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perior skill in the cultivation and preparation of it, created a product essentially new and unique and added to its value from five to ten fold.

We shall take occasion to refer to this useful manual again. We congratulate the accomplished gentleman who has charge, and his assistant, Mr. P. M. Wilson, upon the serviceable and thorough character of their work.

A Wilmington Invention. Mr. Geo. M. Crapon of this city, has invented what is termed a Draining Case, for draining measures used generally in a grocery store.

Foreign Exports for the Month of February. The following comprise the foreign exports from the port of Wilmington, for the month of February, with the value of the same, as compiled from the books in the Custom House.

Cotton.—8,388 bales, weighing 4,196,001 pounds, and valued at \$415,868. Rosin and Turpentine.—58,449 barrels, valued at \$100,501.

Supreme Court. Among the appeals from this judicial district considered on Thursday were that of the State vs. Harrison Jones, from Duplin; argued by Attorney General Kenan and G. H. Allen for the State, and Faircloth & Allen and H. R. Kornegay for the defendant.

Smithville's New Paper. The press, type and other material for the weekly paper soon to be started at Smithville arrived on the steamer Regulator and went down the river Friday on the steamer Minnehaha.

Exciting Chase. Sheriff Sutton, of Bladen, who was in the city yesterday, saw and attempted to capture a colored prisoner who escaped from him some time ago, but the fellow was too fast for him and finally succeeded in eluding his pursuer.

Mr. R. K. Bryan, late editor of the Fayetteville Examiner, was here yesterday, on his way to Scott's Hill, in this county. He has been trying the pen for a while, and is now going to let us see what he knows about raising corn and peanuts.

Venor tells us that after a mild entry, March will speedily degenerate into the stormy, blustering month she has the reputation of being; that there will be some pretty severe weather along the Atlantic coast, and that after considerable warm weather there will be a cold wave in April.

We are glad to learn that a postal was received here yesterday, from Capt. J. M. Bunting, which states that his foot, though badly crushed by the late accident, has not been amputated, and hopes are now entertained that it will be saved.

The Lignol Tax. The Revenue bill now before the General Assembly, and which will probably pass without material amendment, as we learn from parties from Raleigh, provides the following license taxes for dealers in liquors: Retail dealers, selling less than a quart, are required to pay \$20 per quarter, which, with the county tax, will amount to \$40 per quarter, or \$100 per year.

A Wilmingtonian's Foot Crushed and Amputated. Intelligence has been received in this city of a sad accident having befallen Mr. J. M. Bunting, of this place, who is a conductor on the Savannah, Florida & Western Railroad.

Capture of a Desperado from Fayetteville. Chief of Police Brock received a telegram from a party in Fayetteville, on Thursday evening, requesting the arrest of one Joe Williams, colored, upon the arrival here of the steamer Geo. Worth, he being charged with resisting and cutting a Deputy Sheriff at that place, with the further request that if captured he should be put in charge of Capt. Worth and sent back to Fayetteville.

Apples from the Mountains. There was a cart load of apples on the streets yesterday all the way from Buncome county. Upon inquiry we learned that four hundred bushels had been received here by rail from that county, having been shipped by Mr. Henry J. Williams.

The No Fence Project. The Raleigh News-Observer alludes to the presence of Col. B. R. Moore in that city, and says he is there representing the interest of New Hanover, particularly in connection with the proposed county fence, and adds: "The settled portions of New Hanover have been largely denuded of timber, particularly on the sound, where the salt works were in operation during the war. It will be very advantageous to the county to have this county fence, which can be erected at small expense. The number of cattle outside of the town limits is comparatively small, and the cost of keeping them up will not be a tithe of the expense now attending the repairs of the plantation fences. We hope the bill will pass."

Bishop Northrop. Alluding to the arrival of Bishop Northrop in Charleston, on Tuesday evening last, the News and Courier states that Bishop Northrop has appointed Passover Sunday for his installation, and will invite Archbishop Gibbons and Bishops Keane of Richmond, Becker of Wilmington, Del., Kane of Wheeling, Moore of St. Augustine, and Gross of Savannah, to be present and take part in the ceremonies. The Episcopal residence will be in Charleston. The Bishop received congratulatory calls from a number of distinguished priests and prelates who are on a visit to Charleston. He is expected here to-day.

