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Legislature of North Carolina.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

NIGHT SESSION.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 26, 1869.

House called to order at half past 7 o'clock.

Mr. Hodgin, from the Committee on Finance, reported upon several bills which will be noticed when they come up.

Mr. Ingram: A resolution authorizing the Treasurer to pay to the members and officers of this General Assembly, their per diem during the recess, from the 21st of December last, to the 4th of January.

Mr. Downing said he hoped the resolution would not pass, as they had taken the recess for their own convenience, &c.

Mr. Durham: Such a proposition was an unheard of thing. It had never been done before, and it would be a bad precedent for them to pay themselves for the recess.

Upon the adoption of the resolution, the yeas and nays were called, and resulted in the following ballot:

YEAS.—Messrs. Carey, colored, Cherry, colored, Ellington, Hayes, colored, Price, colored, Robbins, colored, Sweat, colored.

NAYS.—Messrs. Allison, Ames, Argo, Armstrong, Ashworth, Barnett, Blair, Boddie, Bowman, Candler, Clayton, of Transylvania, Davidson, Downing, Durham, Ellis, Estes, Forkner, colored, Franklin, French, Gahagan, Gatling, Gibson, Harris, of Franklin, Hawkins, High, Hinnant, Hodgin, Hodnett, Hoffman, Humphries, Ingram, Jarvis, Justice, of Rutherford, Kelly, of Moore, Kinney, Leary, colored, Malone, Matheson, McCanless, McMillan, Moore, Morris, colored, Nicholson, Painter, Parker, Pearson, Peck, Pou, Restrow, Reynolds, colored, Siegrist, Smith, of Alleghany, Snipes, Stanton, Stilley, Thompson, Vestal, Vest, Waltrop, Welch, Whitley, Williams, of Harnett, Williams, of Sampson, and Wilson.

By Mr. Estes: A resolution allowing $60 to the Clerk employed by the Committee on Bribery and Corruption. Lies over.

By — Price, colored: A bill to protect the rights and privileges of all citizens. This bill provides that no discrimination shall be made in public conveyances, on account of color, &c. Referred.

On motion of Mr. Laflin, the rules were suspended, and the bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend the charter of the Western R. R. Co., ratified the 21st August, 1868.

The question recurring upon the amendments reported by the Committee on Internal Improvements—they were adopted.

The amendment known in the bill as section 8 and 9, offered by Mr. Barrett, when the bill was last discussed, was then adopted.

The amendment offered by Mr. Estes, concerning the tax to the other bills was also incorporated into this one as section 10 and 11.

The bill was passed by the following ballot:

YEAS.—Messrs. Argo, Ashworth, Banner, Barnett, Blair, Bowman, Candler, Carey, colored, Cherry, colored, Clayton, of Transylvania, Crawford, colored, Downing, Ellington, Estes, Forkner, colored, Franklin, French, Gahagan, Gatling, Green, Hayes, colored, Hendricks, Hodgin, Ingram, Justus, of Henderson, Justice, of Rutherford, Kelly, of Davie, Kelly, of Moore, Kinney, Laflin, Leary, colored, Malone, Matheson, Mayo, colored, Moring, Morris, colored, Painter, Pearson, Price, colored, Proctor, Renfrow, Robbins, colored, Siegrist, Sinclair, Stilley, Sweat, colored, Vestal, Vest, Waldrop, Welch, Williamson, colored, Wilson and Wiswall.

NAYS.—Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Boddie, Durham, Ellis, Gibson, Grier, Harris, of Franklin, Hawkins, Hicks, High, Hinnant, Hodnett, Hoffman, Humphries, Jarvis, McMillan, Moore, Parker, Pou, Rea, Shaver, Smith, of Alleghany, Snipes, Stanton, Thompson, Whitley, Williams, of Harnett, and Williams, of Sampson.

On motion of Mr. Laflin, the rules were suspended, and the bill to incorporate the University Railroad Company, was taken up and passed its third reading by the following ballot:

YEAS.—Messrs. Allison, Ames, Argo, Ashworth, Barnett, Bowman, Candler, Carey, colored, Cherry, colored, Clayton, of Transylvania, Crawford, colored, Downing, Ellington, Estes, Forkner, colored, Franklin, French, Gahagan, Gatling, Gibson, Grier, Hawkins, High, Hinnant, Hodgin, Hodnett, Hoffman, Humphries, Jarvis, Justice, of Rutherford, Kelly, of Moore, Kinney, Leary, colored, Malone, Matheson, McCanless, McMillan, Moore, Morris, colored, Nicholson, Painter, Parker, Pearson, Peck, Pou, Restrow, Reynolds, colored, Siegrist, Smith, of Alleghany, Snipes, Stanton, Stilley, Thompson, Vestal, Vest, Waltrop, Welch, Whitley, Williams, of Harnett, Williams, of Sampson, and Wilson.

