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**W. E. WORTH,**

Chairman Reorganization Committee.  
Feb 24 1901

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

**A Strong Fight to Be Made Against the Fayetteville Dispensary.**

**THE GENERAL ROAD BILL.**

**Divorce Law—The Pension Bill—Favorable Report on Morton's Bill for the Election of Chief of Police of Wilmington by Aldermen.**

[Special Star Correspondence.]

RALEIGH, N. C., February 26.—Senator McNeill, of Cumberland county, said this morning that he is confident of winning his fight for the repeal of the Fayetteville dispensary law despite the unfavorable report of his bill by the Committee on Provisions and Grievances. In referring to the vote on the bill last night by the joint committee, he said that of the eleven members who voted against his bill, five were Republicans or Populists, members of the same gang who in 1897 put the dispensary upon the people of Cumberland county, without the consent of the people expressed by an election of any kind. Had it not been for the party bias, Senator McNeill says, he would have had a good majority for a favorable instead of an unfavorable report last night. It is expected that the bill will come up on the calendar to-morrow. The strongest opposition will have to be overcome in the House.

[Special Star Telegram.]

The General Road Bill.

The general road bill, as drafted by the joint committee on Roads, Alexander, chairman, passed the Senate with amendment by Morton not to apply to New Hanover county, and later by Travis, not to apply to any county unless adopted by the commissioners. The bill provides for county road commissions and other necessary regulations.

The Divorce bill was the special order of the day. It passed as it came from the House, except an amendment by Webb was adopted to allow divorces on the ground of three years' abandonment. Also, by Woodard, in case the husband is guilty of or attempts a specified heinous crime. The vote was 30 yeas, 15 noes.

Other bills passed: To establish water works and sewerage in Elizabeth city; to authorize Kiniston to issue school bonds; to incorporate schools of Southport township; to amend Laws of '99 regarding Lumberton; to amend charter of Kiniston; to repeal chapter 523, Laws '99, in reference to oyster waters of New Hanover county.

Bills introduced: By Aycock, to make appropriations for State hospitals; to prevent live stock running at large in parts of Wayne county; to re-enact and consolidate the school law. (Ordered printed.)

In the House the pension bill came up as the special order at 1 o'clock, but after considerable discussion was made the special order for Wednesday at noon. The bill is that reorganizing the county pension boards, repealing all special pension acts, and providing a pension fund to be supplemented by not more than \$200,000 from the State treasury to meet demands for pensioners. It will no doubt pass without a pensioner amendment.

Bills passed: To allow the Seaboard Air Line to consolidate with branch roads; to incorporate the White Oak River and Onslow County Tramway Company; to incorporate Parkland, Robeson county; to provide a short form for crop liens and chattel mortgages, and regulate fees for same; to amend Laws '99 relating to working roads in Rockingham county; to prohibit the sale or manufacture of liquor in Duplin county.

The bill to allow the clerk of the Supreme Court \$25 per month to hire a typewriter caused considerable discussion, and was voted down—yeas 34, noes 7. The statement was made during discussion by advocates of the bill that Col. Kennan receives on an average \$2,700 a year for his services, and has to pay out over \$700 for clerk hire and postage.

Willard's bill to provide a bank of deposit for county funds, to be directed by the county commissioners instead of the county treasurer, was discussed and referred to committee.

Smith's bill to provide four months' school in all counties was discussed and referred to Committee on Education.

Bills were introduced: By Allen, of Wayne, to amend the charter of Goldsboro. By Williams, to prevent killing sea gulls for ornaments.

Morton's bill to require the chief of police of Wilmington to be elected by the aldermen receives favorable report from committee. Also, the bill giving New Hanover coordinate control, with Pender commissioners, of Big Bridge or "Blossom's" ferry.

The Senate makes the Revenue act the special order for Thursday at 11 o'clock.

**Night Session.**

During the night session of the House the following bills passed: To regulate the State printing by placing the right to give out the contract by the job in the hands of the State council; to amend the charter of Smithfield; to incorporate the Washington and Plymouth railroad; to prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor in Sampson county; to establish a free ferry at Elizabethport; to incorporate the Bank of Beaufort; to increase the number of commissioners for Robeson county; to prevent the entry of certain lands in Onslow county; to incorporate the Clinton and Dunn Telephone Co.

The House committee decided to report the Compulsory Education bill unfavorably.

