News and Observer, Condensed.

The General Assembly

FIFTY-FOURTH DAY.

SENATE.

MONDAY, March 7, 1881.

Senate bill to authorize the commissioners of Brunswick county to levy and collect a special tax, passed its second reading.

Senate bill to amend the charter of Jacksonville, in Onslow county, passed its third reading.

Bill to make dogs listed for taxation the subject of larceny, passed second and third readings.

Bill to secure the better drainage of certain lowlands in Sampson county, passed its second and third readings.

Bill to prevent the felling of trees in any of the creeks and rivers of Robeson county, and make South Hico a lawful fence, passed its second and third readings

Bill for the support of the penitentiary, appropriating $75,000 for this purpose, passed its second reading.

House bill 155, Senate bill 732, to authorize the State Treasurer to exchange the stock of the State in the Albemarle & Chesapeake Canal Company for the bonds of the State. The bill passed its second and third readings.

Bill to amend section 1, chapter 25, Battle's Revisal, limiting the number of jurors in inquests to six, passed its second and third readings.

A bill supplemental to an act for the better protection of farmers and fishermen, passed its second and third readings.

The machinery bill was taken up on its third reading. A motion to consider by sections prevailed.

Senate amendments to various sections were adopted and the bill passed third reading.

On motion of Mr Dorth, the school bill was taken up and considered.

The question was upon adopting the report of the conference committee.—Adopted.

Bill to incorporate the Raleigh Street Railway Company, passed second and third readings.

Bill in regard to the collection of taxes in Robeson county, passed second and third readings.

Scott, of New Hanover, introduced a bill to repeal section 4, chapter 23, Battle's Revisal. Calendar.

Bill 525, for the protection of partridges in North Carolina, being a substitute for sundry bills introduced upon the subject. The amendment offered by Mr York provides that this bill shall not apply to Wilkes or Caldwell counties. An amendment was offered by Messrs Harper, Spruill, Stowe, Hampton, Cunningham, Oates and Richardson, excluding certain counties. Adopted.

House bill, to incorporate the North Carolina Fertilizer Company, passed its second and third readings.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Manning introduced a joint resolution concerning the interest of the people of this State in the Piedmont Railroad. Referred.

Cowan—To amend chapter 283 of the laws of 1879. Referred.

Grainger, a bill in regard to the monument to be raised to the memory of the late Governor Richard Caswell. Calendar.

Newell—Petition in regard to the townships in Bladen county. Referred.

Boykin, by consent, introduced a bill supplemental to an act to provide for the better protection of farmers and fishermen, and requested that the rules be suspended and the bill placed on its several readings, which was done, and the bill was read three times and sent to the Senate.

Senate bill to extend the time to redeem land sold to the State for taxes was taken up and passed its second and third readings and was enrolled.

McClure here submitted a report from the committee of investigation in the case of alleged forgery. The committee exonerated all the employees of the General Assembly, and found the forgery had been committed by W. W. Watson, the member from Edgecombe

Bledsoe spoke to the subject, stating that he was present during the meeting of the committee, and could not agree that Watson should be branded with forgery.

Grainger, who was a member of the committee, stated that the committee had examined the evidence in the case as closely as possible. They made their report in no other light than that of duty, and arrived at their conclusion unanimously, from no other consideration than the force of the evidence. No man in the House, nor in North Carolina, would have received more just consideration. He left the report in the hands of the House.

Holton, also a member of the committee, had tried in every stage of the examination to bring out facts and circumstances to establish the innocence of the accused, but could not conscientiously come to a different conclusion from the report of the committee. He then went into the details of the case. He thought the evidence of W. W. Watson was the strongest point against him. Watson admitted signing an order for $100 for Newell, who admits he authorized him to do so. Experts in writing testified that the handwriting on the forged certificate was the same as that on the $100 certificate.

Manning moved to postpone the matter, and make it the special order for 11 a. m. on Thursday and in the meantime that the evidence be printed.

Rowland, a member of the committee, said the examination had been closely and minutely made, and if there had been a doubt in his mind as to Watson's guilt, he would give him the benefit of that doubt. When he went into the examination, he thought Newell was the guilty party, but all the facts in the case showed plainly that Newell had acted in this matter as an honest, conscientious and upright man. He believed that when the House was in possession of all the evidence, they would uphold the verdict of the committee.

