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CONGRESS.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE SENATE AND HOUSE YESTERDAY.

THE DEADLY CIGARETTE—AN INVITATION TO THE CENTENNIAL OF THE INAUGURATION OF WASHINGTON—OTHER NEWS.

By Telegraph to the News and Observer. WASHINGTON, April 23—SENATE.—Mr. Chace presented a petition signed by 257 physicians, 867 pastors of churches and 654 superintendents, officers and teachers of public schools of the District of Columbia asking legislation to prohibit the sale of cigarettes or tobacco to boys under sixteen years of age.

The Senate joint resolution providing that public lands in Mississippi, Alabama and Arkansas, now subject to private entry, shall be disposed of according to the provisions of the homes-act laws until the pending legislation affecting such lands shall be disposed of or until the present session of Congress adjourns, was reported from the committee. Passed.

A bill was passed prohibiting poaching or bores-making in Washington or Georgetown. It does not embrace the entire District of Columbia, and it is said it was so framed as to exclude from its provisions the race track at the city.

The bill in reference to certain lands granted to railroads was taken up and discussed for a time and laid aside.

On motion of Mr. Call the Senate bill to change the limit of the appropriation for a public building at Key West to \$175,000 and appropriating an additional sum of \$67,000 was taken from the calendar and passed. Executive session. Adjourned.

HOUSE. The speaker laid before the House an invitation to participate in the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the inauguration of Geo. Washington to be held in New York April 30, 1889. Referred to committee on judiciary.

Under the call of States resolutions were introduced and referred to the committee on merchant marine and fisheries to make sweeping investigation of the Alaska fur seal fisheries and calling upon the Secretary of the Treasury for information upon the subject of these fisheries.

By Mr. Springer, of Illinois, a concurrent resolution for the appointment of a joint Senate and House committee whose duty it shall be to inquire into the best methods of relieving Congress from the consideration of private measures of all kinds.

By Mr. Simmons, of North Carolina, for the appointment of a committee to inquire into the intellectual and industrial progress of the colored race since 1865.

This being the day devoted to the consideration of bills relating to the District of Columbia, Mr. Hemphill, of South Carolina moved that the House go into committee of the whole upon such measures, but the friends of the river and harbor bill defeated the motion, yeas 55, nays 166.

Mr. Hemphill yielded to the sentiment of the House and surrendered the floor and the House then went into committee of the whole on the river and harbor bill.

The amendment to increase the appropriation for Aransas Pass, Texas, from \$100,000 to \$150,000 was lost. Mr. Bofelle, of Maine, criticized and Messrs. Crain and Stewart of Texas defended the scheme of improvement.

Mr. O'Ferrall offered an amendment increasing from \$75,000 to \$150,000 the appropriation for the harbor at Cleveland, Ohio. Pending discussion of this amendment, the committee rose and the House at 5:15 adjourned.

AWFUL LOSS OF LIFE FROM EARTHQUAKE IN CHINA.

OVER 40,000 PEOPLE EITHER KILLED OR WOUNDED IN ONE CITY WITH ITS SURROUNDS—OTHER NEWS.

By Telegraph to the News and Observer. SHANGHAI, N. C., April 23.—The earthquake in China, which brags the loss of life and property in Funnan, China, has been reported to the Chinese Government as follows: "From the 10th to the 13th of the twelfth month of the year there were many shocks of earthquake accompanied by a noise like thunder. The Yamen in the cities of Sui Ping and Kien Shan were either knocked down or split right down, and the temples likewise. In Sui Ping eight or nine-tenths of the houses in the southern part are falling down, and half of those in the east. In the northwest a thousand were cracked or bent out of the perpendicular, 200 people, men and women, old and young, being crushed to death. The wounded and injured number over three hundred.

At Turg Hing over 800 were crushed to death and about seven or eight hundred were wounded. At Nag Hing there are over 200 dead and over 400 injured. At Si Hing about 100 are killed and the same number injured, the four places just named are suburbs.

In low and suburbs over 40,000 people were either killed or wounded. Eight or nine-tenths of the houses have fallen down and the rest are cracked and leaning over. At Kien Shui in the city seven were killed and many wounded; in the northwest suburb 300 to 400 houses were overturned, 24 people killed and 150 or 160 wounded.

THE TARIFF BILL DEBATE. By Telegraph to the News and Observer. WASHINGTON, April 23.—The committee on ways and means held a long meeting this morning, but failed to finally agree upon the length of time to be allowed for general debate upon the tariff bill.

