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NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE.

WEDNESDAY—SENATE.—Senator Morehead takes the chair in absence of Lieutenant Governor Armfield.

Mr. Waring: A resolution that a committee of 7 from the Senate and 12 from the House of Representatives be appointed to suggest some feasible plan by which the public debt can be adjusted...

Mr. Busbee thought that the question was rather premature. He moved to lay the resolution on the table, with a withdrawal of the subject.

Mr. Busbee moved to postpone the question until the 15th of December. Mr. Farris thought it eminently proper to introduce these resolutions so that the people might have an opportunity to give this question of a convention due consideration.

Mr. Bell was in favor of a free discussion. All the light possible should be brought out. Mr. Busbee: Distinguished men from different portions of the State to consult with Senators upon this momentous subject...

Mr. Latham said in his county this question did not come up in the campaign, and he wished to learn how they stood, but would vote for the resolution not committing himself, but it was well enough to have a committee appointed at an early date.

Mr. Waring concurred with Mr. Cooke and explained the resolution, he being its introducer. Mr. Graham opposed postponement. Let the committee act.

Mr. Linney could vote for the resolution without any commitment on his part whatever. Mr. McElroy concurred with Mr. Linney. It was a question not brought up in the campaign in his county. He thought they favored a convention.

Mr. Marler moved in order to compromise to substitute for the 15th December, next Wednesday for the consideration of the resolution. The Senate refused to adopt the amendment.

Mr. Kerr thought his plan instructing the committee to report after the Christmas holidays wisest. He wished to consult his people. It was a vital question and by some ill-advised move the party now in power would quickly pass from it, if calm consideration was not had.

By Mr. Means, a bill to amend Title 9, Chap. 4, C. C. P. Calendar. By same bill for the more effectual prosecution of offenders against the criminal law of the State. Calendar.

By the same, a bill to enforce the performance of contracts. Calendar. By Moore, col. of New Hanover, a bill to protect laborers. Calendar.

Mr. Boyd, a bill to amend Chap. 181, laws of 1872-3. Calendar. At 12 m., the annual message of his Excellency, the Governor, was presented at the Speaker's desk.

On the conclusion of the reading of the message, on motion of Mr. Richardson it was transmitted to the Senate with a proposition to print. The motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Mendenhall, the motion to dispense with was reconsidered. Mr. Means, disclaiming any disrespect to the Governor, renewed the motion to dispense with the reading. The motion did not prevail and the Clerk proceeded with the reading.

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THURSDAY—SENATE.—The session began with usual introduction of bills. We omit private bills, except such as will be likely to interest our North Carolina readers.

Mr. McCauley, a bill in relation to civil or criminal cases. Provides for removal of same to adjacent counties in certain cases. Referred to judiciary.

Mr. Stanford, a bill requiring the registration of deeds in certain cases. Judiciary. Mr. Busbee, a bill amending chapter 33 Battle's Revisal. Judiciary.

Mr. McElroy, a bill amending sec. 14, chap. 6, Battle's Revisal. Mr. Cantwell, a bill providing for revising and condensing the Code of Civil Procedure. Judiciary.

Mr. Jenkins, a bill in relation to collection of taxes of Shelby. Propositions and Grievances. Mr. Linney, a bill giving Justices of the Peace jurisdiction in proceedings of Forcible Entry and Retainer. Judiciary.

Mr. Busbee, a bill in relation to larceny. Judiciary. Mr. Holten, a bill in regard to usury. Judiciary.

RESOLUTIONS. A resolution appointing 7 in the Senate and 12 in the House as a joint committee on the public debt was adopted.

Messrs. Gudger, Walker of Richmond, Mivell, Green, Hicks, Slaton, Stevenson, Bettis, Foote, Norment, Barnhardt of Caldwell, Sharpe, Munden and Moore. Counties, Cities, Towns and Townships.

Messrs. Bryson, Barnhardt of Rowan, Johnston, Burnett, Freeman, Wells, Gaither, Glenn, Hooper, Davis of Haywood, and Thompson of Lincoln. On motion of Mr. Tate, the rules were suspended and his bill to repeal the act to provide for the payment of the interest on the lawful debt of the State was taken up.

At 12 m., the annual message of his Excellency, the Governor, was presented at the Speaker's desk. The docket is a voluminous one, and as each member had a presented copy, Mr. Shackelford moved that the reading be dispensed with, and it be transmitted to the Senate, with accompanying documents, with a proposition to print. The motion prevailed.

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Mr. Trivett, from the select committee on the civil rights resolution, submitted a minority report. The following standing committees were announced:

Interest Improvements: Messrs. McRae, Slaton, Patton, Bryson, Stowe, Oaksmith, Tate, Wheeler, Presson, Mitchell, Wiley, King, Hicks and Candler. Privileges and Elections: Messrs. Moring, Dortch, Anderson, Norment, Woodhouse, Young, Griffin, Whitely, Bizzell, Wood and Elliott.

Messrs. Reid, Ballard, Alberison, Glenn, Smith of Anson, Smyth of Hyde, McNeill, McCallop, Newel, Floyd and Crews. Salaries and Fees: Messrs. Walker of Richmond, Eastman, Walker of Tyrrel, Thompson of Beaufort, Wiley, Johnston, Jessup, Garrison, Whitman, Mosely, Muller, Sharpe and Scott.

Mr. Oaksmith was added to the committee on finance. Messrs. Mitchell and Trivett were added to the judiciary committee. By Mr. Strong, a bill to restore lost or destroyed records. Referred.

By Mr. Boyd, a resolution asking an appropriation from Congress of \$100,000 for a government postoffice and court house at Greensboro. Calendar.

The bill to change the times of holding courts in the 3rd judicial district was taken up and passed its several readings. The resolution raising a joint standing committee on constitutional reform was adopted.

Terrible Tornado. TUSCUMBIA, Ala., Nov. 24.—By the storm of Sunday about three hundred persons were deprived of homes and the total loss to the town and private individuals is estimated at five hundred thousand dollars.

The storm came on while most of the people were sleeping. It came like the sound of rushing thunder and passed over immediately. The houses were blown down and in many places the streets and roads were everywhere filled with crumbling walls and shattered timbers.

The people immediately organized and appointed leaders and set about rescuing those held by fallen timbers and recovering the bodies of the killed. In addition to the killed mentioned in yesterday's Nashville dispatch, 30 persons were injured.

Soon after the storm had blown over, it was discovered that the iron railroad bridge over Spring creek, about half a mile from the town, had been completely destroyed. At the same moment it was remembered that the train from Memphis could be expected to arrive at any moment. The utmost confusion prevailed.

Mr. Shackelford: A resolution raising a joint select committee on mileage and per diem. On motion of Mr. Tate, the rules were suspended and the resolution was adopted. Adjourned.

FRIDAY—SENATE.—Mr. Waring, bill to incorporate Gaston mining company. Mr. Cantwell, a bill calling a State Convention was read and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Stanford, a bill to be entitled an act to amend sec. 6, chap. 91, Battle's Revisal. Judiciary. Mr. French, a bill in regard to accessories before the act in murder, rape, arson, or burglary. He explained his bill in a few pertinent remarks, stating that he doubted that accessories before the act under the statutes enacted since 1868 could be convicted of a capital offense.

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