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LOCAL MATTER.

E. C. WOODSON, Editor.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE CURRENCY.—The following resolution introduced by Senator Humphrey, several days ago, was reported from the Committee favorably yesterday:

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the General Assembly, the financial troubles of this country, which have paralyzed all business, is attributed to excess in legislation upon the subject of banking and currency, and that the National Congress has the power to regulate currency; therefore, *Resolved by the General Assembly of North Carolina*, That the Senators and Representatives from North Carolina in the Congress of the United States be requested to use their influence in securing such legislation as will satisfy the people of this State that we are in favor of the repeal of all usury laws; of paying taxes in a legitimate currency, and prohibiting the banks from paying interest on deposits, or money allowed, restricted to a rate not exceeding one-half of the rate now allowed by law to be allowed by law to other lenders; and whereas the increased demands for money, coupled with the uses and demands for money produces such stringency in money matters as to enable the money lenders to exact usurious rates of from twelve to twenty per cent. per annum, the General Assembly in the exercise of its discretion, sees no hope of relief except in an expansion of the currency, which is imperatively needed; therefore,

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress are requested to use their influence for an act of Congress authorizing the issue of four hundred millions of legal tender Treasury notes of the government, bearing no interest, and that the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized and directed to use the same in taking up outstanding bonds of the government. That, in the event of a redundancy of the currency, authority to issue bonds of the government for absorption, bearing a low rate of interest and payable at the option of the government.

A MERITED COMPLIMENT.—The following deserved compliment to Hon. James L. Robinson, of Macon, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the present General Assembly, we find in the last issue of that able paper, the Hillsboro *Recorder*. We reproduce it with peculiar pleasure, for we know that the high compliment paid to Mr. Robinson is nothing exaggerated but is only that gentleman's due:

"The presiding officer of the House of Representatives is always a man of mark in that body. It is no trifling qualification of brain, of nerve and of integrity that fitting for that position. Popular election is a mark of trust that is only won by well tried tests of merit, and few men have reached it without passing through the severest ordeal of proof. When the distinction is won it is evidence that it is deserved, and there are few instances of bad judgment or misplaced confidence in the body which confers the honor.

"The present House has maintained its traditional sagacity in the choice of Speaker Robinson. A second session of service confirms the wisdom of its selection, and develops more clearly the excellences which first recommended him. In knowledge of parliamentary law he is without a rival, and in clearness of apprehension and promptness of decision he could scarcely have a superior. All feel the urbanity of his rule, and all admit the perfect impartiality of his decisions.

"Mr. Robinson is yet young, a great favorite in the west, as he is with his party everywhere, and has, we hope, many years of honor and distinction before him."

A. E. HENDERSON, ESQ.—The following communication has been sent us from Oxford in regard to the above named gentleman, who succeeds Messrs. Horner & Graves in the conduct of the well known school there:

[For the News.

Oxford has ever been famous for the superiority of its schools and the invigorating healthfulness of its climate. For these reasons it has received a liberal share of patronage from the eastern portion of the State. Some, doubtless, sending their sons and daughters here for either one or the other of the advantages named, and, in many cases on account of both. We are gratified to state that Mr. A. E. Henderson, a gentleman of culture and talents, will succeed Messrs. Horner & Graves. He has rented Mr. Horner's private residence near the Academy, and will be prepared to take boarders in his family. Mr. Henderson's experience and qualifications render it certain that he will discharge his duties faithfully and efficiently. Mr. Henderson formerly taught as principal of Dan River Institute, and the Board of Trustees for the same used the following complimentary language in a published circular:

"The session of this Institution having closed, the Trustees would avail themselves of this method of renewing the expression of their high appreciation of the Principal, Mr. A. E. Henderson, whose success in the thoroughness of instruction and admirable discipline, justify them in commending the school to the friends of education, as affording very superior advantages."

Mr. Henderson is a grandson of the late distinguished Judge Henderson, and is of a family that has left the impress of its intellect on the history of several of the States, and of the United States. To parents and guardians we would say, you can safely patronize the Oxford Academy with satisfactory results while he is chief at the helm. X. Y. Z.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING TO THE OXFORD ORPHAN ASYLUM.—Yesterter Mrs. J. P. Adams, of this city, left at this office a handsome bed-quilt to be forwarded to the Orphan Asylum at Oxford as a Christmas offering. We hope that many of our people will follow Mrs. Adams' example, and that by the coming of that holy day large lots of useful articles will be forwarded from this place to be devoted to the same charitable end. Would it not be well to send the little ones at this institution some presents, suitable to their ages, in order that their little hearts may be gladdened on this day of universal joy?

