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SENATE.

FRIDAY, March 26, 1869.

Mr. Forkner, from Internal Improvements Committee, reported adversely to the bill relating to the W. C. R. R Company.

The Committee reported back the bill relative to the State land in the county of Hyde, with amendments, and recommended its passage.

On motion of Mr. Respass, the rules were suspended and the bill taken up and passed its second reading.

Mr. Moore, of Carteret, from the Committee on Corporations, reported back a number of bills to extend limits of terms of Masonic lodges, &c.

Mr. Hayes, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported adversely to the House amendments to the Fayetteville and Florence Railroad Company.

Mr. Brogden, from the Committee on Finance, reported favorably on bill empowering several counties to levy special taxes.

Message from the House transmitting a number of bills, asking the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr Legg gave notice of a bill to authorize Mr. Galloway, late Sheriff of Brunswick, to collect taxes.

Mr. A. J. Jones: A bill authorizing the Commissioners of Columbus to levy a special tax.

Mr. Osborne introduced a bill changing the name of Mecklenburg Female College, to Fairview Female College.

Mr. Martindale introduced a resolution to adjourn on the 5th day of April.

The rules were suspended and the resolution was amended by striking out the fifth and inserting the twelfth.

The resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Respass then introduced a resolution instructing the Governor to take possession of that part of the Chesapeake and Albemarle canal within this State, and hold the same until the tolls due thereon, shall be paid to the State, &c., and instructing the Governor to use military force in the discharge of the provisions of the resolution, if found necessary.

The rules were suspended and the resolutions passed their second reading unanimously.

On the third reading the yeas and nays were called and resulted yeas 35, nays Mr. Graham and Mr. Beeman.

On motion of Mr. White, the resolutions were engrossed and forthwith transmitted to the House of Representatives.

The bill amending chapter 40 of the Revised Code, in relation to fences;

The bill to confer power on the county Commissioners;

The bill to amend an act concerning the government of counties, were read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Graham, the rules were suspended and the bill to cure certain irregularities in civil procedure was taken up, read, amended and passed its several readings.

On motion of Mr. Welker, the resolution making provision for the payment of the Committee appointed to investigate the Penitentiary matter, was taken up and passed.

Bill providing for the freedom of the ballot box, [provides for separate boxes for white and colored, &c.,] was read third time.

A. H. Galloway, colored, moved to lay the bill on the table.

On that motion Mr. Cook called the yeas and nays which resulted yeas 35, nays.

House bill to make certain amendments in the code of civil procedure, read third time and passed.

Leave of absence were granted Mr. Robbins until Tuesday morning.

Message from the House, transmitting the report of the Committee of Conference, on the bill to raise revenue. The report concurs in the Senate amendments, with one or two exceptions.

The Senate concurred in the amendments by the following vote—yeas 29, nays 8.

Bill to encourage guardians to invest in the public stocks of the State any funds that may be in their hands was postponed indefinitely.

Bill concerning Guardians and Wards, was read third time and passed.

Bill to amend chapter 8 of civil procedure was tabled.

House bill concerning Registers of Deeds passed third reading.

Bill to define and punish bribery, read third time.

Mr. Wynne characterized it as a disgrace and an insult to the State of North Carolina, and moved its indefinite postponement yeas 2, nays 32. The bill then passed, yeas 38, nays 1.

Mr. Martindale introduced a Resolution, the House concurring, that no new bill shall be introduced after Monday next without the unanimous consent of the House.

Mr. Love moved a suspension of the rules, that the resolution may be acted on. Not adopted.

The Resolution was tabled.

The bill, in relation to the Tennessee River Rail Road Company, read third time—the substitute was rejected; whereupon,

Mr. Love moved a reconsideration of the vote.

Mr. A. J. Jones moved to lay that motion on the table, yeas 15, nays 16.

The motion to reconsider then prevailed;

And the question then recurring on the substitute offered by Mr. Love, resulted—yeas 15, nays 20.

Mr. Moore then moved to lay the bill on the table—yeas 17, nays 15.

Bill to enable the Chatham Rail Road Company to compile its Road, was read a third time.

Mr. Moore, of Carteret, moved to lay on the table, failed.

Pending the further consideration, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, March 26, 1869.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Long, of Chatham, of the House.

Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Stilley, from the Committee on Education, reported favorably upon the bill to provide a system of Public Instruction.

Mr. Mendenhall arose to a question of privilege. He, as one of the Committee on Education, dissented from certain portions of the bill, &c. He would state his objections in detail when the bill came up for consideration.

