The Weekly Star.

ODE TO NORTH CAROLINA.

On the Proposition to Pay Fifty Cents on the Dollar.

BY A BONDHOLDER.

Exuberant State of Car'line.
Land of tar, pitch and turpentine,
Where vines o' the scuppernong entwine
The branches of the yellow pine—
Land of the gold and copper mine!
Thy vessels plow the ocean brine;
Thy cotton, corn and wheat are fine;
Millions and sweet potatoes are thine;
Thy sons growl if they cannot dine
On turkey wild and shad and chine,
And wash them with Catawba wine.
Shall such States weaken in the spine,
As though too poor to buy quinine?
And o'er a mite of taxes whine,
And payment of her bonds decline?
—Repudiate the base design,
But not thy *Bonds*, North Carolina.
Thy ague o'er, arise and shine!
Believe that honesty's divine.

Baltimore American.

The Legislature.

[Raleigh Observer's Report Condensed.]

SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 28.

PETITION.

By Mr. Bennett: From citizens of Brunswick county against a division of their territory. Propositions and Grievances.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Short: Bill to provide for the insane asylum for colored people. Committee on Insane Asylum.

Bill to give Pender county a representative in the General Assembly was postponed till Monday at 11 A. M.

Bill to establish a new county to be named Vance, from parts of Duplin, Wayne and Lenoir.

Mr. Dortch hoped that the motion to indefinitely postpone would prevail. There were propositions now before the General Assembly to create three new counties out of portions of Wayne county, and if he favored one of these new counties he must favor all. If these three new counties were established it would completely dismember his county. He would, therefore, vote against all.

The bill was indefinitely postponed.

Act to enlarge powers of corporate authorities of the town of Monroe, in Union county, was indefinitely postponed.

Act to change the name of certain townships in Pender county passed its several readings.

Bill to incorporate Cumberland Lodge, No. 5, Knights of Pythias, in Fayetteville. Passed its several readings.

Mr. Scales moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill to make uniform the tax on banks, &c., failed to pass its third reading.

The motion to reconsider prevailed by a vote of yeas 19, nays 16. The bill then passed its third reading—yeas 17, nays 16.

Bill to establish normal schools for the two races in the State.

The bill passed its second reading by yeas 24, nays 17. The bill then passed its third reading.

Senate concurred in proposition from the House to go into an election for Trustees of the University next Friday at 12 o'clock.

Upon motion, the rules were suspended and the resolution in relation to the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad was taken up and passed its several readings.

By permission, Mr. Nicholson introduced a bill to dispose of the question of the State debt. Calendar.

Bill to enforce the collection of taxes in New Hanover county.

The bill passed its several readings.

Resolution in favor of W. H. Sikes, late Sheriff of Bladen county, was taken up and passed its several readings.

Bill to give proper publicity to legal notices required to be advertised. Failed to pass.

Bill to amend section 4, chapter 100, Battle's Revisal, to require the Register of Deeds to attend at his office, either in person or by deputy, was taken up, and passed its several readings.

Bill to establish an inferior court in the several counties in the State, with the House amendments, was taken up.

The House amendments were read, and the 1st and 11th were not concurred in.

Mr. Stickney moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill to protect sheep husbandry had been indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Troy moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, which motion did not prevail.

The question recurred upon the motion to reconsider, which prevailed.

The question then recurred upon the motion to indefinitely postpone.

Mr. Latham withdrew his motion to indefinitely postpone, and, on motion, the bill was referred to the committee on Agriculture.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

BILLS.

By Mr. Clarke, of Craven: A bill to consolidate the charters of the city of Newbern. Corporations.

By Mr. Shackelford: A bill to incorporate the town of Swansboro, in Onslow county. Corporations.

CALENDAR.

Bill to charter the Piedmont Railroad Company was taken up and passed its several readings.

Bill to secure to the owners of real estate a homestead in fee simple.

The question recurred upon the passage of the bill upon its second reading, upon which the ayes and nays were demanded. The demand was sustained, and the bill passed by a vote of 61 yeas to 43 nays.

Resolution authorizing the Governor to offer a reward of $500 for Tilman Cranford, dead or alive, an outlaw, was taken up.