McClure, also a member of the committee, hoped that Manning's motion would prevail. His position as to the guilt of Watson was the same as that taken by the other members of the committee.

Manning's motion was adopted and the matter was made special order for Thursday at 12 M.

Webster here submitted a report from the committee of conference on the school bill, which was adopted.

Day, by consent, offered a bill to promote the cause of temperance. (This bill prevents the practice commonly known as "treating" when applied to intoxicating drinks in public places.) Referred.

Senate bill changing the time of the close of the fiscal year, making it conform with the calendar year, passed its second and third readings.

House bill for the protection of sheep husbandry, and to raise revenue by a tax on dogs, was taken up and tabled.

House bill to incorporate the Raleigh Street Railway Company passed its second and third readings.

House bill to amend the laws in regard to the landlord and tenant act was tabled.

THE ISCHIA EARTHQUAKE.

A Town Partly Destroyed and 200 Lives Probably Lost.

LONDON, March 7.—Additional details of the earthquake at Cassamicciola, on the Island of Ischia, confirm the previous accounts of loss of life and damage to property. This first shock occurred at 1½ P. M. on Friday, and the second and fatal shock an hour later. The whole upper part of the town was destroyed, and two thermal establishments seriously damaged. The second shock lasted seven seconds, accompanied by noise like subterranean thunder. Then came a crash of falling houses, accompanied by shrieks of the victims. The probable loss of life will reach 200. The damage to house property is 1,000,000 francs.

It was at first supposed that the disaster was connected with the partial eruption of Mount Vesuvius on the 3d inst., but Prof. Palmieri says that the seismographic instruments gave no indications of a disturbance on the 4th inst. He says he thinks the catastrophe was due to some local phenomenon, possibly to a sudden sinking of the ground in consequence of corrosive action of the mineral springs.

The Syndic and Sub-Prefect are directing operations for the recovery of the bodies of the victims. The royal steamers *Nagona*, *Pagona*, and *Esploratore* have arrived from Naples with soldiers and physicians. The soldiers have rescued many from the ruins. The population have fled to the surrounding country and along the sea coast. The Government is sending food from Naples. The King and the Minister of the Interior have sent a contribution for the relief of the sufferers.

London, March 8.—A despatch to the *News* from Naples reports that another shock of earthquake occurred at Casamacciola on Monday. Eleven more bodies have been found.

The *News* despatch from Rome says the latest reports show that 126 persons have been killed and 179 injured by the earthquakes.

An Old Oak Tree that Yielded a Bunch of Snakes and a Can of Gold.

CHICAGO, March 7.—A *Times* despatch from Bloomington, Ill, says; "Yesterday an old oak tree on the Macdougall place, near the Livington County line, was chopped down, and as it fell with a crash, out of its top was jolted a bunch of snakes in a torpid condition. The most remarkable thing, however, was the discovery in the trunk of the tree of an old white lead can, over the top of which was tied a piece of cloth, and in which was found $415 in coin. The money was wrapped in a piece of a Chicago newspaper of 1861. It is supposed that the money was secreted there by old Macdougall, now dead, who owned the place during the war, and who feared a raid on account of his rebel sympathies.

A Coroner's Juror at the Age of 101

MONTREAL, March 7.—Louis Lessard of this city was born in Paris, France, in 1777, and to-day he fulfilled the duties of a Coroner's juror with the keenness of intellect of a man half his age. His extreme age was doubted until he produced a silver snuff box, which he said was presented to him by Napoleon I after the battle of Austerlitz, and began a narration of facts that bore the impress of truth. He served under Napoleon most of his great battles, ending at Waterloo. He came to Canada in 1830, and held a commission in the British militia during the French Canadian rising of 1837. He has a most vivid and accurate recollection of the Napoleonic wars. He had been twice married. His first wife died twenty years ago, and his second he led to the altar in July last. She is 51 years of age.

The Evacuation of Candahar.

