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never far until they went there to take a whack at making the laws for the State, about which, as a whole, some of them are as ignorant as they are about the interior of Africa. North Carolina is a large State, with a stretch of four hundred and fifty miles from East to West. Until the completion of the Western North Carolina Railroad there was but little travelling from the East to the West, or from the West to the East, but little mingling of the people of the different sections, and but little knowledge save what was gathered by reading or conversation with those who had travelled in one or both sections. There is more now, but not half as much as there should be, especially by those who are delegated to make the laws for all sections of the State, laws which affect alike the people of the East, the Center and the West.

As a matter of fact much of the time of one Legislature in this and in other States is taken up in repealing laws passed by a preceding Legislature, some of which were passed for want of better information on the subjects legislated upon, and of the needs and condition of the people for whom the legislating was done.

The solons now at Raleigh have fixed up a scheme for county government, for which some of them are howling, and yet they do not seem to realize that a system of government which would suit one section of the State very well would be ruinous to another section. If the statesmen from the highlands would pick up their grip-sacks and sojourn in the East for a while and keep their eyes open they might learn something and form a better conception of what should be done, or not be done, in breaking up established systems and attempting new ones, and they would understand, too, why the white people of the East stand together, and maybe realize the iniquity of the schemes they advocate in depriving the white people of the East of the means of self protection.

As they all can't travel and acquire education in that way the next best thing the solons can do is to visit the exhibitions held in the respective portions of the State and thus come into contact with the people and learn something of the resources as seen in the various exhibits made.

An impression prevails to a large extent in other portions of the State that the productive capacity of Eastern North Carolina is confined to pitch, tar, turpentine, lumber, cotton, peanuts, fish, oysters, soft shell crabs, mosquitoes and sand-fiddlers. Generally when the fellows from the West come to the seashore for the first time they spend the first three days chasing sand-fiddlers, which in turn have a good deal of fun watching the manoeuvres of the awkward fellows who are trying to catch them and hardly ever do it.

These Western statesmen who visited the Newbern Fair might not have been surprised at the exhibits of fish and wild fowl, for they naturally expected these, but we will venture to say that the exhibits of live stock, poultry, dairy products, corn, potatoes (Irish and sweet), turnips, cabbages and other products of the farm, were a revelation to most of them. These would have opened their eyes to what Eastern North Carolina can do and is doing in the way of growing food products, and they could have seen there in preserved form some of the luscious fruits which grow in such abundance and to such perfection in this section of the State.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

THE HOUSE ADJOURNED AT TWO O'CLOCK IN RESPECT TO THE MEMORY OF FRED DOUGLASS.

All the Democrats Voted Against Adoption of the Resolution—Bill Passed by a Large Majority.

The Senate met at 11 o'clock this morning; and prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Ammons of the Senate. The journal was read and approved.

Mr. Long presented a petition asking for a new ferry near Piraway.

Mr. Lindsey, a petition from citizens of Lickville, asking that they be allowed to issue town bonds.

Mr. Adams, a petition from citizens of Cumberland county, asking for the incorporation of Rock Springs Church.

Mr. Westmoreland introduced a bill to reenact chapter 327, of the Laws of 1893; also, a bill to incorporate the town of Adams, in North Carolina.

Mr. White, a bill for the relief of Dr. Horton, of Wilkes county.

Mr. White, a bill to amend the Code regarding the Pharmaceutical Association.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Julian, bill to incorporate Eldora Mining Company.

Mr. Taylor, bill to establish stock law in Cross Creek township, Cumberland county.

Mr. Lincey, bill to regulate the sale of liquor in North Carolina.

Mr. Aiken, bill to construct roads in Jackson and Transylvania counties.

Mr. Self, bill for the relief of the late sheriff of Harnett county.

Mr. Turner, of Mitchell, bill to protect deer and other animals in Mitchell county.

Mr. Henderson, bill to prohibit the sale of liquor near Pleasant Grove Church, Burke county.

Mr. McCall, bill to change the time of holding terms of Superior Court in the counties of Gaston, Mecklenburg and Shelby.

BILLS ON THEIR PASSAGE.

Bill to amend the charter of Gastonia. Passed second reading, placed on calendar.

Bill to extend corporate limits of Grifton. Passed second reading. Calendar.

Bill to incorporate Wake Banking and Security Company. Passed third reading.

