

(Concluded from fourth page.) Mr. McKay, from the same, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution respecting Prison Charges. Discharged accordingly. Mr. Houston, from the same, against the bill to amend the 119th sec. 54th chap. Rev. Code.

NEW BILLS, AC. Mr. Pritchard offered a resolution to refund unpaid moneys to Geo. R. Sledge, of Warren. Referred to the committee on claims. Mr. Cunningham introduced a bill to authorize the construction of a common enclosure around the lands of certain citizens of Person county. Placed on file. Mr. Blouse, a bill to amend the 115th chapter of the Rev. Code, entitled Vice and Immorality. Referred to the judiciary committee.

Mr. Ward, a bill to amend the act of 1825, concerning the town of Trent, Jones county. Propositions and grievances. Mr. Person, a bill to authorize the Petersburg railroad company to build a railroad from Gaysburg to Weldon, and to construct a bridge. Internal Improvements. Mr. Edney, a bill to extend the time of payment of certain entries and the taking of grants on the same. Judiciary. Mr. Blount, a bill to incorporate the Pitt county Female Institute. Corporations.

RESOLUCTIONS. A message received from the House transmitting a large number of engrossed bills and resolutions, which were severally read the first time and referred, and which will be noted on their second reading. WILMINGTON, CHARLOTTE & RUTHERFORD ROAD. Mr. Blouse moved to reconsider the vote by which was passed on yesterday his amendment to the bill to amend the charter of the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad Company. He did so, he said, at the request of friends of that bill, but he did not pledge himself thereby to vote against the amendment hereafter. He had offered the amendment in pursuance of a determination to make no further appropriations of public moneys without providing the means to meet them. It had been stated yesterday by Mr. Steele that the finance committee were making provision to meet the interest on the bonds called for by this bill, and that being the case he saw no harm in the amendment, and he could not see why the friends of the bill should object to it. So far as he (Mr. B.) was concerned, he was resolved that if the present Legislature should make any appropriations they should take the responsibility of providing the means of meeting them.

Mr. Ashe moved to postpone the question of reconsideration till Monday next, when the bill would be taken up. Agreed to. WESTERN N. C. RAILROAD. The special order, the bill to amend the charter of the Western N. C. Railroad Company was postponed. On motion of Mr. Houston, on account of the absence of many friends of the measure, and made the special order for Tuesday next at 12 o'clock. Message from the House transmitting a message from the Governor and a report from Mr. Percival, architect, relative to the condition of the Capitol buildings, and proposing a joint select committee on the subject. Concurred in.

TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY. Also, a message from the House transmitting a long list of candidates for the 12 Trusteeships of the University, and stating that the House would vote on the return of the messenger. Nominations were now added in the Senate which increased the list to about 100, but which of course were too late as the House was by this time voting. The Senate then proceeded to vote, but the result was not announced up to the hour of adjournment. BILLS ON THEIR SECOND READING. The following bills were read their second reading: The engrossed bill to incorporate the Cherokee county turpentine company; The bill to prescribe the duties of Executors and Administrators; The engrossed bill requiring the day of receiving and executing to be noted on justice's process, amended by striking out "receiving"; The engrossed bill from the House to prevent horse stealing was not taken up. It proposed to punish for the first offence by whipping at the common whipping post; for the second, branding on the forehead the mark of a horse-shoe, which mark was to be used in bar of benefit of clergy for a subsequent offence, and for the third offence hanging. The committee reported against its passage. Mr. McDonald moved to amend by striking out "hung" for the third offence, and inserting "crapping"; Mr. Ramsey denounced the practice of branding and "crapping" as relics of barbarism—he would prefer sending the thief to the grave at once by means of the gallows. The amendment was rejected.

THE DEEP RIVER IMPROVEMENT.—We learn from a friend at Pittsboro, that the steamer John H. Haughton and the lighter Popper, have passed up the Cape Fear and Deep Rivers to Egypt; and having taken in a cargo of coal and iron ore, they expect to descend safely and reach Wilmington during the ensuing week. Our correspondent, writing under date January 6th, says: "The Deep River improvement may now be considered a fixed fact, for both these boats have passed through every lock from Fayetteville to Egypt. As I saw both boats at Egypt to-day—saw the coal and iron ore on the banks of the river, and hands wheeling it into the boats, I am justified in saying the Deep River improvement is an institution in North Carolina, availing to the contrary notwithstanding. * * * The boats expect to leave Egypt to-morrow for Wilmington, and should no disaster occur, they will be in that City during the ensuing week. Much more time will be of necessity consumed in this trip than in future ones, as every thing is new and all hands inexperienced."