LEGISLATURE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

EIGHTEENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SENATE.

NIGHT SESSION.

MONDAY, Dec. 8, 1873.

Senate met at 7½ o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Worth, the

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was taken up, action on the bill of Mr. Morehead, the pending question being on the third reading of the bill, with no less speaking than twenty amendments.

Senate bill to incorporate and construct a turnpike from Asheville to Mt. Airy via Rockford Springs.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, an amendment was adopted striking out the provision allowing the convict labor to work on the road, and the bill passed its several readings.

Senate bill 32, to, to amend the [illegible]

Senate bill No. 41, to incorporate Burn Lodge No. 171, I. O. O. F., of Newbern, passed its several readings.

Senate bill No. 67, bill for the relief of the sureties of J. L. High, former Sheriff of Graham county, who was recently convicted of counterfeiting and sent to the Albany Penitentiary, passed its several readings.

House bill No. 13 Senate bill 68, to prevent the felling of trees in Richland Creek, between Carter's Mill and the mouth of said creek, passed its second reading and recommitted to the Judiciary Committee.

Senate bill No. —, to exempt the citizens of Graham county from paying toll over the Cherokee turnpike road.

Mr. Gudger moved to amend by exempting all the people in the State from paying toll on this road.

The bill as amended passed its readings.

Senate bill No 86, to amend the charter of the Wilmington Seaside Railroad, passed its several readings.

House bill to incorporate Sharon Camp Ground, in Cleveland county, passed its several readings.

Senate bill No. 9, to incorporate the Cross Creek Cemetery Company, of Fayetteville, passed its several readings.

Senate bill to incorporate Athenea Lodge, No. 8, Knights of Pythias, of Newbern, passed its readings.

Senate bill concerning Clover Hill Camp Ground in Cleveland county, and to authorize a Board of Trustees thereof, passed its readings.

House bill to amend the charter of the town of Lumberton, extending the limits of the town and for other purposes, passed its readings.

Miscellaneous.

Mr. Murphy introduced a bill to amend Private laws 1872-'73, chapter 39 sections 6 and 10. Referred to Committee on Banks and Currency.

Mr. McCauley introduced a bill to repeal chapter 248 of the Code of Civil Procedure, chapter 18 Battle's Revisal. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Mr. Morehead, of Guilford, the vote by which the resolution in regard to completing Hawk's History of North Carolina was reconsidered.

A communication was received by the President and read, from the Committee of the Cape Fear Agricultural Society, inviting the President to visit the Wilmington Fair.

On motion, the President was requested to acknowledge the invitation, &c.

SENATE.

NINETEENTH DAYS PROCEEDINGS.

Tuesday, Dec. 9.

The Senate met at 11 o'clock, Lieut. Gov. Brogden in the chair.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Mr. Cowles asked if his name was reported as voting on the resolution in regard to the back salary grab, as he discovered from the report in the NEWS that his name was not reported. The reporter of that paper, though, had stated to him that on account of the night session he was unable to correct his proof and several errors had crept in his report.

Mr. Cunningham stated that he was unavoidably absent from his seat yesterday when the vote occurred on the back pay resolution. He desired to show his condemnation of this act by recording his vote in the affirmative on the passage of the resolution, and in the negative on the amendment to strike out that portion of the resolution censuring the President.

Mr. McCauly stated that the NEWS had reported his position on the resolution incorrectly, and desired to know if he was correctly reported on the journal.

Reports from Standing Committees were submitted as follows: Messrs. Allen, Morehead, of Guilford, Grandy, Gudger and Todd, from the Judiciary; Mr. Love, from Propositions and Grievances, Mr. Norwood from the Agricultural, Mr. Murray from Engrossed bills, Mr. Todd from Enrolled bills, Mr. Cramer from Committee on Enrolled bills, and Mr. Price from the Judiciary.

Introduction of Bills.

By Mr Allen, a bill to lay off and establish a new county by the name of Morehead from a portion of Granville, Franklin and Orange counties. The bill and accompanying petition referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

By Mr. Welch, a bill to establish a new county by the name of Bragg. Referred to Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

By Mr. McCabe, a bill to authorize the late Sheriff of Edgecombe county, W. A. Wright to collect arrearages of taxes for that county. Referred to Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

By Mr. Todd, a bill to cure certain defects in jurisdiction in certain cases. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Ellis, of Columbus, a bill to amend sec's. 264, 265, 272, 273 of the Code of Civil Procedure. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. McCabe, a bill to provide for filling vacancies in the office of County Surveyor. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Allen introduced a supplement to the bill offered by himself to establish the new county of *Morehead*.

Special Order.

