

COUNTY AND STATE NEWS.

THE LEGISLATURE.

THURSDAY Nov. 12, 1858.

SENATE.—After the presentation of sundry petitions, Mr. Martin introduced a resolution against paying a Chaplain to the Senate, which led to consideration of the debate. The resolution was tabled—yeas 35, nays 12.

A large number of bills were then introduced, among them one by Mr. Gilmore to bid the Western Railroad Company.

Among other messages received from the House, was one proposing to go forward in their election for Secretary of State, and announcing that Rufus H. Peleg had been put in nomination in the House. Considered in, and the two houses proceeded to ballot as follows: Page 151; W. H. Harrison 6; A. M. Lewis 1; C. B. Root 2.

The bill of Mr. Thomas, authorizing the granting of a banking privilege to the North Carolina Central Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company, was read first and ordered to be printed.

House.—Mr. Kerr submitted a report from the committee on rules, it being the rule of the last House, with many amendments.

Mr. Hill, of Stokes, offered an amendment to fix the rule commonly called the previous question, among the standing rules of the House.

Mr. Kerr said he was opposed to the gentleman's amendment. The committee had fully discussed and talked this matter in their meeting, and they had concluded to submit the report as it had just been laid before the House. The previous question, everywhere it had been used in this country, was made an instrument of tyranny. If it could be carried on as in the English Parliament, where a member forfeited his right to be a gentleman, if he used it until a question had been fairly and fairly discussed, it it would do.

But his observation, and that of other gentlemen here before him, would testify that it often deprived the minority of such privileges as they held in equal right with the majority, no matter how large it might be. Once when all the House concurred, had opposed this measure in Congress and had there said full what he had said here in substance, that if it could be used as in England it would be an efficient instrument for the direction of business, but as it was used, and as it would be in this country, of all tyrannical rules that give the majority absolute power, it was an amendment by a coalition for the question was the most tyrannical. As the gentleman had introduced his amendment it gave a mere majority.

Mr. Dorch moved to amend the amendment by inserting two-thirds instead of a majority. Abandoned accepted.

Mr. Hill, of Stokes, spoke in defense of his amendment, and closed by saying that it gave the minority equal right with the majority as they were privileged to call for it whenever they wished to.

Many reports, memorials, resolutions, bills, &c., were then introduced, after which

Mr. Dancy moved that a message be sent to the Senate proposing to go into an election of a Secretary of State.

Mr. Dancy nominated Mr. James Page, who received the unanimous vote of the House, and was duly declared elected.

Mr. Forrester said as the House had gone so smoothly with one election, he would propose that they proceed with another, and perhaps, it would be equally as unanimous. Therefore, he would move that a message be sent to the Senate to go into an election of a U. S. Senator to fill the place of Judge Biggs.

Mr. Hill, of Stokes, moved to amend by striking out all after "election of" and insert Comptroller of State. Carried by yeas 76, nays 65.

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