Mr. Hodgin spoke to the same effect. The bill was made special order for Monday next at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Estes, from the Committee of Conference, in relation to the Revenue bill, submitted a report which was placed upon the Calendar.

Mr. Burnett; A bill to levy a special tax in Person County. Lies over.

By Mr. Estes: A bill to aid the Watson Parochial School Fund. Referred.

By Mr. Kinney: A bill to prohibit the sale of liquor within two miles of the Silver Hill Mining Co. Lies over.

By Mr. Peck: A bill to construct a railroad from Wilmington to Prymouth. Referred.

By Mr. Smith, of Wayne: A bill to incorporate the town of Pikesville, Wayne county. Referred.

By Mr. Stevens: A bill regulating the fare upon certain railroads. Lies over

On motion of Mr. Ingram, the rules were suspended, and the bill authorizing the Board of Education to sell the State's stock in the Cape Fear Navigation Co., was taken up and passed its several readings.

On motion of Mr. Vest, the rules were suspended, and the bill directing the Secretary of State to furnish county commissioners with the Code of Civil Procedure as amended, was taken up.

Mr. Vest offered a substitute, which was adopted, and the bill passed its several readings.

By J. H. Harris, of Wake, colored: A bill to amend Chap. 22, Revised Code. Referred.

By Mr. Estes: A bill to incorporate the Phœnix Transportation Company. Referred.

On motion of Mr. McMillan, the rules were suspended, and the bill to allow the commissioners of Duplin county to levy a special tax, was taken up and passed its second reading, by a vote of yeas 86, nays none.

Mr. Pou moved to suspend the rules, and take up the Senate bill to protect the State against fraudulent sale of property for the use of a Penitentiary.

Mr. Downing opposed a suspension of the rules.

After some debate, Mr. Pou's motion to suspend the rules, was put to a vote and carried.

The Clerk read the bill. [The bill forbids the Treasurer from paying the interest or principal on the $100,000.]

Mr. Pou moved to strike out a portion of the preamble and to change the title of the bill.

Mr. Downing took the floor and spoke against the bill. He thought if the House passed the bill it would prove a nullity.—He did not think the State could repudiate the purchase.

After some discussion the question recurred upon Mr. Pou's motion to strike out the preamble.

Mr. Durham said he hoped the motion would not prevail as the preamble spoke the truth, as there certainly had been a huge fraud somewhere.

Mr. Downing said it was a tissue of falsehoods.

J. H. Harris, of Wake, colored said the preamble was a libel upon the Governor, Treasurer and heads of departments, &c.

Mr. Estes moved to amend the amendment by striking out all after the second *whereas*. Carried.

The amendment as amended was then adopted.

The bill then passed its several readings by a vote of yeas 80, nays 6. (Messrs. Crawford, colored, Downing, Hayes, colored, Justice, of Rutherford, Leflin and Mayo, colored, voted in the negative.)

J. H. Harris, of Wake, colored, moved to strike out the entire preamble. Lost.

A long debate ensued, and the bill passed its third reading after having the entire preamble stricken out.

On motion of Mr. Estes, the rules were suspended, and the report of the Committee of Conference in regard to the Revenue bill, was taken up.

Mr. Estes, Chairman of the House branch of the House branch of the Committee, read the various amendments agreed upon by said Committee.

On motion, the House concurred in the report and the Senate was notified of the same.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Senate bill to authorize the construction of a Railroad from Plymouth to Wilmington. (This bill asks for an appropriation of $1,500,000.)

A long debate ensued upon the various amendments reported by the Committee, which were finally adopted.

Mr. Welch offered an amendment submitting the proposition to a vote of the people, which was rejected by a vote of yeas 48, nays 34.

The yeas and nays being called, the House rejected the bill on its second reading by the following ballot:

YEAS—Messrs. Ames, Armstrong, Barnett, Carson, Carey, Cherry, Crawford, Davis, Dixon, Downing, Ellington, Forkner, Foster Gahagan, Graham, Green, Harris, of Franklin, Hayes, Hilliard Leflin, Malone, Mayo, McMillan, Moore, of Chowan, Peck, Ragland, Renfrow, Simonds, Snipes, Stilley, Sykes, Thompson, Vest, White and Williamson.