At 12 o'clock the bill to prevent fraud in the sale of Commercial Fertilizers on its third reading was announced as the special order.

Mr. Norwood in advocating the passage of the bill referred to the large trade of North Carolina in fertilizers and of the large amount expended for this commodity annually. From a report made at the last meeting of the State Agricultural Society it was shown that a certain brand of fertilizers, for which thousands of dollars had been paid, contained over 60 per cent of pure sand. The farmers could not avoid this imposition, and this act would provide for a remedy for the evil. The act of 1871-2 was not adequate to the purposes and the committee thought proper to substitute this bill for it. He referred to the act spoken of, and comparing the two, showed the difference in their effect and operation.

Mr. Cowles objected to the 8th section of the bill that provides a fee of $15 for the State Geologist on each analysis, and offered an amendment that the fee should be applied to the Educational fund of the State.

Mr. Murphy opposed the amendment, arguing from a scientific point that the chemical preparations required to make this analysis would cost the State Geologist more than the sum of $15.

Mr. Norwood said that he was informed by the Geologist that he would be compelled to employ a chemist who would operate under his own direction to make this analysis.

Mr. Love called the previous question on the passage of the bill, which being sustained, the amendment of Mr. Cowles was voted upon and lost.

The question recurring upon the passage of the bill, it passed by 29 ayes to nays none.

The bill to amend chapter 101, private laws of 1870-'71, being "an act appointing a Weigher of Cotton and Inspector of flour and salt fish for the City of Raleigh," came up as the special order for 12½ o'clock.

After considerable discussion, the special order was postponed till Tuesday next at 12 o'clock.

Rules Suspended.

Under a suspension of the rules, the House resolution for the relief of John M. Young, Sheriff of Buncombe county, allowing him till the 1st of January to settle with the State Treasurer, was taken up and passed its several readings.

On motion of Senator Harriss, the vote on the passage of the resolution was reconsidered and that motion laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Cunningham, the bill to incorporate the North Carolina Immigration Society, at Warrenton, was taken up under a suspension of the rules and passed its several readings.

On motion of Mr. Grandy the rules were suspended and the resolution in favor of the Sheriff of Gates county taken up and passed its readings.

Calendar.

The resolution of Senator Eppes, in regard to civil rights, came up, and on his motion, was made special order for Wednesday next.

The bill to authorize the issue of bonds for the purpose of raising funds to build a railroad from Hickory to Lincolnton came up on its third reading, and passed by 27 ayes.

The bill supplemental to, and explanatory of all acts of incorporations passed by the present General Assembly passed its second reading.

The bill to prevent flogging and whipping in the penitentiary, prisons or workhouses, was next taken up.

Mr. Worth moved to lay on the table.

Harris called for the ayes and nays.

The call was sustained, and the motion of Mr. Worth prevailed by a vote of 19 ayes to 15 nays.

Senator H., in explaining his vote in the affirmative, stated that he only did so for the purpose of calling for a reconsideration, as he desired to make some remarks on the bill, and was cut off by the motion of the Senator from Randolph to lay on the table.

Miscellaneous.

On motion of Mr. Gudger, the Senator from Johnston, Mr. Avera, was granted leave of absence on account of sickness in his family.

Mr. Welch announced that the Senator from Carbarrus, Mr. Barnhardt, was detained in his room on account of sickness.

The President announced as the Senate branch of the Committee on adjournment Messrs. Waring, McCabe, and Murphy.

The House resolution of Mr. Morring (published in the NEWS a few days since) in regard to the new Federal Court House in the city of Raleigh, and transmited from the House was read and adopted.

Mr. Cramer offered a written protest for himself and other Republicans against the action of the Senate in voting against the back salary grab resolution which is too lengthy for our report.

NOTE—Mr. Cowles voted in the affirmatave on the resolution in regard to the back pay resolution reported in yesterday's NEWS. His name was unintentionally left out by the reporter. Also in yesterday's report on the same resolution, the name of "Heaton" should be Horton, and "Kirby" should by King. On the resolution in regard to striking out that portion of the resolution censuring the President, Senator Harriss is reported as voting on both sides of the question. Mr. H. voted for the resolution. Mr McCauly, who is reported as voting for the amendment, voted against it. and Mr. Miller, who is represented as voting for the resolution, voted against it.

The reporter thinks it but sheer justice to notice the remarks of Mr. King, of Lenoir, who in explanation of his vote for the resolution, stated while he was willing to show by his vote his condemnation of the back pay salary grab, yet he would not vote for that portion of it censuring the Executive, simply from the fact that the Constitution forbids any advance of his salary, he did not draw it, and he could not censure him for an act he was not guilty of.

HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Speaker Robinson called the House to order at 10½ a. m.

Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Several petitions were presented and appropriately disposed of.

Messrs. Bennett, Waugh, Carter, Gidney, McGehee, Wiley and McNeill submitted reports from various standing Committees.

By Mr. Blythe, a bill defining the duties of State officers in making reports. Calendar.

By Mr. Bryan, of Alleghany, a bill giving the proceeds of the sales of vacant lands in Madison, Alleghany, Buncombe and other counties for the completion of the Marion and Asheville turnpike road. Referred.

By Mr. Shackelford, a bill to amend the act to incorporate the New River Canal Company. Referred.

By Mr. Hunnant, a bill to amend chapter 19, laws of 1872-'73. Referred.

By Mr. Ballard, a bill to incorporate the Sandy Cross Colored Farmer's Mutual Aid Society of Gates county. Referred.

By Mr. Gidney, a bill to lay off a new county by the name of Center. Referred.

By Mr. Godfrey, a bill to transfer the county of Dare from the first to the second Judicial District. Referred.

By Mr. Byrd, a bill to allow the Commissioners of the several counties of this State to levy a certain tax for the taxation of certain persons. Referred.

By Mr. Gidney, a bill to amend section 76, title 7, C. C. P. Referred.

By Mr. Paschall, a resolution of instruction to the Judiciary Committee.

The resolution concerning the cotton tax of the United States in the years 1865-'66-'67-68 was taken up and adopted.

The bill for the keeping of the public highways was taken up.

Mr. Anderson, of Clay, to indefinitely postpone. Carried.

By Mr. Johnson, a resolution in favor of the Sheriff of Buncombe county.

On motion of Mr. Johnston, the rules were suspended and the resolution was adopted.

The bill in relation to the special term of the Wayne Superior Court, to be held on the first Monday in January, 1874, was taken up and adopted.

The bill in relation to the State Library was taken up and passed its several readings.

The bill in regard to mischievous animals was taken up and, after debate, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The bill to prohibit the sale of liquor in the town of Trenton, Jones county, was taken up and passed its several readings.

By Mr. Ballard, a resolution in favor of the Sheriff of Gates county.

On motion of Mr. Ballard, the rules were suspended and the resolution passed its several readings.

By Mr. Wheeler, a bill to amend charter of the town of Winston. Referred.

The bill to incorporate the town of Bethel, Pitt county, was taken up and passed its several readings.

The bill to incorporate the town of Jonesboro, Moore county, was taken up and passed its several readings.

The bill to incorporate the town of Toisnot, Wilson county, was taken up and passed its several readings.

The bill to incorporate a lodge of F. and A. Masons in Moore county was taken up and passed its several readings.

The bill to amend chapter 126 laws of 1866-67, in relation to weights and measures, was taken up and, on motion of Mr. Moss, was postponed for one week.

By Mr. Gorman, a bill to authorize the establishment of free schools in the city of Raleigh. Referred.

The bill to declare Welch Creek, Martin county, a lawful fence, was taken up, and, on motion of *Mr.* Maxwell, was indefinitely postponed.

The bill to extend the time of the tax Collector of McDowell county to settle with the County Treasurer, was taken up and passed its several readings.

The bill to limit a day's work to ten hours in cotton, woolen and paper mills and tobacco factories, &c', was taken up.

Mr. Maxwell moved to table. Carried.

The bill to amend the charter of Newbern was taken up,

Abbott, colored, moved to indefinite postponed, which motion was lost by a vote of yeas 35, nays 51.

The bill then passed its second reading.

Under a suspension of the rules the bill came up on its third reading and passed by a vote of yeas 52, nays 36.

A communication from the Cape Fear Agricultural Association was read inviting the General Assemby to attend the Fair at Wilmington was read.

On motion of Mr. McNeill, the clerk was ordered to return thanks for the invitation.

Special Order.

The bill to amend chapter 90, laws of 1872-'73, was taken up as the special order.

The question recurred on a substitute offered by the Committee on Education.

[The reporter had prepared a full report of the proceedings, together with the proposed substitute, but our space did not admit of its publication to-day.]

Pending the consideration of section 4 [48] the House adjourned to meet again to-morrow at 11 a. m.

TWENTIETH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SENATE.

THURSDAY, Dec. 10, 1873.

The Senate met at 11 o'clock, Lieut. Gov. Brogden in the chair.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Mr. Powell asked the privilege of recording his vote in the negative on the amendment to strike out that portion of the back-pay resolution in regard to censurig the President, and in the affirmative on the adoption of the resolution.

