

THE ANTI-TRUST BILL

Only Six Votes Against the Measure On Its Passage in the House.

PENITENTIARY BILL PASSED.

Formal Impeachment of Judge Norwood for High Crimes and Misdemeanors. Supreme Court—Licenses to Practice Law Granted.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C. February 13.—Though attendance of members on the Legislature to-day was very light, much work was done. Night sessions of the House began permanently to-night, there being about three hundred bills on the calendar.

At the morning session the House passed the Stevens Anti-Trust bill, only six votes being cast against it. To-night a bill was passed requiring all applicants for license to practice medicine to show a diploma from some reputable medical college, having three years' course. This bill had already passed the Senate.

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Special tax bills were introduced for Beaufort county, Nash and Graham, and for Fayetteville and Raleigh. Bills were passed: To give Perquimans two additional commissioners; to change the name of Ashpole to Union City; to put the school for the deaf at Morganton under Democratic control; to pay W. L. Norwood \$588 cash salary; to appoint new directors for the colored normal school at Franklin; to incorporate the North Carolina Society of the Cincinnati; to incorporate the North State Electrical Company; to ask Congress to have money loaned by negroes in the Freedman's Savings Bank returned to them; to reduce by 25 per cent. the tolls of the Brunswick Bridge and Ferry Company; to prevent shooting duck over decoys in Currituck from March 31st to November 10th.

Norwood's Impeachment.

At 12:30 Messrs. Craig, Foushee and Allen, the impeachment committee, received from the Speaker their commission, and proceeded to the Senate as directed in the resolution adopted Saturday, and before the bar of the Senate impeached W. L. Norwood in the name of the people of the State, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

In the Senate.

In the Senate bills were passed: To levy a special tax in Allegheny county; to appoint additional commissioners in Wilkes; to prevent fast driving in Pamlico; to regulate commissions of commission merchants; to fix February 16th for election of directors of the Morganton school for the deaf; to increase the number of commissioners for New Hanover.

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Senator Justice made a motion that the joint session continue, in order that the report of the committee in the case of the removal of the Wilsons, as railroad commissioners, might be heard. Senator Osborne presented the report. The report sets forth that the committee had called on the Governor for his evidence and reasons, and that in response he had furnished names of certain witnesses; that as a matter of law the committee did not sit in review of the Governor, but as to whether either of the commissioners was disqualified; that the committee recognized that the Governor had no right to summon any witnesses and depended upon hearsay, while the committee took evidence in open session. The only ground for the removal was in messages of the Governor, which were filed as part of the report of the committee. All this was read, the report being voluminous. The committee finds that the giving of mortgages to Col. Andrews by Major Wilson is not such as to make disqualification, as Col. Andrews is amply protected by mortgage and by collateral, and that it is not in violation of the railway commission act, and is not of a character to put Maj. Wilson in Col. Andrews' power in any way. As to Round Knob Hotel, the new character of it by Maj. Wilson is not of a character to violate the commission act. Letters written in 1886 showed that he declined to enter into an arrangement to make the hotel an eating house, and he did not use influence to have the hotel opened as an eating house. He sold all his interest in the hotel of R. W. Brown, to whom it was mortgaged for full value. The committee finds that Major Wilson's family did not ride on free passes; that he used passes to save the State expense, and did not therefore take an allowance for railway travel. It is further found, that he had no express or telegraph franks. It was also found that he was blameless as to asking special rates on mixed freight for Otho Wilson from Raleigh to Round Knob, other such rates having been granted, and acquits Major Wilson of any improper intent. The committee thus finding in favor of Major Wilson, recommends that he vote be reinstated and his past salary paid.

As to Otho Wilson, he was similarly exonerated, and the report finds him not responsible on his part; that the leasing of a hotel beside the railway was not such an interest as is prohibited by the Railway Commission act; that he be reinstated and be given back salary.

Senator Ward moved that 500 copies of the report be printed, and that the matter be made the special order at a joint session of the two houses next Tuesday. After considerable debate the bill was adopted.

White, of Davie said, as there was public rumor as to the matter he had offered the resolution, without prejudice or malice. He asked leave to withdraw, saying that after full evidence it was shown that there was no foundation for rumors. He further asked that the entire matter be expunged from the record. His requests were complied with.

Bills were introduced as follows:

To prevent minors from congregating in bar-rooms and to prevent bar-keepers from giving free lunches. To enforce the collection of taxes upon lands sold for taxes. To charter the Western North Carolina Medical College at Pilot Mountain. To amend the law regarding warehousemen. To regulate fishing in Albemarle Sound, by amending the act of 1895. To establish a dispensary at Lexington. To repeal Wilson's county road law. To amend the charter of Monroe. To allow the penitentiary to complete the Quaker Bridge road in Onslow and Jones counties; \$5,000 has been expended on this road, but it has never been completed; it runs through the State swamp lands. To incorporate the Atlantic & Yadkin Railway; this corporation is the successor of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad Company, Warren G. Elliott, Harry Walters, T. M. Emerson and John G. Foster are incorporators. To limit time of attorney's speeches, save in capital cases. To make Labor Day a holiday. To direct the State Treasurer to pay pensions quarterly.

Bills passed third reading: To allow Morganton to establish graded schools. To amend charter of Mount Olive. To

incorporate the North Carolina Mutual and Provident Association.

To authorize prohibition of sale of liquor in Columbus and provide a dispensary at Whiteville.

Bills passed as follows: To improve roads of New Hanover; to authorize Clay and Pitt counties to levy a special tax.

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