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The Legislature of North Carolina.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, Nov. 26, 1869.

Mr. Pou in the Chair.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Mr. Durham moved that the clerk address a note to the Public Treasurer, D. A. Jenkins, requesting him to appear before this committee at half past one o'clock.

After the lapse of a few moments Mr. Treasurer Jenkins appeared before the bar of the House. The resolution going into the committee of the whole was read. The Chairman then stated the information wished, was the amount of bonds issued under appropriation of this Legislature, since July 1st 1868 and to whom issued.

Mr. Durham said if the Treasurer wished time to refer to his books, he moved he be allowed it.

Mr. Treasurer said that all the details would be found in his report and the Chief Clerk would prepare a list of the appropriations, and [illegible] the Committee [illegible] until to-morrow night.

Mr. Durham moved that the Chairman propose such questions he saw fit and the clerk take down his answers. Carried.

The Chairman said as was customary he would administer the usual oath.

Question by Chairman. What amount of bonds have been issued to various Railroads by act of this Legislature since July 1st, 1868?

Answer. $12,600,000.

On motion, the Treasurer was allowed to read from a tabular statement, drawn up by the Chief Clerk of the Treasury. To the Tarboro' and Williamston R. R. $300,000, delivered to President Stubbs; Western Division of the Western N. C. R. R. amount authorized, $6,650,000, amount issued $6,367,000, amount in Treasury $299,000, delivered to G. W. Swepson or order. Eastern Division, amount authorized $333,400, issued $273,000, in Treasury $60,000, delivered either to Dr. Mott or Mr. Tate, the report would show; Wil., Char. and Rutherford R R authorized $4,000,000 issued $1,500,000, $2,500,000 yet to be delivered, $1,000,000 to Col. Cowan, $500,000 to Dr Sloan. North Western N. C. R. R., amount required by certificate $1,440,000 as [illegible] section, $1,080,000 delivered, $360,000 in the Treasury. Western R. R. amount authorized $1,400,000, amount issued $1,220,000 in Treasury $180,000, delivered to A. J. Jones.

The Treasurer said that they considered all the bonds as issued as the law required him to keep a certain amount to secure the payment of the interest.

A. T. & O. R. R. amount authorized $2,000,000, (exchange of bonds) amount delivered $1,760,000, in Treasury $240,000 delivered to Col. Johnston, or under his order to Mr. McAden.

These amounts constituted the valid appropriations in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court. Question by Mr. Durham, Has any interest been paid on any of these bonds, if so, to whom and to what amount?

Treasurer, I can hardly answer the question without giving the details of all my ——

Mr. Moore, of Chowan, Stop Mr. Witness, I insist that every word of your answer shall be in writing.

Treasurer. Understanding that our bonds would be worthless, I delegated ——

Again Mr. Moore raised the same objection.

Treasurer. Interest has been paid, but from the way of the transaction, I did not know whether I had paid ——

Again Mr. Moore insisted that the witness's answers should be in writing, in accordance to the rule just adopted.

Treasurer. It is impossible for me to answer the question unless I can go into a detailed explanation.

Pending further examination, on motion of Sweat, (col) the Committee arose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

The Chairman reported progress, when,

On motion the House adjourned.

NOTE.—Messrs. Argo and Robinson in voting upon the Preamble and Resolution in reference to the removal of disabilities, said if they placed the same definition upon it, as Mr. Durham, they should certainly vote against it, but as it proposed merely to acknowledge the civil and political equality of the colored race, so far as the letter of the law does, they supported it on the ground that issues involving that question had been finally decided.

As far as marriage between the races was concerned, the law, as construed by the Supreme Court, settled that question.

SENATE.

SATURDAY, Nov. 27, 1869.

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

The President, Mr. Caldwell, in the Chair.

The President presented a communication from Mr. Barrow, Senator from the 4th District, tendering his resignation.

Mr. Winstead presented a memorial from Miss Cathrine Boylan, praying the General Assembly to make a proper compensation for her property, taken for the use of the Penitentiary. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Sheffler presented a memorial from R. S. Tucker, showing that he was entitled to a claim against the State amounting to $34,000. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, reported favorably on the following bills, viz:

Bill to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors within three miles of Silver Hill, Davidson county.

Bill to extend the powers of Coroner to the Commissioners of wrecks in certain cases.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Smith: A bill to incorporate the town of Wilkesboro'. Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Sweat: A bill to provide for the payment of the interest on certain bonds of the State, and to create a sinking fund for retiring or redeeming the same. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Jones, of Mecklenburg: A bill to conform the fees of Solicitors to the act in relation to punishments, ratified on the 10th of April, 1869. Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Fees.