Reports from Standing Committees were submitted as follows: Mr. Cunningham, from the Educational; Mr. Welch, from the Corporations; Messrs. Seymour and Gudger, from the Judiciary; Mr. Troy, from Claims.

Mr. Morehead, of Guilford, made a verbal report from the Joint Select Committee to wait on the Attorney General, to the effect that the opinion of that officer in regard to the present session, was that the law was prospective and had no effect on the session of the General Assembly.

Motions and Resolutions.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, of Catawba, Senate bill No. 65 was taken from the Calendar and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Mr. Love, Senate bill No. 59 was withdrawn from the files and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

On motion Mr. Cotten, Senate bill for the better protection of the bridge over Tar River, at Greenville, was withdrawn from the files of the Senate and re-referred to the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Morehead of Guilford, it was ordered that when this Senate adjourn it will adjourn to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock, as a Republican caucus was called for to-night, and that members of that party could not well attend the session to-night.

Mr. Cramer offered a resolution of instructions to the Public Printer to incorporate in the journals this reports of the [illegible] of the State Institutions.

Introduction of Bills.

By Mr. [illegible] bill to allow the Commissioners of Polk county to levy a [illegible] referred to Committee on Grievances.

By Mr. Welch, a bill to amend an act to prevent distemper and other infectious diseases among cattle. Referred to Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

By Mr. Powell, a petition from a citizen of Chatham county, asking Legislative enactment for his own benefit. Referred to Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

By *Mr.* Todd, a bill to make seduction a misdemeanor. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By *Mr.* McCauley, a bill to incorporate the Peoples' Bank of *Monroe*. Referred to Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Ransom, a bill to protect oysters in the waters of North Carolina. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Worth, a bill to adjust the public debt.

On motion of *Mr.* Troy, the bill was ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Humphrey, a bill to amend the Constitution of North Carolina. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By *Mr.* Troy, a bill to incorporate the Diamond Cotton Chopper and Cultivator Company. Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By *Mr.* Nicholson, a bill concerning the State debt. Referred to Special Committee on State Debt, and on motion of Mr. Todd, was ordered to be printed.

Calendar.

The bill supplementary to, and explanatory of all acts passed by the present General Assembly, which requires all corporations of every character authorized by this General Assembly to carry out their proper and legitimate business, etc., came up on its third reading.

Mr. Humphrey was in favor of the bill, but as it did not reach further than the present General Assembly, he would move that the bill be either referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements, or have the bill printed and made a special order.

Mr. Morehead, of Guilford, "rose to explain," but yielded to the request of Mr. Humphrey, to have the bill referred to the Committee on Banks and Currency, printed and made the special order for Friday next.

The bill amendatory of the election law was taken up, and on motion was referred to the Committe on Privileges and Elections.

The bill to amend the bastardy law was laid on the table.

The bill concerning incorporated towns and villages, providing that towns and villages that fail to hold their elections on the 1st of January, as required by law, may do so afterwards, was taken up and passed its several readings.

Special Order.

The bill to insure the completion of the Western Railroad, came up as the special order at 12 o'clock.

An amendmendment was offered to the bill by Mr. Troy, when Mr. Welch moved to postpone further action on the bill till the return of the Chairman of the Committee on Internal Improvements, Mr. Morehead, of Rockingham.

Mr. Cowles gave several reasons for his motion to indefinitely postpone, first, that several suits were pending with the private stockholders of the road, and time was needed to see how they were decided. Second, that he was not satisfied with the character of the bonds the bill provided should be paid for the State's interest.

Mr. Morehead, of Guilford, was surprised to find Mr. Cowles, by whose door this railroad would pass, opposing the bill. He explained the character of the bonds proposed to be given for the State's interest, to be on par with other State bonds, &c.

Mr. Cowles stated that his objections were confined to the character of the bonds proposed to be given for the State's interest. If he was satisfied that bonds of an equal dignity with any of the State bonds would be given, he would withdraw his motion.

Mr. Troy was in favor of the postponement, and at some length explained his reasons therefor. He detailed the history of the road, the financial difficulties it had experienced under the administration of Andrew Jackson Jones, and the effect of the legislation of the Andy Johnson Convention, that placed Jones in power; the difficulties that had been surmounted by the private stockholders in saving the State's interest, &c. In conclusion he stated that he was thoroughly impressed that now was not the time for legislation, &c.

Mr. Norwood favored the motion to postpone, stating that there was no one who was interested in the bill pushing it.

Mr. Morehead, of Guilford, said that he represented the State of North Carolina as a Senator on this floor, and he conceived it to be the interest of not only the people of Chatham, Randolph and the Yadkin Valley, to complete this road, but of all the State, and proceeded to press the passage of the bill. He was willing for its postponement in accordance with the motion of Mr. Welch.