Our Correspondent says there is much rejoicing among the people consequent upon this event. The highest praise is bestowed, and justly bestowed upon Mr. Cassiday, the President of the Company, for the extraordinary zeal and energy with which he has prosecuted the work. FAYETTEVILLE COALFIELDS ROAD.—The Fayetteville Observer expresses its great gratification and the gratification of the people of that community, at the passage of the bill to aid this work through the Senate. The citizens of Pittsboro fired a salute on Wednesday night, on receiving news of the passage of the bill its second reading in the Senate.

CONGRESS.—In the Senate, on Thursday, the Leavenworth Convention's Constitution of Kansas was presented and referred. Mr. Iverson's resolutions of enquiry relative to a proposed Naval Depot at Brunswick, Ga., was adopted. The Pacific Railroad bill was discussed.

THE HOUSE WAS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE THE greater part of the day on the new tariff bill. Judge Douglas was expected to reach the City Thursday night. His friends were making preparations to receive him. NORTH-CAROLINA MOUNTAIN SCENERY.—It will be seen that Henry E. Colton, Esq., is about to publish a work on the mountain scenery of our State. No one within our knowledge is better qualified for the task, judging by the long and interesting accounts which he gave us, in recent interviews, of his explorations, in carriage, on horseback and on foot. It will doubtless be an interesting book to every North-Carolinian, and especially useful as a guide book to those who may travel in the Western part of the State.—Fayetteville Observer.

WE CONCLUDE WITH THE Observer. Mr. Colton's work will doubtless be interesting in itself, and useful as a guide book to travelers in Western Carolina. His advertisement will appear in our next. THE FAYETTEVILLE OBSERVER.—This journal comes to us in a new dress, and is looking remarkably well. With the number before us (January 8th), the senior Editor enters upon the thirty-fifth year of his connection with the Observer, as its Editor. The junior has been in harness about nine years. We agree with the Observer in some things, and differ with it in others; but it gives us pleasure to say that we have always found it (in its State affairs), a devoted and zealous advocate of North-Carolina interests. We wish the Editors the most abundant pecuniary success and prosperity.

FRANCE, THE SLAVE-TRADE, CUBA.—We find the following item in the latest foreign news: "It is stated that the French government had signed contracts for large numbers of free negroes to supply Guadeloupe and Martinique; also that the French foreign bureau had heard with some surprise Mr. Buchanan's recommendation to purchase Cuba, France having already notified the American Minister that she in conjunction with England, had entered into a determination not to tolerate the secession of Cuba, even with the sanction of Spain!" RE-ELECTION OF JUDGE DOUGLASS.—Hon. Stephen A. Douglas was re-elected on Wednesday last to the Senate of the United States for six years by the Legislature of Illinois, by eight majority over Mr. Lincoln.

THE NEW AMERICAN CYCLOPEDIA: A Popular Dictionary of general knowledge, Edited by George Ripley and Charles A. Dana. Vol. IV., Bronson—Charus, p. 786. D. APPLETON & Co., N. Y. We have received the fourth volume of the valuable work of which we have given the title above. It is saying much for it, to declare our clear impression that in interest and value it is in no way inferior to either of the preceding volumes, of which we have already reported to our readers our impressions. We do not know where else we can find, in so compact and convenient form, such an amount of important, practical information, communicated in a so fresh and genial style. There is hardly any subject likely to come up in ordinary conversation, in which the reader of these volumes may not derive from them knowledge enough for at least all the usual purposes of such conversation. There is also much curious matter, lying out of the range of ordinary investigation, which will prove useful to the scientific or professional inquirer, or gratifying to a scholarly taste. This work has, too, the peculiar convenience of being brought down to our own times, so that we find here the results of the latest discoveries and speculation. This is a feature of very great value to the general reader, no less than to the student. Indeed it seems to be especially designed for the former class. For, while there is enough of scientific accuracy and fulness to secure and reward the attention of the student, there is in all the articles an evidently intentional avoidance of the dryness and formality that would repel the general reader, while there is also a marked regard to his wants, both in the choice of subjects and in the manner of handling them. We again recommend it, with great confidence, to all whom our opinion may have weight with, as a valuable repository of curious, useful and entertaining knowledge.

