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NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE. EVENING SESSION.

SENATE. SATURDAY EVENING, Feb. 16. The Senate was called to order at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Mr. Wilson in the Chair. The following bills and resolutions on the private calendar came up and passed their several readings:

- Bill to incorporate the Wilmington Hook and Ladder Company. Bill to incorporate the Tuckasee Gold and Copper Mining Company. Bill to incorporate Jerusalem Lodge 95.

Bill to incorporate Newbern Memorial Association. Bill to incorporate New Market Foundry and Manufacturing Company. Bill to incorporate Wilson Lodge No. 236.

SENATE. MONDAY MORNING, Feb. 18. The Senate was called to order at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Cunningham, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred a communication from His Excellency, the Governor, enclosing a petition from sundry citizens of Granville county, praying for the erection of a suitable tobacco warehouse at Henderson, and the establishment of a tobacco inspection report that in the embarrassed condition of the finances of the State, it is highly expedient not to incur expenses in the construction of the warehouse prayed for, especially as the expenditure would benefit but a small scope of country.

Mr. Long, who was absent when this vote was taken, asked leave to record his vote in the affirmative, but was not allowed to do so, objection being made.

Mr. Baker entered a motion to reconsider this vote.

Mr. McClean, from the committee on Internal Improvements, a bill to revive and amend the act for the better regulation of the Western Railroad Company, reported favorably.

Mr. Gash, from the committee on claims, a resolution in favor of Mrs. Theresa Hall, reported favorably.

Mr. Clark stated that having voted for the Stay Law under a misapprehension, he asked leave of the Senate to record his vote in the negative. Granted.

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A message was received from the House proposing to raise a committee of conference on the disagreement of the two Houses in an amendment to the bill to incorporate the town of Hendersonville. Concurred in, and the Speaker designated Messrs. Gash, Love and Covington as the Senate branch of the committee.

The following bills came up on their second reading and passed:

Bill to repeal a part of the 14th section 26th chapter of the Revised Code. Bill to repeal an act for the better regulation of the Western Turnpike Road. Bill for the benefit of the poor of Bladen County. Bill to amend chapter 42 private laws of 1866. Bill to incorporate the Yadkin and Cape Fear Canal Company.

Resolution in regard to re-printing the reports of the Supreme Courts. Bill to abolish jury trials in the County Courts of Macon.

The following bills were rejected on their second reading, viz:

Bill to amend an act to improve the law of evidence. Bill extending the jurisdiction of the Courts on persons refusing to work on public roads. Bill restoring to married women their common law rights of dower. Upon this bill, on motion of Mr. Kelly, the yeas and nays were called, and the vote stood yeas 15, nays 10.

Mr. Jones gave notice that he would move a reconsideration of the vote at a proper time.

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Bill to amend an act compelling persons over 45 years of age to work on public roads. On motion of Mr. Covington, it was laid on the table.

Bill to amend 2nd section 58th chapter of the Revised Code entitled Marriage. On motion of Mr. Mackrick, it was laid on the table.

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Bill to amend 9th section, chapter 54 of the Revised Code, entitled Guardians and Wards, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REVENUE BILL. The bill to raise revenue having been made the special order, for 12 o'clock, was taken up. Sundry amendments were adopted, and the bill passed its third reading.

A message was received from the House transmitting a communication from the Secretary of the Ladies' Memorial Association, of Raleigh, thanking the General Assembly for the appropriation of \$1,500 to said Association.

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THE SENTINEL. SEMI-WEEKLY.

"I WOULD RATHER BE RICH THAN BE PRESIDENT"--Henry Clay.

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Mr. Speed introduced a resolution proposing to appoint a committee to examine into and report what State debts and obligations were directly or indirectly created or incurred by the State in aid of the late rebellion, designating Messrs. S. F. Phillips, Thos. Bragg, S. J. Per son, P. H. Winston and J. H. Wilson as the committee.

On motion of Mr. Covington the Senate adjourned until to night at 7 1/2 o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS. MONDAY, Feb. 18. The House was called to order at 10 o'clock A. M.

