lutterloh, McClean, and Norment.

A message was received from the Senate proposing to go into an election to fill vacancies in the board of trustees of the university on Thursday next, and to print the report of W. L. Saunders, secretary of the board. The House concurred in the propositions.

The bill to amend the law of divorce so that unchastity of the woman before marriage shall be good grounds for divorce, if unknown to the husband, was read the second time, the amendment proposed by the committee on the judiciary, providing that the adulterous divorce was adopted, and the bill passed the second time.

The bill to exempt merchants from the payment of a privilege tax was laid on the table.

Mr. Ford moved that the rules be suspended and the resolution in relation to the charitable institutions be taken up. The motion prevailed, and the resolution was read by Mr. Ford.

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By Mr. McEachern, a resolution in favor of soldiers who lost their eyesight in the Confederate service.

By Mr. Robinson, a bill to regulate the degree of kinship within which persons may marry. The bill defines the degree of relationship within which it shall be unlawful to marry.

By Mr. Everett, a bill to allow lawyers, distributors and auctioneers to sue administrators or collectors at any time, when there are no debts or debts less than the assets.

By Mr. Caldwell, to extend the time for sheriffs and tax collectors to collect taxes for 1878.

CALENDAR.

S. R. 141, of instruction in regard to the calendar, looking to a thorough revision of laws in regard to same, referred.

H. R. 15, S. R. 102 concerning committee of investigation to confer with the Attorney-General and Solicitor Henry to inquire into any frauds where the State has lost money, was indefinitely postponed.

S. B. 128, to incorporate the Bennettsville and Hamlet Railroad, passed its second reading.

TO-SIT.

Mr. Leach asked permission to introduce a resolution to purchase fifteen chairs for the use of the committee of the Senate, at a cost not to exceed one dollar.

Mr. Austin offered an amendment to purchase twenty-four instead of fifteen. Mr. Leach could not accept the amendment, especially as this was a Legislative reform and retrenchment. The object of the committee was to save useless expense, that he had heard that a committee of like nature had been appointed at one time, and it would never do to go back to the constituents of this great body and say they had drawn so heavily upon the treasury.

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CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.

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