Removed to Wilmington. Under this head the Fayetteville Observer says: "Our community will greatly regret to lose Col. L. C. Jones, of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad. He has accepted the Superintendency of the Carolina Central Railroad, and will make Wilmington his future home. A native of Virginia, Col. Jones has been for many years identified with the interests of this section, as President, Engineer and Superintendent of the railroad; and, as a public-spirited citizen and courteous gentleman, his loss will be keenly felt."

Fifteen prisoners are now in the county jail in this place.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Raleigh News-Observer Report. SENATE. NIGHT SESSION. WEDNESDAY, Feb. 27.

Bill to enable the people of Cumberland to establish a free bridge across the Cape Fear river passed second reading—yeas 38, nays 1. Bill to incorporate the Southern Mining and Smelting Company. Passed third reading.

Bill making appropriations to the insane asylums came up as special order. The first question was on the amendments. Mr. Pemberton said he was willing to compromise on \$25,000 for the asylum at Morganton instead of \$35,000.

Mr. Boykin then spoke to the bill, showing the demands that called for the appropriations, giving the statistics of the insane in the State, and saying that with two hundred additional patients on their hands, there was only two thousand dollars more appropriation asked for in all than was given in 1880-81. He said there were now 683 insane in the jails, poor houses and private families in the State.

Mr. Webb believed that the Asylum should be finished, but these appropriations had been used in the canvass in his county and were made a party issue; it did seem to him that \$25,000 a year ought to complete it. The previous question was called. Mr. Webb's amendment to strike out \$35,000 and insert \$25,000 was voted on. Mr. Pemberton asked the yeas and nays. Ordered. Yeas 7, nays 33. So the amendment was not adopted.

The question then came up on the amendment of Mr. Pemberton to strike out \$58,000 to the Asylum here and make it \$50,000, and Mr. Dotson's amendment to that to make it \$35,000. Amendments voted down. The question then came up on the bill. Mr. Evans said as he could not tell how soon he might have to go there himself, he should vote for the appropriations. The vote stood—yeas 33, nays 8. So the bill passed its second reading.

Mr. Hill offered an amendment that \$58,000 to the Asylum here be struck out and \$50,000 inserted. Just here the hour of ten arriving, the appropriation bill for the Deaf and Mute Asylum was made the special order for tomorrow night, and the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. NIGHT SESSION. TUESDAY, Feb. 27.

The special order, the Parker-Peebles election case, was taken up. The majority report of the committee on privileges and elections was submitted by Mr. McLeod.

The minority report of the committee was submitted by Mr. Simmons. On the resolution of the majority, that Parker was entitled to the seat, the vote stood: Yeas 88, nays 14. Mr. Parker came forward, qualified and took his seat.

SENATE. FORTY-NINTH DAY. WEDNESDAY, Feb. 28.

Mr. Toon, to amend section 1, chapter 150, laws of 1881, relative to the entry of land in Columbus county belonging to the literary board. Mr. Berry, to amend the law relative to the appointment of trustees, THE INSANE ASYLUMS.

Bill making appropriations to the insane asylum of the State came up as unfinished business of last night. Mr. Boykin called the previous question. Mr. Hill's amendment to strike out \$58,000 and insert \$50,000 was voted down. The bill passed third reading.

Bill to enable the people of Cumberland county to establish a free bridge over the Cape Fear river passed third reading—yeas 36, nays 0. Bill to authorize the establishment of graded schools in the State. Mr. Pemberton explained the objects of this bill, saying it was intended to meet the wants of the cities and towns that had no graded schools. The bill provides that 100 tax-paying citizens, one-fourth of whom shall be freeholders, may petition the board of commissioners, who may order election. It provides for election of trustees of such schools, and limits special assessments to one-fourth of one per cent, and seventh-fifths cents on poll. The bill passed its third reading. Yeas 28, nays none. Bill concerning the inspection of timber in the city of Wilmington.

