

N. C. LEGISLATURE.

Tuesday, December 20.

SENATE.—The select committee to which was referred certain matters in the Treasurer's report...

Mr Courts, late Treasurer of the State, proceeded to defend his administration of the finances...

Mr Arendell moved to take from the table and consider the resolutions in regard to initiating negotiations for peace.

Several motions to adjourn were not agreed to, and the vote being taken on taking the resolutions from the table...

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs Adams, Arendell, Bagley, Berry, Blount, Bugle, Dick, Horton, Jones, Lassiter, Mann, Odom, Patterson, Pool, Sanders, Snead, Stables, Warren and Winstead.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs Aycock, Bryson, Courts, Ellis, Grier, Harris, Kirby, Leitch, Long, McCorkle, McEachern, Miller, Patton, Pitchford, Powell, Speight, Straughn, Taylor, Ward, Wiggins and Wright.

An engrossed resolution concerning the improvement by the authorities of Virginia, of two trains chartered by the State of North Carolina...

A bill to exempt from military service certain persons employed in the North Carolina Powder Manufactory. Rejected.

A bill to amend an act concerning salaries and fees. Amended and passed, rule suspended and passed its third reading.

A bill to grade Common Schools and increase their efficiency, passed its third reading.

HOUSE.—The House proceeded to consider a bill to make the robbery of dwelling houses a capital felony.

Messrs Fowler and Sharpe addressed the House in support of the bill. Messrs Carter and Grisson opposed its passage.

The House then considered the resolutions introduced by Mr Waugh, requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress not to vote for certain laws.

Those who voted in the affirmative, were Messrs Allison, Ashworth, Banks, Beaubien, Best, Blair, Bond of Gates, Caldwell, Calloway, Calvert, Carson of Alexander, Carson of Rutherford, Carter, Clapp, Cothran, Cowles, Cunningham, Faucette, Gidney, Grissom, Hadley, Hanes, Harrison, J. H. Healden, Henry, Herbert, Holton, Horton of Watauga, Horton of Wilkes, Isbell, Johnston, Jordan, Lewis, Latham, Lyle, Mann, McCorkle, McMillan, Morcisey, Murrill, Patten, Perkins, Riddick, Rogers, Russell, Sharpe, Smith of Cabarrus, Smith of Johnston, Stipe, Waugh and Wheeler.

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A bill to amend an act entitled an act in relation to the Militia and Guard for Home Defense was rejected on 2d reading—ayes 37, noes 46.

SENATE.—On motion of Mr McCorkle the vote by which the bill to exempt certain persons employed in the N. C. Powder Manufactory was rejected, was reconsidered, and the bill laid upon the table.

A message was received from the House proposing to raise a joint select committee to wait upon the Governor and ascertain from him what time it will be convenient for him to appear before the members of the two Houses...

On motion of Mr McCorkle, the bill to provide a Guard for Home Defense was taken up and passed its second and third readings.

The bill in regard to the Home Guard was read the third time and passed.

HOUSE.—Mr Carter, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to punish violations of the impressment laws...

Mr Shepherd moved that the House go into secret session at 15 minutes past one o'clock to consider important financial matters.

Mr Shepherd stated that the matter to be considered was purely financial, and that the Public Treasurer had suggested the propriety of its consideration in secret session.

Mr Grisson said that ordinarily he was opposed to secret sessions, and that only the assurance that the matters to be considered were financial only, overcame his objection in this instance.

Thurs. Dec. 22. SENATE.—The Committee on Confederate Relations, to which was referred a bill for the relief of North Carolina soldiers, prisoners of war, reported a substitute for the original bill...

worth of cotton and tobacco, to be shipped North and sold by an agent appointed by the Governor...

A bill for the protection of the State Salt Works, after considerable discussion, passed its second and third readings.

A bill to make appropriations for the military establishment of the State passed its several readings.

A bill to make appropriations for the pay of Speakers and Clerks. (Allows the Speakers and Engrossing Clerks each \$60 per day and mileage, and the other Clerks \$80 per day and mileage.)

Resolutions instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives not to vote for certain laws were laid upon the table.

A bill for the relief of the wives and families of soldiers was passed. [Appropriates \$3,000,000.]

HOUSE.—The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Supreme Court in response to a resolution of inquiry as to the power of the Legislature to tax Confederate bonds and Treasury notes.

On motion of Mr Shepherd the resolution for the protection of the State Salt Works, was put on its second reading. On motion of Mr Phillips the resolution was laid upon the table.

A bill to grade Common Schools and increase their usefulness, passed its several readings under a suspension of the rules.

A resolution in regard to State Troops was laid on the table.

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WAR NEWS.

SAVANNAH EVACUATED.—August 23.—Savannah was successfully evacuated on Tuesday night, 20th inst., and Gen. Hardee and staff arrived at Hardeeville.

FROM THE VIRGINIA VALLEY.—Lynchburg, Dec. 21.—Rosser's command engaged the enemy at Harrisonburg on yesterday, routing and defeating them. The enemy retreated and were pursued by Rosser's cavalry.

RICHMOND, Dec. 23.—An official telegram from Gen. Lee confirms the repulse of Custar's division of Yankee cavalry by Rosser, near Harrisonburg, and states that Torbett was repulsed and severely punished near Gordonsville to-day by Lomax.

FROM ALABAMA.—An official dispatch gives the following information from Alabama: On the 16th the enemy 800 strong occupied Pollard.

