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WHAT CONGRESS IS DOING.

In the United States Senate Jan 7, Mr. Morrill spoke in favor of his resolution declaring that so-called reciprocity treaties with nations of inferior population and wealth should be regarded with disfavor. Mr. Bayard expressed the hope that the consideration of the interstate commerce bill would be postponed in order to allow time for deliberation on the subject. Mr. Ingalls. in urging action on the bill, said the Senate was suspected, to which Mr. Bayard responded that he "did not know how it feels to be suspected." The matter then went over. The Reagan interstate commerce bill was further debated in the House.

The United States Senate passed the Oregon Central land forfeiture bill. The House passed the pension appropriation bill. It appropriates \$59.976,000. Messrs. Cox and Posey, the embittered Port Deposit editors, failed to meet on the field of honor near Washington yesterday, although Mr. Posey denies that he has backed down or apologized.

In the United States Senate Jan. 8, a number of speeches were made condeming the custom of attaching general legislative provisions to appropriation bills. Mr. Lapham made an argument in favor of the constitutionality of reciprocity treaties. The House passed the Reagan interstate commerce bill by a vote of 158 to 75. In the Alabama con tested election case, Shelley (democrat) was unseated and Craig (republican) seated. Col. Lamont, Mr. Cleveland's private secretary, arrived in Washington yesterday. The Jackson Democratic Association of Washington celebrated the 70th anniversary of the battle of New Orleans vesterday.

STATE TOPICS.

184 miles of railroad were built in North Carolina in 1884.

The inauguration of Gov. Scales will take place on the 21st.

Dr. Marcellus Whitehead, aged 64, of Salisbury, died on Friday of week before last.

Read the call elsewhere published for a convention of lawyers to be held in Raleigh on the 28th.

Col. J. M. McCorkle, a prominent lawyer of Salisbury, was stricken with paralysis in Lexington a couple of weeks ago but is much improved.

CALDWELL SUPERIOR COURT.

Special Term, 1885, Judge A. G. Avery Presiding.

Judge Avery opened court promptly at 11 o'clock, Monday morning and the following gentlemen were drawn as

A GRAND JURY,

J. J. Harshaw being made foreman : J. J. Harshaw, Smith Coffey, B. M. Tuttle, E. W. Faucette, M. D. Smith, Jesse Moore, P. V. Coffey, G. W. Miller, J. A. Woods, Taylor Hayes, R. J. Bush, A. F. Estes; John R. Steele, J. A. Houck, C. L. Coffey, John A. Wakefield, H. N. Coffey, M. C. Setzer.

The Judge consumed the morning hour in delivering a very sensible charge to the grand jury.

Deputy Sheriff A. H. Boyd was sworn in as officer of the grand jury. Mr. W. D. Clarke is employed as Deputy Clerk during the session of

the special term. After organizing, the Grand Jury adjourned until Tuesday morning.

William Pennell, A. H. Courtney and J. T. Montgomery were excused from serving on the regular

panel.

The Sheriff is ordered to summon each day seven tales jurors to serve as day jurors, so that during the continuance of the court there will be two juries of 12 men, and one of them ready to go into a trial as soon as the other goes out with a case.

CHIMINAL DOCKET. State vs J W Clarke and Sue Greer.

f and a; alias capias.

Dave Coffey, a and b; alias capias. L J Beach, c c w : alias to Ashe. John Tilley, a and b; alias to Watauga.

f and a; alias capias.

M Holler, retailing, alias capias. Sourstes Winebarger, and Poli

\$200 for his appear ce until judgment is rendered. Robert Pritchard, a and b; alias

Robert Campbell and Henry Healan, a and b; judgment suspended on payment of costs as to Campbell; alias copias as to Healan.

Edmund Jones and W. M. Earnhardt; affray, guilty, judgment of half costs each.

Jim Simmons and Elvira Kirby: and a; alias capias. D. B. Carlton, c c w; snbmission,

judgment suspended on payment of Seth Bradshaw, larceny; alias

capias. Sallie McRary, disorderly house, alias capias.

The alias capinses indicate that nearly all the parties defendants are not in attendance. There was not a jury trial Monday, yet nearly all the cases were reached and disposed of by continuance on account of absence of parties.

"Don't they accuse you of stealing in the neighborhood ?" asked an attorney of a witness as to character. "Yes," was the reply, "they ac-

cuse me of everything mean." At half past nine o'clock Tuesday morring, Waightstill A. Anderson was brought into court and the question of a special venire was discussed. In deference to the wishes of the prosecution Judge Avery ruled that a special venire of 150 freeholders be drawn from the jury list in the manner prescribed by section 1739 of the Code, which was accordingly done. The Sheriff will have today to summon the jurors and it is hoped to begin upon the Anderson case tomorrow.

As soon as the grand jury sends in a bill against Joe Jones for murder, if it does, a special venire of 75 men will be asked for and it is hoped by his lawyers to try his case today, (Wednesday,) as it is not a complicated case.