On motion of Mr. Estes, the yeas and nays were called, and the House refused to adjourn by a vote of yeas 14, nays 57.

On motion of Mr. L. Hill the bill to amend the charter of the Atlantic, Tennessee and Ohio Railroad, was taken up, when

J. H. Harris of Wake, moved to make the bill the special order for to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock. Carried.

Mr. Pou gave notice that he and others who had voted against the passage of all these Railroad bills would offer to-morrow a protest.

On motion, the House then adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 27, 1869.

The Senate was called to order at ten o'clock.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Moore, from the Committee on Corporations, reported favorably on the following bills, viz:

Bill to incorporate the Wilmington Life Insurance Company.

Bill to amend the Charter of the Green Swamp Company.

Bill to incorporate the North Carolina [illegible] Company.

Bill to incorporate the [illegible] Bridge Company.

Bill to amend the charter of the Union Manufacturing Company in the town of Fayetteville.

Bill to incorporate the North Carolina Purchase and Trust Company.

Mr. Winstead, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported favorably on a bill to provide a trial jury for the second week of the term of the Superior Court.

Mr. Winstead, from the same Committee, reported adversely on the bill in reference to laying off homestead.

Mr. Lassiter, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported adversely on a bill to protect Constables from unjust liabilities on their bonds for State claims.

Mr. Lassiter, from the same Committee, reported adversely on a bill in relation to witnesses in civil cases.

Mr. Lassiter, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported favorably on a bill to establish a Turnpike Road from the town of Marion to the town of Asheville.

Mr. Brogden, from the Committee on Finance, reported a substitute for a resolution for the relief of L. D. Swain and W. M. D. Moore, of Brunswick County.

Mr. Barrow, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported favorably on a bill to provide a general incorporation act.

Mr. Moore, of Yancey, from a special Committee, to whom was referred, a resolution in favor of G. R. Byrd, asked to be discharged from its consideration and recommended that it be referred to the Committee on Claims. Concurred in.

Mr. Osborne, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported favorably on the following bills, viz:

Bill to amend title 21 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

Bill to provide a proceeding in cases of bastardy.

Bill in relation to special procedure in cases of mills.

Leave of absence was granted Messrs. Ethridge, Wilson and Shoffner.

FROM THE CODE COMMISSION.

Bill to amend Chapter 48, of the Revised Code, entitled tenors. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill to regulate proceedings in the partition and sale of real and personal property. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message was received from the House transmitting the bill with an amendment, to consolidate the North Carolina and the Atlantic North Carolina Railroad Companies, the amendment was concurred in by a vote of 26 to 11.

NOTICE OF BILLS.

Mr. Barrow: Of a bill to authorize [illegible] change of bonds issued during the war for internal improvement purposes, for the exclusive benefit of [illegible]

By Mr. Osborne: Of a bill authorizing new bonds [illegible] Solicitors to administer oaths in certain cases.

By Mr. Etheridge: Of a bill to incorporate the Currituck Steamboat Company.

BILLS.

By Mr. Davis: A bill respecting the County Treasury. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Bill to amend an act to make bank bills a tender. Amended, on motion of Messrs. Osborne and Richardson, and passed.

CALENDAR.

Bill in relation to the Lunatic Asylum, passed its second reading.

Resolution in relation to a special tax on Whiskey, passed its second reading.

Bill to repeal an act to provide for furnishing the Executive Mansion, passed its second reading.

Resolution providing for printing the laws with the Constitution of the State, passed its second reading.

Resolution in favor of W. J. W. Crowder, passed its second reading.

Resolution setting apart Saturday of each week for the consideration of all bills of a private character, was adopted.

Bill to repeal an ordinance prohibiting the sale of spirituous liquors within 2½ miles of Company Shops.