The committee on Propositions and Grievances submitted an amendment to reduce the reward to $300, which was adopted.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

Bill for the support of the institution of the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind; appropriates $40,000 for each of the years of 1877–'78.

The question recurred upon the bill upon its third reading, and it passed by a vote of yeas 90, nays none.

Bill to incorporate the Trustees of Lillington Academy, in Pender county, was taken up on its third reading and passed.

Bill to incorporate the town of Contentnea, in Greene county, was taken up and passed its third reading by a vote of yeas 93, nays 1.

Bill to authorize the Commissioners of Haywood county to appoint a surveyor for certain purposes, was taken up and passed its several readings.

Bill to establish a Normal Department at the State University for the education of white persons for teachers; also to establish a like department at Shaw University, at Raleigh, for the education of colored teachers; also to establish normal departments at sundry other universities and academies in the State.

The question recurred upon the bill on its second reading and passed.

The bill was read its third time, upon which Mr. Leach demanded the yeas and nays; the demand was sustained and the bill passed by a vote of yeas 78, nays 18.

Bill to authorize the commissioners of Lenoir county to levy a special tax was taken up on its third reading and passed by a vote of yeas 92, nays 1.

Bill to change the boundary line of Buck Swamp township, Robeson county, was taken up and passed its several readings.

Bill to amend the laws relating to the town of Tarboro was taken up on its second reading and passed by a vote of yeas 62, nays 23.

The bill concerning a government for Wilmington was on its second reading when the House adjourned.

SENATE.

THURSDAY, March 1.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Bennett: Bill to amend article 10 of the Constitution of North Carolina. Calendar.

Bill to regulate the manner of making election returns was taken up.

Mr. Scales offered the following amendments to the bills, which were adopted:

To section 1. To add after the word "Commissioners," wherever it occurs, the words "or Board of County Canvassers."

Sec. 2. By inserting after the words "registered letter," the words "or by express."

Sec. 3. By providing for returns to be made to the Secretary of State instead of the Governor, or to be opened by the Governor in the presence of the Secretary of State, Attorney General, &c., and the result to be certified to by the Governor and Commissions issued, &c.

Sec. 6. By providing that the expense of sending messengers after returns shall be paid by the defaulting county.

The bill then passed its several readings.

Bill to incorporate the Polk County Narrow Gauge Railroad Company was taken up and passed its several readings.

Bill to incorporate the North Carolina Baptist Student's Aid Association, was taken up and passed its several readings.

Bill to authorize Judges of Probate to appoint receivers in certain cases, was put upon its several readings and passed.

Bill to locate the county site of Pender county was taken up.

Mr. Dortch presented a petition against the passage of the bill, if the county site is removed the depreciation of property at the present site shall be paid for. Adopted.

The bill then passed its second reading. It was then put upon its third reading and failed to pass.

Bill to incorporate the town of Sparta, Edgecombe county, was put upon its several readings and passed.

Bill to prohibit the exportation of partridges from certain counties—Cabarrus, Rowan, Davidson, Guilford, Rockingham, Alamance, Orange, Iredell, Davie, Gaston, Columbus, Anson and Forsyth—was taken up and passed its several readings.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Fennell presented the petition of citizens of Wilmington asking the passage of the bill introduced by Mr. Fennell to establish a criminal court. Propositions and Grievances.

BILLS.

By Mr. Clark of Bladen: Bill to prohibit the sale of liquor in certain localities in Bladen county. Propositions and Grievances.

By Mr. McLean: A bill to extend the time for the completion of certain locks and dams on Cape Fear and Deep rivers. Internal Improvement.

Bill to incorporate Beck and Ladder Company No. 1, of Tarboro, was taken up and passed its several readings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Bill to organize a government for the city of Wilmington was taken up as unfinished business of yesterday.

The minority of the committee on Cities, Towns and Townships submitted a minority report, signed by Messrs. Wilson of New Hanover, White, colored, and Williamson, colored.

Mr. Wilson, of New Hanover, submitted an amendment to change the manner of registration. Rejected.

Mr. Rowland submitted an amendment to change the dates of opening registration books. Adopted.

