

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 22.—The senate met at 10:30 o'clock. The Wilmington and Weldon railroad tax bill was reported back from the house with an amendment providing that there be added in the bill to go on the tax list, warehouses, terminal facilities and all other properties. The senate refused to concur and the bill went back to the house. Mr. Pettigrew moved to reconsider the vote by which the State Normal and Industrial School bill had passed the senate and the motion prevailed by a vote of 21 to 14. Mr. Witt moved that the amendment by which the appropriation was reduced from \$15,000 to \$10,000 be reconsidered. The motion was adopted. Mr. Witt then offered an amendment to the bill by substituting \$2,500 for \$5,000, thus reducing the appropriation to \$12,500 annually, and the amendment was adopted. The bill as passed is in its original form, except that the annual appropriation is \$12,500, instead of \$15,000. The special order was announced, the bill to provide for the repairs on the buildings of the University of North Carolina, for supplying the same with water and sanitary conveniences, for the training of teachers and druggists and for other purposes. The bill appropriates \$10,000 annually in addition to the appropriations made by other acts, making the total annual appropriation \$30,000. The bill then passed its third reading by a unanimous vote, Mr. Jones lodging a motion to reconsider. HOUSE. CALENDAR. A message from the senate was read, to wit: That the senate refused to concur in the house amendment (to add after the word equipment, the words warehouses, terminal facilities and other properties) to the bill passed last night taxing the Wilmington and Weldon Railway Company. Mr. Allen moved that the house recede from the house amendment. Mr. Allen's motion to recede from the house amendment prevailed. The bill to establish the state banking system of North Carolina. This bill is embodied in a pamphlet of thirty-nine pages. This was discussed by Mr. Watson, of Forsyth, and others, amended in several sections and passed its second reading. THURSDAY, Feb. 23.—The senate met at 10:30 o'clock. Senator Battle, a bill to incorporate the First Baptist church of Rocky Mount. EVENING SESSION. The senate met at 8 o'clock and took up for consideration the bill for the support of the North Carolina institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, at Raleigh. The bill appropriates \$20,000 annually for two years. It passed its second and third readings without opposition, and was ordered to be engrossed and sent to the house. HOUSE. THE SPECIAL ORDER. The interest of the day centered in the special order, the confederate monument bill. Before 11 o'clock the galleries and the lobbies were filled by beautiful women, not only Raleigh, but many other sections of the state being represented. These women were interested, heart and soul, in the erection of this monument to the confederate dead. They came to see the bill passed, and the man who led up his voice against it opposed to the beauty of the state. The clerk read the bill, which is house bill No. 576, "to incorporate the North Carolina Monumental Association." The bill provides for the erection of a monument to the Confederate soldiers of North Carolina. The bill then passed its third reading without a dissenting vote. The ladies applauded the speeches in favor of the bill and were peculiarly silent when anyone opposed it. After the passage of the bill there was prolonged applause and the fair ones filed out triumphant and happy. Under suspension of the rules Mr. Sprull introduced a bill to amend the charter of the North Carolina railroad so as to place its property on the tax list; a bill providing for the creation and laying off of Merrimon county; a bill to incorporate the Typograph company. FRIDAY, Feb. 24.—The senate met at 10:30 o'clock. Mr. Pettigrew moved to reconsider the vote by which the State Normal and Industrial School bill had passed the senate and the motion prevailed by a vote of 21 to 14. The bill as passed is in its original form, except that the annual appropriation is \$12,500, instead of \$15,000. The special order was announced, the bill to provide for the repairs on the buildings of the University of North Carolina, for supplying the same with water and sanitary conveniences, for the training of teachers and druggists and for other purposes. The bill appropriates \$10,000 annually in addition to the appropriations made by other acts, making the total annual appropriation \$30,000. The bill then passed its third reading by a unanimous vote, Mr. Jones lodging a motion to reconsider. HOUSE. Mr. Wood, to protect cattle raisers of North Carolina by taxing importers of dressed beef. Mr. Watson, of Forsyth, to license tobacco warehouses in North Carolina and to protect tobacco growers from fraudulent combinations to reduce price of tobacco sold in such warehouses. Mr. Harris to extend the liability of railroad corporations in cases of personal injuries suffered by employees in their services. The bill to establish the state banking system of North Carolina. This was discussed ably by Mr. Watson, of Forsyth, and others, amended in several sections and passed its second reading. The hour for the special order hav-