By Mr. Love: A bill for the relief of the sureties of J. W. C. Peatey?, tax collector for Cherokee county.

By Mr. Martindale: A joint resolution protesting against any further increase of the State debt. Lies over.

By Mr. Shoffner: A joint resolution proposing to adjourn on Monday the 21st of December to meet again on Monday, the 3rd of January, 1870. Lies over.

A message was received from the House transmitting a joint resolution concerning the removal of the political disabilities of all the citizens of this State. Lies over.

CALENDAR.

Bill to repeal the 1st section of an act to require the registration of deeds. Passed its second reading.

Bill to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors within three miles of Silver Hill, Davidson county. Passed its several readings under a suspension of the rules.

Bill to incorporate the Granville Railroad Company was amended and passed its several readings under a suspension of the rules.

Bill to repeal certain sections of an act to establish a Turnpike road from Marion to Asheville. This bill created some discussion.

Mr. Respass urged its adoption, for the reason that he could not [illegible] appropriation for a [illegible] in making [illegible] road, to run through a section of country where there was not a house in twenty miles, in fact, nothing but a little grass.

Messrs Ball, Moore of Yancey and Blythe?, opposed the bill; it was finally laid on the table on motion of Mr. Ball, by a vote of yeas 19 nays 18.

Mr. Ball in opposing the bill, said, the Senator from Beaufort had begun his retrenchment at the wrong end. Last session the Senator had voted for every extravagant Railroad scheme that was proposed, and every canal and turnpike in the East. Let the Senator begin his reform with his Railroad appropriations, and not attack first some mountain turnpike. If the [illegible] of the Senator had such power against the "green grass" of Watauga it fed with equal weight [illegible] the frogs [illegible] of Adams' Creek, in the gentleman's region, and would [illegible] sweep away for Adams' Creek turnpike.

Bill fixing fees of County Commissioners in certain cases came up and a substitute from the Committee was adopted and passed its second reading.

Bill [illegible] the [illegible] University. Passed its second reading.

On motion of Mr. White the bill establishing townships in the counties of Chowan, Gates, Washington and Tyrrell passed its several readings under a suspension of the rules.

Bill authorizing the Commissioners of Perquimans county to issue bonds. Passed its second reading.

On motion the Senate adjourned until Monday at 10 o'clock.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SATURDAY, Nov. 27, 1869.

House met at 10 o'clock.

Leave of absence granted Messrs. Wilkie, Williamson, col., Cherry, col., and Long of Chatham.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Whitley for the Committee on Corporations, reported favorably on several bills, which were placed on the calendar, and will be noticed when they come up for action.

RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS.

By Mr. Clayton, a bill in favor of the Sheriff of Transylvania county, referred.

By B. W. Morris, col.: A bill to prevent slander, referred.

By Mr. Gilbert: A bill to amend the act to prevent the sale of liquor on the N. C. R. R. Referred.

By Mr. Moore of Chowan: A bill to establish townships in certain counties. Referred.

By J. Leary, col.: A bill in favor of the Sheriff of Cumberland county. Referred.

By Mr. Barnett: A resolution that the investigation of alleged Railroad frauds shall commence with the examination of the Presidents of the different roads, from the 1st day of May 1865 and be full and thorough from that day to the present.

He moved to suspend the rules and put the resolution upon its passage at once.

Mr. Durham said the adoption of the resolution would defeat further investigation.

Mr. Pou contended that the resolution was out of order, as the House was engaged in no examination of frauds, but merely looking into the condition of the affairs of roads in which the State was interested.

The Speaker decided against the point of order, and on an appeal to the House by Mr. Pou, the Chair was sustained, ayes 72, noes 1.

The motion to suspend was then put and lost.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mr. Pou for the Committee of the whole, reported proceedings of yesterday, and the report was received.

CALENDAR.

The bill amending an act concerning fisheries in Carteret was taken up, but laid over without action.

Mr. Pou moved that the House now resolve itself into Committee of the whole.

Mr. Malone suggested that no progress could be made by the Committee to-day, and that it should not sit until Monday.

Mr. Vest moved to amend, that the House go into Committee of the whole next Thursday at 10½ o'clock, a. m.

Mr. Pou accepted the amendment and the motion was agreed to.

The business on the calendar was then resumed.

The bill for removing obstructions in Lumber river, passed over.

Resolution of Mr. Ellis, asking Congress to abate the collection of U. S. direct tax on real estate, was read.

Mr. Ellis explained that he introduced the resolution to endeavor to relieve the people from the payment of this tax, levied for war purposes, and which would soon be collected, amounting to three or four millions, in the Southern States, and its collection from our impoverished people would be particularly distressing.