Bill to incorporate the town of Columbus, Polk county. Passed second reading.

Bill to incorporate the Roanoke Railway & Bridge Company. Second reading. Calendar.

Bill to incorporate the Newbern Gas Light Company. Passed third reading.

Bill to charter the Morganton & Shelby Railway Company. Passed second reading. Calendar.

Bill to authorize the commissioners of Graham county to levy a special tax to build a jail and court house. Passed third reading.

MINOR MENTION.

The North Carolina Legislature as at present constituted has never stood very high in the estimation of the intelligent people of North Carolina but it dropped several degrees below zero Thursday afternoon when the House of Representatives adopted a resolution, offered by a colored member from Granville county, to adjourn on Friday out of respect to the memory of Fred Douglass, the half breed, who had too much white blood in him to be a representative negro and too much black blood to be classed as white.

That he looked down upon his own race is shown by the fact that he married a white woman, and associated as much as possible with white people. It is surprising that a Legislature composed mainly of white men should have adjourned out of respect to the memory of this man, and scarcely less surprising that a self-respecting negro who knew anything about him should have offered such a resolution, for while ostensibly espousing the cause of the negro, and never letting slip the opportunity to widen the breach between the races by attempting to force his own race to the front, he kept a sharp lookout for the interests of Fred Douglass, and he feathered his nest well.

He profited by his championship, for years held lucrative Federal offices, and was at his death one of the wealthiest colored men in this country. He was in some respects an able man, and might have been much more useful to his race for which he spoke if he had thought more of them and less of his own interests.

There are plenty of negroes living and dead who are and were more creditable representatives of that race than he was, and more entitled to his admiration. He excelled the average intelligent negro only in being moreable. The same House of Representatives, composed mainly of white men, who adjourned to honor the memory of this man, refused to adjourn to do honor to the memory of Robert E. Lee and of George Washington.

And yet it claims to be a body representative of the people of North Carolina. What can be expected from men, calling themselves white, who show respect for the memory of Fred Douglass while refusing to honor the memory of the two greatest Americans, Washington and Lee? If they had only degraded themselves it wouldn't have mattered so much, but such action brings disgrace upon the State among people who do not know what this Legislature is composed of; but it is a disgrace to the State that men who voted for that resolution could be elected to anything.

THE OTHER HALF SHOULD HAVE GONE.

One half the House of Representatives of this State were at the Newbern Fair, Game and Poultry exposition last Thursday. The other half should have gone, too, for then they would have escaped the shameful show they made of themselves in voting for that resolution to adjourn to do honor to the memory of Fred Douglass. The probabilities are that the majority of the gang who, under the spur of the negro who sprung that resolution on them, didn't have the nerve to vote it down, as they had previously voted resolutions to honor the birthdays of the immortal Washington and Lee, wished they were at Newbern out in the woods when that vote was taken, and they saw the indignation it aroused in the decent, self-respecting white people of the State. This was written of course, on the presumption that they are not lost to a sense of shame, and do not enjoy making themselves contemptible.

FRENCH CHEMISTS ARE NOW MAKING AN IMITATION OF GOLD OUT OF 94 PARTS OF COPPER AND 6 PARTS OF ANTIMONY, WHICH WHEN POLISHED UP RESEMBLES GOLD SO MUCH THAT IT ISN'T EASY TO TELL THEM APART. IT CAN BE DRAWN, WROUGHT AND SOLDERED LIKE GOLD, AND CAN BE MANUFACTURED AT ABOUT 25 CENTS A POUND.

Prof. H. G. Seawell of Carthage, N. C., was in the city yesterday.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House met at 10 o'clock, the Speaker in the chair, and prayer by Rev. Dr. Hoover of the Senate.

Mr. Lawrence, petition against shipping logs out of the State.

Mr. Abbott, petitions in regard to dutch nets, and the dredge law.

Mr. Duffy, petition in regard to fishing in New River.

Mr. Gallop, petition to modify laws as to drainage.

Mr. Bean, memorial to create the office of State geologist.

Mr. Ruy, bill to amend section 1008 of the Code.

Mr. Higgins, bill for relief of John Holden.

Mr. Lawrence, bill to extend time of collecting taxes in Martin county.

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Mr. Hilerman, petition of citizens of Concord to allow an increased tax in said town and to require the convicts to work within the corporate limits.

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