Passed its third reading. This was Mr. Boykin's bill. NINE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS. The President announced that the hour of 11 a. m. for the special order had arrived, it being the bill to divide the State into nine Congressional districts. Passed its third reading.

INJURIES BY CARS. Bill to prevent negligence about railroad cars, and to protect persons from injuries by the cars. Mr. Linney explained that under the bill, idle and mischievous persons, boys, &c., who should hang around a train of cars, on the platform, &c., after once forbidden could be fined \$10, before a justice of the peace. Bill passed third reading.

Bill for the sale of the State's interest in the Western North Carolina Railroad. Mr. Morehead said he saw no chance for adjourning next Monday; that this was a very important bill, and moved it be printed, including the report of the committee. So ordered.

Bill to incorporate Black Mountain Railway Company. Passed third reading. Bill to protect the rice plantations of Eagle Island in Brunswick county. Passed third reading.

CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS. Mr. Loftin's bill, entitling Confederate soldiers to the benefit of the act passed, giving those of them who had lost eyes, hands or feet, \$5 a month from the date the act was ratified in 1876, passed third reading. Bill supplemental to act at present session making February and August terms exclusively for trial of civil causes, allowing jail deliveries at these terms, passed third reading.

THE STATE GUARD. Bill for the encouragement and support of the State Guard. (Mr. Dorch's bill.) Authorizes the Governor to pay \$150 a year to each active company; not to exceed 25 companies in the State; the Adjutant General to be appointed by the Governor; and gives him a salary of six hundred dollars. Mr. Lovell opposed the bill; the appropriation would be over four thousand dollars, and was almost useless. Mr. Purnell offered an amendment to make more colonels. Voted down. Previous question called.

Vote stood—yeas 13, nays 17; so the bill passed second reading and then passed third reading. Bill to amend section 2, chapter 337, laws of 1879. Modifies the law relative to freights. Passed third reading. Bill to incorporate the Southern Bonanza Gold Mining Company of North Carolina passed third reading.

Bill as to conditional sales, requiring they shall be in writing and registered as mortgages, passed third reading. Bill to throw the State lands into the Board of Education, so that they could sell them, passed third reading. Bill to secure creditors a just division of the estates of debtors; substitute from the committee adopted, and the bill passed third reading.

Mr. Dorch's bill against allowing free passes came up. Many Senators notified the Chair of amendments. Mr. Morehead offered an amendment to strike out section 1. Mr. Scott, of New Hanover, moved to table the bill.

Mr. Dorch asked the yeas and nays on Mr. Morehead's amendment. Ordered. Yeas 24, nays 16; so the amendment to strike out section 1 was adopted. Mr. Cozart offered an amendment that the act should apply to all editors except the editors of religious newspapers. Mr. Linney took the floor and was speaking in favor of the bill when the hour for adjournment arrived, two o'clock, at which hour the Senate the other day resolved unanimously that a recess should be taken every day until seven at night.

DISCUSSION OF MR. DORCH'S BILL AGAINST FREE PASSES WAS RESUMED. Mr. Payne offered a substitute. Mr. Watson offered an amendment, making any one receiving a free pass indictable. This was adopted, yeas 23, nays 20. Mr. Watson's amendment that the act shall be in force from and after its ratification was adopted—yeas 37, nays 6. Sundry other amendments were adopted. Mr. Payne's substitute was put to a vote and lost.

The question recurred on the passage of the original bill. There was a lively time, in explanations of votes, &c. The vote stood—yeas 34, nays 12. So the bill passed its second reading. On the third reading more amendments poured in, and pending discussions, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. WEDNESDAY, Feb. 28.

Mr. Page, of Jones, to empower the proper authorities of Jones county to assign hands to work on Trent river in said county. CALENDAR. Upon motion, the bill to amend chapter 58, laws of 1870-'71 and '79, was taken up and passed its several readings; also the bill to consolidate the insurance laws of North Carolina.

