

CLARENCE B. BRADSHAW, JR.

There is a great deal of fun of a peculiar kind...

Unto thee, O Charlotte, I dedicate this Ode.

For thou hast removed, O joyful Day, an insuperable obstacle.

My being a poet, I may compare it unto a considerable obstacle.

This time last year, I being in the steamer Crossing from Houghhead,

Read it first at the front of me, Looming to North and South ever nearer And nearer.

I said, 'Now if I were minded To cross the Atlantic I couldn't, in consequence of this insuperable obstacle.'

Which at that moment we ran Into, Being prevented by a buffer from Doing Ourselves any harm.

The obstacle was in point of fact Ireland. And as to this day, Who would cross the Atlantic Must needs sail round that Considerable obstacle.

He cannot sail through it, So hast Thou taught me, O Charlotte, Sailing clear of the obstacle of rhyme,

Be a poet. Boston, Transcrip.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Raleigh News-Observer's Report Continued. TUESDAY, March 1, 1881. SENATE.

Mr. Scott, of New Hanover, to incorporate the Sons and Daughters of Charity Benevolent Aid Society of New Hanover county. Calendar.

Mr. Jones, to amend the charter of the town of Jacksonville, in Onslow county. Calendar.

Senate bill 576, to amend an act to provide for the working of convicts on the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley railroad, passed its second reading. The question was discussed at length.

The previous question was called and the bill failed to pass—years 14, says 23. A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The Senate now proceeded to the consideration of the bill to establish the new county of Vance. The bill was upon its third reading.

The bill passed its second reading—years 25, says 20, and was made the special order for Wednesday at 12 o'clock.

Senate bill 190, to extend the time to redeem land sold for taxes. Amendment was adopted, giving two years to redeem land instead of the time proposed in the original bill.

The bill passed its second and third readings. Amended by Mr. Richardson that this be published in four newspapers of the State, to be selected by the Secretary of State, in those localities most interested.

Senate bill —, to incorporate the Clinton & Faison Railroad Company, passed its third reading—years 33, says 0.

Senate bill 668, to enable the city of Wilmington to provide for its bonds maturing in 1882, passed its third reading—years 29, says 0.

House bill 634, Senate 678, to charter the Louisville Railroad Company, passed its third reading—years 31, says 2.

Senate 473, to amend chapter 90, Battle's Revisal, section 15, entitled judges of probate. The substitute proposed by the committee provides that the clerk of the Superior Courts of North Carolina shall be required to be in their offices during the months of July, August and September on the first Monday only of the month. The substitute offered by the committee was adopted.

House bill 678, Senate bill 629, to change the name of the town of "Qualee," in Robeson county to that of "Shoe Heel," passed its second and third readings.

The special order hour arrived, which was Senate bill 547, to amend an act entitled an act to adjust and ratify a portion of the State debt, ratified in 1879. The substitute proposed by the committee, repealing the act altogether, had been adopted. The question now before the Senate was the amendment of Mr. Finger, proposing to continue the commission with power to exchange State stock for bonds at par. The amendment was adopted. The amendment proposed by the committee, "provided that the 2003 construction bonds now in the treasury shall be anti-stocked in their ratable share of the State stock in the said North Carolina Railroad Company." Adopted.

An amendment was offered by Mr. Staples as a substitute for the bill as it stands amended, authorizing the issuance of four per cent. bonds for the bonds standing dollar for dollar. The bill to establish the new county of Vance passed its third reading—years 24, says 16.

House bill —, to provide additional servants for various State departments, giving \$15 per month to servants, except eight watchmen and janitor, who shall receive \$1.50 per day. House resolution 635, instructing our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their influence in the passage of an act for the better protection of the people against fraudulent life insurance companies, passed its second and third readings.

Senate bill 656, to amend the charter of Saul's X Roads, in Wayne county, passed its second and third readings.

On motion of Mr. Manning, House bill to establish three additional judicial districts was put on its second reading.