Mr. Burns offered an amendment submitting the question for a vote of the legal voters of said incorporation, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Moore, of Carteret, moved an indefinite postponement of the bill which was lost, passed its second reading.

Bill to amend an act to regulate the sale of spirituous liquors in the town of Asheville. Passed its second reading.

Bill to amend chapter 10, section 1, of laws of special session of '68. Passed its second reading.

Bill to legalize certain official acts of the Chairmen of the late County Courts of the State. Passed its second reading.

Bill to establish a special Court for the city of Raleigh. On motion of Mr Barrow, it was laid on the table.

Bill to increase the fees of the Justices of the Peace to deputies constables in civil actions. On motion of Mr. Barrow, it was laid on the table.

Bill to repeal section 558, chapter 1, title 21, of the Code of Civil Procedure, requiring officers to make return of fees. On motion of Mr. Jones, it was postponed until Tuesday next at 12 o'clock.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until 7½ o'clock this evening.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 27, 1869.

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order at 10 o'clock.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Atkinson, of the Presbyterian Church, of Raleigh.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Davidson, Blair, Jarvis, Morris, colored, Nicholson, Fowler, Seymour, Foster and Argo.

Mr. Hinnant from the Committee on Enrollment reported several bills and resolutions, as being correctly enrolled.

The Chair announced Messrs. Hendricks, Blair and Welch, as the Committee to inquire into an appropriation of $300 made for a Road near Fisher's Gap in Surry county.

On motion of Mr McMillan, the rules were suspended, and the bill authorizing the Commissioners of Duplin county, to levy a special tax for certain purposes, was taken up, and passed its second reading by a vote of yeas 69 nays 1.

On motion of Mr. Estes, the rules were suspended and his resolution paying the Clerk employed by the Committee on bribery and corruption, $60 was, taken up and passed its several readings.

On motion of Mr. French, the rules were suspended and the bill authorizing the Commissioners of Pitt county, to levy a special tax [illegible] and passed its second reading by a vote yeas 61, nays 1.

J. S. Leary, colored, arose to a question of privilege. He was reported in the *Sentinel* as moving to indefinitely postpone Mr. Justice of Rutherford, resolution in regard to accepting Mr. Downing's proposition to purchase the site and land of the Penitentiary. It was his colleague (Isham Sweat) that made the motion.

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SPECIAL ORDER.

The bill to amend the charter of the Atlantic, Tennessee and Ohio Railroad.

Mr. Laflin moved to recommit to the Committee.

Mr. Malone took the floor and spoke for some time against the motion. He saw no good reason why the House should not pass the bill to-day. After a long debate, the bill was recommitted to the Committe on Internal Improvement, with instructions to report this evening, and the bill was also made special order for 8 o'clock, this evening.

On motion of Mr. Sinclair, the rules were suspended, and the bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Plaster Bank and Salt Works, R. R. Co, ratified 13th of May, 1866, was taken up.

An amendment making an appropriation of money was offered and adopted, when,

Mr. Pou raised the point of order that the bill was unconstitutional in its present status, as section 16 article 2, of the Constitution expressly declared that all bills appropriating money should be three times read on separate days. This bill passed its second reading without asking for an appropriation. If the bill passed providing for an appropriation, it must do it in the manner prescribed in the Constitution.

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Mr. Forbe, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported favorably on a bill to amend the charter of the Western Railroad Company, and to build a branch from Fayetteville to Selma. Mr Cook moved to suspend the rules, and put the bill on its several readings. Motion was lost.

BILLS.

By Mr Welker: A bill to provide for a system of Public Instruction. [Prepared by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.] Referred to the Committee on Education.

CALENDAR.

Bill to provide for the redemption of real estate sold under execution. On motion of Mr Blythe, its consideration was postponed until Wednesday next.

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Bill to punish persons hearing or killing [illegible] Passed its second reading.

Bill to amend the 21st section of the 34th chapter of the Revised Code. On motion of Mr. Blythe, it was ordered to be printed.

Bill to change the time for holding the Courts in the counties of Hyde and Martin. Passed its second reading. On motion of Mr. Rich, the rules were suspended and the bill passed its third reading.

Bill to place the county of Duplin in the 3rd and Onslow in the 4th Judicial District. Passed its second reading.

Bill to provide for holding special terms of the Superior Courts. [This bill allowed Judges $4 per day additional compensation while in attendance on said Courts.] On motion of Mr Welker, it was amended by striking out $4 and inserting $7, and the bill passed its several readings under a suspension of the rules.