The joint committee on Congressional Districts met to-night and

## AN IMPORTANT SALE.

**Dickinson's Property, on Front Street, Acquired by Murchison National Bank.**

**HANDSOME BANK BUILDING**

**Will Be Erected on the Site as Early as Possible—The Purchase Consummated Yesterday With Capt. Donald MacRae.**

The sale of a valuable tract of Front street real estate was consummated yesterday, which means that the appearance of this popular business thoroughfare will soon be much enhanced by the erection of a handsome bank and office building thereon that will be second to none in the city.

The sale was of the valuable Dickinson property, corner of Front and Chesnut streets, of the Murchison National Bank, of Wilmington, and the final details of the same were arranged yesterday. The amount of the purchase is \$17,000 and the STRAB has it authoritatively from Mr. H. C. McQueen, president of the institution, that a handsome bank building will be erected on the lot at an early date as seems to the purchasers practicable.

As yet the size of the building, or the nature of its architecture, of course, has not been decided but it may be depended upon that the building will be fully in keeping with the custom of the Murchison Bank people to have nothing but the best and to have it early when a start is made. The building will likely be on the street corner of the lot just opposite the post-office, and it is said that the purchasers will most likely build it three stories in height.

The property was bid in at commissioners' sale on January 15th by Capt. Donald MacRae for \$16,000 and there was much conjecture at the time as to the disposition he would likely make of it. The lot has a frontage of 141 feet on Front street and runs back about the same width along Chesnut street about 132 feet to Dickinson's alley. Upon it is situated a handsome and very large three-story residence of Philadelphia pressed brick. This will be easily available for the construction of the new building.

**ST. JAMES' PARISH.**

**Call to Rectory Has Been Extended to Rev. Richard W. Hogue—Has Not Yet Accepted.**

The STAR has official notification that the Rev. Richard W. Hogue, of Tusculum, Ala., has been called to the rectory of St. James' parish, of this city. Rev. Mr. Hogue has not yet given the vestry his decision but will do so in the course of a week or two. The vestry and parishioners, however, entertain great hope that his answer will be in the affirmative.

The Rev. Mr. Hogue is an Alabamian by birth and a graduate of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn. He is said to be a preacher of much force and power and possessed of many virtues that make the ideal rector.

The STAR yesterday made mention of the visit of Col. Waddell and Mr. D. H. Lippitt to Alabama to hear the Rev. Mr. Hogue and it is learned that they were greatly pleased with him not only as a rector but as a man. Col. Waddell and Mr. Lippitt returned yesterday morning.

**PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.**

—Mr. W. A. French left last night for Boston.

—Dr. H. D. Drake, of Wilson, was here yesterday.

—Dr. C. T. Hawes returned last night from Magnolia.

—Mrs. George Rountree left yesterday morning to visit at Raleigh.

—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Murphy returned last night from a visit to Magnolia.

—Miss Victoria Stone, of Shalotte, is visiting friends and relatives in the city.

—Capt. O. D. Burris and family, of Southport, are visiting friends and relatives in the city.

—Mr. A. J. Johnson, of Taylor's Bridge, Sampson county, was making business calls in the city yesterday.

—Mrs. J. E. Norwood, of Newberry, S. C., is visiting relatives in the city. She came on account of the sickness of her sister, Mrs. B. O. Stone, who is quite ill with sciatica at her home, No. 409 Orange street.

—Registered at The Orton yesterday were: G. W. Hearsey, Benetville, S. C.; J. H. Howell, Charlotte; C. H. Hix, Raleigh; T. W. Sanland, Summerville, S. C.; Robert B. Scarborough, Conway, S. C.; A. B. Nichols, Nichols, S. C.

—Mr. T. W. McBryde, of Greenville, who has a host of friends in Wilmington, is here on his return from a visit to his old home at Jonesboro, N. C. He is a guest of The Orton, where he was formerly the popular and efficient night clerk.

**To Attend Wedding.**

Messrs. Samuel E. Wood and W. M. Decker will leave this morning for Point Caswell, where at 11.30 o'clock this morning they will attend the marriage of Miss Effie C. Larkins, of that town, to Mr. Isaac S. Decker, of Fayetteville, which will take place at Caswell Presbyterian church.

## THE REVENUE ACT.

**Subject of Long and Spirited Discussion by the Chamber of Commerce.**

**MANY OBJECTIONS FILED.**

**Committee Will Go to Raleigh for Purpose of Asking Modification of Certain Features—Largely Attended Meeting Yesterday.**

The burden of discussion at yesterday afternoon's special meeting of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce was concerning certain features of the new Revenue act now pending in the Legislature which are believed to be detrimental to the business interests of the community and against which there developed a very strong sentiment during the progress of the session, which lasted from 3:30 to 6 o'clock in the evening. The proposed measure to collect and distribute the school fund of the State accruing from the liquor traffic without regard to the amount arising from the several counties in the distribution was also taken up for a few minutes just before the end of the meeting and the Chamber warmly endorsed the efforts of the New Hanover School Board to thwart any such scheme.