House bill to regulate the sale of liquor as announced as the special order for 11 o'clock.

Mr. White spoke against the bill. Mr. Manning offered to amend by striking out section 18, which makes it indictable to be seen drunk in a public place.

Mr. Manning said he was in sympathy with this bill, but if section 18 was retained in it he would be compelled to vote against it.

Mr. Carter offered an amendment providing that the county commissioners shall have power to revoke licenses for cause. Adopted.

Mr. Leak moved to strike out that clause which prohibits the sale of liquor to habitual drunkards.

Mr. Leak moved to amend so that county commissioners should have the discretion to levy the same tax as provided by the State, and to strike out the clause prohibiting the sale to persons who are in the habit of getting intoxicated.

On motion of Mr. Sparrow, the amendments of Mr. Leak were voted on separately. The one giving the commissioners power to impose the tax in their discretion passed—years 62, says 46, and the one prohibiting the sale to drunkards passed by a vote of 27 to 31.

Mr. Manning's amendment was adopted—years 74, says 29. The bill was put on its third reading and passed—years 61, says 46.

Mr. Glenn, of Stokes, moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill passed.

On motion of Mr. Bowman, the previous question was ordered and the bill passed its third reading—years 55, says 47.

On motion of Mr. Day, the special order was displaced for the purpose of considering the unfinished business, which was the bill increasing Superior Court districts.

The bill failed to pass its second reading—years 49, says 52.

Bill to incorporate the Alam and Pains Rook Railroad passed its second and third readings.

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Senate bill to incorporate the Eastern North Carolina Insane Asylum. Passed and enrolled.

Senate bill to enable the city of Wilmington to fund certain bonds. Passed and enrolled.

Senate bill for the better protection of farmers and fishermen. After some discussion the bill passed its third reading.

House bill to incorporate the North Carolina Fertilizer Company. Passed its third reading and ordered to be enrolled.

House resolution directing the reprinting of "The Woody Plants of North Carolina," by Dr. Curtis, passed its third reading and was sent to the Senate.

SENATE. WEDNESDAY, March 2, 1881. CALENDAR.

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Senate bill 724, to incorporate the Carolina Ocean Steamship Company, passed its second and third readings.

Senate bill 697, to change the time of making returns to the Secretary of State of vacant lands by entry taken, passed its second and third readings.

House bill 767, Senate bill 670, to establish a graded school in Goldsboro, passed its second reading—years 34, says none.

Senate bill 350, for the relief of certain disabled Confederate soldiers. An amendment was proposed by the committee. Adopted. The bill passed its second and third readings.

Mr. Spears moved to strike out "Confederate soldiers" and insert "late war." Motion withdrawn.

Mr. Staples, resolution to print 1,000 copies of the testimony taken before the committee on internal improvements, with regard to the Western North Carolina Railroad. The rules were suspended and the resolution was adopted.

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SENATE. THURSDAY, March 3, 1881. CALENDAR.

Mr. Dortch entered a motion to reconsider the bill which failed to pass on Saturday with regard to the Agricultural Department.

House bill 767, Senate bill 670, to establish a graded public school in Goldsboro, passed its third reading—years 32, says 1.

House bill 690, Senate bill 687, to prohibit live stock from running at large in Lee county, passed its third reading—years 27, says 6.

Senate bill 492, to protect farmers and fishermen. Substitute offered by the committee.

Senate bill 219, to establish a public road through the State's lands and improve the same. Substitute reported by the committee. The substitute was adopted and the bill passed its second and third readings.

House bill 168, Senate bill 478, to regulate official advertising. The yeas and nays were demanded; the bill was refused, and the bill passed its second reading. The bill then passed its third reading—years 25, says 14.

House bill 476, Senate bill 711, to amend chapter 34, laws of 1867, by permitting the citizens of Hatteras county to remove existing obstructions in the Cape Fear river, passed its second and third readings.