ing arrived, the bill for the maintenance and support of the hospitals and insane asylums of the state was ordered to be read. The bill was ordered to be printed and made a special order for 10:30 o'clock tomorrow. RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 25.—Your correspondent today had an interview with the chairman of the finance committee regarding the estimated revenues and expenditures. The taxable value of property upon which the estimates are based is \$262,000,000, though this will be increased by the tax assessment June 1st. The tax of 22 cents on property will yield about \$600,000 for general purposes; the pension-tax of 3 cents, \$95,000; the school-tax at 15 cents (through efforts will be made to increase it to 18), \$393,000. The special taxes are estimated at \$200,000. The receipts will meet the expenditures estimated for and leave a working balance. The principal items of expenditure for each of the two years for public institutions are as follows: Insane asylums—Western, \$96,000; Raleigh, \$67,000; Eastern, \$46,000; total, \$209,000. Greensboro Normal School, \$17,000; State University, \$30,000; Deaf-Mute School, \$40,000; Blind Institution, \$45,000; White Agricultural and Mechanical College, \$17,500; colored, \$7,500; white Normal School at Cullowhee, \$1,500; colored Normal Schools, including new one at Durham, \$6,500. NONE ASKED FOR. It will be noticed that there is no appropriation for the penitentiary. It is decided that none will be asked for. At the first of the session a bill asking for \$35,000 a year for the establishment of an iron foundry at the great prison was prepared and the directors have concluded, in view of the fact that railway construction work is in sight, not to ask for anything for 1893-4. FOR ALL PURPOSES. The total appropriations for the current year for all purposes are \$875,000. The receipts will be about \$890,000. Of these about \$65,000 are back taxes from the Wilmington and Weldon railway. The stockholders of the latter have by an overwhelming vote ratified the act of agreement as to the tax settlement made by the legislature and President Elliott, of the Wilmington and Weldon, and Governor Carr is so notified. After a long debate today it was agreed by the house that the pension tax should be 4 instead of 3 cents, and that the tax in the revenue bill on building and loan associations should be stricken out. ADJOURNED. The State College Association adjourned this evening. Fifty members attended the session. The features of today's work were the reading of a paper by Professor Potent, of Wake-Forest College, on "The Influence on the College Curriculum of the Introduction of Natural Sciences." MONDAY, Feb. 27.—The senate was called to order at 10:30 o'clock. A bill to incorporate Fayetteville, passed third reading. EVENING SESSION. The senate met at 8 o'clock and proceeded to the consideration of bills on the calendar. The only measure of any importance acted on was the bill for the establishment of a system of State banks for North Carolina, which is to take effect 90 days after the repeal of the 10 per cent. tax on State bank issues by Congress. This bill passed its second reading by a decided majority. Quite a crowd of local bills were disposed of. HOUSE. A message from Governor Carr was received and read while the discussion was in progress. The governor urged upon the General Assembly the importance of providing a better system of working the public roads. After the reading of the message from the governor, Mr. Hyde, of Carteret, made a strong speech against the bill. The chief point made against the bill was that no county which could not raise \$1,400 a year could secure any convict labor at all. Mr. Morse of Jackson, moved to table the bill. The motion prevailed. At 2:25 p. m. the house adjourned till 7:30 o'clock tonight. EVENING SESSION. The house met at 7:30 a. m., Speaker Overman in the chair. The following bills were acted on: A bill to incorporate the town of Falkland in Pitt county, passed second reading. A bill to incorporate the town of Grimesland in the county of Pitt, passed second reading. A bill to abolish the registration of crop liens, failed to pass second reading. A bill in relation to the legal rate of interest, and other bills of the same nature. A motion was made by Mr. Ray of Macon, to lay