LONDON, March 7.—A despatch from Calcutta to the *Times* says: "By the 18th inst., Jamrud will be the most advanced British post toward Khyber Pass. On the Kuram frontier the Thall garrison has been reduced to a mere outpost of sixty men. The remains of the Kuram field force have been removed to Jagh. Thus the scientific frontier, which cost so much to gain, will, in a few days, so far as northern Afghanistan is concerned, be a thing of the past. It is the all but universal opinion of the Indian public and the press that the Government will, before long, have bitter cause to regret its hasty retreat. Abdurrahman Khan is making preparations which seem to indicate his intention of trying to occupy Candahar when the British have evacuated it. The departure of the British will probably be the signal for a sanguinary struggle between Ayoob Khan and the Ameer, Abdurrahman Khan."

In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Edward Stanhope gave notice of a resolution condemning the withdrawal of the British troops from southern Afghanistan in the present critical state of affairs there as not conducive to the true interests of India. Sir Stafford Northcote will to-morrow ask what day will be convenient for debate. This action will amount to moving a formal vote of censure by the opposition on the Government's Afghan policy.

Arthur Arnold (Liberal) gave notice of a vote of confidence in the Ministry as an amendment to Mr. Stanhope's resolution.

CAROLINA

Oxford *Torchlight*: A two-horse wagon-load of tobacco, the property of Mr. Sam. Knott, was sold at the Granville warehouse on Wednesday last and brought the lucky owner over $500.

News and Observer: The residence of Mr. John R. Beaman, of Clinton, N. C., was burned to the ground on Sunday afternoon. Nearly if not all the contents of the building were saved from the flames. From our present information, the cause of the fire was accidental. We cannot learn of any insurance, and the loss is said to be about $1,500. It has only been three weeks since Mr. Beaman suffered a loss of $800 in the burning of a barn full of corn at the hands of an incendiary.

Charlotte *Observer*: It is understood that it is Mr. A. L. Butts' purpose to paint two additional scenes to his panorama, and not duplicate it, as has been stated. It will take him about two months to accomplish it. ——The total of the disbursements from the county treasury for the month of February, according to the treasurer's monthly statement, which has been made out, is $1,726.08. The total of the receipts for the same period is $22,833.88. The principal items of expense are: the poor and poor house, $234.04; Inferior Court, $88.30; jurors' fees, $362.40. There is yet on hand in the treasury, $841.74 of the public road fund, and $964.70 of the fund for bridges

COMMERCIAL NEWS

WILMINGTON MARKET
MARCH 9.—4 P M.

STRICT TURPENTINE—Quoted firm at 41 cents. Sales of 300 casks at that figure.

ROSIN—Quoted firm at $1 40 for Strained and $1 45 for Good Strained, an advance of 2½ cents on Good Strained since last quotations. Sales 500 bbls Good Strained at quotations.

TAR—Quoted firm at $1 65 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Quoted firm at at $1 65 for Hard and $2 65 for Yellow Dip.

COTTON—Quoted weak, without sales at 10¼ cents for Middling.

The following are the official quotations:

Ordinary	7	Cents
Good Ordinary	8	"
Low Middling	9 15-16	"
Middling	10½	"

DAILY RECEIPTS

Cotton	497 bales
Spirits Turpentine	102 casks
Rosin	827 bbls
Tar	110 "
Crude Turpentine	158 "

MARINE NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Steamship Benefactor, Jones, New York, T E Bond.
Steamer Elizabeth, Wilkinson, Smithville, Master.
Steamer Passport, Harper, Smithville, Master.
Steamer D Murchison, Roberts, Fayetteville, Williams & Murchison.
Swe barque Gustafa, Ohrnberg, Liverpool, Heide & Co
Nor barque Septentrio, Petersen, Liverpool, C P Mebane
Ger barque Frahling, Ahrens, Dublin, E Peschau & Westermann
Dan barque Louisa, Larsen, Santa Cruz, Heide & Co

CLEARED

Steamer Elizabeth, Wilkinson, Smithville, Master
Steamer Passport, Harper, Smithville, Master.
Steamer D Murchison, Roberts, Fayetteville, Williams & Murchison.
Br brig Tramore, Morrice, London, Chess, Carley & Co
Nor barque Hjemmet, Inglemundsen, London, Alex Sprunt & Son
Nor barque Leo, Andersen, Hamburg, E G Barker & Co.