Mr. Vestal and Leary, col. favored the resolution.

Mr. Hodgin was opposed to it.

The question was put and the resolution adopted, yeas 59, nays 8.

The eight negative votes were, Ames, Gahagan, Graham, Hodgin, Horney, Kinney, Morris, Stevens and Wilson.

The resolution requesting the opinion of the Supreme Court in reference to the tenure of office of members of the Legislature, was [illegible] read.

Mr. [illegible] characterized the resolution as ridiculous, and hoped it would not be adopted. He reminded the House of the refusal of the Court to give an opinion in the homestead matter, and he could not see how they could give one in this until it came before them in legal form.

Mr. Vest favored the adoption of the resolution.

(The matter under discussion was postponed for a few moments, the rules were suspended and several unimportant private bills were taken from the calendar, read, and passed their several readings under a suspension of the rules.)

The consideration of the tenure of office resolution was resumed.

Mr. Durham offered the following substitute:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this General Assembly, the term for which the Senators and Representatives were elected, will expire on the first Thursday in August, 1870.

J. H. Harris, of Wake, (col.) opposed the substitute and favored the original proposition (Senate Resolution.)

Mr. Moore, of Chowan, [illegible] Senate's proposition.

The provisions of the Constitution were obscure and conflicting, and it was a matter in which the Legislature should have the opinion of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Pou opposed Mr. Durham's substitute.

Mr. Durham, Does the gentleman from Chowan (Mr. Moore) admit that the [illegible] of the Court will have any binding effect?

Mr. Moore, Yes sir but we should get the best opinions, and five [illegible] gentlemen compose the Supreme Court.

Mr. Durham, Then the matter might as well be referred to five [illegible] lawyers of Raleigh, or any other place. He could not see what effect such a reference would have. If the House was the ultimate judge, the reference might as well be made to any other five lawyers. He wished to know of Mr. Moore what the people thought when they elected them.

Mr. Moore, I don't know what the people thought, I don't see what that has to do with the matter. They might have been in error as to the construction of this part of the Constitution.

Mr. Durham concluded by saying that he could take the responsibility to assert that not one in a thousand of the people thought that the members of this Legislature, when voted for, that they were to hold for four years, but that the time was to expire in August, 1870.

The substitute was put to a vote and rejected by the following ballot:

YEAS.—Messrs. Armstrong, Barnett, Boddie, Candler, Clayton, Davidson, Durham, Ellis, Ferebee, Gatling, Gibson, Grier, Harris, of Franklin, Hawkins, Hicks, High, Hinnant, Hodnett, Horney, Humphries, Jarvis, Kelly, of Davie, Kelly, of Moore, Malone, Matheson, McMillan, Mendenhall, Painter, Robinson, Shaver, Smith, of Alleghany, Smith, of Wayne, Thompson, Whitley—34.

NAYS.—Messrs. Ames, Ashworth, Banner, Carson, Carey, Dixon, Eagles, Forkner, Gahagan, Graham, Harris, of Wake, Hendricks, Hilliard, Hodgin, Hudgings, Justus, of Henderson, Justice, of Rutherford, Kinney, Leary, Long, of Richmond, Mayo, McCanless, Moore, of Chowan, Morrill, Morris, Parker, Peck, Pou, Price, Proctor, Ragland, Renfrow, Reynolds, Simonds, Smith, of Martin, Snipes, Stanton, Stevens, Sweat, Sykes, Vestal, Vest, Waldrop, Wilson—45.

Mr. Jarvis moved to amend the resolution by striking out after the word "House," and insert "the Code Commission be, and are hereby instructed to report a bill, providing for a election on the 1st Thursday of August, 1870, for members of the General Assembly."

Mr. Jarvis supported his amendment in remarks of some length. He concurred with the arguments of Mr. Durham. He read an extract from the Constitution which makes it is mandatory that such election shall be held.

Mr. Moore, of Chowan, said he would read, without expressing an opinion, the 27th section of the same article, (No. 2 Legislative Department.)

This section puts a somewhat different phase upon the matter than did the 29th.

Mr. Jarvis replied that the 27th section had nothing to do with the matter, as far as the time of holding the election was concerned.

The amendment was put to a vote and rejected by the following ballot:

YEAS.—Messrs. Armstrong, Barnett Boddie, Candler, Clayton, Durham, Ellis, Ferebee, Gatling, Gibson, Hawkins, Hicks, High, Hinnant, Hodnett, Humphries, Jarvis, Kelly, of Davie, Kelly, of Moore, Malone, Matheson, McMillan, Mendenhall, Painter, Robinson, Shaver, Smith, of Alleghany, Smith, of Wayne, Thompson, Welch, Whitley.—32.