The meeting of the chamber was the most largely attended and most representative held in several years, the seating capacity of the room having been inadequate to the large crowd assembled in response not only to the usual call but also to circulars issued yesterday on the streets inviting the public generally as well as members to be present and discuss the proposed legislation. There were nearly a hundred persons present and all were representative business men of the city who followed clearly the general discussion of the bill that ensued upon its proposal by President M. W. Jacobi who called the meeting to order and presided over the deliberations of the body.

Mr. J. W. Norwood, president of the Atlantic National Bank and largely interested in many other public enterprises, was the first speaker.

He dealt with the proposed law as it would affect corporations and called attention to several features which he regarded as unjust to capital.

Mr. J. C. Stevenson called attention to the meritorious features of the bill, specifying those sections which deal with building and loan associations, Schedule B tax and the tax on tobacco.

Mr. D. L. Gore objected to the income tax feature and the inquisitorial provisions.

Mr. Hugh MacRae brought out the matter of the tax contemplated on certificates of indebtedness of corporations and showed the unjustness of its exactions and the disastrous effect it would have upon many business enterprises.

Capt. T. D. Meares spoke in objection to the manner in which the law requires the payment of an income tax.

Capt. Henry Savage, as treasurer of the Acme Manufacturing Company, denounced the provisions of the bill which made him in his official capacity an "unwilling tax collector and a spy upon the private affairs of the corporation" by which he is employed.

Capt. Savage had reference to the provisions which make it the duty of the secretary and treasurer to swear and give in certain taxes contemplated in the bill.

Mr. H. W. Malloy, president of the Navassa Guano Co., made an enthusiastic speech of protest against the inheritance features of the act, declaring the inheritance of the property simply a transfer of property and the tax as one upon widows and orphans, who are least able to bear it. He also spoke of the provisions aimed at corporations, declaring those in the bill as calculated to drive capital from the State and an unjust burden upon enterprises that would otherwise build up the State.

Mr. W. E. Worth characterized the bill as the most iniquitous ever attempted to be foisted upon the State, and all the way through a cleverly devised system of robbery. Speaking of the income tax feature, he said that no one should be taxed to make a living. The chief objection he saw to the bill was its failure to provide means for "getting out" all taxable values, and he strongly advised State, county and city boards of equalization that would be compelled to do their duty. It was shown that less than \$5,000 was collected upon incomes in the State last year and that New Hanover was second in amount in the list of counties that paid this tax, Wake county being the largest payer in this respect.

Mr. G. Herbert Smith spoke of the unjust tax upon certificates of indebtedness of corporations and gave every-day illustrations in support of his theory.

Mr. F. H. Fechtig said that a man paying an income tax and investing his income in industrial enterprises that were also taxed to the full limit was paying a double tax and that it was manifestly unjust.

Mr. Gore did not want to impugn the motives of Mr. Willard, as the author of the bill, and believed that if the matter was properly presented to him he would be willing to acquiesce in any reasonable demands of the Chamber.

Mr. Sam Bear, Jr., made a motion which prevailed, that the president appoint a committee of five to go to Raleigh and present the views of the Chamber to the Finance Committee which has the bill under advisement. The chairman has appointed on the

## THE PILOTAGE QUESTION.

**Cape Fear Association Makes a Statement of Its Position and Answers Opposing Argument.**

The STAR is in receipt of the following communication from the Cape Fear Pilot's Association, concerning the Act in the Legislature with reference to the elimination of certain compulsory features of the law governing the operation of the Association at this port.

TO EDITOR OF THE STAR—The rates of pilotage at Norfolk are ten cents per ton; that at Boston, New York, Philadelphia and San Francisco maintained compulsory pilotage on coastwise vessels until their respective commerce became sufficiently important to support the pilotage system without taxing coastwise vessels. All these cities became great under the compulsory pilotage system, and not in consequence of abolishing coastwise pilotage. The fact is that these cities, or the States wherein they are located, are all States of the Northern and Western part of the Union that have ports on or near the ocean. When we speak of the Northern States that have abolished pilotage on coastwise vessels we should not consider those that have no ports on their coast—they never had a pilotage system.