NAYS—Messrs. Allison, Ashworth, Boddie, Cawthorn, Clayton, Davidson, Estes, Farrow, Faircloth, French, Gibson, Grier, Hawkins, Hicks, Hinnant, Hodgin, Hodnett, Horney, Humphries, Hudgins, Kelly, of Davie, Kelly, of Moore, Kinney, Long, of Chatham, Long, of Richmond, Matheson, Mendenhall, Moore, of Alamance, Morris, Nicholson, Painter, Pearson, Pou, Robbins, Robinson, Shaver, Smith, of Alleghany, Smith, of Wayne, Sweat, Vestal, Welch, Whitley, Wilkie, Williams, of Harnett, Williams, of Sampson, and Wilson.

Adjourned.

SENATE.

NIGHT SESSION.

FRIDAY, March 26, 1869.

Bill to authorize the Commissioners of Rockingham county, to levy a special tax, passed its second reading.

The bill relating to the weighing of Rosin in Wilmington, passed its several readings.

[The bill provides for the appointing of two weighers by the Governor, and fixes fees at 3 cents per barrel for weighing, and a forfeiture of $25 for failing to weigh, &c.]

The unfinished business of last Saturday, being the resolution in favor of R. S. Tucker, was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Jones, of Columbus, moved to lay on the table—yeas 15, nays 19.

The question recurring on the passage of the resolution—resulted yeas 16, nays 16.

The President voted in the negative.

The following bills passed their third reading:

House bill to empower the county of Cumberland to levy a special tax.

Bill authorizing the Commissioners of Gaston, to levy a special tax.

Bill authorizing the Commissioners of Halifax, to levy a special tax.

Bill authorizing the Commissioners of Warren to levy a special tax.

Bill authorizing the Commissioners of Jackson to issue bonds.

Bill authorizing the Commissioners of Jones to levy a special tax.

Bill authorizing the Commissioners of Union to levy a special tax.

Bill to allow the Commissioners of the town of Rutherfordton to levy a special tax.

The bill providing for reports from certain Railroad Companies.

On motion the Senate adjourned.

SENATE.

SATURDAY, March 27, 1869.

Mr Brogden, from the Committee on Finance, made sundry reports on private bills.

Mr. Forkner, from the committee on Internal Improvements, reported favorably on the bill to incorporate the Ashboro' and Albemarle Rail Road Company.

Mr Moore, of Carteret, from the Committee on Corporations, reported favorably on several bills.

Message from the House, transmitting bills, and asking concurrence.

Bill authorizing Commissioners of Rockingham to levy a special tax, read third time and passed.

Bill, to charter the Bank of Greensboro', was read third time.

Various amendments were offered by Mr. Cook, but rejected.

The question then recurring on the passage of the bill, resulted in yeas 27, nays 9

Bill authorizing the Commissioners of Johnston County, to levy a special tax, passed its second reading.

Bill for the relief of B. Wallace, was read third time and passed.

Bill to establish a turnpike road from Marion to Asheville, read second time and tabled.

Bill to charter the Bank of Asheville, read third time, and passed by a vote of yeas 20, nays 10.

Bill to charter the Bank of Cumberland, to be located in Fayetteville, passed third reading.

Bill to change the name of the town of Nahunta to Fremont, passed third reading.

Bill in relation to a plank road from High Point to Salem, passed third reading.

Bill to amend charter of the Wilmington Hook and Ladder Company, passed third reading.

Bill to authorize the Commissioners of Salisbury to issue bonds, passed second reading.

Bill incorporating East Bend Lodge, A. Y. M., in the County of Yadkin, passed third time.

Mr. Davis said, he had stood in the position of being opposed to the charter of a certain Lodge, on a former occasion, this was under a misapprehension. He would state, however, that although he did not have the honor of being a member of that time-honored fraternity, he was a friend to Masonry, and would most cheerfully give his vote to charter all lodges when applied for. They were composed of men of honor, and men holding high political and social positions in society.

Bill incorporating Silver Valley Mineral Company, passed third time.

Resolution in favor of the Sheriff of Jackson County, passed third reading.

Resolution in favor of J. L. Moore, late Sheriff of Macon County, passed third time.

Resolution for the relief of J. A. Long, late Sheriff of the County of Richmond, passed third reading.

Bill in favor of J. W. C. Piercy, late tax collector of Cherokee county.

Bill to incorporate Trinity Lodge, in the county of Randolph.

House bill for the relief of Mary Crowder—allowing her to marry again.

Resolution in favor of Elias Loncrier, of Catawba county. Passed their 3rd reading.

Bill authorizing Commissioners of Wayne County, to levy a special tax. Passed 2nd reading.