these bills upon the table. The senate bill on the same subject was among those proposed to be laid upon the table. Mr. Ray's motion was adopted on an aye and no vote—ayes 42, noes 52. The motion prevailed, and the bill and the amendment were laid on the table. A bill to amend section 3835 of the Code in relation to the legal rate of interest. Mr. Jones moved to exempt Caldwell county from the operation of the bill. The motion prevailed. Mr. Sprull moved to lay the bill upon the table, but withdrew the motion to allow Mr. Watson to offer an amendment providing that the bill should go into effect ninety days after the passage by Congress of a law repealing the ten per cent. tax on state banks. A motion was made to lay Mr. Watson's amendment on the table, and the ayes and noes were ordered on the question. The vote stood ayes 42, noes 57. So the motion was lost. The house agreed to reconsider the vote by which the amendment of Mr. Jones of Caldwell, was tabled, carry-

ing with it the senate bill and the house bill to reduce the rate of interest in this state to six per cent. The vote by which the amendment exempting Macon county from the operation of the bill was adopted, was reconsidered. Before acting upon the same the house adjourned at 11:35 p. m. to meet again at 10 a. m. today. Feb. 28.—The senate met at 10:30 a. m. After few important bills, went into committee of whole, on revenue bill. In the house the bill in regard to legal rate of interest was tabled. A bill to curtail the expenses of the State Guard, passed second reading and after some discussion an amendment was offered abolishing the annual encampment of the guard and reducing the appropriation to \$5,000 a year. The amendment was adopted, and the bill put upon its third and final reading. The vote stood, ayes 60, noes 40. So the bill as amended passed and was ordered to be engrossed and sent to the senate. All who look at our premiums make haste to subscribe. The Echo of a Kiss. The following interesting table of statistics is believed to possess a true scientific accuracy. It appears to be the record of a drummer, and may be considered authentic. He gave it the title, which we have retained, meaning apparently, what each girl said: Boston girl—Mr. Bunkerill, your conduct shocks me beyond utterance. New York girl—Thanks awfully, don't you know. Providence girl—Are you sure nobody saw us? Baltimore girl—Dear George! Washington girl—Well, I suppose I'll have to pardon you. Pittsburg girl—Oh, Harry! Cincinnati girl—What bad form! Indianapolis girl—Ah, there! Chicago girl—More! More! Detroit girl—Well, I declare! Louisville girl—Yum, Yum. St. Louis girl—How shocking! Nashville girl—Oo! Oo! Atlanta girl—Golly! New Orleans girl—Oh, my! Kansas City girl—Break away there! Denver girl—Gosh! San Francisco girl—Rats! Texas girl—Whoo! Whoo! Wilmington girl—Come again! Fayetteville girl—You naughty boy! Wilson girl—With the electric light shining bright, my George, dear, you gave me a fright! Every girl—Oh, don't. Alliance Charter Amended. RALEIGH, N. C., February 25.—Both Senate and House tonight, passed, by a unanimous vote, a bill amending the State Alliance charter, so there is no liability of stockholders, who can at any time withdrawn subscriptions, and if the trustees fail to pay such claims in sixty days the charter is forfeited. The Alliance is not allowed to increase salaries. Its business agent must semi-annually turn over to the trustees the net profits of the business agency. A Great North Carolinian. Senator Vance spoke before the Southern Society of New York on Washington's birthday. He responded to the toast: "A Nation's Character is the Sum of its Great Deeds." The great master of wit substituted pathos on this occasion for the characteristic attribute of his speeches. His speech sparkled with the iridescence of a crystal-clear, patriotic soul. He paid a glowing tribute to the members of the Southern Society for ever cherishing a bright and burning love for their native land. To quote from his speech: "I say keep alive the remembrance of your early home; cherish its lessons, its charming associations; with all the recollections of its far reaching forests, its glorious mountain ranges, its fertile valleys, its flowing streams, its wide spreading plains, whose blossoms welcome our Southern suns, and do not forget the old plantation. "Dar's wiar my heart is turning ever; Dar's whar de old folks stay." —Charlotte Observer. It forestalls consumption, Miss Sarah E. Willever, Phillipsburg, N. J., giving her experience writes: "I was troubled for several months with a severe cough, which would have turned to consumption, but for the timely use of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup." Honolulu, The Cross-Roads of the North Pacific. 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