Mr. Powell opposed the indefinite postponement of the bill.

Mr. Cowles withdrew his motion to indefinitely postpone and Mr. Troy renewed it.

Mr. Morehead called for the yeas and nays, when the motion to indefinitely postpone was lost by 15 ayes to 29 nays.

Mr. Troy offered an amendment to the bill, which was, on motion, ordered to be printed, and the bill as amended made the special order for Tuesday, the 16th inst.

Adjourned.

HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES.

The House was called to order at 10½ o'clock, a. m., Mr. Speaker Robinson in the Chair.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Several petitions were presented appropriately disposed of.

Messrs. Bennett, Waugh, Joyner, Mitchell, Wiley and Anderson, of Clay, submitted reports from Standing Committees.

Leave of absence was granted to a number of members.

By Mr. Bennett, a bill to amend the act for the better government of the town of Wadesboro. Referred.

By Mr. Bennett, a bill to add certain sections to Battle's Revisal. Referred.

By Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, a bill to protect farmers from Railroad corporations. Refered.

By Mr. Whitmire, a bill to amend sections 3 and 4, chapter 81, Revised Code. Referred.

By Mr. Fletcher, a bill to change the [illegible] ingham, Richmond county. Referred.

By Mr. Bowman, a bill to amend chapter 102, Battle's Revisal. Calendar.

By Fletcher, col., a bill in relation to the fees of witnesses in Justices' Courts. Referred.

By Mr. Turner, a bill to authorize the collection of the arrearage of taxes in the town of Statesville. Referred.

By *Mr.* Cobb, a bill to create an additional term of the Superior Court for Edgecombe county. Referred.

By Mr. Todd, a bill to legalize the action of the Commissioners of Watauga county. Referred.

By Mr. Waddill, a bill to prohibit the sale of liquor within two miles of Center Church. Referred.

By *Mr.* Blackwell, a bill to prevent indictments in certain cases. Referred.

By Mr. Outlaw, a bill to incorporate the town of Teachys, Duplin county. Referred.

By Hughes, col., a bill to prohibit the sale of liquor near the Episcopal Church, Sassasfras Fork, Granville county. Referred.

By Mr. Carson, a bill to amend the act incorporating the town of Washington. Referred.

By Williamson, col., a bill to amend section 15, chapter 105, Battle's Revised. Referred.

By Mr. Carson, a bill to incorporate the town of Taylorsville, Alexander county. Referred.

By Mr. McGehee, a bill to provide for the election of Trustees of the University of North Carolina. Referred.

By Mr. Houston, a bill concerning Maiden and Clark creeks, Lincoln county. Referred.

By Mr. Bowman, a bill to make entry-takers in certain counties *ex officio* county agents. Referred.

By Mr. Gilbert, a bill to amend section 1, chapter 171, Revised Code. Referred.

Mr. Gudger arose to a question of privilege in regard to the Public Printing, resigning the position of Chairman of the House branch of the joint committe on Printing. Mr. Gudger said:

MR. SPEAKER:—I arise to ask to be excused from serving further on the Joint Select Committee on Public Printing. I deem it necessary to state to the House briefly the motives which have prompted me in this action.

Twelve months ago the Committee in good faith and prompted by pure motives contracted with the RALEIGH NEWS to do the State Printing. For this the Raleigh *Sentinel* saw proper at various times to reflect on the Committee and impugn their motives. I am sure I reflect the sentiments of the whole Committee when I say they have seen no reason to cause them to regret their action in the matter.

During the early part of this session charges were made through the *Sentinel* that the NEWS had not done the printing as per contract. The committee thought it advisable to investigate the matter, which they did. The committee after carefully investigating the facts, found and so reported to the House (unanimously) that the printing had been done better and more quickly during the past year, than for thirteen years. That more general satisfaction had been given and less complaint made (except by the *Sentinel*) than in any year previous.

Again, I feel that it is the paramount duty of a paper which professes to be the party organ to stand by and advocate the claims of those who are nominated for office by the party. In this the *Sentinel* failed last winter. Its columns were silent, it is true; but I submit it was the duty of the editor to lay down all personal preferences and march up like a patriot to the support of the conceded nominee. Instead of this its columns contained communications before and after the contest, justifying and encouraging the action of those who saw proper to disregard the expressed will of the Conservatives of the State.

Having proved recreant in this sacred duty then, I gave my consent for the NEWS to have the printing. I feel that I did right then; I entertain the same opinion now. I feel that the party is under no obligations, as far as the printing is concerned, to the *Sentinel*, and I cannot, nor will not, as Chairman of the House branch of the Committee, sign the contract with that paper.

