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RAMSON'S TRIUMPH: The people of North Carolina are to be congratulated upon the unanimous nomination of Senator Matt. W. Ransom as his own successor.

Senator Ransom is in the very prime and vigor of intellect and physically is excellently preserved. He is about 56 years of age, is a distinguished alumnus of the University of North Carolina, has had eleven years experience as Senator, and is now better qualified by reason of ripe judgment and large influence than ever before to do the State great service.

There have been two cases of small-pox and two of varioloid at Wilson and one death. On Saturday last, as we learn from the Examiner, Col. R. R. Bridges, President of the W. & W. Railroad...

Foreign Shipments: The following comprised the foreign shipments yesterday: The Haytien brig Dauphin, Capt. Puntz, for Port-au-Prince, by Messrs. Northrop & Cumming...

Illness of Hon. J. W. Shackelford: We learn that a private letter was received by a brother of Hon. J. W. Shackelford, in this city, yesterday, to the effect that that gentleman, present member of Congress from this District, was very low at Washington, where he lately arrived...

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Mr. Ebb, a bill authorizing magistrates to hold juries of inquest in their respective townships. Mr. Frazier, a bill to regulate the sale of spirituous or malt liquors by the small measure.

Mr. McLean, a bill to amend the law relating to the enforcement of agricultural liens. Mr. Scott, of New Hanover, a bill to incorporate the Coast Turnpike Company.

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Mr. Sherrill, an act to establish graded schools. Mr. Green, of New Hanover, an act to amend section 1, chapter 308, laws of 1881. Mr. Lenoir, an act to extend the time for getting grants for entries of land.

Mr. Scott, of New Hanover—Resolution instructing the Attorney General to bring an action in the proper court to inquire by what right the Seaboard & Roanoke Railroad Company hold stock in the Carolina Central Railroad Company, and to have the stock so held by the Seaboard & Roanoke Railroad Company forfeited to the State, to which it is alleged that it belongs.

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Mr. Bullock, to pay registrars, judges, &c., of elections. Mr. Smith, to furnish soldiers from North Carolina with artificial limbs. Mr. Rose, to grant amnesty and pardon to certain persons retailing liquor without license.

Mr. Green, of Franklin, to change the fiscal year of the State government and for other purposes. The calendar was then taken up and the following bills disposed of as follows: To authorize the county commissioners of Jones county to levy a special tax, passed its third reading.

To amend chapter 116, laws 1881, changing gallon to quart, passed third reading. To relieve ministers of the gospel from working the roads and from poll-tax. Tabled. SPECIAL ORDER. 11 o'clock having arrived, and the following bill being the special order for that hour, was taken up on its second reading.

Bill to repeal chapter 212, laws of 1879, which prohibits the sale of liquor on days of public speaking. On motion the bill was laid upon the table. CALENDAR (RESUMED). Relative to the carrying off and hiring of minors. Tabled. To pay witnesses in criminal prosecutions before Justices of the Peace. Referred.

To work the public roads by taxation. Tabled. To prevent the obstruction of highways. Tabled. To exempt farming implements from taxation. Tabled. To incorporate the Charlotte cotton mills. Passed third reading.

To amend the act prohibiting the sale of liquor on Sunday, so as to prevent the disposing of it in any manner. Passed third reading. To establish the standard weight for a barrel of pork. Passed third reading. Relative to Big Swamp, in Bladen county. Passed third reading.

Bill for the relief of the administrators of the sheriff of Columbus county passed its third reading and was ordered engrossed. Bill authorizing the commissioners of Moore county to levy a special tax to pay county indebtedness passed and was ordered engrossed. Every Senator present voted for the bill except Mr. Purnell, who voted against it.

Bill in regard to Pender county issuing coupon bonds to build a court house, jail, &c., was put upon its second reading. The bill passed its second reading. Bill in regard to magistrates in Lenoir county electing themselves was put on its second reading.

Mr. Dortch: The Code provides that no magistrate is allowed to elect himself commissioner, which will cover the bill now pending. Upon a motion to table, made by Mr. Costner, Mr. Loftin demanded the yeas and nays. The bill was placed upon the table by a vote of 30 to 8.

Bill to amend the public school laws of 1881, upon motion of Mr. Pemberton, was tabled. Resolution of inquiry to the Treasurer in regard to the \$550,000 bonds was read. Mr. Morehead called the attention of the Senator from Craven to the fact that the Treasurer's report, now on the desks of the Senators showed the disposition of \$220,000.

Mr. Clarke—Yes, sir, but I want to know about that \$30,000. Mr. Dortch—If the Senator will read the bill of sale of the Western North Carolina Railroad, enacted at the special session of 1880, he will see that the \$30,000 was paid cash.

A vote was then taken upon the resolution and it was adopted. Resolution appointing a committee to look into the propriety of erecting a Governor's mansion and renovating and repairing the capitol was adopted. Resolution in regard to paying Mr. Halstead, the ousted Senator from the first district, fifty dollars in addition to mileage and per diem was, upon motion of Mr. Loftin, placed upon the table.

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