RAILROAD COMMISSION.

An act to create a railroad commission was taken up. A great many amendments were offered, and pending their discussion the hour for the second special order occurred, and the further consideration of this bill was dispensed with to take up the second special order, bill for the revision and consolidation of the public and general acts of North Carolina, known as the Code.

On motion this was postponed until 7:30, and the House resumed the discussion of the railroad commission bill. Mr. Forbis moved to lay upon the table, and take up the minority report of the joint committee of the Senate and House. The motion prevailed, and Mr. Forbis offered amendments which, if adopted, he had assurances from Senators would pass at body.

The amendments provide for the election of the commissioners for two years instead of four years; make changes in rates when deemed necessary. The salaries of commissioners and clerk are \$1,500 each. Both political parties are to be represented in the commission (commission to meet once a month). Mr. Tate offered a substitute, which he said had been submitted to some of the ablest lawyers in the State. There was no doubt as to the power of the Legislature to enforce the provisions of this bill.

Pending discussion the House adjourned. SENATE. NIGHT SESSION. February 28. Senate met at 7:30. Bill against free passes came up as unfinished business of this morning. Mr. Watson's was the first amendment pending. There was another amendment of Mr. Watson's making it unlawful for any legislative, judicial or executive officer, etc., to receive a pass.

Mr. Payne sent forward a substitute to strike out all after the enacting clause and insert: "That hereafter all judges of the Supreme and Superior Courts in this State, solicitors, State officers and members of the General Assembly shall in addition to their oath of office take the following: I—do solemnly swear that I will not receive any gift, gratuity or free pass over any railroad, steamboat, etc., etc." Mr. Linney continued his speech of this morning in behalf of the bill. He believed he would favor Mr. Payne's substitute, he wanted hereafter to find no judge on the bench with a free pass in his pocket.

Mr. Watson's amendment to make any man receiving a free pass indictable, came up. The yeas and nays were called. The vote was taken. Yeas 23, nays 20, so the amendment was adopted. Mr. Watson's amendment as to misdemeanor on railroads for granting such passes, on vote. Mr. Cahoon asked for the yeas and nays. Ordered. Yeas 19, nays 22.

Mr. Watson's amendment that this act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Yeas 37, nays 6, so the amendment was adopted. Mr. Cozart said he would withdraw his amendment as to editors; it was only a joke. The Senate objected to withdrawing. [It exempts religious editors.] Mr. Strayhorn asked the yeas and nays. Ordered. The vote was called. Mr. Strayhorn said believing that the press was as much influenced by free passes as the Legislature he should vote aye.

Mr. Evans said if the gentleman who offered that amendment would assure him that he did not have a free pass in his pocket at the time, he believed he would vote for it. Mr. Cozart said he had one, and Mr. Evans said he would vote no. The vote stood yeas 30, nays 12, so the amendment was adopted.

On the amendment not to apply the act to any president or superintendent of railroad company, the yeas and nays were called—yeas 12, nays 22, so the amendment was lost. Mr. Jones' amendment, not to contribute money for the use of any political party was adopted. Mr. Mcbane's amendment that all members of this General Assembly who have used such passes shall surrender them up to the President of the Senate, and pay over to the different corporations the amount of traveling they have done on them this session in money. The yeas and nays were called, which resulted as follows: Yeas 35, nays 6. So the amendment was adopted.

The question was then on Mr. Payne's substitute. Voted down. The question then came up on the bill on its second reading. Mr. Strayhorn asked the yeas and nays. Ordered. The vote stood: Yeas 34, nays 12, so the bill passed second reading. Mr. Cahoon offered an amendment that no vehicle should give any person a free ride going to or coming from an election, or any political or public occasion, or in any way. Yeas and nays were called. The vote stood: Yeas 15, nays 24, so the amendment was not adopted.

Mr. Webb's amendment that the act shall apply to all county commissioners in the various counties in the State. Mr. Mcbane's amendment also to magistrates and ministers of the gospel. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THURSDAY EVENING, Feb. 28. Bill to liquidate the debt of the county of Bladen. Passed its third reading. To change the corporate limits of the town of Jacksonville, in Onslow county. Passed its third reading. To incorporate the Tar River Transportation Co. Passed its third reading.