Bill authorizing the Commissioners of Perquimans to levy a special tax. Passed 2nd time.

Bill to change the location of the county site of Haywood Co. Tabled.

Bill incorporating the Independent Telegraph Company. Passed 3 d reading.

Bill incorporating the town of Lexington. Passed 3rd time.

Resolution for the relief of Catherine Kendall. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Bill authorizing the construction of a toll bridge across Haw River.

Bill to incorporate the Yadkin Bridge Company.

Bill authorizing the erection of a toll bridge across John's River.

Bill incorporating Halifax Manufacturing Company.

Bill to incorporate Middle Falls Manufacturing Company.

Bill providing for the appointment of municipal officers for the town of Rocky Mount.

Bill to incorporate the town of Trinity, in the county of Randolph.

Bill incorporating W. T. Bain Lodge in the county of Wake.

Bill incorporating town of La Grange, in Lenoir county,—formerly, Mosely Hall.

Act incorporating Trustees Union Church, at Company Shops.

Bill to amend the charter of the town of Bath.

House bill incorporating Sparkling Catawba Springs.

Act incorporating the town of Durham.

Bill authorizing Commissioners of Duplin to levy a special tax—all passed their 3d reading.

Bill authorizing the appointment of a tax collector for the county of Pasquotank—rejected.

Bill authorizing the Commissioners of Franklin county to levy a special tax.

Bill for the relief of Jesse Sumner.

Bill incorporating the town of Madison—all passed 3d time.

Message from the House, concurring in the Senate resolution to adjourn on the 12th of April.

Bill incorporating Mebanesville Lodge.

Bill authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Catawba River.

Act to prevent the destruction of fish in Little River, in the county of Johnston—passed their several readings.

Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SATURDAY, March 27, 1869.

House called to order at the usual hour. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Long, of the Senate.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Various messages were received from the Senate in regard to certain bills and resolutions, which were appropriately disposed of.

Among them a resolution proposing to adjourn *sine die* on the 12th of April.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Davidson.

Mr. Matheson from the Committee on Corporations, reported favorably upon the bill to amend the act incorporating the Cheoah Turnpike Company. Placed upon the calendar.

J. S. Leary, colored, from the same Committee, reported favorably upon the bill to incorporate the Phœnix Transportation Company. Placed upon the calendar.

By Mr. Justus, of Henderson: A bill to allow the Commissioners of his county to levy a special tax. Lies over.

By Mr. French: A bill to incorporate the People's Gas Light Company. Referred.

By J. W. Price, colored: A bill to incorporate the Wilmington Co-operative Land and Building Company. Referred.

Collier Mayo, colored, moved to reconsider the vote detearing the bill constructing a Railroad from Wilmington to Plymouth.

After a debate of some length Mr. Smith, of Alleghany, moved to lay the motion on the table.

The yeas and nays being called, the House rejected the motion by a vote of yeas 21, nays 61.

Mayo's motion was then adopted by a vote of yeas 61.

The question then recurred upon the motion to reconsider.

On motion of Mr. French, the consideration of that motion was postponed until Monday next at 12 o'clock.

Various bills from the private calendar were taken up and considered until adjournment.

SENATE.

MONDAY, March 29, 1869.

Mr. Hayes moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill chartering the Independent Telegraph Company, passed on Saturday, as he thought it was granting a monopoly, which was forbidden by the Constitution.

On motion of Mr. Moore, of Carteret the motion to reconsider was tabled.

Leave of absence was granted Mr. Stephens for one week

Leave of absence was granted Mr. Murphy for five days.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, reported favorably on the bill to abolish the Board of Councilmen in Newbern.

Mr. Sweet asked a suspension of the rules to put the bill on its second reading, as there was great excitement in Newbern on the subject, and he held in his hand a petition, numerously signed by citizens of Newbern, asking the passage of the bill. The petition was signed by 500 voters—most of them colored men.

A. H. Galloway, colored, opposed the suspension of the rules, as he thought this Legislature had no right to interfere with the city matters of Newbern, and he understood very well, the object of the bill—it was to oust this Board of Councilmen, because there were colored men elected on that board, and he looked upon the course of Mr. Sweet as infamous.

Mr. Sweet, in reply, said in substance, that the Senator from New Hanover, had, on more than one occasion, raveled out of his way, to get into water too deep for him, and had not even so much as a straw to sanction him. He did not expect, nor did he intend, to be insulted by the Senator from New Hanover, who did not exhibit sense enough to understand the rules of propriety.