WILMINGTON.—About the enemy's fleet said to be off our bars, it would be difficult, if not impossible for us to speak with any accuracy.

SOUTHWARD.—We have just returned home from a flying visit to South Carolina. What little news we have been able to pick up may interest our readers.

While in Augusta it brings sixteen dollars. In every instance where the citizens remained at home and demanded protection, their demands were respected.

The Georgia, West Point and South Western railroads, will be completed by the first of February, which will open up to us the whole State of Georgia.

Looking the matter square in the face, we can but express our entire satisfaction with the aspect of affairs. If there are to be Yankees in Georgia, let it be on her extreme border, occupying as little territory as possible.

Unfortunately, many are attaching a vast deal too much importance to Savannah as a military point. In a moral point of view we would be injured by it, but if it be viewed from a military stand point, it will be little or no loss.

FLORENCE AND FAYETTEVILLE RAILROAD.—The stockholders of this Company met on Thursday the 15th at the call of the Commissioners named in the charter, when the following board was elected.

President, Wm McKeay. Directors: David A. Ray, Jas M. Williams, Alex Johnson, Jr., E. L. Pemberton, John Shaw, of Fayetteville, Hector McNeill and Merced McRae, of Robeson, Rob't P. Hamer and Thos J. Manning, of Marion District, S. C.

At a meeting of the board of Directors, Barth' Fuller, Esq., was unanimously elected Secretary and Treasurer. The company is now fully organized.

From the North Carolinian. SOUTHERN DIXIE. Composed by a member of the U. S. Navy, confined in Fort Warren for eighteen months.

There is a land where Cotton grows, A land where milk and honey flows, I'm going home to Dixie, Yes, I'm going home.

I've got no time to tarry, I've got no time to tarry, I've got no time to tarry, For Dixie's far away.

I will climb up to the highest hill, And sing your praise with right good will, I'm going home to Dixie, Yes, I'm going home.

In Southern fields where cotton blooms And negro men have ample room, I'm going home to Dixie, Yes, I'm going home.

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Short Almanac for 1865.

Table with columns for months (January to December) and days of the week (Sunday to Saturday), listing the day of the week for each date.

STRAYED. From my plantation near Wilson Wallace's, on the 20th November, 3 red COWS; one a low heavy set Cow...

NOTICE. On Tuesday, the 3d of January, at the late residence of Wm. A. Ardrey, deceased, I will hire the Negroes and rest the Land...

NOTICE. All persons having claims against the estate of William D. Howard, deceased, will present them to me for payment within the time prescribed by law...

SALT: SALT!! VIRGINIA SALT. In exchange for Bacon, Pork, Corn or Molasses. YOUNG, WRISTON & ORR.

NOTICE. Having qualified as Executor of the last Will and Testament of Rev. R. H. Lafayette, deceased, all persons having claims against the estate will present them for settlement...

Southern Express Company. CHARLOTTE, N. C., Nov. 21, 1864. On and after this date all Boxes which are securely fastened and strapped, containing stores for the N. C. troops...

NOTICE. The undersigned having qualified as Executrix of the last Will and Testament of Samuel M. Wilbers, deceased, at the October term, 1864, of the Superior Court...

NOTICE. We positively forbid all persons—white and black, poor and rich—from fishing in our Mill Pond. Any one caught violating this notice will certainly be prosecuted.

State of N. Carolina—Lincoln County. Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions—Nov. Term, 1864. J. C. Cobb, Executor of John Watts, deceased. Petition to Settle Estate.

NOTICE. It appearing to my satisfaction that Jacob J. Butler, David Harris, Daniel Stette, John M. Shuford, Susan E. Colding, D. F. Shuford, Caroline E. Johnston, W. T. Shuford and Geo. W. Shuford, heirs at law and legatees of John Butts, deceased, are non-residents of this State...

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DESONDENCY.

The general tone of the public mind is still that of the most unshaken confidence in the success of the Confederate cause.

One of the most striking characteristics of the present condition of the South is the general prevalence of despondency.

It is a temporary affection, and that, in the course of a moon or so, they, too, whether rejoicing by their unpolluted firesides, or grinding their teeth over the ruins of their homes...

Despondency is a malady which is not confined to the individual interests with the destiny of a country as large as half of Europe.

NOTICE. The Negroes of Misses Mary and Martha Johnston, who are not hired privately, will be put up at Castania Grove, Gaston county, to the highest bidder, on January 24, 1865, for the ensuing year.

Real Estate for Sale. A small plantation will be sold privately, containing about fifty-three acres of land, with all the improvements...

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE. Administrator of E. F. Watt, deceased, I will sell on Saturday the 31st of December, at the store of Grier & Gallant, in Steel Creek.

Four Likely Negroes. viz: Edom, about 20 years old, Emeline about 17, and her child about 2 months old; and Nancy, 10 years old.

NEGRO GIRL for Sale. I will sell a NEGRO GIRL at Public Auction, in the square in Charlotte, on Monday, 26th December.

NEGROES, &c. for Sale. As Administrator of John Griffin, deceased, I will sell at my residence, on Negrohead Creek, in Union county, on the 29th inst., two Negro Boys, aged 14 and 16—first rate boys.

REHOOTH FURNACE. In Station, Lincoln Co., N.C. The proprietors are prepared to do Casting of all kinds. Address, SHIPP & REINHARDT, Iron P. O., N. C.

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