

THE LEGISLATURE.

[Raleigh News.]

SENATE.

Monday, January 20.

By Mr. McEachern, a petition from citizens of Robeson county concerning the running of railroad trains on Sunday. Referred.

Mr. Nicholson presented a petition from the merchants of Statesville asking the repeal of the purchase tax. Referred to the judiciary committee.

A number of bills were reported. Senate bill 128, an act to incorporate the Bennettsville, S. C. and Hamlet, N. C. Railroad Company was taken up.

After debate Mr. Leach moved that it be postponed and made the special order for Saturday next at 12 o'clock. Prevalled.

Mr. McEachern moved that the rules be suspended and H. B. 62, which changes the time of holding the Superior Courts in the fourth judicial district, be taken up. There being no objection the rules were suspended and the bill passed its several readings.

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By Mr. Richardson, of Columbus, asking an appropriation by the United States to open Waccamaw Lake. Propositions and grievances.

By Mr. Blocker, asking that Fayetteville be made a port of entry, and that the Cape Fear be improved. Railroads, post roads, &c.

By Mr. Scott, to amend chapter 239, laws of 1874-75. Judiciary.

By the same, to exempt firemen from poll tax. Propositions and grievances.

On motion of Mr. Cook, H. B. 188, to incorporate Germania Lodge, No. 4, K. of P. was taken up, but was referred to the committee on corporations.

Mr. Lockhart, of committee on propositions and grievances, reported on a bill to amend the charter of the Mt. Airy and Central Railroad. The bill, as amended, makes the railroads take the Yadkin river at Bean Shoals. It also allows county and township subscriptions to the work, and grants the use of 200 convicts. The road is to run to Ore Knob, in Ashe county.

On motion of Mr. York, House bill No. 108, in relation to the trial of 200 convicts to the Yadkin Valley Railroad was taken up, passed second reading, and referred to the committee on internal improvements, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Meares, House bill No. 114, providing for punishment of those who entice seamen from their vessels, was taken up, but after some discussion was referred to the judiciary committee.

H. B. 60, in regard to the appointment of a committee to investigate the right of Mr. A. C. Meares, sitting member from Brunswick, to a right to a seat, made special order for the day, was taken up and adopted.

S. R. 21, relieving Judge Schenk from the duty of holding court, by reason of illness, passed its readings.

H. B. 53, to regulate the rate of interest, making it six per cent. legal rate, was postponed and made special order for Friday.

H. B. 71 for the relief of persons confined in the common jails, by requiring the county commissioners to properly heat the jails and otherwise consult the comfort of persons so held.

H. B. 106, to amend sections 8 and 10, of the Revisal, in relation to the duties of county treasurers. Requiring these officers to keep the county funds separate from their own, and to post each month a statement of the receipts and expenditures, etc. Mr. Vaughan offered an amendment so that any disbursing officer shall come under this act. The bill was explained by Mr. Ashe, who advised that the bill was as did Mr. Bernard, who said it would assist every branch of the county government. The amendment being adopted, the bill then passed its readings.

H. B. 88, to amend the act allowing the county commissioners and other officers to hire out convicts was laid on the table.

H. B. 87, to protect sheep and tax dogs, was laid on the table. It was replaced by another bill, to be introduced by Mr. Amis.

Bill against tramps, providing for their punishment. Referred.

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By Mr. Graham, of Lincoln, a petition from citizens of Lincoln and Gaston counties, asking for a law to prevent desecration of the Sabbath day by railroad companies. Propositions and grievances.

By Mr. Caldwell, an act to be entitled an act to provide for the registration of certain deeds and other instruments of writing, and to make valid the registration of others. Judiciary committee.

By Mr. Graham, of Lincoln, a bill to be entitled an act to simplify the form of indictment for murder. Judiciary committee.

By Mr. King, a bill to be entitled an act to permit to merchants the privilege of tax of 55 where it has not been paid, and to refund the same where it has been paid. Committee on finance.

By Mr. Hyman, a bill to amend the act prohibiting marriage between the races. Judiciary committee.

By Mr. Robinson, a bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 107, laws of 1874-75, so as to provide that county authorities be made to pay the expenses incurred in bringing prisoners to the penitentiary, instead of the State. Committee on penal institutions.

S. B. 105, a bill concerning the election of certain officers in 1878.

Mr. Henderson advocated the passage of this bill at once. He said that the law did not prescribe for the election of registers of deeds, although he was under the impression that it was a clerical error, and that in order for the matter to be settled, he moved that it be put upon its second reading, which was carried and referred to the judiciary committee.

S. B. 101, an act to incorporate Brevard Station, was taken up and passed its second reading.

S. B. 151, a bill entitled an act to authorize the collection of taxes due the towns of Salisbury and Goldsboro for 1876-77. Upon this bill Mr. Henderson called the yeas and nays, when it was carried by a vote of 43 to 0, and ordered to be engrossed and sent to the House.