Amidst much confusion, and in an excited manner,

A. H. Galloway, colored, said he would hold the Senator from Craven responsible for his language, outside of this Hall; and subsequently said, that, if hereafter, the Senator from Craven insulted him, he would prove to him the blood of a true Southron. The rules were not suspended.

Mr. Brogden, from the Finance Committee, to whom was referred the House bill authorizing the public Treasurer to borrow money to supply a deficiency in the Treasury, reported the bill back with a substitute.

The rules were suspended, and the substitute was adopted—and the question being on the passage of the bill, as amended,

Mr. Hayes moved to amend by restricting the Treasurer to 6 per cent—instead of 8—which was not adopted.

The bill then passed its 2nd. reading.

Mr. W. D. Jones, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported the bill creating a Bureau of Agriculture, &c., in the office of the Secretary of State, with amendments.

Message from the House, transmitting bills for concurrence.

House bill, amending the charter of the Western N. C. Railroad Company, passed, under a suspension of the rules, its three several readings.

Mr. Legg introduced a bill authorizing the late sheriff of Brunswick, to collect arrears of taxes, and for his relief.

Mr. Murphy gave notice of a bill to incorporate a Hook and Ladder Company in Fayetteville.

Mr. Welker presented a bill and report in relation to the location of the Penitentiary. Made special order for to night.

The bill allowing the Chatham Railroad to complete its work was taken up on its third reading, and passed. [The bill allows the Company to issue $2,000 000 of bonds, and mortgage its road—the State taking 2nd. mortgage.]

The bill authorizing the several Counties to subscribe stock to Railroad Companies. After a debate, participated in by Messrs. Osborne, Sweet and Graham in opposition, and Mr. Forkner in the affirmative, passed its third reading.

The bill to incorporate the Fayetteville & New River Railroad, was amended so as to read Fayetteville & Atlantic Road, making the terminus at Morehead City, passed its 3rd readings—yeas 18, nays 10.

Bill to authorize an exchange of bonds, was taken up.

Mr. Davis moved to lay on the table, which failed.

Mr. Barrow then took the floor, and in an able speech, advocated the passage of the bill.

Mr. Davis followed in opposition, Mr. Welker then spoke in favor and Mr. Hayes against.

Mr. Osborne spoke in favor of the bill.

During the discussion Mr. Graham asked Mr. Davis if he had not told him (Mr. Graham) that he (Davis) regarded these obligations as just debts of the State, and that he had examined the subject and thought they ought to be paid. Mr. Davis replied that he had spoken favorably of them but wished further time to investigate.

Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, March 29, 1869.

House called to order at the usual hour.

Journal of Saturday last read and approved.

By Mr. Ragland: A resolution that this General Assembly entertain no proposition to form a new County during this session.

On motion of Mr. Ragland, the rules were suspended, in order to consider the resolution.

Mr Hodgin moved to lay it on the table.

The yeas and nays being called the House rejected the motion to table, by a vote of yeas 17, nays 51.

The resolution was then adopted.

By Mr Shaver: A resolution, requesting the Penitentiary Committee to visit the town of Salisbury. Lies over.

By Mr Estes: A bill to authorize the Governor to employ counsel in the Supreme Court of the United States. Referred.

Various messages were received from the Senate, in regard to several bills which were appropriately disposed of.

By Mr Humphries: A bill to incorporate the Norlock & Scuppernock Railroad. Referred.

On motion of Mr French, the rules were suspended, and the bill supplemental to an act to amend the charter of the Wilmington, Charlotte & Rutherford Railroad Company, was taken up, and passed its several readings.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Substitute for an act to provide for a system of public instruction.

The bill was considered by sections.

Section 1 was read and adopted.

Section 2 was slightly amended and adopted.

Section 3 was amended by inserting a proviso that no sectarian or political textbooks shall be used.

Mr Painter moved to amend the proviso by saying that text-books, manuscripts and other school teaching materials of permanent residents of this State shall at all times have preference and shall be selected by the State Board of Education, when the same can be obtained. Lost.

The section was then adopted.

Quite a long debate took place upon the recommendation of the committee to strike out section 4, which reads as follows: "The text books selected and prescribed by the Board of Education shall remain in use for a period of not less than five years."

Mr. Bowman said that unless this section was stricken out, he would look upon the bill as an attempt to force upon the people of North Carolina a certain system of education in order to instil into the minds of the pupils certain creeds, theories and principles utterly repugnant to all of our preconceived notions and ideas of what is right and proper.