NAYS.—Messrs. Ames, Ashworth, Banner, Barnes, Carson, Carey, Cawthorn, Dixon, Eagles, Forkner, Gahagan, Graham, Grier, Harris, of Wake, Hendricks, Hilliard, Hodgin, Hoffman, Horney, Hudgings, Justus, of Henderson, Justice, of Rutherford, Kinney, Laflin, Leary, Long, of Richmond, Mayo, McCanless, Moore, of Chowan, Morrill, Morris, Parker, Peck, Pou, Price, Proctor, Ragland, Renfrow, Reynolds, Simonds, Smith, of Martin, Snipes, Stanton, Stevens, Sweat, Sykes, Vestal, Vest, Waldrop, Wilson.—48.

Mr. Durham offered the following substitute:

WHEREAS, There is a difference of opinion in regard to the term for which the Senators and Representatives of this General Assembly were elected, and, whereas, the people of the State elected the members of this General Assembly believing that their term would expire on the 1st Thursday in August, 1870, Therefore,

Be it Resolved, That the members of this General Assembly ought to tender their resignations to take effect on the 1st Thursday in August, 1870.

Mr. Laflin moved to amend by inserting after the word "1870," the words "or sooner."

Mr. Durham, said the amendment was offered to kill the effect of the substitute and called on the Reporters to note the fact.

Mr. Candler said he had been voting with the Democrats because he thought it right. He would support the substitute. The people thought they had been elected for two years and no more, &c.

Mr. Laflin withdrew his amendment.

Mr. Durham's substitute was voted down by the following ballot:

AYES.—Messrs. Ames, Armstrong, Banner, Barnett, Boddie, Candler, Clayton, Davidson, Durham, Ellis, Ferebee, Gatling, Gibson, Grier, Hawkins, Hicks, High, Hodnett, Humphries, Jarvis, Kelly, of Davie, Malone, Matheson, McMillan, Mendenhall, Painter, Robinson, Shaver, Smith, of Alleghany, Smith, of Wayne, Thompson, Welch, Whitley.—33.

NAYS.—Ashworth, Barnes, Carson, Carey, Cawthorn, Dixon, Eagles, Forkner, Gahagan, Gilbert, Graham, Harris, of Wake, Hendricks, Hodgin, Hoffman, Horney, Hudgings, Justus of Henderson, Justice of Rutherford, Kinney, Laflin, Leary, Long, of Richmond, Mayo, McCanless, Moore, of Chowan, Morrill, Morris, Parker, Pou, Price, Proctor, Renfrow, Reynolds, Siegrist?, Simonds, Smith, of Martin, Snipes, Stanton, Stevens, Sweat, Sykes, Vestal, Vest, Waldrop, Wilson.—47.

The original resolution was then adopted by a vote of yeas 49, nays 34. (a strict party vote with a few exceptions.)

A message was received from the Governor transmitting the report of Jacob Siler, Agent for the collection of Cherokee bonds. Report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. P[illegible] the House adjourned.

SENATE.

MONDAY Nov. 29th.

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

The President presented a communication from one Phillip A. Kotse?, of Lynchburg, Va., relating to the financial condition of this State.

Mr. Lassiter said this was a question in which the people of this State are greatly interested, and when strangers, citizens of other States interested themselves in our behalf, he hoped that it would receive a proper consideration from this body, and in order to accomplish this end, he moved that a special Committee of three Senators be appointed to take the whole matter into consideration.

The motion prevailed and the President designated Messrs. Lassiter, Murphy and Richardson, as the Committee.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Brogden, from the Committee on Finance, reported favorably on a bill for the relief of E. H. Ray, late Sheriff of Wake county.

NOTICE OF BILLS.

Mr. Stephens, of a bill to establish a Ferry across Dan River.

Mr. Blythe?, of a bill to enable landholders to consolidate their [illegible].

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Respass: A bill requiring the Superintendent of Public Works to [illegible] for the purpose [illegible]. Referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

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

Bill to incorporate the Valley Railroad Company. Referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Bill to amend an act to incorporate the town of Hickory Tavern. Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Resolution requesting the Representatives of this State in Congress to use their influence to have the direct tax on real estate in this State abolished. Adopted.

CALENDAR.

A joint resolution proposing to adjourn on Monday the 21st of December to meet again on the 3rd of January, 1870, came up.

Mr. Lindsay moved to amend as follows: "provided that no member of either House shall receive *per diem* or milage during the recess." The motion prevailed.