Mr. Carson introduced a resolution that the seats in the Senate Chamber and Commons Hall, be assigned, by lot, at the first of each session to members of the General Assembly. Adopted and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. The House resumed consideration of the bill to exchange a certain amount of the stock of the North Carolina Railroad Company with the Chesaw and Coalfield Railroad Company, and for other purposes.

Sundry amendments were offered to the bill, and rejected.

The question recurring on the passage of the bill, it failed to pass its third reading.

YEAS--Messrs. Ashworth, Black, Blair, Blythe, Chadwick, Collins, Crawford, of Rowan, Davis, Durham, Farrow, Ford, Hinnant, Horton of Watauga, Houston, of Wilkes, Houston, Jenkins, of Granville, Jordan, Kelsey, Kendall, Latham, of Craven, Lyon, May, McKay, McRae, Moore, of Hertford, Morton, Murrill, Neal, Patton, Scott, Smith, of Duplin, Stone, Teague, Vestal, Walker, Waugh, Westmoreland, Whit field, Wilson, of Forsyth, Wilson, of Perquimans, Williams, of Martin, Womble and York--45.

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A letter of thanks from Wake Memorial Association, for the appropriation recently made by the General Assembly, was read and transmitted to the Senate.

The House then took recess until 7 1/2 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION. SENATE. MONDAY, Feb. 18. The Senate was called to order at 7 1/2 o'clock.

A message was received from the House transmitting a resolution relative to regulating the seats for members of each House of the General Assembly, providing that they be drawn by lot. The resolution was rejected unanimously.

Sundry engrossed bills were transmitted from the House, all of which passed their first readings and were referred to appropriate committees.

PENITENTIARY. Bill to establish a State Penitentiary having been made the special order for 8 o'clock, was taken up.

Mr. Gash offered an amendment providing that it shall be submitted to the people and, if ratified by them, it shall become a law.

Mr. Love supported this amendment, because he believed it to be contrary to the Constitution of the State, and thought the representatives of the people were the proper persons to consider the subject, and to act upon it immediately.

The amendment passed, and the bill passed as amended by the following vote, yeas 41, nays 2.

On motion of Mr. Leach, the rules were suspended, and the bill authorizing the President and Directors of the Western Railroad Company to put said road under contract, was taken up.

Mr. Hall stated that he was a friend to the bill, but suggested an amendment.

Mr. Love stated that he would accept the amendment, if presented.

Mr. Battle moved to amend, proposing to submit the bill for ratification to the people, which was rejected.

Mr. Battle then moved to lay the whole matter on the table.

Before the question was put Mr. Berry moved to adjourn.

On motion of Mr. Battle, the yeas and nays were called and the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS. MONDAY, Feb. 18, 1867. EVENING SESSION.

A resolution in favor of the Adjutant General was rejected on first reading.

A bill to charter the Greensboro, and Dan-River Railroad Company, passed 2nd and 3rd readings.

A motion to reconsider the vote by which the House passed "the bill to establish the county of Pamlico," was called up by Mr. Latham of Craven. The motion prevailed.

Mr. Chadwick presented a memorial from W. C. Bryan and others, praying the establishment of the county.

Mr. Clark opposed the bill and moved its indefinite postponement.

After a protracted discussion, in which Messrs. Durham, Garris, Williams, of Harnett, and Moore, of Hertford, supported the bill, and Messrs. Chadwick, Gorham and McNaair, Williams, of Martin, and Morehead opposed it, the bill was postponed indefinitely, yeas 43, nays 30.

YEAS--Messrs. Ashworth, Brown, Bryson, Carson, Chadwick, Clark, Clements, Collins, Cowan, Davis, Freeman, Gambrell, Garrett, Gorham, Granberry, Henderson, Henry, Horton, of Watauga, Horton, of Wilkes, Houston, Jordan, Kelsey, Kennan, Logan, Lowe, McArthur, McClammy, McRae, Moore, of Chatham, Morehead, Murrill, Patton, Reinhardt, Russ, Scoggin, Scott, Shelton, Turnbull, Vestal, Waugh, Williams, of Martin, and York--43.