Mr Ingram said he thought that if this portion of the bill stood as it was the title should be changed, and instead of being an act to provide for a system of public instruction, it should be called a bill to establish a publishing house for the benefit of certain speculators.

He hoped the section would be stricken out.

Messrs. French, Foster and Stilley opposed the striking out of the section.

Mr. Durham said it seem to be the intent of this bill to give this Board of Education power to prescribe text books, and to force parents to send their children to the schools where the text books are used. Though the books selected should be obnoxious, yet parents were to be compelled to send their children to the school if they were sole to send them elsewhere. Even the poor privilege of keeping their children at home is denied to them, so he hoped the section would be stricken out.

The yeas and nays being called, the House refused to strike out the section by a vote of yeas 43, nays 48.

Mr. Bowman said he regarded this refusal of the House to strike out this section as an attempt to force upon the people of the State certain doctrines. He would warn gentlemen that, if this compulsory and infamous course was pursued, that the whole bill would be fought to the bitter end, &c. He intended to move this, afternoon, when the bill comes up as unfinished business, to lay it on the table.

The House then adjourned until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

SENATE.

NIGHT SESSION.

MONDAY, March 29, 1869.

The bill, locating the Penitentiary, being the special order, was read the second time, ordered to be printed, and made the special order for Wednesday next.

Mr. Respass, from the Committee on Salaries and Fees, reported back the bill, and recommended that it do pass. [Bill fixes the salary of the Governor and Treasurer.] Made special order for to-morrow

The bill providing for an exchange of certain bonds, being the unfinished business of the morning, was taken up

Mr Moore, of Carteret, moved to lay on the table. Prevailed.

A. H. Galloway, colored, asked that the bill reported this morning relative to the city of Newbern, be referred back to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, as he held an adverse petition, signed by 500 voters. The motion prevailed, and the bill was referred back.

Act to establish the line between Alamance and Chatham, read 2nd time and passed.

Resolution reducing the *per diem* of the officers and members of the General Assembly, and that the names of those who are absent, when the yeas and nays are called, shall be noted on the journals, was read.

Mr. Mardindale moved its indefinite postponement, which resulted, yeas 18, nays 15.

Bill requiring the Board of Education to invest certain funds in bonds of the State, or of the United States, was read second time and passed.

Act in relation to the public lands,—extends time for making entries perfect. Read second time.

Mr. Welker moved its indefinite postponement. Motion failed.

The bill then passed.

Code bill, requiring County Treasurers, read second time.

Bill defining contempt, and specifying penalty therefor, read second time and passed.

The Senate then adjourned.

SENATE.

TUESDAY, March 30, 1869.

Leave of absence was granted the Senators from Anson and Gaston, until the 12th of April.

Mr. Barrow presented a petition from the citizens of Burke.

Mr. Winstead, from the Judiciary Committee, reported back a number of bills, which took their place on the Calendar.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported back a number of bills, which were placed upon the Calendar.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, reported favorably on the bills authorizing certain Sheriffs and tax collectors to collect arrears of taxes, &c.

Mr. Brogden, from the Finance Committee, reported favorably on the bill to relieve Rufus Gail way, late Sheriff of Brunswick

Mr. Murphy introduced a bill incorporating the McLean Hook and Ladder Company of Fayetteville.

Bill to establish a line between the counties of Alamance and Chatham, read 3d time

Mr. Burns remarked, that, at this time, the county of Chatham could not sustain the expense of a survey.

Mr. Shaffner asked, would the Senator agree to the passage of the bill if Alamance would pay the expense?

The President asked Mr. Shaffner if he was authorized to make the offer?

Mr. Shaffner—No; but the expense would be so trifling he would agree to pay the cost himself, if Chatham objected. It was important that this line should be established; the people want to know where they live; if a man should reach up and take something off a limb, or turn over a log, the officers wished to know where it all occurred, so as to draw bills of indictment.

Mr. Burns said the Commissioners of his county were opposed to it, and he was opposed to it, and therefore desired the Senate to extend to him the same courtesy they had to other Senators.

Mr. Respass participated in this very interesting debate, in substance, that no trouble might hereafter grow out of this interference, the matter had better remain as it is.

After some further debate, the bill was amended, so as to throw the expense of a survey upon the county of Alamance, *provided*, the Commissioners of Chatham were unwilling to pay her share, and in this shape the bill passed its third reading.

Mr. Cooke moved that the Committee on Enrolled Bills be increased two additional members. Agreed to.