Mr. Moore, of Carteret, moved to amend by striking out the 3rd of January and insert the 7th.

Mr. Beeman moved to strike out the 3rd and insert the 11th.

Mr. White moved to lay the whole matter on the table, which was lost, 14 to 21.

Mr. Shoffner called the previous question.

The amendments were voted down and the resolution was adopted. Yeas 20, nays 19.

Resolution protesting against any further increase of the State debt.

On motion of Mr. Respass it was referred to the special Committee on that subject.

Resolution relating to the removal of the political disabilities of the citizens of this State came up.

Mr. Ethridge offered a substitute which was adopted and passed by a vote of 35 yeas to 2 nays, Messrs. Davis and Hyman, colored, voted in the negative.

Resolution instructing the Representatives of this State in Congress to use their influence to have the special tax on brandy and tobacco reduced, came up and was adopted.

Bill to repeal the 9th section of an act to suspend the Code of Civil Procedure in certain cases, ratified the 22nd of March, 1867, its consideration was postponed until Monday next at 12 o'clock.

Bill to provide for the funding of the public debt. Passed its second reading.

Bill relating to the duties of the Judges of the Superior Courts, was taken up and a substitute from the Judiciary Committee was adopted and passed its second reading.

Bill to amend the Code of Civil procedure in relation to the fees of Superior Court Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Love, it was indefinitely postponed.

Bill to require the old banks of the State to receive their own bills in payment of judgment obtained, passed its several readings under a suspension of the rules.

Bill to prohibit the sale of spirituous liquors within three miles of Clegg Copper Mines, passed its several readings under a suspension of the rules.

Bill from the Code Commission relating to Roads, Ferries &c. On motion of Mr. Winstead it was referred to the Special Committee on Public Roads.

Bill to require township Clerks and Treasurers to give bond. Was amended, and passed its second reading.

Bill to extend the power of Coroner to the Commissioners of Wrecks in certain cases, passed its second reading.

Bill for the relief of E. H. Ray, late sheriff of Wake county, was taken up.

Pending its consideration the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, Nov. 29, 1869.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

PETITIONS.

Mr. Hodnett, presented a petition in favor of the sheriff of Caswell, with accompanying bill, which were appropriately referred.

By Mr. Wilson: A petition from certain citizens of Burke—referred.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

By Mr. Whitley, for Committee on Corporations, bill incorporating Young Men's Intelligent and Enterprising Association of Newbern, with amendments and recommending its passage. Afterwards passed the several readings under suspension of the rules, and sent to the Senate.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Moore, of Chowan: Resolution asking our Representatives in Congress, to obtain the payment of claims held against the United States by loyal citizens of this State. Lies over.

By Mr. Vest: Resolution for a joint committee to examine into the affairs of Railroads in which the State owns stock—lies over.

Mr. Vest moved to reconsider the vote by which the House agreed to go into committee of the whole on Thursday.

J. S. Leary, colored, moved to postpone the consideration of this motion to Wednesday—agreed to.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Bill to incorporate the Valley Railroad, to run from some point on the R & G. R. R. to some point on the [illegible], passed the several readings under suspension of the rules and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Hodnett, the bill favoring the repeal of the tobacco tobacco tax was taken up.

J. Leary, col. moved to postpone until Wednesday week.

Mr. Holt? and J. H. Harris of Wake, opposed postponement.

J. Leary, col. withdrew his motion.

Mr. Vest, was opposed to the passage of the bill.

Messrs Vestal, Stevens and Carey advocated the bill.

Mr. Hodnett said that neither Cotton nor Wheat were taxed in the hands of purchasers but tobacco was, and it was a most unjust discrimination.

Mr. Horne? also advocated the bill.

The bill passed its second reading.

J. Leary, col. moved to refer the bill to the Committee on Finance.

W. Cawthorne, col. opposed any reference.

Messrs Moore, of Chowan, and Stilley, favored the motion.

After some debate the motion to refer was put to a vote and adopted.

Mr. Gatlin submitted a report from the special Committee appointed last session to examine into the affairs of the Chesapeake and Albemarle Canal. The report was ordered to be printed.

On motion of B. W. Morris, colored, the bill to amend chapter 134, section 19 of the [illegible] laws, was taken up and referred to the Committee on Education.

CALENDAR.

The bill to extend the time for the Sheriffs settling with the Treasurer, was taken up and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Stilley the rules were suspended and the bill to amend the act in reference to the Western Turnpike Road, was taken up and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, the rules were suspended, and the bill authorizing the County Commissioners of Craven to levy a special tax, was taken up and passed its second reading by a vote of yeas 64, nays 2.