NAYS--Messrs. Allen, Autry, Blythe, Boyd, Bowe, Crawford, of Macon, Davidson, Durham, Ford, Galloway, Garris, Godwin, Guess, Hinnant, Hodnett, Holdery, Kendall, Latham, of Craven, May, McGougan, Moore, of Hertford, Morton, Neal, Richardson, Rogers, Rosebro, Simpson, Smith, of Duplin, Stone, Trull, Umsted, Walker, Whitfield, Whitley, Wilson, of Perquimans, Williams, of Harnett, Williams, of Pitt, Williams, of Yancey, and Woodard--39.

The House then adjourned.

SENATE. TUESDAY MORNING, Feb. 19. The Senate was called to order at 10 o'clock.

The Speaker, Mr. Manly, in the Chair. By leave, Mr. Wiggins recorded his vote in the negative, on the amendment to submit the Penitentiary bill to the people.

Mr. Berry, from the committee on Public Buildings, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as related to the Governor's mansion, reported said building unfit for use, and recommended an appropriation to repair the same, by resolution. And a bill setting apart certain rooms in the Capitol for library and weights and measures, and for other purposes, also a bill in regard to Burke Square and other public property in the city of Raleigh.

Mr. Cunningham, from the committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred a petition from the trustees of Elizabeth City Academy, relative to selling said property, reported a bill favorable to the same. On motion of Mr. Speed, the rules were suspended and the bill passed its several readings.

RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS. Mr. Hall, a resolution in favor of J. A. Gilmer, Jr., Adjutant General of the State. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Clark, a resolution instructing the Judiciary Committee to report a supplementary bill to change and modify the Stay Law. Adopted.

Mr. Kelley, a bill to more perpetually prevent crime and lawlessness. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Jones, a bill to authorize the County Court of Wake to borrow money and issue bonds. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By the same, a bill to amend the charter of the North Carolina Fire Insurance Company. Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By the same, a bill to amend the charter of the North Carolina Life Insurance Company. Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Wilson, a bill to extend the term of Chowan Superior Court, now held by Judge Merrimon. On motion of Mr. Wilson, the rules were suspended and the bill passed its several readings.

On motion of Mr. Berry, the rules were suspended and the bill to incorporate the town of Hookerton, in the county of Greene, was taken up, and passed its several readings.

On motion of Mr. Speed, the rules were suspended and the resolution providing for the payment of outstanding claims against the Lunenburg Asylum was taken up, and passed.

Messrs. Wilson, Speed and Jones urged the passage of the resolution.

Messrs. Hall and Leach opposed the resolution in its present form, and on motion of Mr. Hall the resolution was recommitted with specific instructions to reduce the claim to the scale of depreciation of Confederate currency.

Mr. Clark, by leave, introduced a resolution proposing to appoint an additional committee on enrolled bills for the week.

A message was received from the House, transmitting a resolution in favor of named soldiers. On motion of Mr. Jones, the rules were suspended, and, on motion of Mr. Love, it was amended so as to include soldiers having lost an arm. On motion of Mr. Hall, it was amended including soldiers having lost both eyes. On motion of Mr. Covington, it was amended, providing that in case both arms and legs having been lost that they be allowed double commutation.

On motion of Mr. Avery it was amended by including all soldiers who are unable to do manual labor, having made the last claim to the Governor, that they be entitled to commutation to the value of the most costly limb.

On motion of Mr. Ross, it was amended by including women.

Mr. Perkins moved to lay the whole matter on the table. Not agreed to.

Mr. Speed offered a substitute for the whole, authorizing the Governor to appoint a committee of three from each county in the State to ascertain the number of wounded and how, and to report the same to the next General Assembly, so that impartial justice may be done to each.

Mr. Gash moved to lay the whole matter on the table. Not agreed to.

A discussion of some length ensued.

Mr. Speed withdrew his amendment and the resolution passed its several readings.