A message was received from the House transmitting the following bills, viz:

Bill to incorporate the Union Land Company with amendments, which were concurred in.

Bill amendatory of an act to incorporate the Western North Carolina Railroad Company, (substitute for Senate bill.)

Mr. Graham said, this bill comes from the House as a substitute for the Senate bill, entirely a different bill from the original. He desired to know if it was not necessary, under the Constitution, that it should be read three several times in the Senate.

The President decided that it was not necessary. The substitute contained the substance of the original bill which passed the Senate, and came from the House in the form of an amendment.

Mr. Welker moved to postpone its consideration until Wednesday next. Lost, and the amendments were concurred in by the following vote:

AYES.—Messrs. Barrow, Beasley, Bessman, Burns, Blythe, Colgrove, Cook, Davis, Eaves, Etheridge, Eppes, colored, Hayes, Harrington, Hyman, colored, Jones, of Wake, Lassiter, Lindsay, Love, Martindale, Moore, of Yancey, Osborne, Rich, Richardson, Respass, Smith, Stephens, Welker, Wynne, Winstead, and Wilson—32.

NAYS.—Messrs. Barnes, Beall, Brogden, Graham, Legg, Long, Mason, Melchor, Moore, of Carteret, and White—10.

BILL TO AMEND [illegible] Western divisions of the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad (substitute for Senate bill.)

Mr. Graham proposed an amendment to the section making an appropriation, provided the question be submitted to a vote of the people of the State.

The President ruled the amendment out of order and the House amendments were concurred in by the following vote:

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NAYS.—Messrs. Barrow, Barnes, Brogden, Eppes, colored, Graham, Legg, Long, Melchor, and Welker—9.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

NIGHT SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 17, 1869.

House called to order at 7 o'clock.

A leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Hawkins, Proctor and Barnett.

By B. W. Morris, colored: A resolution raising a Joint Select Committee for the purpose of determining whether or not members are entitled to per diem during the late recess. Lies over.

On motion of Thos. A. Sykes, colored, the rules were suspended, and the bill incorporating the North Carolina Manufacturing Loan and Trust Co., was taken up, and passed its several readings.

On motion of Mr. Fereboe, the rules were suspended, and the bill authorizing the Commissioners of Camden County to levy a special tax, was taken up and passed its second reading, by a vote of yeas 66, nays 3.

On motion of Mr. Candler, the rules were suspended, and the bill chartering the Bank of Asheville, was taken up, and after being amended in one or two particulars, passed its third reading.

By Mr. Pearson: A bill to extend the corporate limits of the town of Goldsboro. Referred.

CALENDAR.

A bill authorizing the Commissioners of Tarboro to grant the right of way to the Tarboro and Williamston R. R., was taken up, and passed its several readings.

The hour for the Special Order was announced, to-wit:

The bill to amend the Charter of the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio Railroad.

The question recurred upon the several amendments, reported by the Committee, which were adopted.

The bill, after undergoing some other amendments, passed its third reading by the following ballot:

YEAS.—Messrs. Argo, Banner, Barnett, Candler, Carson, Carey, colored, Cawthorn, colored, Cherry, colored, Clayton, of Transylvania, Crawford, Davidson, Downing, Durham, Estes, Forkner, colored, Foster, Franklin, French, Gahagan, Green, Grier, Harris, of Franklin, Harris, of Wake, colored, Hendricks, Ingram, Justus, of Henderson, Justice, of Rutherford, Kelly, of Davie, Kinney, Laflin, Leary, colored, Malone, Matheson, Mayo, colored, McCanless, Morris, colored, Nicholson, Painter, Proctor, Proffit, Renfrow, Siegrist, Sinclair, Sinclair, Sweat, colored, Vestal, Vest, Waldrop, Welch, Whitley, Williamson, colored, Wilson and Wiswall.

NAYS.—Messrs. Allison, Ashworth, Blair, Boddie, Fereles, Gibson, Hawkins, High, Hinnant, Hodgin, Hodnett, Hoffman, Hamphries, Jarvis, Long, of Chatham, McMillan, Moore, Parker, Pearson, Pou, Rea, Smith, of Alleghany, Snipes, Stanton, Stokes, colored, Williams, of Harnett, and Williams, of Sampson.