S. B. 126, an act to prohibit certain persons from receiving free passes from railroads.

Mr. Everett spoke in favor of the bill, he being the originator of the same. He promised his constituents to do so, and he would be false to them if he did not advocate it.

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States Senator, and asking concurrence. Mr. Leach moved that the message be concurred in. Carried.

The hour of 12 having arrived, President Jarvis announced that the election of Messrs. Scates and Bull were appointed tellers.

Mr. Dorch, in a short and well timed speech, nominated Hon. Zebulon B. Vance.

Mr. Everett nominated Hon. R. P. Buxton.

Mr. Ward nominated Hon. A. S. Merrimon. A ballot was then taken, when the following Senators were recorded as voting for Zebulon B. Vance: Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Bledsoe, Bryan, of Duplin, Bynum, Caldwell, Davidson, Davidson, Erwin, Graham, of Lincoln, Harris, Henderson, Hollman, Hoyle, King, Leach, Lyon, Matheson, McEachern, Mebane, Merritt, Moye, Nicholson, Redwine, Respass, Robinson, of Johnston, Stegway, Taylor, Waddell, Waldo, Williamson—38.

For R. P. Buxton: Messrs. Alston, Black, Bull, Dancy, Eaves, Eppes, Everett, Graham, of Richmond, Hollman, Ormand, Waddell and White—12.

For A. S. Merrimon: Mr. Brower, of Surry.

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By Mr. Huffstetter: From citizens of Gaston county, to prohibit the loading and unloading of freight trains on the Sabbath. Internal improvements.

By Mr. Foy: Concerning old debts. State bill, &c.

By Mr. Meares: Showing how the money goes. About A. H. Swazey and the North Carolina Railroad, and the large allowances to attorneys in that case. Propositions and grievances.

By the same: to investigate and punish the ring of the Wilmington, Charlotte & Rutherford Railroad. Propositions and grievances.

By Mr. Buxton: Messrs. Bateman, Battle, Bingham, Bird, Blaisdell, Blocker, Brown, of Yadkin, Bruce, Cale, Carter, of Warren, Cary, Christmas, Clarke, Davis, of Madison, Deans, Dimsdale, Jones, Dunn, E. H. Barrett, Foy, Henderson, Hobbs, Horton, Lovell, Lutterloh, Miller, Newell, Norment, Osborne, Pettipiece, Reynolds, Scott, Venable, Waddell, White, Wimberly, Wynn—20.

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them. The amendment was adopted. Mr. Holt objected to the passage of the bill, as entailing a great amount of trouble upon the officials named, without the result of any good. Mr. McLean said he could not see any objection to the bill. It simply required three public servants to make a plain statement of their transactions. Upon motion of Mr. Cobb the bill was referred to the judiciary committee.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR. A message was received from his excellency, the Governor, transmitting the communication regarding the debt, and commending the matter to the special attention of the House. On motion of Mr. Cobb, the message was sent to the Senate, with a proposition to print.

THE ELECTION OF U. S. SENATOR. The hour of 12 m. having arrived, the Speaker announced that the time had arrived for the election of a United States Senator from this State, to hold the position for six years beginning March 4th, 1879, and ending March 4th, 1885. He then declared nominations in order.

Mr. Cooke then placed in nomination Gov. Zebulon B. Vance.

Mr. Norment placed in nomination Hon. Ralph P. Buxton.

The nomination of Gov. Vance was then seconded by Mr. Davis, of Catawba.

No other nominations being made the roll of representatives was called, when they cast their votes as follows: Messrs. Cooke and Norment acting as tellers: For Vance: Messrs. Spreeker, Amis, Anderson, Angier, Ardrey, Armstrong, Atkinson, Beard, Berry, Bizzell, Blalock, Bonner, Bost, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Bryson, Buchan, Burroughs, Carter, of Buncombe, Carter, of Yancey, Carroll, Carson, Chadwick, Chick, Cobb, Colwell, Colwell, Council, Covington, Davis, of Catawba, Davis, of Haywood, English, Etheridge, Ford, Forbes, Foster, Fulcher, Gatling, Goldston, Grant, Harrell, Hewitt, Hines, Holt, Huffstetter, Jones, Johnson, Lamb, Leach, Leatherwood, Lewis, Lockhart, Moore, McCorkle, McLean, Oliver, Reich, Paxton, Powers, Rawley, Reid, of Madison, Reid, of Mecklenburg, Richardson, of Columbus, Richardson, of Wake, Ritchey, Roberson, Smith, Taylor, Vaughan, Wheeler, Woodhouse, York, Young—77.

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