In the meantime, motions on the civil docket, demurrers and the like diversion will entertain the Court until Thursday morning, if an interim occurs.

IN MEMORIAM.

MASONIC HALL, BOONE, N. C.

At a regular communication of Watauga Lodge, No. 273, A. F. & A. M. Dec. 27, 1884, A. L. 5884, E. F. Lovill, W. C. Coffey and D. B. Dougherty, were appointed a committee to draft suitable obituary and resolutions in regard to the death of our brother, J. W. Councill, when the following resolutions were submitted and adopted.

Our beloved brother, James Willis Councill, was born in Ashe county, (now Watauga county) N. C., where the town of Boone is now located and was one of the old land marks of said town.

Brother Councill was a chartered member of Watauga Lodge, No. 273 as Senior Warden in the West Dec. 4th, 1867, A. L. 5867, having been initiated and made a mason in Taylorsville, Tennessee, before the war, and was the oldest male mason belonging to our Lodge. Brother Councill was a faithful member of his Lodge, a worthy brother and contributed his zeal and faithful attendance to the success of masonry.

Brother Councill died very peacefully at his brother's, G. R. Councill, on Meat Camp, this county on the night of the 19th of Nov. 1884. having lived 57 years, 10 months and 20 days.

In the death of our brother, the Lodge has lost a faithful member. the county a good citizen, his family a devoted father and husband.

therefore be it RESOLVED by Watauga Lodge, That we tender to the bereaved family of our departed brother, our heartfelt sympathy and condolence in their sad bereavement.

RESOLVED 2nd. That the members of this Lodge wear the usual badge of mourning for 30 days.

RESOLVED 3rd. That we send a copy of this obituary and these resolutions to THE LENGIR TOPIC with the request that they be published.

D. B. DOUGHERTY, E. F. LOVILL, W. C. COFFEY.

After all the tooped of another WHEREAS, death has removed

that loved the church, and an earnor for its progress, and one we will sadly miss. He appre ed the great truths of the gos the mysteries of redemption b

in the blood of atonement with a clearness and strength sel dom surpassed. His unimpeachable character as a man, and his devotion to the church and Christ, his goodness, his sound judgment, his wisdom in counsel, his reputation, his meekness and humility, which covered him as a garment of loveliness. all recommended him as a man to be loved. And we believe he has gone from the troubles and trials and hardships of a long soldier life, to rest with those to whom the Lord will say, 'Well done, good and faithful servants, enter into the joys of thy Lord." For we rejoice in the belief that he was prepared for the summons.

RESOLVED, That we tender to the bereaved companion and family of our dear brother, our warmest sympathy, and commend theat to Him who alone is able to comfort and sustain in trouble.

RESOLVED. That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the widow of brother Moore, a copy be sent to the "Biblical Recorder" and also to THE TOPIC, with the request that they be published, and that they be spread on the minutes of the charch.

W. A. Pool. M. D. SMITH, Com. A. A. SUDDERTH Adopted in Church Conference January 10th, 1885.

W. A. Pool, Moderator. J. W. LAXTON, Church Clerk.

New Advertisements.

TOPIC JOB OFFICE. - Blank Deeds for sale. J. N. TORRENCE & Co.-Netice

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PENROSE BALDWIN. -Stationery. MOSES STEELE AND OTHERS .-Notice of Incorporation.

Moretz Mills Letter.

At Hopewell Methodist Church quite an enjoyable Christmas tree was held.

One man, Mr. Joseph Tyra, in attempting to "shoot Christmas," missed but hit a valuable horse. It is not known whether he could have hurt Christmas with his British Bull Deg, but it is doubtful if his horse survives.

MOBAL .- Better let Christmas go The bulk of the apple and cabbage crop has been moved from these hills. What are the dimensions of an apple crate? 8:1:4.

Commissioners' Court.

The Commissioners met Saturday to settle with the Sheriff on the State tax of 1884, the chairman, J. G. Ballew, and N. A. Miller being

M. V. Moore called in to assist in making said settlement. J. C. Newland paid \$3.50 furnished for the cistern.

The following jury, James C. Horton, R. T. Lenoir, W. A. Ballew, L. S. Hartley, Jos. T. Powell. appointed to go upon the premises and lay off a public road from a point on the Indian Grave Gap road, at or near the house recently occupied by Ryon Ellis, via G. W. Presnell's, to some point on the turnpike or to the corporate limits of the town of Lenoir or to amend the present road or do as they think best for the public good of the

Mrs. Polly Fox paid \$1 per month for the support of an idiotic infant.