Exports.

FOREIGN.

London—Br brig Tramore—1,225 casks spts, 86 bbls rosin
Nor barque Hjemmet—3,170 bbls rosin.
Hamburg—Nor barque Leo—300 casks spts, 3,759 bbls rosin.

WEEKLY STATEMENT

OF STOCKS ON HAND MARCH 7th, 1881.

Cotton ashore	3,273
afloat	615
Total	3,888
Spirits ashore	6,19-
afloat	3,025
Total	9,22-
Rosin ashore	125,416
afloat	11,398
Total	136,814
Tar ashore	7,065
afloat	1,03-
Total	8,103
Crude ashore	1,103
afloat	—
Total	1,103

RECEIPTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 7th.

Cotton	1,179
Spirits	760
Rosin	8,849
Tar	2,120
Crude	799

EXPORTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 7

Domestic.

Cotton	1,034
Spirits	682
Rosin	247
Tar	1,8-6
Crude	—

Foreign.

Cotton	1,136
Spirits	—
Rosin	13,263
Tar	—
Crude	—

For this Port from Foreign Port

BARKS.

Nor A M Schweigard, 429 tons, Johnson, at Liverpool, Jan 9.

Nor Æolius, 258 tons, Krogh, cleared from Malaga, Dec 29.

Nor Atlantic, 432 tons, Knudsen, at Liverpool, Dec 1.

Nor Bonafide, 511 tons, Eliksen, at Algiers, Jan 5.

Ger Carl Max, 294 tons, Beyer, sailed from Liverpool, Jan 19

Ger Charles 306 tons, Langhoff, cleared from London, Jan'y 29

Nor Credo, 371 tons, Christopherson, sailed from Liverpool, Dec 4

Swd Daphne, 714 tons, Westerberg, at Gloucester, Dec 30.

Ger Elise Mizler, 375 tons, Dahms, sailed from Dantzie, Dec. 18

Ger Favorite, 331 tons, Zephien, sailed from St. Vincent, C V, January 19

Nor Frithjof, 441 tons, Johnsen, sailed from Amsterdam January 5.

Swd Gefion, 471 tons, Borgersen, sailed from Stettin Nov 8

Swd Gustafa, 313 tons, Arnberg, at Liverpool, Nov 21.

Nor Gyder, 489 tons, Ostensen, at Kragero, December 15.

Ger Hera, schuck, sailed from Limerick, January 28

Ger Hermann Wolff 581 tons, Pormien, sailed from Glasgow Jan 20.

Nor Hjemmet, 389 tons, Ingemundsen, sailed from Liverpool, Dec 15.

Nor Jenny, 488 tons, Cornelliensen, at Gloucester, Dec 2

Swd Jens, 397 tons, Hackanson, sailed from Gottenberg, Nov 23

Nor Jedburen, 271 tons, Svendsen, sailed from Stavanger, Feb 10

Br John T Smith, 396 tons, Trefoy, cleared from Dublin, Jan 18.

Ger Lydia Peschau, 493 tons, Bremers, sailed from London, January 7.

Nor Mediator, 285 tons, Jensen, sailed from Amsterdam, Dec 26.

Nor Moritz, 368 tons, Matthiesen, sailed from Liverpool, Jan 18

Nor Najaden, 259 tons, Halversen, sailed from St Malo, Dec 19.

Nor Norge, 446 tons, Henricksen, at Liverpool, Dec 30.

Ger Orion, 332 tons, Klassen, sailed from Marseilles, Dec 22.

Nor Providentia, —— tons, Holz, sailed from Portsmouth, Nov 19.

Nor Samson, 348 tons, Naess, sailed from Liverpool, Dec 4

Nor Stanley, 474 tons, Wroldsen, at Honfleur, Nov 17 via Tybee.

Nor Stanley, 300 tons, Gahrsen, sailed from Caen, Dec 6.

Ger Star of Hope, 286 tons, Hannmann, sailed from Liverpool, Jan 22.

Nor Septentrio, 343 tons, Torgessen, at Liverpool, Dec 2.