On motion of Mr. Wiggins, the Senate adjourned until to night at 7 1/2 o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS. TUESDAY, Feb. 19. The House was called to order at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by Rev. J. M. Atkinson, of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Autry introduced a resolution that the General Assembly adjourn, Friday, February 22nd, to meet again the second Monday in October 1867.

Laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Waugh.

A bill to empower the Buncombe Turnpike Company to subscribe the stock in their road to the State of North Carolina Railroad, passed second and third readings.

The House concurred in sundry Senate amendments to the Revenue Bill and refused concurrence in others.

Mr. Baker called up his motion to reconsider the vote by which the House rejected, on its third reading, "the bill to exchange a certain amount of the stock in the North Carolina Railroad Company, with the Chesaw and Coalfield Railroad Company, and for other purposes."

Mr. McClammy moved to lay on the table the motion to reconsider.

This motion did not prevail. Yeas 41, nays 54.

The vote was reconsidered, and the question returned on the passage of the bill, on its third reading.

Messrs. Davidson and Long addressed the House in support of the bill.

Messrs. McClammy, Richardson, Boyd and Freeman opposed its passage.

The bill passed its third reading: YEAS--Messrs. Ashworth, Autry, Beasley, Black, Blair, Chadwick, Collins, Crawford, of Rowan, Davis, Durham, Farrow, Ford, Harper, Hinnant, Horton, of Watauga, Horton, of Wilkes, Houston, Jenkins, of Granville, Jordan, Kelsey, Kendall, Latham, of Cra, Long, Lyon, Lutterloh, May, McKay, McRae, Moore, of C., Moore, of Hertford, Morton, Murrill, Neal, Patton, Perry, of Wake, Rogers, Russ, Scott, Stone, Trull, Turnbull, Vestal, Walker, Waugh, Whitfield, Wilson, of Forsyth, Wilson, of Perquimans, Womble and York--50.

NAYS--Messrs. Allen, Baker, Blythe, Boyd, Bowe, Brown, Clark, Clements, Cowan, Crawford, of Macon, Davidson, Freeman, Galloway, Gambrell, Garrett, Garris, Granberry, Guess, Henderson, Hodnett, Holdery, Hutchison, Jenkins, of Gaston, Jones, Kennan, Lee, Logan, Lowe, McArthur, McClammy, McGougan, McNaair, Morehead, Peebles, Reinhardt, Richardson, Rosebro, Scoggin, Shelton, Smith, of Duplin, Smith, of Johnston, Umsted, Whitley, Williams, of Martin, Williams, of Pitt, Williams, of Yancey, and Woodard--47.

SPECIAL ORDER. A bill to allow debtors the privilege of paying old debts in State Bank money, or its equivalent, had its second reading.

Mr. Jenkins, of Gaston, moved to lay on the table. This motion prevailed, yeas 68, nays 15.

A bill to establish freehold Homesteads, was put on its second reading.

Mr. Richardson offered a substitute for the bill adopted.

The question recurring on the bill as amended, it was further amended, on motion of Mr. Logan, by fixing the value of the Homestead at \$5,000.

On motion of Mr. Ford, the House reconsidered the vote by which this amendment was adopted.

The question recurring on the amendment, it was modified, on motion of Mr. Crawford, of Rowan, so as to limit the value of the homestead to \$5,000, at the time at which it is laid off.

The amendment, as amended, was then adopted, and the bill passed second and third readings.

A bill to amend the charter of the Fayetteville and Florence Railroad Company, had its

second reading, and its consideration was postponed until the evening session.

An engrossed bill to extend the term of the Chowan Superior Court, passed its several readings, and the House took recess until 7 1/2 o'clock, P. M.