Act to lay off Homestead, &c., was read third time, and passed—yeas 30, nays 2.

Act providing salaries for the Governor and Treasurer—allows the Governor $4,000, and $1,000 for house rent—allows the Treasurer $3,000.

Mr. Osborne said he was willing to allow the Governor $4,000; the bill gave him $5,000.

Mr. Wynne was willing to give the Governor $5,000, but could not vote to give him $1,000 because he chose to rent his own house.

Mr. Martindale said, the Governor was as much entitled to $5,000 as members of Congress, especially as he, the Governor, had to furnish his own house; the Government house was not in a condition for Mr. Holden to live in, occupying the position that he does.

The motion to strike out resulted, yeas 13 nays 19.

The question then being on the final passage of the bill, resulted, yeas 22, nays 13

Mr. Bellamy moved to reconsider.

Mr. Hayes moved to lay that motion on the table. Result, yeas 10, nays 20.

The question now recurring on the motion to reconsider,

Mr. Hayes said, if the opposition would agree to make the salary $5,000, he would vote for a reconsideration—unless they did, he would not.

Mr. Welker held in his hand a substitute which would meet the views of the Senator from Robeson.

Mr. Love objected to any bargain being made on this floor.

Mr. Robbins opposed a salary greater than $4,000—it was enough, and the office would be sought with this salary. People were now leaving the State in immense numbers, in consequence of heavy taxation, and the poverty of our State, made so by Radical rule—this was the language of emigrants to him.

Mr. W. D. Jones said, inasmuch as the Governor had refused to occupy the State Mansion, and thereby save to the State a very large amount annually, he thought it just to allow him the $1,000.

Mr. Wynne replied to Mr. Robbins, and fixed the distress of our people, upon the party represented by Mr R., &c

Mr. Osborne, in an able argument opposed the increase of the salary.

Mr. Respass defended the Republican party, and advocated the adoption of the $4,000 salary, and the $1 000 for rent.

The question then being, to reconsider, resulted yeas 19, nays 18

Mr. Welker offered a substitute, making the Governor's salary $5,000.

Mr. Lindsay moved to amend that, by paying $4,000, year 10, nays 17.

Mr. Welker's substitute was then adopted, and the bill, as amended, passed, yeas 19, nays 18.

Act requiring the Board of Education to invest certain funds, coming into their hands, in State or U. S. securities, was read third time, and passed.

Mr. Lindsay moved a reconsideration of the vote, (of last night,) by which the vote to lay on the table, the bill, authorizing the exchange of certain bonds issued for Railroad purposes. The motion prevailed.

Mr. Respass moved to postpone, and make the special order for Monday next at 12 o'clock.

On the question to postpone, a protracted and *lively* debate ensued—Mr. Lindsay leading—and characterized the efforts of certain Senators to raise revenue, and to vote away money for Railroads, as calling to their aid, powers *celestial, terrestial and infernal*—and now they were found in opposition to debts contracted before the war, and had no connection with the war—they were obligations which the State should not shrink from.

Mr. Graham was understood as being ready to vote for the exchange of the bonds, as they were not within the prohibition of the Constitution.

Mr. W. D. Jones took in substance the same position.

Mr. Moore, of Yancey, moved to postpone to the 15th of next November, yeas 10, nays 22.

The bill was then postponed till Monday next, 12 o'clock.

Act authorizing the Treasurer to borrow money to supply a deficiency in the Treasury, was read a third time.

Mr. Martindale offered an amendment restricting the rate of interest which the Treasurer shall pay, to 6 per cent—result, yeas 20, nays 11.

The bill then passed its third reading—yeas 21, nays 6.

The Senate then adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, March 30, 1869.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Long, of the Senate.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Mr. French presented a petition from the Commissioners of New Hanover county and the Aldermen of the city of Wilmington.—Placed on Calendar.

By Mr. French; A bill to amend the act to establish special Courts in the cities of Wilmington and Newbern. Referred.

By the same; A bill to amend section 8, chapter 10, Revised Code. Referred.

By Mr. Moore, of Chowan; A resolution allowing the Principal Clerk to employ an Assistant Engrossing Clerk until the close of the session.

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

Mr. Moore, of Alamance, introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, This Legislature having learned with great pleasure the successful and victorious campaign of the Wake county militia in suppressing the "war association," in the county of Alamance; Therefore,

Be it Resolved, By the General Assembly of North Carolina that a vote of thanks be awarded the heroes of that memorable struggle, and that a pension be allowed the maimed and unfortunate for life.