Nor Viva, 382 tons, Pettersen, sailed from Antwerp, —

Ger Wanderer, Stubing, sailed from Kingcead, Dec 7.

BRIGS.

Ner Anna, 272 tons, Petterson, sailed from Sharpness, Dec 9.

Nor Brazillian 332 tons, Berge, sailed from Algers, Dec 14,

Ner Congal, 334 tons, Danielson, at St Ovezaire, Jan 12.

Nor Diamantes, 303 tons, Terkelsen, sailed from Plymouth, Jan 6.

Ger G C Michels, 232 tons, Dillwitz, at Gloucester, Dec 30.

Nor Saltero, 332 tons, Hoyer, sailed from Cette, January 20

Br Signal, 312 tons, Williams, sailed from Bristol, Dec 1.

Br Stella, 445 tons, Robinson, sailed from Liverpool, Jan 15.

Br Tramore, 221 tons, Morrice, sailed from Bristol, Dec 15.

SCHOONERS.

Br Warkworth Castle, 259 tons, Lauck, Gloucester, Nov 11

List of Vessels Over 100 tons in Port Feb. 21, 1881.

BARKS.

Nor Scfuna, 316 tons, Christiansen, Heide & Co
Ger Favourite, 340 tons, Zeplin, E Peschau & W stermann
Nor Theodore, 293 tons, Danie sen. Heide & Co
Nor Erato, 283 tons, Salvo sen, C P Mebane
Ger Eintracht, 399 tons, Maswick, E Peschau & Westermann
Nor Frey, 281 tons, Halvorsen, Heide & Co
Ger Scharnhorst, 416 tons, Herder, E Peschau & Westermann
Ger Baltic, 445 tons, Herwiz, E Peschau & Westermann
Nor Leo, 516 tons, Andersen, Heide & Co

BRIGS.

Am Chattanooga, 193 tons, Chvlener, E K diler & Sons
Nor Hilding, 234 tons, Jensen, C P Mebane
Br Zingu, 199 tons, Burns, Alex Sprunt & son
Br Economy, 415 tons, Smith, E G Barker & Co
Br Malaga, 268 tons, Wasson, Alex Sprunt & Son
Ger C F Maas, 297 tons, Zeplin E Peschau & Westermann

SCHOONERS.

Am John A Griffin, Foster, Geo Harriss & Co
Am Alferatta S Snare, 252 tons, Witham, E G Barker & Co
Am Edith R Seward, 244 tons, Tall, Geo Harriss & Co
Am Cochico, 220 tons, Seward, Geo Harriss & Co
Am Winnie Laurin, 246 tons, Hatch, DeRosset & Co
Am Boston, 120 tons, Funnel, Williams & Murchison
Am Mary Bear, 168 tons, Chadwick, Geo Harriss & Co
Am Isaac L Clark, 334 tons, Gammer, Geo Harriss & Co
Br Java, 177 tons, Horne, Northrop & Cumming
Am Mary F Corson, 276 tons, Williams, Geo Harriss & Co
Am W A DuBosque, 86 tons Gates, Kerchner & Calder Bros
Am Carrie M Richardson, 283 tons, Richardson, E G Barker & Co
Am Wm Jenkins, 105 tons, Redding, E G Barker & Co
Am Wm H Boardman, 149 tons, Richardson, E G Barker & Co
Am Geo S Marts, 442 tons, Marts. Geo Harriss & Co
Am Lottie, 262 tons, Stroud, Master
Am W H Knight, 187 tons, Taws, Geo Harriss & Co
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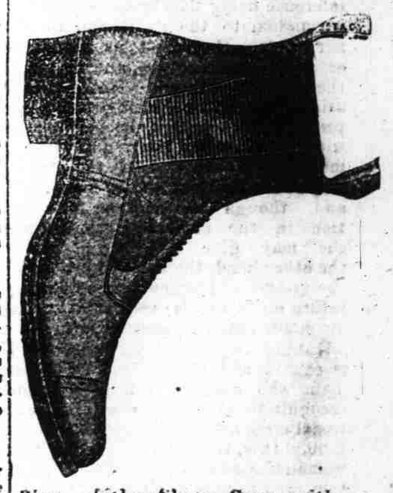

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