The rate of pilotage still remains much higher in Savannah than in Wilmington, notwithstanding the distance is 65 per cent greater at this port. Seagoing riggers seldom load coastwise.

The rates at Savannah on a schooner of 500 tons at 20 cents per ton \$100; pilotage, 144 feet, \$88.88 each way, \$136.76, making a total of \$236.76. The rate at Wilmington per schooner of 500 tons at 19 cents is \$95; pilotage, 144 feet, \$186, with quarter off if coastwise, \$39, making \$117 or the net cost, \$212.

The rate in favor of Wilmington by a difference of \$24.76; while the actual distance pilotage is sixty-five per cent greater. Mr. Parsley thinks he has better knowledge and less sympathy with the pilots than those who signed the application. He says it is not proposed to repeal the compulsory pilotage laws but merely to modify section 3,496. That section is wholly in favor of the ship and exempts her from all pilotage where the master or first mate of the vessel has ever held a full branch.

The chief object of the law proposed is, we think, to protect the monopoly, the strongest trust with one exception that transacts business within our city, from reasonable charges for valuable services.

Mr. Parsley is in error about the matter in which the pilots divide fees with each other, but that concerns only the pilots.

The pilotage at Savannah is thirty-six miles; in Wilmington it is sixty. Savannah has reduced pilotage on coastwise in proportion to her foreign commerce as increased, as also the Northern ports have done. They have not asked sympathy, and they believe the signers know where to place their hands without consulting Mr. Parsley; at least they will consider the matter before asking him that they may sign.

**CAPE FEAR PILOTS' ASSOCIATION.**

## THE PILOTAGE LAW.

**Southport Chamber of Commerce is Favorable to the Association.**

The Chamber of Commerce of Southport held a meeting yesterday afternoon and adopted the following resolution, which was transmitted by telegraph to President M. W. Jacobi at the meeting of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon:

"Resolved that the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Southport, N. C., are opposed to any change of the pilotage laws and earnestly request our representatives in the Legislature to oppose the bill now pending to modify section No. 3,496 of the Code."

"E. B. STEVENS, Chairman."

No action was taken in the matter of pilotage at the meeting of the Wilmington Chamber yesterday.

## FOR WHOOPING COUGH USE CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

## WEATHER REPORT.

S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 26

temperatures: 8 A. M., 34 degrees; 3 P. M., 39 degrees; maximum, 43 degrees; minimum, 34 degrees; mean, 38 degrees.

precipitation for the day, .63; rainfall for the month up to date, 3.21

direction of wind in the Cape Fear river at 8 A. M., 4.0 feet.

**FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—For North Carolina: Fair Wednesday; probable temperature in western and all portions. Thursday, increased cloudiness with partial rain in a portion; fresh northwesterly, becoming variable.

**Almanac—February 27.**

Rises..... 6:37 A. M.  
Sets..... 5:51 P. M.  
Length..... 11:14 M.  
Water at Southport, 2:12 A. M.  
Water Wilmington, 4:42 A. M.

They celebrated Washington's day in and in the vicinity of the city with speech-making inside a clash with the Filipinos outside.

Mr. Gordon got that stolen notebook back by mail the other day. The papers were all right, the currency was removed. The retained that for his trouble.

New Jersey man the other day tried his son's step-daughter. If he should be additions to these files won't they have a perplexing tangle of the relation—they bear to each other.

Teressa, the Mexican girl who created a sensation in this country as a miraculous healer, arrived in New York. She is a sister, too, who plays Schlatter, and simulators in the shade.

Washington correspondent says Scriptures are not quoted as much in the Senate now as they formerly were. The majority of the members in the Senate now take more interest in deals, stock-jobbing, land-booming, etc., than they do in the Scriptures.

Brooklyn, N. Y., man named Williams, a large, muscular woman and a large St. Bernard dog and an pug, and insists on all four legs in the same bed. He objects to that kind of social equality, and therefore desires to retire from the combine.

A citizen of Vienna, Austria, recently deceased, at the age of 73 years, kept a record of the cigars he smoked while he was engaged in the industry. The score counted 288,712, or an average of 12,567 per year. Of the total 43,500 were his own and he bought the rest, which he paid \$12,500. His cigars cost him more than his

It is somewhat remarkable that the population of Italy has increased about 50 millions in twenty years the population of France has increased but little over a million, and yet there has been considerable emigration from Italy and comparatively but little from France, and the condition of the average Frenchman is better than that of the average Italian.