By consent, Mr. French, from the Committee on Counties and Townships, reported favorably on the bill in relation to the Counties of Dare and Grant. The bill was placed upon the Calendar.

On motion of J. S. Leary, colored, the rules were suspended, and the bill in relation to the Plaster Bank and Salt Works Railroad Company, was taken up and made the special order for tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Downing moved to dispense with evening sessions for the balance of the week. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Downing, the House then adjourned until to morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

SENATE.

THURSDAY, Jan. 28, 1869.

The Senate was called to order at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Lomb say, from the Committee appointed to investigate the expenditures in Stationery, in the possession of the Secretary of State, made the following report, to wit:

For forty eight days of present session the Secretary of State reports, as issued to officers of the Senate:

Fifteen and a half (15½) reams of Letter paper, five (5) reams of note paper, three (3) reams of Foolscap, five and a half (5½) reams legal cap, eleven (11) quires of wrapping paper, four (4,000) thousand small envelops, seven (7,000) hundred large envelops, eight (8) spools of red tape, thirty five (35) clothlined envelops, two (2,000) hundred paper clamps, five (5) gross of steel pens, ninety six (96) bottles of Ink, one hundred and eighty (1890) lead pencils, sixty (60) bottles of mucilage, one hundred and forty seven (147) pen holders, four (4) pieces of india rubber, and one (1) bottle of redink.

This does not include stationery issued to members *without vouchers*. The Committee ask to be discharged. Concurred in.

A message was received from the House, transmitting the following bills, &c., viz:

Bill to incorporate the University Railroad Company.

Resolution providing for the payment of the clerk of the Committee on Bribery and Corruption.

Resolution extending time to the joint Committee on Banks.

NOTICE OF BILLS.

By Mr. Lindsay: Of a bill to protect the State against the ruinous depreciation of her bonds, by fixing a sum under which they are not to be sold.

By Mr Wynne: Of a bill to ascertain and define the privileges of members of the General Assembly.

By Mr. Beall: Of a bill to prohibit the sale of spirituous liquors near the Western North Carolina Railroad.

BILLS.

By Mr. Etheridge: A bill to incorporate the Currituck Club Steamboat Company. Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Osborne: A bill authorizing Solicitors to administer oaths in certain cases. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Bill relating to the Western Turnpike Road. Passed.

Bill to amend an act to regulate the sale of spirituous liquors in the town of Asheville. Passed.

Resolution to print the laws and Constitution for the use of the officers of the State. Passed.

Bill to amend Chapter 2, title 19, of the Code of Civil Procedure. Passed.

Mr. Osborne, introduced a resolution, requesting our Representatives in Congress, to use their influence to have the branch Mint at Charlotte, North Carolina, re established.

Mr. Rich offered a substitute urging our Representatives in Congress to vote for the bill now pending in Congress, to abolish said Mint.

Mr. Welker urged the adoption of the substitute. That institution was an expense to the government, and the only object in keeping it up was to shield some men or take them in out of the cold when they could not get office elsewhere. He believed the proposition in Congress was simply to reduce the expenses of the government.

Messrs. Davis, Cook and Osborne opposed the substitute, and it was rejected by a vote of yeas 4, nays 37. Messrs. Bellamy, Martindale, Rich, and Welker voted in the affirmative.

The original resolution was then adopted, ayes 36, nays Messrs. Bellamy, Martindale, Rich and Welker—4.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Bill to lay off the Homestead and personal property exemption. Passed its second reading.

On motion the Senate adjourned until this evening at 7½ o'clock.

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THURSDAY, Jan. 28, 1868.

The House was called to order at 10 o'clock.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Franklin, of the House.

Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

PETITIONS &c.

Mr French presented a memorial, from the Wilmington Hook and Ladder Co. No 1. Referred.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

J. H. Harris, of Wake, colored, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, reported favorably upon the resolution in favor of J. J. Moore, Sheriff of Granville county.

Mr. French, from the Committee on Counties and Townships, reported a list of counties from whom no report has been received.

On motion of J. H. Harris, of Wake, colored, the rules were suspended and the resolution in favor of Jas. J. Moore, was taken up and adopted.

Mr. Sinclair, from the Committee on Private Bills, reported upon several bills in favor of certain Sheriffs.

On motion of Mr. Sinclair, the rules were suspended and the different bills passed their several readings.