THE JOHNSTON WILL CASE. This case which has occupied nearly two weeks at Edenton, before Judge Merrimon, we presume has not yet closed. The only thing we have heard from it, is contained in the following extract from a correspondent of the Norfolk Journal of Saturday last:

Just at this time there is very little business doing. Business and interest of all kinds seems to be swallowed up in a case now pending relative to the last will and testament of the late James C. Johnston. The heirs have contested it, on the plea that Mr. Johnston, when the will was made, was insane. The absent lawyers in the State are employed, either for or against this will; and I doubt if, since the trial of Aaron Burr, there has been such a giant intellect pitted in a like suit. Judge A. S. Merrimon, of Asheville, presides. Though quite young, he possesses one of the first legal minds in the State. It will be quite sufficient for my purpose to mention the names of the distinguished gentlemen who compose the counsel in this case.

For the Will. E. F. Moore, Raleigh, (counsel for the State); R. R. Heath, Memphis, (counsel for the State); W. N. Smith, Hartford, Conn. (counsel for the State); John P. Burt, Raleigh, (counsel for the State); E. L. Conzalez, Raleigh, (counsel for the State); H. A. Gilliam, Edenton, (counsel for the State); Thos. Gilliam, Edenton, (counsel for the State); Wm. A. Moore, Edenton, (counsel for the State).

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SCRIPTURE QUOTATIONS. "Why, Jimmy, how awkward you are eating--do take your hand out of your pocket."

"It's my left hand mother."

"Well what difference does that make?"

"Why I have been reading the Bible."

"Are you crazy? What has reading the Bible to do with keeping your hand in your pocket?"

"Must we do as the Bible tells us mother?"

"Certainly, my child."

"Well mother it says--'Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth,' and don't you suppose it 'ud know I was eatin' bread and 'lasses with the right if I didn't hide it away?"

A GOOD STATE OF TOBACCO. Yesterday morning on Change, Messrs. Martin & Tannahill sold three hogsheads of leaf tobacco, and one hogshead of lugs, grown by Mr. J. Buxton Williams, of Warren county, N. C., for the following prices:--For the hogsheads \$24, 26, and 35, and for the lugs, which were very fine and sweet, \$29 50. The tobacco was the old crop.

This sale was an excellent one, and demonstrates that our manufacturers are prepared to give full prices when the quality of the article is deserving of them. --Pet. Index.

"Pay," observed a young urchin of tender years to his fond parent, "does the Lord know everything?" "Yes, my son," replied the hopeful parent; "but why do you ask that question?" "Because our preacher, when he prays, is so long telling the Lord everything, I thought he wasn't posted." The parent reflected.

RECONSTRUCTION. Our impression is, from what we hear around us, that the effort now being made to arrive at some harmonious action between the executive and legislative branches of the Government upon reconstruction matters receives sufficient encouragement from both sides to raise a hope of some practical results growing from it. It is to be regretted that the movement was not set on foot earlier in the session. --Star.

Ever since the evacuation of Richmond, the Examiner says the city has been overrun with vagrant negroes, who flocked there from all parts of the State and from North Carolina.

NOTICE. SALES DURING COURT WEEKS. PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF MAINWELL SUPERIOR COURT, I will sell to the highest bidder at the times and places herein named, the following tracts of land belonging to the estate of the late J. L. Carson, in the Counties of Johnston, Burke and Yancey.

IN MEADOWELL. At the Court House in Macon on Wednesday 22nd, March, excellent farming lands.

1st--The Home Tract of the late Col. Carson on Back Creek and the Catawba, well known as upper Pleasant Garden, 1000 acres or more, some of the most desirable residences in Western North Carolina.

14--Half of two 640 acre tracts lying on Back Creek 17 1/2 miles from the North side of the Catawba.

15--100 acres on the head waters of Armstrong Creek.

19--One third of 640 acres and about the Town of Marion.

20--The third of T. W. Lee No. 2, situated between the brick Store No. 20 and Main.

21--Town lot No. 21, corner Stone House on the public square.

IN BURKE. At the Court House in Burgeon on the 24th 2nd, April.

22--A fraction of the celebrated Brimstone gold Mine.

23--A share in the Indian Hill Mine.

24--An interest in the Moxey Hill Mine.

25--An interest in the Dorsey Mine, all valuable mineral Lands.

IN YANCEY.