This volume has an special title to the attention of our citizens in the articles which relate to our own State. We notice a sketch of Brunswick, Buncombe, Cabarrus, Camden, Carteret, Caswell and Catawba counties; a notice of Chapel Hill and Charlotte, among our towns; an account of Cape Hatteras and Cape Fear; and Cape Fear and Catawba rivers; and biographical sketches of Joseph Caldwell, and of Gov. Caswell. There is besides a general description of North Carolina, which, as in other like cases, is little more than an accurate statistical sketch of the State, with brief notices of its history. Doubtless, but may be found with the details of any such work. We may think some articles too short, and others too long. There are names, especially of distinguished Americans, and some which we might be glad to see more fully treated, in its general complete, and yet in its particular, will bear a favorable comparison with any similar work.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS. Mr. Fries, from certain citizens of Forsyth county, asking that county courts be restrained from granting liquor license. Mr. Halloway, from certain citizens of Watauga county, relative to the County Buildings. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES. Messrs. Dornick, Harrow, Fleming, Keel and T.

HOUSE OF COMMONS. The House assembled at the usual hour. Mr. Fleming, a memorial from 200 citizens of Watauga county against the removal of the county site. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES. Mr. Dorch, from the judiciary committee. Mr. Bryan, of Craven, from the committee on claims. Mr. Baird, from the same committee. Mr. Seales, adversely to the resolution in favor of R. J. Mitchell, of Granville. Mr. Hargrove moved the resolution should be referred to the committee on the judiciary. Adopted. Mr. Seales, from the same committee, asked to be directed from the further consideration of the resolution in favor of A. Morrison. Agreed to. Mr. Hall, of Warren, from the committee on claims, reported favorably on the resolution in favor of Norwood, Parker & Co.

UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES. The committee to superintend the election of Trustees, reported that only two were elected, Governor Ellis and W. M. Ransom, of Northampton. HOUSES OF MEETING. The resolution that the House meet at 10 o'clock and adjourn at 2, and meet again at 7 o'clock P. M., was read, and on motion of Mr. Outlaw, was amended to meet at 10 A. M. and adjourn at 3 P. M., and in this form was adopted.

EXECUTIVE MANSION. Mr. Daney, from the joint select committee appointed to examine the furniture of the Executive Mansion, reported a resolution authorizing the Governor to sell such portions of the furniture as are unfit for use, and to have new furniture supplied, the amount to be paid for, and such other repairs done as may be necessary, at an expense not exceeding \$2,000, along with the unexpended balance of former appropriations and the amount arising from the sales of the furniture. Read the first time, and the rules being suspended, passed its second and third readings.

NEW BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS. The following new bills and resolutions were read the first time and referred: Mr. Harrington, in favor of Martha Spears; Mr. Martin, in favor of E. Staley; Mr. Hill, of Halifax, in favor of Alex. Watson; Mr. Caldwell, of Guilford, to repeal the 70th chapter of the Revised Code; Mr. Tomlinson, to incorporate the town of Clayton, Johnston county; Mr. Stephens, to punish the removal or destruction of land marks; Mr. Fries, to incorporate the town of Salem; Mr. Hill, of Halifax, to prevent the circulation of counterfeit bank bills. This bill authorizes the bank officers to stamp "counterfeit" on the face of them. Mr. Hill, of Stokes, to prevent the obstruction of fish up Town creek; Mr. Pritchard, to secure payment of debts from free persons of color; Mr. Badham, to incorporate Eleton Literary Association; Mr. Reeves, to declare Yadkin river a navigable stream.

RESUMED DEBATE. The debate on the bill for a Railroad Survey was resumed by Mr. Fagg, who complained of illness, and requested a postponement till the 13th instant. Mr. Love made some remarks in opposition to the motion. Mr. Bryson felt sorry for the opposition given to this bill, and read statements in support of the practicability of the route. He stated that the opinion was prevalent that the proposed route was a mass of mountains. To show that this was not the case, was the object of the bill. The postponement was agreed to.

SPECIAL ORDER. Being the bill to establish a Freehold Homestead, on motion of Mr. Outlaw a substitute for the bill was adopted, the bill postponed, and ordered to be printed.