Mr. Wilson, of New Hanover, offered an amendment to strike out the boundaries of wards as laid down by the bill, and restore them as they now are. Rejected.

The question recurring upon the bill upon its second reading, it passed by a vote of 68 yeas to 27 nays.

A Bill to be Entitled an Act to Secure to Owners of Real Estate Residing in this State a Homestead in Fee-Simple.

Section 1. *The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:* The homestead of any resident of this State shall not be subject to the lien of any judgment or decree of any court, or to sale under execution, or other process thereon, growing out of any debt contracted, or cause of action accruing, after the first day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, except such as may be rendered or issued to secure the payment of obligations contracted for the payment of homestead, or for laborers or mechanics' liens for work done and performed for the claimant of said homestead, or for lawful taxes.

Sec. 2. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Mr. Henderson moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill passed its third reading, and to lay that motion on the table. The latter motion prevailed.

Bill to amend the landlord and tenant act was taken up.

An amendment by the Judiciary committee was accepted.

Mr. Staples called for the previous question, which was sustained, and the question recurred upon the bill upon its second reading, upon which Mr. Pinnix called for the yeas and nays. The roll was called, and the bill, as amended, passed by a vote of 63 yeas to 9 nays. The bill then passed its third reading.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Bill to provide for a suitable residence for the Governor of the State was taken up as the special order of the hour.

The question recurred on the bill upon its third reading, upon which Mr. Bryan demanded the yeas and nays.

The roll was called and the bill passed by a vote of 69 yeas to 33 nays.

SENATE.

FRIDAY March 2.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIAL.

By Mr. Stanford: From the citizens of Pender county, relative to the removal of the county site.

By Mr. Askew: Petition from the citizens of Pollocksville township, Jones county, asking a prohibitory liquor law.

By Mr. Dortch: Bill to locate the asylum for the colored insane in Goldsboro. Committee on insane asylum.

By Mr. Wilson: Bill to define the jurisdiction of judges in granting injunctions. Judiciary.

CALENDAR.

Bill to give proper publicity to legal notices was taken up and passed its several readings.

Upon motion of Mr. Ferguson, the vote by which the bill in regard to the county site of Pender county failed to pass on yesterday was reconsidered.

Mr. Stanford offered to amend so as to require a majority of all the votes to change the county site, and said that he had heretofore taken no part in this controversy, but now thought his substitute would prove to be satisfactory to a great majority of the county, and he did not see how any one could object to his proposition.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Boddie offered to amend that the name of the county site shall be called "Stanford." Adopted.

Bill then passed its several readings.

By permission, Mr. Liles introduced a bill to incorporate the Wilmington and New River Navigation Company. Propositions and Grievances.

Bill to restrict the commissioners of Caswell county in certain cases, was taken up and passed its several readings.

Bill to amend the charter of the town of Fayetteville and regulate the election of Mayor and Commissioners was taken up and passed its second reading and made the special order for to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

Bill to amend section 119, chapter 33, Battle's Revisal, to extend the jurisdiction of Magistrates, was taken up.

The Senate, in pursuance of the special order, then proceeded to ballot for nine Trustees of the University.

Bill to create a new township in the county of Wayne, to be called Bull Head, was taken up.

Mr. Robinson moved to amend by striking out Bull Head and insert "Bull Doze." Adopted.

Bill then passed its several readings.

Resolution relative to the election of Justices of the Peace was taken up and adopted. (This resolution provides for the appointment of a committee, whose duty it shall be to make recommendations for Justices of the Peace in the several counties, and the President appointed the following on the part of the Senate: Messrs. Robinson, Coke, Sandifer, Dockery and Hughes.)

NIGHT SESSION.

The bill to establish a Board of Health for the city of Wilmington was taken up and passed its several readings.

Bill to regulate the mode for making entries of public lands, in the county of Bladen, was taken up and passed its several readings.

Bill to canal Goshen Swamp in Duplin county was taken up and passed its several readings.

Bill to incorporate the town of Contentnea in the county of Greene, was taken up and passed its several readings.

Bill to provide for the removal of the county site of Johnston county was taken up. Bill passed its several readings.