N. A. Miller, agent of R. C.

Perkins, relieved from paying double tax on 200 scres of land for the

years 1882-3-4. Petitions asking permission to erect gates across the public road in Yadkin Valley township referred to the road supervisors in said town-

J. F. Kaylor, constable in Love-lady township, tendered his bond and was inducted into office.

water granita, 2 Bopt"

RALEIGH, N. C., Jen. 6.—The report of State Treasurer Worth shows the amount of old bonds aushows the amount of old bonds authorized to be funded into 4 per cent. bonds was \$12,627,045, of which \$9,627,445 have been funded, making a new debt of \$2,803,796. If the Legislature extends the provisions of the funding act, new expired, and the remaining bonds are funded, the total issue of four per cents will be \$3,589,511. Two million and thirty thousand dollars new sixes were issued in exchange John Rupert and M A Shoemaker, and a; alias capias.

A B Saunders, a and b; alias capias.

A Wasy, murder; continued.

Charles Cenley, c c w; alias capias.

Lee Fisher, c c w; continued, jear of his age, Therefore

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WHEREAS, death has removed from the membership of Lower for a like amount of North Carolina construction bonds, \$765,000 of which are still outstanding. The interest on the new debt has been promptly met. The public fund on his son, Capt. M. V. Meore, in Leanning to the fiscal year neir, N. C., in the eighty-seventh year of his age, Therefore

Resouved, That in the death of the next year. The State finances are in an excellent condition. new sixes were issued in exchange

the gold watch! Mr. thereon P.

THE LEGISLATURE.

before the appointment of the M

in Thursday. We will review it when we have more space at our command. -

In the Senate, on Thursday, Mr. Bower introduced a bill regulating proceedings and penalty in capital cases. THE SENATE COMMITTEES.

Salaries and Fees Bason, Sherrill, Graham, Connor, Pool, Rountree and Chadbourn.

D. D. and B. Institution-Thompson, Mason, Twitty, Troy, Sherrill, Kennedy and Chadbourn. 115 Insurance-Winston, Todd, Per-

ry, Scott, Alexander, Herne and White. Corporations-Cowan, Todd, Trov. Gudger, Lewis, Scott and Swain. Privileges and Elections-Gatling, Todd, Graham, Horne, Parker, Holman and Taylor.

Insane Asylum-King, Thomp son, Wiseman, Simmons, Hackett, Everett and White. Finance - Alexander, Dotson, Leak, Graham, Horne, Rountree

and Chadbourne. Penal Institutions-Means, Sherrill, Simmons, Williams, Parker, Twitty and Swain. Propositions and Grievances-Robins, Todd, Parker, Dotson,

Leak, Winston and Thomas. Banks and Currency-Leak, Co: nor, Dotson, Cooper, Brown, Horne and Franklin. HOUSE COMMITTEES.

Committee on Judiciary-Worthington (chairman,) Busbee, Overman, Jones, of Buncombe, Waring, Stanford, Adams, Woodard, Pearsall. Bell, Pearson, Burton, Phillips, Hatch, Barringer, Bland, Turner, Winborne, Jones, of Alexander, Felton, Gulley, Wemack, Bulla.

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Committee on Finance-Tate. (chairman,) Stanford, Cowell, Bennett, Wakefield, Exum, Dunlap, Ardrey, Adams, Long, Murchison, Lovill, Galloway, Dixon, Pearsall, Stanford, Stewart, Bland, Bellamy, Brim, Chappell.

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Committee on Privileges and Elections-Williams, of Granville, (chairman,) Waring, Winborne, Woodard, Crouse, Allen, Clifton, Bulla, Eaten.

Committee on Engrossed Bills-Turner, (chairman,) Greene, of Durham, Alston, Robinson, of Sampson, Hatch, Whitted. Committee on Engrossed Bills-Leazer, (chairman,) Cowell, Winborne, Riggs, Pinnix.

Committee on Military Affairs-Jones, of Buncombe, (chairman,) Worthington, Glenn, Murchison, Adams, Beaman, Orawford, Hussey.

To the Bar of the Statemed adT

The undersigned have been designated a committee, by the Bar of the City of Raleigh, to communicate with their brethren in the State, and to invite their attendance in convention, in the City of Raleigh. en the 28th of January, 1885, at 12 o'clock m.

The resolution of the Bar, by which the committee was appointed indicated generally the purpose of of the convention, leaving the deorganization.

Of the imperfections of the judicial system of this State, every lawyer is cognisant, and almost every layman; but the particulars wherein the defects consist have not been to a full extent articulated. and hence no rational change of methods has been suggested.

Our purpose in coming tegether is to make common stock of our information and experience and suggestions of change, and to fermulate a definite conclusion. Without some concerted action,

no effective result can be attained and without interassociation among ourselves, no concerted action can The details of organization we de

not venture to suggest, but simply urge upon our brethren that as many of them attend as can, especially having in view the representation of each judicial district.

It is exceedingly important also that the more experienced of the profession be present, that the State may have the benefit of their pra-

dence and counsel. " seaming Signed in the City of Releigh, January 8, 1885. J. B. BATCHBLOR, T. M. ARGO,

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