To establish a graded school in Lumberton school district No. 70, in the county of Robeson. To prohibit the use of nets and set down seines or placing fish traps in the waters of Masonboro and Myrtle Grove Sounds, in New Hanover county. Passed its third reading. Act to regulate and repair public bridges in Onslow county. Passed third reading.

To prevent the felling of timber and trees in Helso and Cole Swamp, in Duplin county. Passed its third reading. In reference to the town of Wilmington, passed third reading. Act to incorporate the Yarkin Falls Manufacturing Company, county of Stanly, passed third reading. An act to establish a mortuary table, passed third reading. To provide for the working of the Wilmington and Whiteville road in Columbus county. Third reading. To incorporate Big American Reduction Company. Third reading. To incorporate Mt. Holly Manufacturing Company in Gaston county. Third reading.

SENATE. THURSDAY, March 1. Mr. Cahoon, resolution on adjournment, fixing the day on Saturday, March 10th at 12 M. FREE PASSES. Bill against free passes came up as the unfinished business of last night. The previous question was called. Mr. Webb's amendment that this act should apply to all the county commissioners in the State was on vote. The vote stood—yeas 22, nays 24. So the amendment was not adopted. Mr. Toon's amendment to strike out section 4, as to making it unlawful to give any person money to pay his way to political conventions, &c. Mr. Dorch asked the yeas and nays. Ordered—yeas 11, nays 26. So it was not adopted.

The question then was on the passage of the bill, on which the yeas and nays were ordered. The vote stood—yeas 27, nays 17. DEAF, DUMB AND BLIND INSTITUTIONS. The bill for the appropriation to the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum—substitute from the committee adopted. The Senate concurred in the engrossed House amendments to the insurance laws of North Carolina. ROANOKE NAVIGATION COMPANY. Bill to promote the objects of the Roanoke Navigation & Water Power Company, which gives the company the use of the waters in said river, (Wm. Mahone and others being the incorporators). Mr. Scott said the amendment offered by the Senator from Forsyth provided that the stock of the county should be exempt from taxation. Am opposed to this. We have refused exactly to give this exemption to other companies. Mr. Watson's position on the bill was to tax the property and not the shares. Mr. Morehead read from the acts of 1812, and showed that the purchasers bought only certain rights of navigation and not of manufacturing.

Mr. Watson's amendments as a substitute for the committee's amendments were adopted. Mr. Cahoon's amendment not to divert the course of the river to the injury of the mills on the Northampton side was adopted. The bill then passed its third reading. Bill for the relief of the creditors of the former town of Fayetteville and for other purposes. Mr. Boykin explained the nature of the bill, and stated that with one exception the terms of the bill as he was informed had been agreed upon. Bill passed second reading. Bill for the benefit of the farmers of Gray's Creek township, in Cumberland county. Mr. Boykin explained that the bill was satisfactory to the committee, and it passed third reading. Bill to provide a great seal for the State, &c., passed third reading. Bill to incorporate the Tar River Transportation Co., passed third reading. Bill to incorporate the Weldon and Garysburg Road, Bridge and Ferry Company. Mr. Goodwyn explained the bill and it passed third reading. Bill supplemental to an act to incorporate the Newton Cotton Mills, in Catawba. Passed its third reading. Bill to provide for the erection of an iron fence around the Caswell monument at Kinston. Bill passed its third reading. Bill to amend the law preventing live stock from running at large in the counties of Greene and Lenoir, passed third reading. Bill to amend the laws relating to Richmond College, in the town of Rockingham, passed third reading.

NIGHT SESSION. Bill extending aid for the drainage of swamp lands in Duplin and Bladen caused much discussion. An amendment that bill not go into effect unless the title of the Board of Education to 44,000 acres of land is undisputed, was adopted. The bill passed second reading, yeas 32, nays 7, and then passed third reading. [CONTINUED ON FOURTH PAGE.]