Bill to extend the act to incorporate Chapel Hill and Iron Mountain R. R. Company was taken up.

Mr. Robins offered to amend by striking out "the Trustees of the University." Adopted.

Bill then passed its several readings.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

BILLS.

By Mr. Richardson: A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Wilmington and Coast Turnpike Company. Corporations.

The bill to establish an inferior Court in the several counties of the State was received back from the Senate with an amendment by that body and also their refusal to concur in House amendment No. 11 concerning appeals. The Senate amendment was concurred in and the House receded from its amendment not concurred in by the Senate. The bill was then ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

Bill in relation to the probate of deeds and the privy examination of married women, was taken up.

[Bill allows Justices of the Peace to take acknowledgments of deeds and privy examination of married women. The Judiciary committee recommend an amendment to strike out that portion in regard to the privy examination.]

The question then recurred upon the bill as it came from the Senate and it passed its second reading.

Under a suspension of the rules the bill was read a third time and passed.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The election of eight trustees for the State University being the special order for the hour,

The following gentlemen were elected: Col. W. L. Saunders, Col. D. M. Carter and George V. Strong, Esq., of Wake; Messrs. D. A. Long and Wm. B. Lynch, of Alamance, Col. John D. Cameron, of Orange; Mr. Thos. Sparrow, of Beaufort, General Bryan Grimes, of Pitt, and S. L. Johnston, of Washington.

CALENDAR RESUMED.

Resolution in relation to Justices of the Peace, providing for the manner to elect Justices of the Peace under the bill establishing county governments, fixing Tuesday next, at 12 o'clock, as the time for the election, was taken up and passed its several readings.

Bill to organize a government for the city of Wilmington was taken up and passed its third reading by a vote of 50 yeas; 20 nays.

Bill to amend the laws in relation to the town of Tarboro, in Edgecombe county, was taken up and passed its third reading by a vote of 58 yeas; 22 nays.

The chair announced the following gentlemen as committee on nominations for Justices of the Peace to be elected on Tuesday next: Messrs. Pinnix, Henderson, Roberts, Wilson, of Burke, Moring, Purnell, Bagley and Hook.

NIGHT SESSION.

Bill to amend section 5, chapter 201, laws 1874–'75, in relation to fences, was taken up.

Mr. Austin submitted an amendment to strike out Union and Anson counties. Adopted.

The bill as amended then passed its second reading.

Bill to provide for the repairing of quarantine hospital at Smithville, Brunswick county, was taken up and passed its several readings.

Bill requiring beef cattle carried to the city of Wilmington to be weighed was taken up, and passed its several readings.

Bill in reference to the Western Insane Asylum providing for its completion was taken up.

[This bill provides for the working of convicts, and appropriates $30,000 for each of the years 1877 and 1878.]

Mr. Vaughn offered an amendment to read "such convicts as have not been assigned to other works." Adopted.

Hill, colored, of New Hanover, offered an amendment that one of the commissioners shall be of a different political party from the Governor. Adopted.

The question recurring upon the bill on its second reading, it passed by a vote of 45 yeas to 42 nays.

WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, March 2.

SENATE.—Mr. Morrill, of Vermont, submitted a resolution authorizing the appointment of a committee of three Senators to make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration of the President-elect, on the 5th of March. Agreed to.

HOUSE.—After the vote not to count Sollace's vote, Mr. Randall announced that the Chair had allowed every legitimate legislative motion. The duty to notify the Senate of the decision is mandatory.

Several propositions were overruled, when Mr. Cox said there is no use in endeavoring to prevent the Speaker from counting in Hayes at once.

The Speaker said, "Gentlemen must not object; the Chair has no authority to receive any motion."

At eleven o'clock the Senate entered and Vermont was counted for Hayes, and Virginia and West Virginia for Tilden, and, finally, after separation and two hours' discussion, Wisconsin was counted for Hayes.

At half-past four Mr. Ferry said, "This concludes the couns of thirty-eight States. The tellers will now ascertain and deliver the result."

Senator Allison, one of the tellers, declared the vote: "Rutherford B. Hayes 185; Samuel J. Tilden 184; wherefore I announce Hayes and Wheeler duly elected President and Vice President for four years, commencing March 4th, 1877.