The Republican members of the committee asked that ten days of five hours each, or fifty hours in all, be set for the purpose.

The Democratic members held that a shorter time would suffice if the evening sessions were held for debate only.

The evening sessions were not acceptable to Republicans, who argued that because of the slim attendance which characterized them as contrasted with day sessions members compelled to speak at night would be placed at a disadvantage.

The differences on the subject between the majority and minority of the committee do not seem to be serious, however, and it is expected that an agreement will be reached tomorrow when another meeting will be held.

Alabama Items. By Telegraph to the News and Observer. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 23.—The Tennessee Press Association arrived here last night and was entertained at the Lake View Hotel.

There was a wreck on the Louisville & Nashville R. R. yesterday morning at Calera. A negro brakeman was killed.

Fire. By Telegraph to the News and Observer. CHARLESTON, S. C., April 23.—A fire occurred at Union Court House yesterday in which eight buildings were burned. The losses are as follows: R. P. Briggs, storehouse, \$2,900; K. T. Gill, stock of goods, \$9,500; J. H. Rogers, stock of goods, \$3,500; Harlem buildings, \$750; H. L. Grubbs, two storehouses, \$7,500; insurance, \$11,000.

Terrific Explosion. By Telegraph to the News and Observer. CHICAGO, April 23.—An Evening Journal special from Marquette says: Yesterday afternoon a party of log drivers in Barago county attempted to throw dynamite on the cook stove in their kitchen. The result was a terrific explosion, which killed three men and seriously injured twelve others.

The Baker's Strike over. By Telegraph to the News and Observer. CHICAGO, Ill., April 23.—There appeared an epidemic among the bakers this morning to sign an agreement recognizing the employers. Twenty additional names were secured by the union. One of the committee said that the last who signed were about the only surviving ones, and that the strike was practically over.

French Affairs. By Cable to the News and Observer. PARIS, April 23.—In the Chamber of Deputies today M. Floquet, prime minister, agreed to an immediate debate on an interpellation of Count De Marcilly regarding the appointment of a civilian (De Freycet) as minister of war. The Count declared that M. Floquet's action in the matter of such an appointment was revolutionary and would have a desperate effect upon the army.

Minister Pendleton Much Improved. By Cable to the News and Observer. BERLIN, April 23.—Advices from Wiesbaden state that the condition of Mr. Pendleton, American minister, has much improved since yesterday.

Mr. Pearson at Asheville. The Asheville Sun of Sunday, in noting the arrival of Mr. R. G. Pearson in that city, says: "Rev. R. G. Pearson, the evangelist, arrived in the city last evening and is stopping with Mr. Robert U. Garrett. He will rest here until the first Sunday in May at which time he will commence a series of meetings in the Farmers' warehouse in this city. His meetings everywhere have been crowned with success in bringing souls to God, and we sincerely hope great good may result from his visit to Asheville."

A WHOLE TOWN BURNED.

THE VILLAGE OF HARRLETSVILLE TOTALLY CONSUMED BY FIRE. Special to the News and Observer.

WINSTON, N. C., April 23.—The town of Harrellsville, about twelve miles from this place, was destroyed by fire yesterday morning about 3 o'clock. The fire had its origin in a restaurant kept by George Baker, but is supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

There were nine store-houses and one dwelling lost. All were wooden buildings. Most of the goods were saved. The postoffice was burned. The loss is estimated at \$75,000. No insurance.

ASHEVILLE. The Hot Springs Immigration Convention. Special to the News and Observer.

A HAVILL, N. C., April 23.—The residence of John Hart was burned this morning at 4 o'clock. The furniture was all destroyed. Loss, four thousand dollars. Insurance fifteen hundred. Origin of the fire unknown.

The convention at Hot Springs Wednesday promises to be a great affair. Cardinal Gibbons and Bishops Northrop and Heil will be present. The Governor of South Carolina has appointed delegates.

Important Purchase by New York Men of a \$50,000 Iron Mine. Special to the News and Observer. REHSVILLE, N. C., April 23.—It is learned here that Pepper & Co., of Danbury, have sold their interest in the iron mines in Stokes to a New York company for fifty thousand dollars. The sale was made last week.

Some of the company visited Walnut Cove with the view of examining for the purpose of establishing a smelting furnace there and were well pleased with the specimens they saw. Work in the iron mines will be begun this week.