By Mr. Malone: A bill to authorize committees of investigation to enforce the attendance of witnesses and fixing penalties for perjury.

Mr. Malone moved to suspend the rules and put the bill on its passage.

Mr. Proctor moved to refer to the Committee on Judiciary—carried.

A message was received from the Senate informing the House of the passage of the bill incorporating the Granville R. R. Co.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Reynolds (col): A bill to amend schedule B section 13 of the act to raise revenue. Referred.

By Mr. Justice: A bill to extend the corporate limits of the town of Rutherfordton. Referred.

By the same: A bill to incorporate the Rock Spring Camp ground. Referred.

By Mr. Gunter: A bill to repeal the act authorizing the Commissioners of Chatham county to levy a special tax. Lies over.

By Mr. Wilson: A bill to authorize Commissioners of Burke county to levy a special tax. Lies over.

CALENDAR (CONTINUED.)

Resolution in favor of Henderson and Ennis of Catawba county, was taken up and referred to the Committee on Claims.

The bill fixing the compensation of county Treasurers—gives 5 per cent. on money received and paid out, was taken up.

Mr. Justice offered a substitute, saying that the county Commissioners shall fix the compensation not to exceed 2½ per cent on moneys received and paid out.

Mr. Downing moved to refer the whole matter to the Committee on Salaries and Fees. Carried.

The bill to amend the act preventing the distruction of fish in Little River, Johnston county, was next reached, and was referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grieviances.

Bill to change the fees of witnesses, was taken up and referred to the Committee on Salaries and Fees.

A message was received from the Senate transmitting a substitute passed by that body for the House resolution in reference to petitioning Congress to remove political disabilities imposed by the 14th Article, and the repeal of the test oath act, also, notifying the House of the passage of the House resolutions in regard to the death of Gov. Worth, the removal of the tax on brandy and tobacco, and the resolution requesting the Secretary of State to report the amount expended for stationery under existing laws since the adoption of the new Constitution.

Mr. Justice moved to concur in the Senate's substitute for the "pardon resolution" of the House.

After some debate the question of concurrence was put to a vote and adopted by a vote of yeas 43, nays 36.

On motion the House then adjourned.

NOTE.

In the proceedings of Saturday, Mr. Grier, of Mecklenburg, was erroneously reported as having voted against Mr. Jarvis' substitute for the resolution referring the question of the tenure of office of members of the General Assembly to the Supreme Court.

The first drove of hogs this season passed through Asheville on Friday last. Since then our streets have been vocal with the drovers, "hoo," "hoo." Not less than fifteen hundred head of hogs have passed through Asheville for the Southern Market. The prices asked here by the Drovers rule from 11 to 12 cents per lb. One Drover refused 11 cents, cash, for his whole drove. At such prices our visions of spare ribs, backbones and sausages vanish into *very small corn dodgers.*—*Asheville News.*

For the Sentinel.

CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE.

MR. EDITOR:—While you are giving the proceedings of the Legislature in full, I hope that you will find space to give the proceedings of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference which met at Wake Chapel, in this county, the 19th inst., in part.—Although the weather was unfavorable part of the time, and the members were put to some trouble in getting out, on account of a misunderstanding about the time and place they would be met by conveyances, we had a very pleasant and, I trust, profitable session. Much important business was transacted. Rev. S. Apple was chosen President. The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. W. S. Long, Principal of the High School in Graham. His discourse [illegible] marked attention, and, I understand, was favorably received by not only the members of the Christian Church, but by the members of other denominations who were present.

Rev. W. B. Wellons, President of the General Christian Convention, was present and entered earnestly and ably into most of the important debates of Conference.—His long devotion to and intimate connection with all the enterprises of the Church; his deep spirituality, his amiable face, his great learning and powerful eloquence, made him a very welcome visitor. Rev. D. O. Long, of Harrisonburg, Va., was present as a fraternal messenger from the Valley Virginia Christian Conference. Many were very much disappointed that he did not bring Dr. N. M. Burkholder with him.

The reports of the standing committees were very interesting, and called forth many earnest and interesting speeches, especially the reports on Sabbath Schools and temperance.

Mr. W. W. Staley, a very promising young man of Graham N. C., joined the Biblical class. The Educational Committee recommended that Rev. Mr. Clemons, who has been preaching as a licenciate for some time, for ordination.

The preaching on the Sabbath was excellent. Rev. W. B. Wellons preached in the house in the morning. Rev. A. Isley in the grove, both were listened to very attentive by interesting congregations. Prof. York preached a very good sermon in the evening from the text, "This day thou shalt be with me in paradise."