To a question of privilege, I will refer to the charges contained a few days since in the *Sentinel* that I "after an ineffectual effort to bolt was informed, and no doubt convinced," etc., etc. This charge of bolting comes with very bad grace from a paper which is itself a bolter. Did the *Sentinel* support the nomination last winter? There is not a child in the State who can read but what would answer emphatically no. Then who is the bolter? Is it the Editor of the *Sentinel* or myself? Is it chargeable at my door or his? This question I leave the public to determine. He stated that he "kept steadfastly aloof from the contest after Governor Vance was nominated." It is true I desired the same majority rule to be applied in the matter of printing, that was applied in the Senatorial nomination. This is what I desired, and nothing more. With regard to my desiring to bolt, I stated plainly, distinctly and unequivocally that I had never bolted, and never intended to bolt. I here state I am for the voice of the party being heard, but my own self respect, after the insinuations contained in the *Sentinel*, require that I should resign my position as Chairman of the House Branch of the Committee. I ask to be excused from further service on the same. I am deliberated in the steps I have taken, and have well weighed the consequences. My course may be criticised but I am conscious of an honest endeavor to perform my duty to my party, to my constituents and to myself. I trust it will be the pleasure of this House to grant my request and thereby shield me from further attacks, abuse and newspaper slang.

On motion of Mr. Bean, Mr. Gudger was excused.

At their own request, Messrs. Craige and Gidney were excused from further serving on the same Committee.

The education bill was taken up as the unfinished business, and the question recurred on the substitute for the original bill.

The debate took a wide range, and various amendments to the proposed substitute were adopted. The substitute was adopted and the bill passed its second reading. [When the measure is perfected, the bill will be given in full.]

On motion of Mr. Bryan, of Alleghany, the Railroad Consolidation bill was made the special order for Friday at 12 o'clock.

The bill to change the line between Bladen and Cumberland counties, was taken up and passed its second reading.

On motion of *Mr.* Norment, the bill concerning the ferries, causeways, &c., between Wilmington and Brunswick county, was taken up and passed its several readings.

Adjourned.

SENATE.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, Dec. 11, 1873.

Senate met at 11 o'clock, Lieut. Governor in the Chair.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Mr. King submitted a protest, from himself and other Republican members of the Senate, against the action of the Senate in not striking out the name of the President of the United States from the resolution condemnatory of the "back-salary grab." The resolution was otherwise endorsed. Placed on the journal.

Reports of Standing Committees.

Mr. Murray, from Committee on Engrossed Bills; Mr. Ransom from Enrolled Bills; Mr. Love, from Proposition and Grievances; Messrs. Grandy and Allen, from Judiciary; Mr. Avera, from Propositions and Grievances; Mr. Welch, from Corporations, and Mr. Todd, from Judiciary.

Reports from Select Committees.

Mr. Humphrey, from Joint Select Committee on the Public Debt, submitted a report upon the various bills that had been submitted to it upon this subject, the Committee presenting a substitute for the whole. On motion, the bill was ordered to be printed and made the special order for 12½ o'clock to-morrow.

Mr. Welch moved that the bill submitted by himself upon the public debt be made special order for 12½ o'clock Saturday.

Introduction of Bills.

Mr. Powell, a bill to amend chapter 189, laws of '71-72. Referred.

Mr. Davis, by request of friends, a bill to change the time of holding the Courts in the First, Second, Third and Sixth Judicial Districts. Referred.

Mr. Walker, a bill to regulate the drawing of juries. Referred.

Mr. Troy, a bill to prohibit the sale of liquor within 3 miles of Friendship Church, in Harnett county. Referred.

Mr. Barnhardt, a bill authorizing the sale of the jail in Cabarrus county. Referred.

Mr. Murphy, a bill to amend chap. 104, of Battle's Revisal. Referred.

Petition.

Mr. Murphy, a petition from the citizens of New Hanover, praying for a new county to be named Jefferson. Referred.

The Whipping of Prisoners.

Mr. Harris moved to take from the table the bill in reference to the whipping of prisoners in the Penitentiary and common Jails, and that it be referred to the Judiciary Committee. The said bill prohibits such punishment. The Senator did not sympathize with the prisoners, but common humanity prompted him to see that such outrages be not allowed.

Mr. Worth opposed the reconsideration of the bill, as the punishment now inflicted in the penitentiary had proved wholesome medicine.

Mr. Gudger favored the motion of Senator Harris. He thought the General Assembly should look into this matter, and if the authorities at the penitentiary were acting inhumanly, they should themselves be properly punished therefor.