House bill 601, Senate bill 606, to authorize the commissioners of Hatteras county to levy a special tax, passed its second reading—years 27, says 2.

The special order was taken up, which was Senate bill 184, to authorize the Piedmont Railroad to extend aid to other roads. The following amendment was proposed by the committee: Provided that nothing herein shall impair the contract between the State and W. J. Best nor the rights of private stockholders.

Mr. Whitaker offered a substitute, the effect of which was to carry out the provisions of the contract between W. J. Best and the State of North Carolina.

Mr. Davidson offered an amendment that nothing herein shall be construed to change or modify the effect of the contract between the State and W. J. Best, nor to relieve

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any of the assignees of the road from its obligations to build the road to Point Rock and Ducktown. And provided further, that nothing in this act shall be construed to impair the security of the State. Adopted.

Mr. Burwell spoke at length in favor of the bill. Messrs. Clarke and Williamson, of Edgecombe, in opposition.

Mr. Staples spoke an hour, urging its passage.

The question before the Senate was the second part of the amendment proposed by the committee, referring to the private stockholders. Adopted.

The question was now upon the amendment of Mr. Deaver.

Mr. Morrill thought that the ground of the amendment was already covered by the original bill. The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Scott, of Rockingham, offered an amendment, the effect of which is to forbid aid to any road except the North Carolina and the Western North Carolina Railroads.

Mr. Burwell offered an amendment to the amendment excepting the University Railroad. Adopted.

Mr. Clarke offered an amendment that the Piedmont Railroad Company shall build the road to Ducktown, and they shall bind themselves thereto, and if they fail to build the said road within ten years, they shall forfeit their right, title and interest in the North-western North Carolina Railroad. Amendment was lost.

Mr. Burwell offered an amendment to insert after "Piedmont Railroad Company" the words "for University Railroad." Adopted.

Mr. Clarke offered an amendment to strike out Piedmont Railroad wherever it occurs and insert Richmond & Danville Railroad Company. This amendment provoked considerable discussion.

Senate bill 163, to provide for better proof of deeds executed beyond the limits of this State. The substitute offered by the committee was adopted and the bill passed its second and third readings.

House bill 735, Senate bill 705, to incorporate the Beaver Dam Drainage Company of Sampson county. The amendment proposed by the committee was adopted and the bill passed its second and third readings.

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The question was upon the passage of the bill upon its second reading, and it passed—years 25, says 14.

The rules were suspended and the bill passed its third reading.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. On motion of Mr. Tate, the bill to provide for carrying out the revenue bill was put on its third reading. After some slight amendments the bill passed.

On motion of Mr. Banting, his resolution to expunge the record of the impeachment trial of W. W. Holden was taken up, and, on motion of Mr. Manning, tabled—years 67, says 27. It was understood the special committee would report a resolution removing his disabilities to-morrow.

The Apportionment bill was announced as the special order for 11 A. M., and was put on its second reading.

Mr. Tarrentine offered an amendment providing that Alamance and Guilford counties should retain two Senators. The change of one Senator from Guilford and Alamance to Robeson and Columbus was the only change the committee made in the representation.

The bill passed its second reading—years 61, says 30.

On motion of Mr. Webster, the bill was put on its third reading and passed.

The special order for 12 M., the bill to provide for the support of the penitentiary, was put on its second reading.

Mr. Manning moved to strike out \$90,000 and insert \$75,000.

Mr. Bledsoe moved to amend by inserting \$60,000.

Mr. Manning's amendment was adopted.

The bill passed its second reading. On motion of Mr. Manning the rules were suspended and the bill put on its third reading.

Mr. Manning moved to strike out the salary of \$200 per year, and give the board of directors \$4 per day for the time actually engaged, and the actual traveling and hotel expenses.

Mr. Manning's amendment was adopted.

The bill then passed its third reading.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. On motion of Mr. Rose, the bill was considered by sections, commencing with the 37th section, that being where the committee of the whole left off.

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