Fraternal messengers were elected to all the sister Conferences, and also to the M. P. Conference of this State. Delegates were elected to the General Christian Convention which meets in Suffolk, Va., in May next. Reverends J N Manning, D A. Long, A. Apple and J. W. McMans, were elected commissioners to meet the commissioners of the "Christian Union" of the West in the City of Baltimore.

Rev D. A. Long was chosen to preach the next annual sermon before the next session of the Conference which meets at the usual time with the Church at Union, Halifax County Va.

Every thing went to show that the prospects of the church were never better, and growing brighter every day. The new Hymn Book will be out before christmas. The declaration of principles, form of government and directory for worship will be printed with the Hymn Book. D.

For the Sentinel.

MR. EDITOR:—One word if you please.—I notice in the papers that the *per diem* and mileage of members of the General Assembly have been fixed at the old rates.—Have you thought what it costs the tax payers? The bonds of the State are selling in New York, according to yesterday's quotation, at 31 cents in the dollar. So the State has to issue, pay interest on, and finally pay in full, one hundred dollars for thirty one—receiving less than one third in value of what she promises to pay. Suppose State bonds are sold to pay the per diem. The State will have to issue, pay tax on and finally pay twenty two and a half dollars to raise enough money to pay Coffee Mayo for making laws for us one day. Really each member costs us each day $22,50 in bonds, which the *members* say must be paid in full.

They say the reason they put *per diem* so high, is that board is so much higher than formerly. I see from Mrs. Miller's advertisement in your paper, that she will board members at $5 per week making 71 3-7 cents per day, subtract that from $7,00 and we have $6 28 each member makes clear of stumps and runners. And Mrs. Miller keeps a splendid table, as I know from experience. A member living 200 miles, for example, from Raleigh gets $40 for going and $40 for returning, making $80 in all.—Billy Smith charges them on his road $10 for going and $10, returning, making $20 in all, which makes a clear profit to that member of $60. Tax payers are watching these things.

"HAWRE."

LETTER FROM A BOARDING SCHOOL MISS.

"DEAR MAR—I am now being teached the Spanish langwage! wich my Tutor says I learn it with grate fasility, ive improved amasinly in the english sinse ive been here! I speke and rite the feat now sale now I said my composishons are being wery much admired among the pupils of the school, I come within won of getting the medle for being the best english scholar, at the close of last quarter, and i shood a done it but I was bein sick a bedd and couldn't attend my studies—for a hole week and so I got behyndand. by the buy, Mar I (wise shoking but english you do righ?) ime ashamed to sho your leters to any of the misses among my akwaintances for [illegible] was bileing the other day [illegible] korrekly for instance she [illegible] in his letter french girls are talking very fast [illegible] saying french [illegible] are being [illegible] rubly shocked that you and [illegible] don't keep paice with the march of modern improvement but [illegible] called [illegible] cite my spanish lesson, so I good alud art, I supperscribe my self your affectionate dawtur.

MIRANDA MACK[illegible]."

MELANCHOLY DEATH OF A YOUNG GIRL.—On last Saturday Morning while Miss N[illegible] Byers, about twelve or thirteen years old, who resided in the family of Mr. F. S. Green, of this place, was engaged in performing some domestic duty, in attempting to cross a fence, her foot slipped and she fell, her body striking a log on the opposite side of the fence, with such force as to cause severe internal injury, from the effects of which she died about three o'clock same day morning. Medical aid was promptly called, and every effort made to save life, but in vain.—*Statesville American.*

From the Portland, Me., Eastern Argus.

MRS. LINCOLN'S SECOND CHOICE.

Something About the Count Schneidenbutzen.

The "happy dog," as our readers have already been advised, is Count Schneidenbutzen, Grand Chamberlain to the Duke of Baden. Although the title is rather imposing, it does not, in the Count's own home, imply either an impressive weight of dignity or a purse noticeably heavy. The Duke of Baden has small cash to spare, and none to bestow on Grand Chamberlains, who have little to do about his court, and who "come cheap" in a land where every fourth Dutchman is a count or baron. Indeed, a moderate bellyfull of kraut and pumpernickel every Sunday is the only kind of "government pap" that ever distends the shriveled skin of Schneidenbutzen, who is an uncommonly sorry specimen of the Teutonic nobility. The poor fellow is said to be in ecstacies over his good fortune in securing an heiress for a wife, and to be especially joyous in the prospect of falling into the vacant shirts, socks, breeches, and shoes of the "late lamented," a large number of which have not yet followed his coats and hats to the junk shop. A pair of the "martyr's" trowsers is being cut down for Schneidenbutzen by Count Kotzenbratzen, the Grand Duke's tailor, S. being a short legged little fellow, while the late A. L., as everybody knows, strode the land on a pair of natural stilts. It will be a funny sight, not, however, without some melancholy suggestiveness to behold poor Schneidenbutzen leading "Mary, relict of Abraham Lincoln, deceased," to the altar, clad in the veritable habiliments of his illustrious predecessor—his breeches shining with autographic grease spots left by White House dinners of the past—his little feet shaking about loose in a pair of Illinois boots a mile too big for them—and his tiny hands encased in a pair of enormous yellow kids in which the hats of the "martyr" was said to bear striking resemblance to a canvased Cincinnati ham. Poor little S.! For our part we don't begrudge him a stitch of the sacred wardrobe. He will have earned it all before he's done with Mary L., and as she only reserved, after her bereavement, those garments which nobody would buy, her new husband will begin his matrimonial career by rating into uncommonly bad habits.