There was a solitary hiss.

The Senate then retired and the House adjourned, and the flag was lowered for the first time since February 1st.

Hayes arrived at nine o'clock, when it rained in torrents. Senator John Sherman carried Hayes to his house.

No one seems glad. There are no cheerful congratulations. Those who do not look sorrowful appear ashamed.

No course of action has developed itself this morning. Fifteen Radical Senators had a meeting and resolved if Hayes' Southern policy is against the Republican party of the South, they should know it.

No conference committees met this morning.

The House, indisposed to take hold of business, is occupied with questions of privileges involving the pay of pages and doorkeepers.

In the House a resolution, with an extraordinary preamble, that the Louisiana Returning Board be discharged, so as to assist the members of the Commission, who completed the work of the Returning Board, in the inauguration, is pending. It will not receive two-thirds. The chances are that the Returning Board will be certified to the District Court for punishment.

President-elect Hayes, in company with Senator Sherman and Gov. Denison, visited President Grant at the White House this morning, during the Cabinet session, and had a short conversation with the President and Cabinet.

Headquarters of the Army, Washington, D. C., March 2nd, 1877, 11.22 p. m.—*To Gen. W. H. Augur, Commanding Department South.*—The following dispatch has gone to Gov. Packard, and is hereby sent you for your information and government.

(Signed) W. T. SHERMAN, Gen'l.

[Telegram.]

Executive Mansion, Washington, March 1st, 1877.—*Gov. S. B. Packard, New Orleans, La.*—In answer to your dispatch of this date, the President directs me to say that he feels it his duty to state, frankly, that he does not believe public opinion will longer support the maintenance of the State government in Louisiana by the use of the military, and that he must concur in this manifest feeling. The troops will hereafter, as in the past, protect life and property from mob violence when the State authorities fail, but under the remaining days of his official life they will not be used to establish or to pull down either claimant for the control of the State. It is not his purpose to recognize either claimant.

C. C. SHEPPIN, Sec't'y.

Senator Gordon has applied to the Chief Signal officer of the United States for the establishment of a signal station at Atlanta, Ga., and has the promise of the department to comply with his request as soon as the condition of the service will permit.

The following nominations were made to-day: Silas B. Dutcher, Appraiser of Merchandise at New York; Wm. Goddist, Attorney for South Carolina.

WASHINGTON, March 3.

The following telegram has just been sent to Governor Nicholls:

Washington, D. C., March 3d, 1877.—To Gen. F. T. Nicholls, New Orleans: The President says he sent a dispatch to Packard, Thursday, notifying him that troops could no longer be employed to uphold either claimant, and that he does not believe that Packard would attempt any offensive operations. The President sent the dispatch so that he might have time to retire his pretensions if disposed. The President says instructions have been issued which cancel all orders for the preservation of the *status quo*, and that neither you or Packard are bound to observe it; that he means the people of Louisiana are as free in their affairs from federal interference as the people of Connecticut, and that there will be no disposition to interfere with them any more than with the people of New York. The President concurs with us that you immediately issue a proclamation urging protection, amnesty and peace. Being asked if a posse, executing a process of Nicholls' court, would be interfered with by the military, he replied, "No more than in any other State." Being asked if Nicholls' officers should take possession of the offices in the State, without mob violence, would there be any interference, he replied, there would be none; that the military would only be used as it had been once in New York, and would be in any of the States, to overcome mobs too formidable for the civil power or State authorities. We have submitted the foregoing dispatch of yesterday to the President who has revised it with his own hand, and authorized us to state that in its present form it is absolutely correct.

(Signed) E. A. BURKE,
R. L. GIBSON,
E. J. ELLIS,
WM. M. LONG.

Sherman's friends say he has accepted the Secretaryship of the Treasury.

Some Senators say the army bill will certainly fail, unless the House consents to strike out the political provisions.

Two companies of Pennsylvania soldiery will participate in the parade Monday. Two white and three colored local companies will also march. The Federal army will contribute twelve companies, the artillery acting as infantry, and eight companies of marines. The Masons and Odd Fellows do not propose to participate. The company of Ohio cadets act as a body guard.

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