Mr. French moved to suspend the rules and take up the bill creating the County of Dare.

Mr. Welch said that he thought that in courtesy to the gentleman from Tyrrell (Mr. Jarvis) who was at present absent from his seat, that the matter should be postponed until his return. He (Mr. Welch) therefore hoped the rules would not be suspended.

Mr. Pou said that the gentleman from Tyrrell, (Mr. Jarvis) had requested him (Mr. Pou) that, if the matter was brought up, to have it postponed until his return, as he (Jarvis) was necessarily compelled to be absent, and if he found the people of his County did not object to the matter, he would pledge himself to make no further opposition to it.

Mr. Farrow said that this dismemberment of his County (Hyde) was very disagreeable to his people, and took its origin in a scheme of certain men to manufacture a new County for political purposes.

After some discussion, the House refused to suspend the rules.

BILLS.

By Mr. Renfrow: A bill to incorporate the Littleton Manufacturing Company. Referred.

On motion of Mr. French, the rules were suspended and his resolution amendatory to the rule of the House, was taken up and adopted.

Mr Thompson presented the report of the Commissioners of Onslow. Referred.

By Mr Smith, of Alleghany: A bill legalizing interest upon open accounts. Referred.

By Mr Graham: A bill to transfer to Montgomery county, that portion of the Fayetteville and Albemarle Plank Road, included within the limits of Montgomery county. Referred.

On motion of Mr. McMillan, the rules were suspended and the bill authorizing the Commissioners of Duplin county, to levy a special tax, was taken up and passed its third reading, by a vote of yeas 70, nays 0.

On motion of Mr. Forbee, the rules were suspended, and the bill authorizing the Commissioners of Camden county, to levy a special tax, was taken up, and passed its third reading, by a vote of yeas 74, nays 0.

On motion of Mr. French, the rules were suspended, and the bill authorizing the County Commissioners of Pitt, to levy a special tax, was taken up and passed its third reading, by a vote of yeas 76, nays 0.

A message was received from the Senate concurring in the House amendments to the bills concerning the Western N. C. R. R. and the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford R. R.

SPECIAL ORDER.

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Plaster Bank and Salt Works R. R. Co., ratified 30th of May, 1864." The bill was read at length, and passed its second reading by a vote of yeas 45, nays 34, and was ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. French, the rules were suspended and the bill repealing the usury law was taken up and read, when,

Mr. French offered a substitute entitled a bill to establish a rate of interest.

Mr. French took the floor in explanation of his substitute. This substitute allows money to be loaned on any interest that may be agreed on, if the contract was made in writing, but if there be no special contract, then 6 per cent shall be the legal rate. He regarded money as an article of merchandize, and a man had as good a right, to make a profession that article, as he would on his cotton, potatoes, &c.

Mr. Vest favored the substitute.

Mr. Seymour objected to the bill. He thought it a movement simply intended to benefit capitalists, &c.

Mr. Estes was in favor of the repeal of the usury law, not because it would benefit the capitalist, but in order to favor poor men. If he wished to borrow $10,000, they had no right to say at what rate of interest it must be borrowed at. If he had a crop in some way imperiled and was obliged to obtain money in order to save himself, and that money could only be got at a rate beyond the price fixed by law. This Assembly had no right to pass a law saying he should not borrow the money.

Mr. Downing thought the present law on our statute books was a remnant of barbarism, &c. He thought the repeal of this law would tend to decrease the rate of interest.

Mr. Foster was opposed to the repeal of the law, &c.

Mr. Malone said this bill ought to pass. The bill simply allows a man to contract, in writing, for a greater rate of interest than 6 per cent. It does not apply to accounts or to contracts, other than those, *specifically agreed upon, by the parties*. It often happens that a man could pay ten cents and make an excellent speculation in the use of the money. The present usury laws tend to drive capital from the State. But when you allow the miser who holds money to contract for his rate of interest, he will lay his money out into circulation.

It is not to be presumed that a man will borrow money pay 10 per cent, give security, pledge his property, without he considers it to his interest to do so. What objections can exist to the bill?

Mr. Pou said he regarded the usury law still standing upon the statute books of some States as a relic of ignorance and superstition, &c. He had introduced the original bill in regard to this matter, but he prepared the substitute of Mr. French.