Mr. C. W. McClammy, a writer in the Fayetteville Observer, dating his letter from Fayetteville, says:

MR. EDITOR:—As the convention to nominate a candidate to represent the people of this Third Congressional District in the next Congress is near at hand, we do not think it out of place to say a few words for our present able representative, Hon. C. W. McClammy. The many friends of Maj. McClammy in Cumberland county will press his claims for a second term in Congress. Maj. McClammy is a native and "to the manner born" in this district, he is a "jayed" man, a democrat, was a faithful soldier in the late war, and has been a constant worker for the Democratic party ever since, and courtesy to him and his native county seems to demand his reelection.

Maj. McClammy has worked hard for his constituents since his election, and has perhaps done more than any of the new members from North Carolina. He has established many new mail lines and new post offices in his district. Since he opened his appointments as postal clerks and clerks in the different departments at Washington for his constituents, and has introduced the following bills:

A bill to provide for the erection of a public building at Fayetteville, N. C.; a bill to provide for the construction of a macadamized road to the national cemetery at Wilmington; a bill to amend the revenue law; a bill to provide terms of the U. S. district courts at Fayetteville, a bill for the relief of W. O. Hines, Esq., of Hughes and Powell, session clerks forty-ninth Congress; a bill to refund pay for captured property; a bill for the relief of W. P. Lane; a bill for the relief of Geo. E. Taylor; a bill authorizing the construction of bridges for the C. F. & Y. V. R. R. over North-east, Black and Cape Fear rivers in North Carolina; a bill to reward the discovery of a remedy and cure of hog cholera; a bill to improve Black River; a bill to improve New River; a bill to survey Northeast river; a bill to survey waterway, New River and Swansboro; also introduced numerous petitions of citizens of North Carolina.

Many of the above bills have passed. Maj. McClammy was not a candidate at the Congressional Convention two years ago, and knew nothing of his nomination until the day after; therefore let us return to the principles of our forefathers, and let "the office seek the man and not the man the office." FARMER.

Meeting of the Stockholders of the W. W. N. C. Road. Winston Daily. The meeting convened in pursuance of notice in Chamber of Commerce at 12 m. Saturday. There were represented 2,577 shares by 109 and 173 in person, Col. T. M. Holt presiding. President Col. A. B. Andrews read his report, which contained an account of the work of extending from this point to Wilkesboro, which was somewhere in the neighborhood of \$18,000 per mile. Mr. J. C. Buxton offered a resolution providing for the retirement of the present mortgage of \$20,000 per mile on the creation of a new mortgage of \$15,000 a mile, which was opposed by Mr. R. M. Douglass, but after some discussion was adopted. The next business in order was the election of twelve directors, as follows: Geo. S. Scott, Calvin S. Brice, W. G. Oakman, T. M. Logan, J. A. Rutherford, J. W. Fries, A. B. Andrews, J. C. Buxton, R. B. Glenn, T. B. Keogh, G. W. Hinchaw, H. W. Fries.

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There is no immediate prospect of a settlement of the trouble in the beer trade. The brewers are all working and organized labor is pushing the boycott.

A DEFAULTER.

AUBURN, N. Y., BRINGS FORTH A BOODLER. THE AMOUNT OF HIS DEFEALATION IS ESTIMATED AT \$20,000 TO \$120,000.

By Telegraph to the News and Observer. AUBURN, N. Y., April 23.—Mr. N. P. Devells, treasurer of the Seneca Falls Savings Bank, was arrested yesterday evening and taken to Watertown jail. He is a defaulter and the amount of this defalcation is estimated at from \$20,000 to \$120,000. State bank examiner Richardson, who has been in Seneca Falls since Thursday discovered the error. Yesterday afternoon the arrest followed. The bank is perfectly solvent. The books are closed but as soon as the accounts are brought straight the bank will open. Devells was under bond and the bank will not lose the amount by his loss.

CONGRESSMAN SIMMONS. On the Inland Waterway Between New Bern and Beaufort. In the House Saturday as in committee of the whole, pending consideration of the river and harbor bill, the paragraph in hand being as follows:

Improve the inland water-way between New Bern and Beaufort, N. C., containing improvement, \$15,000. Mr. Simmons said: I offer the amendment which I send to the Desk. The Clerk read as follows: Strike out '\$15,000' and insert '\$25,000.'

Mr. Simmons: The State of North Carolina in the year 1826, by cutting a canal of about three and one half miles in length, beginning on the one side at the head of the navigable waters of Harlowe river and on the other side at the head of the navigable waters of Clifton river, connected the waters of Pamlico Sound with those of Beaufort Harbor. That canal was very small, and was only of sufficient depth and width to admit of the passage of small vessels. But it was found that it was a very great convenience to the people, and was very much used until some time just before the breaking down and it went out of use.