A WEDDING AL FRESCO.

A LOVING COUPLE MARRIED IN A WAGON YARD.

Yesterday a marriage, peculiar in many respects besides in the place selected for its celebration, was duly solemnized by Justice Burke. Night before last a couple of emigrant wagons were driven into the wagon yard of Mr. Thomas Epperson, No. 130 Main street. The "movers" comprised Mrs. M. Blackwell, a buxom widow, fat, fair, and thirty-five or thereabouts, and a family of small children. The lady seemed well to do in this world's goods; four fat mules harnessed to each wagon bespoke the thrifty manager; the ruddy faces and neat, tidy dresses of the little ones argued the careful mother; and the enterprise displayed by the lady in securing a husband before venturing into the wilds of the Red river country of Texas, is a sure indication that she is not likely to "get left." Yesterday morning, bright and early, she requested Mr. Epperson, who is as accommodating as the day is long, to procure for her a marriage license, (one gentleman's name to be left blank) and the services of a Justice of the Peace. The license and 'Squire Burke being promptly procured, she cast about her for some one whose name she could use to fill the aching void in her own heart and the dismal vacuum in the fourth line of the document authorizing the marriage. A strapping young fellow, good-looking withal, stepped into the wagon-yard to purchase, or to try to purchase, a mule. "Here's the man for my money," said Mrs. M. at once, and in a jiffy she explained the state of the case to Mr. Epperson, who told the young man that though he could not sell him a mule, he could provide him with an excellent wife. Being a sensible fellow, he listened favorably to the proposal, and in a few minutes decided to forego the mule and take the wife, and "sold his novel" all fresh as it was, to the widow. She handed the license to Esquire Burke, requesting him to insert the gentleman's name and then go on with the ceremony. The Justice did so, and there in the open air, beside one of the heavily laden wagons were the twain made one flesh. Cake and wine were discussed by the few present, the mules were hitched up, and the happy pair drove out of the wagon yard, improving their time between the yard and the ferryboat in making each other's acquaintance. The Red river country, the original destination of the plucky North Carolina widow, is their goal, and we foretell for them long years of happy wedded life in their wild home. We append the usual marriage notice:

DATON—BLACKWELL. On the 28th inst., by Esquire Burke, at the wagon-yard of Mr. Thos. Epperson, 130 Main street, Mr. GEO. DATON, of Memphis, and Mrs. M. BLACKWELL, of Raleigh, N. C.

Tribute of Respect.

At a special meeting of Johnston Caswell Lodge No. 10, held Nov. [illegible], 1869, a committee was appointed to draft resolutions to the memory of Brother WILLIAM A. JENKINS, who reported the following which was unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS it has pleased Almighty God, the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, to remove from our midst, our lamented Brother Col. WILLIAM A. JENKINS, [illegible].

Resolved, That in this allwise visitation of Divine Providence in the death of our beloved friend and brother, we yield with the deepest regret and most heartfelt sorrow.

Resolved, That by this bereavement the community has lost one of its best citizens, his profession one of its brightest ornaments and our fraternity a true and consistent member.

Resolved, That we will ever [illegible] the memory of his many virtues, and strive to emulate his bright example in our daily walk and conversation.

Resolved, That to the afflicted family we offer our tender sympathy, and gently point the sorrowing widow to Him who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb, for consolation in this her irreparable loss.

Resolved, That the members of this Lodge wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased and to the *[illegible]* and Raleigh *Sentinel* for publication.

Committee—Jno. H. Whitley?, W. A. White, [illegible].

BOARD.

MRS. H. W. MILLER,

Corner of Newbern and Person Streets,

WILL receive boarders by the Day, Week or Month.

[illegible] at $5 per week.

Persons visiting the State Fair will be boarded at $1,00 per day, or 50 cents per meal.

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