The motion to take from the table prevailed.

Resolutions.

Mr. Cramer, a resolution of instruction to the Public Printer, concerning the embodiment of certain reports in the Legislative Documents. Tabled.

Mr. Murphy, a resolution appointing Mr. J. Turner Morehead, of Rockingham, a member of the Board of Public Charities.

Rules Suspended.

On motion of Messrs. Grandy and Davis, the rules were suspended to consider certain bills.

A bill to change the dividing line between Granville and Franklin counties, said bill defining the change made last session with some amendments. Passed its several readings.

A bill to extend the time required for the erection of a bridge across Pasquotank River. Passed its several readings.

Mr. Allen called up from the Calendar bill No. 105, and, on motion, it was made special order for Wednesday next at 12 o'clock.

Mr. Morehead, of Guilford, called up bill granting Battle's Revisal to such members of the Legislature as may be Magistrates. Passed its several readings.

Mr. Cowles moved the consideration of the bill declaring the manner of distribution of Battle's Revisal. Certain amendments, requiring that all county officers turn over to their successors in office the said laws, was adopted, and the bill referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Love here insisted that under the suspension of the rules, as moved by Mr. Cowles, the latter gentleman had accepted an amendment to consider at the same time a bill named by himself.

The President ruled that no record of this motion was made by the Clerk, and that he had no recollection of it himself.

Mr. Love was sustained in this belief by Messrs. Cowles and Grandy, but no appeal being taken from the decision of the Chair, and no motion made to correct the records, other business was proceeded with. Mr. Love stated that he would never make another motion to suspend the rules while a member of the Senate, and retired from the Chamber.

Mr. Scott called up the bill to incorporate the Oriental Fish and Oyster Company. Passed its several readings.

Mr. Gudger moved to adjourn, but it being ascertained that such motion was out of order in the absence of the Senator from Jackson, Mr. Gudger said he would withdraw his motion until the Senator returned to the Hall.

The motion to adjourn prevailed.

HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES.

At 10½ [illegible] Speaker Robinson called the House to order.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Several petitions were presented and appropriately disposed of.

Messrs. Bennett, Anderson, of Clay, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Marler, Wiley and Moring submitted reports from various Standing Committees.

By Mr. Bennett, a resolution in regard to certain important manuscripts of the State. Referred.

By *Mr.* Brown, of Mecklenburg, a resolution in regard to taxes illegally collected from the Atlantic, Tennessee and Ohio Railroad. Referred.

By Abbott, col., a resolution of instruction to the Judiciary Committee. Calendar.

By Mr. Marler, a bill in favor of the securities of Isaac Long, late Sheriff of Yadkin county. Calendar.

By Mr. Mitchell, a bill to incorporate the town of Germanton, Stokes county. Referred.

By Mr. Guyther, a bill to incorporate the Seaboard and Raleigh Railroad Company. Referred.

By Mr. Norment, a bill to change the line between Graham, Swain and others counties. Referred.

By Mr. Heaton, a bill to authorize the re-issue of certain lost special tax bonds. Referred.

By Mr. Craige, a bill concerning the act in relation to Executors and Administrators. Referred.

By Dudley, col., a bill to incorporate the United Brotherhood of Newbern. Referred.

By Hughes, col., a bill to repeal section 3rd, chapter 67, laws of 1872-3. Referred.

By Mr. Shaw, a bill to incorporate the town of Sanford, Moore county. Referred.

By Mr. Carson, a bill to prevent the sale of liquor within one mile of Stony Point Methodist Church, Alexander county. Referred.

Messrs. Outlaw, Richardson and Moring were announced as the successors of Messrs. Gudger, Gidney, Craige, on the House Committee of the Joint Committee on Printing.

On motion of Mr. Bowman, the rules were suspended and the bill reported by the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, as a substitute for the various bills amendatory of the act in relation to the prohibition of the sale of liquor in certain localities which, are now pending, was taken up.

Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, moved to make special order for Saturday at 12 M. Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Johnston, the rules were suspended and the bill in relation to Education was taken up.

Mr. Bennett moved to strike out the section which authorizes the Superintendent of Public Instruction to subscribe $1,000 to the *State Educational Journal*.

Mr. Bennett took the ground that the General Assembly had no right to draw out from the Educational Fund money for such a purpose. Mr. Bennett proceeded at length to urge his objections to the section.

Mr. Bennett's amendment was put to a vote and adopted—yeas 66, nays 26.

The bill then passed its third reading.

The following is the bill as it passed the House:

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That all acts, rules and regulations heretofore adopted by the State Board of Education in relation to free public schools be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. That section