Several years ago Congress, with a view of connecting the waters of Pamlico Sound with those of Beaufort Harbor, so as to avoid the dangerous shoals of Hatteras and Cape Lookout, on the North Carolina coast, authorized a survey of the several proposed routes for connecting the waters of Pamlico Sound with Beaufort Harbor. That was made, and the old canal channel authorized by the Legislature of North Carolina, and appropriated for, was approved and recommended.

This enterprise is not only a work of local but is a work of national concern, as when it is open it will connect not only the waters of Chesapeake Bay with those of Beaufort Harbor, but it will furnish the now only missing link between the great harbor of New York and the harbor of Beaufort, N. C., thus affording through inland navigation from that great center of commerce, so as to avoid the dangerous part of the North Carolina coast. It will be apparent to any one who is at all familiar with the dangers of the North Carolina coast, and with the general character of the coast from New York to Beaufort Harbor, that some such route as this is needed for the small coasting vessels plying between the cities of the Atlantic coast and the great center of trade, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Norfolk. Not only this, Mr. Chairman, but this work when completed will be of great benefit to the United States in care of a war with a foreign country, not only affording protection for vessels engaged in general commerce but affording protection for its fleet of war.

[Here the hammer fell.] Mr. McClammy was recognized, and yielded his time to Mr. Simmons. Mr. Simmons, now Mr. Chairman, the engineer, in his report upon the survey, says that the government can secure a channel from 9 feet in depth and 80 feet in width, but he does not recommend in the report which I now have before me so extensive a work on the part of the government.

He says, however, that it is of great importance from a national point of view, and he recommends that for the present the Government, by the expenditure of \$90,000, which he says will be amply sufficient, shall begin this work by securing a channel between these points of 5 feet in depth and 30 feet in width.

Personally I am acquainted with the character of the soil along this canal, and I agree with the engineer when he says in this report that this great bulk of this \$90,000 ought to be appropriated at once.

Now, the committee have only allowed \$15,000 for this work. The soil is of a marshy character. And I undertake to say that while that appropriation will do some good, so small a sum will merely begin the work, leaving it in such a condition as to expose it to damage and decay before any other appropriation can be had that will nearly undo that which has been done.

This work, of course, is of great local importance, not only to the towns that happen to be situated along the canal, but it is of importance to the whole of Eastern North Carolina, as affording direct ocean communication for the Trent, the Neuse, the Pamlico, the Tar and other rivers that enter Pamlico Sound.

The government, so far as the report shows, has only spent about \$10,000 on this work, but it has made a canal sufficient for boats drawing four feet. Last year twelve hundred of these vessels passed through the canal, developing a commerce of \$20 million. And notwithstanding New Bern and Beaufort are connected by rail road transportation, this canal re-

duced the usual freight rates between these points 25 per cent in one year. Now, I know it is very difficult to secure an increase of an allowance made by this committee.

There are in the district that I happen to represent five different streams under improvement by the government. One of those streams is 360 miles in length; another is 140 miles. They have an immense drainage area, and yet for all of those five streams the committee have allowed only about \$35,000. In view of the importance of this work, both for local and a national standpoint, as I have outlined, I do hope that the committee will agree to this increase, and if the committee does not, then I do hope that the House will take the matter in its own hands and will allow the small additional sum which I ask.

The Y. M. C. A. State Convention. From the Charlotte Chronicle we condense the following report of the proceedings Saturday and Sunday of the Y. M. C. A. State Convention. The exercises were conducted in the Second Presbyterian church, and were attended by large crowds, the church being fairly thronged through out the day. The business of the convention was confined almost exclusively to discussions upon subjects relating to the work of the association. Dr. Hume made an admirable address upon the subject of "What an Association of Young Men's Personal Purity Among Young Men?" His speech on the subject, as I said to have been the ablest effort of the convention. Various subjects were discussed during the day, among them being: "What the Ladies can do to Aid the Association," "Our Social Work," "Our Difficulties, and How to Overcome Them," "Should Our Meetings be Exclusively for Men?"

The night session was a particularly interesting one; the feature of the evening being a talk to the railroad men. The subject of the discussion was, "Our Work Among Railroad Men." Mr. E. W. Watkins, of New York, Mr. Board, of Atlanta, and others, delivered talks on this subject. Mr. S. B. Weeks, secretary of the convention, gave an interesting sketch of the work of the association in North Carolina.

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