The Chair ruled the resolution out of order.

By Mr. Wilkie: A resolution that officers and members of the House shall receive *per diem* for the time during the recess from the 21st. of December last to the 4th. of January. Lies over.

By Mr. Jarvis: A resolution that from and after to-day the House shall meet at half past 9 o'clock A. M., and at half past 3 P. M., provided there shall be no afternoon sessions on Saturday.

On motion the rules were suspended and the resolution was adopted.

By Mr. Malone: A resolution instructing the special Committee on Relief to enquire and report to this General Assembly what additional legislation is necessary to perfect the "Stay law" as passed at the present session, after some debate the rules were suspended and the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. French, the rules were suspended, and the bill to amend the act establishing a Special Court in the City of Wilmington and Newbern, was taken up, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Moore, of Chowan: A bill to amend chapter 44, section 5, by-laws of special session, 1868, entitled an act in relation to punishments. Referred.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Substitute for an act to provide for a system of Public Instruction.

J. H. Harris, of Wake, colored, moved to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education, with instructions to report to-morrow morning.

Messrs. Bowman, Pou, Ingram and others opposed the motion.

The motion to recommit was put and lost, by a vote of yeas 38, nays 30.

The question recurred upon the adoption of section 7.

The amendment of the Committee striking out "Superintendent of Public Instruction" and inserting "Board of Education" in line 8 being agreed to, the section was adopted.

Section 8 was adopted.

Section 9 was amended in the same manner as section 7 and adopted.

Section 10 was amended in such a manner as to distribute the net annual income of the public school fund among the several counties in proportion to the number of children to be instructed and then adopted.

W. J. Hayes, colored, moved to reconsider the vote by which section 5 was stricken out.

Mr. Bowman spoke in opposition to the motion. He objected to the section on account of the enormous load of taxation it would create. In his opinion, after a calm consideration of facts and figures this furnishing of books, &c., would cost at least $800 000. He moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

The yeas and nays being called the House laid the motion to reconsider on the table by the following ballot:

YEAS.—Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Banner, Barnes, Blair, Boddie, Bowman, Carson, Clayton, Davis, Davidson, Durham, Ellis, Farrow, Forebee, Gibson, Gilbert, Green, Grier, Gunter, Harris, of Franklin, Hawkins, Hendricks, Hicks, Hinnant, Hodnett, Humphries, Ingram, Jarvis, Justice of Rutherford, Kelley, of Davie, Long, of Richmond, Malone, Matheson, McMillan, Moore, of Alamance, Moore, of Chowan, Nicholson, Painter, Pou, Ragland, Robinson, Shaver, Smith, of Alleghany, Smith, of Wayne, Stilley, Thompson, Vestal, Welch, Wilkie, Williams, of Sampson, Wilson.—52.

NAYS.—Messrs Ames, Carey, Cawthorn, Cherry, Crawford, Dixon, Downing, Forkner, Foster, French, Gahagan, Harris, of Wake Hayes, Hilliard, Hodgin Horney, Hudgings, Justus, of Henderson, Kinney, Leflin, Leary, Mayo, McCaless, Mendenhall, Morrill, Morris, Pearson, Price, Renfrow, Reynolds, Siegrist, Simonds, Stevens, Sweat, Sykes, Vest, Wiswall.—38

Sections 11 and 12 was slightly amended and adopted.

Section 13 was variously amended and then adopted.

Pending the consideration of section 14 the House adjourned.

We hear it reported that there is to be a railroad excursion, at no distant day, over the whole length of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad, for the purpose of bringing together the friends of the road—the Stockholders, and others. We hope it will be extended so as to take in the North Carolina road, and give the people a chance to see the whole line that is to be consolidated. Cannot you go the whole figure, gentlemen, and let us see the whole, consolidated, through line!—*Newbern Times.*

Gen. Wm. Polk, formerly of Salisbury, died at his residence at Holly Springs, Miss., on the 15th inst.

We call attention to the movement for a new county out of Robeson and Richmond, with Court House near Shoe Heel. We are in favor of this measure, if it can be now complished properly—and hope it may succeed. More of this hereafter.—*Fayetteville Eagle.*

A man in Connecticut recently got a neighbor to help him dig a grave "for a joke," and then killed himself.

A Methodist prayer meeting in Hartford, Conn., prayed that Gen. Grant might give up tobacco.

A Virginia paper calls Brownlow a plutonian note at long date paying an enormous interest.