The hour for special order was announced, to-wit:

The report of the Committee on Bribery and Corruption. The Clerk proceeded to read the report, when,

Mr. Seymour moved to suspend the reading of the report, and that further action in the matter be dispensed with, until the Senate is heard from. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Estes, the Revenue bill was made the special order for to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

By Mr. Green: A bill to amend the Charter of the Cheraw and Salisbury Railroad R. Referred.

On motion the House adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THE LEGAL TENDER CASES.—The judges of the Supreme Court were in consultation on Friday and Saturday on the legal tender case. The discussion of the judges was quite extended, but no decision has been reached. The consultation has developed the fact, however, that there will be two opinions prepared, but at this time it is unknown upon which side the majority opinion will be made. Future conferences will decide this and who shall be selected to prepare the opinions.—*Wash. Cor. N. Y. Tribune.*

On the 26th inst., Wm. Reed a married man, living in the vicinity of Grove Hill, in this county, eloped with Miss Sallie Roberston, a maiden lady, resident of the same neighborhood.—*Warrenton Gazette.*

The rent for sittings in Henry Ward Beecher's Church amounts to $97,000 this year.

For the Sentinel

WHAT CROPS WILL BE MOST VALUABLE FOR THE YEAR EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY NINE.

For the first time since the war the farmer is enabled—owing to the high price of cotton—to employ labor to cultivate his lands. Experience has instructed him that the cultivation of corn, except to such an extent as feed for his stock may require, cannot be profitable unless his object be to raise stock for sale, and, even in such case, it is very doubtful whether it will pay so long as hand hire remains from ten to twelve dollars per month and their board. The cotton crop for the year 1867 did not pay; for most of the farmers sold when cotton was selling from twelve to fourteen cents a pound, and it is generally admitted that twelve cents a pound will not more than pay for the cultivation of cotton, and as the land will produce a bale of the acre without the application of costly fertilizers; and but few ever sold land. Such being the case, and the certainty that about twice the number of acres of land will be cultivated this year in cotton as there was last year, and if the yield should be good, that price of cotton cannot be higher than sixteen cents, and the probability is it may be less that, the prudent farmer, under such circumstances, will cultivate about half the number of acres as he did before the war, and he will manure that much with good compost, instead of investing large sums of money in Guano or some other temporary fertilizer. He will make at least a bale of cotton to the acre and make more by selling it at twelve cents a pound, than if he had cultivated double the quantity of land and half manured and made a usual crop of about half bale to the acre and sold it at twenty fourcents; because it required twice the amount of labor and feed for his horses. If we will cultivate cotton, we should make our own fertilizers and cultivate about half the number of acres as formerly, or rather just as much land as we can well manure. Do this, and cotton crop will pay well, and in a few years your farm will increase to twice its former value. But there are other paying crops worthy of the farmer's attention. The last that farmers of North Carolina can ship garden peas North three weeks before the truckers near Norfolk, and that peas are worth from twelve to fifteen dollars per barrel, merits due consideration. It takes about one bushel and half of peas to plant an acre, and they are worth now twelve dollars a bushel, and an acre will produce from ten to twenty barrels, and we could ship two thirds of the crop before a fall in price. The land should not be too rich, the rows about two feet distant and peas planted very thick. Why not give this crop a trial? It don't require as much labor as cotton, and you receive your money for it in April and May, time enough to use for the cultivation of your cotton crop. The onion crop will pay well, also. The land should be highly manured; rows about one foot distant and onions six inches apart. It will take about eight bushels of sets, worth about twelve dollars a bushel, and an acre ought to make five hundred bushels, which sold last year as high as eight dollars per barrel of three bushels. You may be certain they will net you one dollar per bushel, which will pay more than cotton. It is true, the sets are costly, yet the return will pay for the outlay and it requires not half the labor to cultivate onions that it does cotton. Try it farmers in a small way, as the writer did last year, and you will be well pleased with the result. There are other crops said to pay well, but the writer never having cultivated any of them could not advise others.

Politics don't interest as formerly. We can only indulge a fond hope that many of our present law makers will ere long be assigned to that tomb of oblivion which their meanness so justly merits, and that their places will be filled by those who will do justice to that great Anglo Saxon race, whose monuments are those of genius, civilization and Christian morality. Then, and not till then, will the honest farmer withdraw any of his attention from his pleasant vocation or desert his rural retreat.

J. H. I.

From the Goldsboro Messenger.

THE GRAVE YARD