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THE SENTINEL.

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SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, March 29th, 1871.

Called to order by President Warren.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Messrs. Currie, Robbins of Davidson, Edwards and McClammy, submitted reports from their respective committees.

Leave of absence granted Mr. Robbins of Davidson, for Friday and Saturday.

By Mr Robbins of Davidson, a resolution authoring the enrolling clerk to employ assistance. Rules suspended and bill passed its several readings.

SPECIAL ORDER,

being a bill for the Penitentiary, was taken up. (Passed the House a few days ago)

Mr. Olds moved to amend, by striking out the name of Mr. Boylan, on the Board, and substitute that of Mr J. Q. DeCarteret and spoke in length in favor of his substitute.

Messrs. Dargan, Troy, and Allen spoke against the substitute.

Mr Allen asked a division of the question. Question then recurred upon striking out, which was lost.

Bill then passed its second reading.

Put upon its third reading.

Mr Speed offered an amendment that no contractor for work mentioned or otherwise shall be given or awarded to any member of the board of commissioners.

Previous call of previous question, the amendment of Mr. Speed was adopted.

The bill then passed its third reading.

Mr [illegible] moved [illegible] not prevail.

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[illegible] to the Supreme Court in certain [illegible]. The judiciary committee having reported adversely to the bill.

Mr Edwards took the floor and spoke in favor of adopting the suggestion of the committee and rejecting the bill.

Mr Norment spoke in favor of the bill.

Bill failed to pass its second reading.

Mr Currie, from committee on engrossed bills, reported.

Mr Robbins, of Davidson, moved that an addition of two senators be made to the committee on enrolled bills. Prevailed.

By Mr Cowles, a resolution authorizing certain parties at Mt. Airy, N C, to open books of subscription for the purpose of building a narrow gauge railroad from that point to some point on the central road. Rules were suspended, and the bill passed its first reading.

Message from the House announcing the passage of various bills.

Bill to provide a system of public instruction in the State. (Provides that the Superintendent shall apportion the school fund to the respective counties, according to the number of children in the several counties.)

Mr Robbins, of Davidson, moved that the Senate do not concur in the House amendments. Committee of Conference asked.

Mr Speed obtained leave to record his vote in the negative on the Senate bill concerning the debt of the State. (Senator Worth's bill provides for the sale of the State's interest in public works, &c.)

Mr Linney, from committee on judiciary, reported.

Message from the House, announcing the passage of various bills by that body.

Memorial from members of the Bar of Wilmington read once, and referred.

By Mr Battle, a resolution relating to lost lands: referred.

By Mr McCotter, a resolution in favor of Geo. B. McCotter, tax collector of Pitt county: referred.

Bill in relation to cattle and other live stock. (allows owners of stock to go on other parties lands to look for stock which may be lost. Allows parties to get certificates from Judge of Probate to enter upon said lands.)

Mr McClammy favored the bill.

Mr Love moved to except the counties of Clay, Jackson, Cherokee, Swain, Macon, and Haywood.

Eppes, col., moved to except Halifax.

Mr Linney hoped no county would be excepted. Argued to show its propriety.

Amendment of Eppes lost. That also offered by Mr. Love.

Mr Cowles moved to amend that the judge of probate shall withdraw such certificate at any time should he find that it is wrongfully given. Adopted.

Bill then passed its second reading.

Put on its third reading.

Mr. Robbins, of Rowan, thought the bill strangely worded, and was opposed to it.

Mr. Love moved to lay on the table, on which

Mr Cowles called yeas and nays, which was sustained, and the motion to table prevailed.

Resolution paying Patrick McGowan $69 for services rendered, passed second reading.

On motion of Hyman, col., the resolution was referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Latham reported from the committee on corporations.

On motion of Mr. Graham, of Alamance, the rules were suspended and bill to punish persons for obtaining money, goods, &c., under false pretensions, passed its several readings.

An act to protect *bona fide* purchasers at sheriff's sales for taxes in the year 1869, was taken up.

Mr Troy moved an amendment, that the former owner of the land sold may recover such land within twelve months from the passage of this act, by refunding the purchase money and twenty five per cent. additional.

Mr Graham, of Alamance, opposed the amendment.

Mr. Olds favored it.

Mr. Troy argued in favor of his amendment.

Mr. Speed was opposed to the bill.

The amendment of Mr. Troy was adopted.

Bill failed to pass its second reading. Yeas 4, nays 27.

Mr. Graham, of Orange: A resolution that no Senator should speak more than once, and not more than five minutes, on any one bill, without consent of the Senate; adopted.

Message from the House announcing the passage of various bills.

On motion of Mr. Speed, a bill to amend the charter of the town of Edenton, Chowan county, was taken up and passed its several readings.

On motion of Mr. Beasley, the bill to incorporate the Naval Extension Railroad Company, to run from Weldon through Northampton, Bertie, &c., was taken up and passed its second reading. Yeas 30, nays 1.

Mr Jones moved that the chairman appoint a committee of three to examine the public calendar and report what bills upon it require prompt attention; adopted.

On motion of Mr. Skinner, the bill to incorporate the North Carolina Stock Raising and Fishing Company was taken up and passed its several readings.

On motion of Mr. Cook, the bill providing for the construction of a bridge across Yadkin river, at or near Wilkesboro', N. C., was taken up and passed its second reading. It was then made special order for to-morrow morning.

On motion of Mr Murphy, the bill in regard to bringing suits against railroad companies was taken up and passed its several readings.

Bill to prevent forging or counterfeiting seals, stamps, &c., of manufacturers and mechanics, (on conviction of which, party to be imprisoned or fined, or both,) passed its several readings.

Bill to incorporate the Louisburg Manufacturing Company, at Louisburg, N. C., passed its several readings.

Mr. Graham, of Alamance, reported from committees on engrossed bills and judiciary.

Mr. Linney from judiciary committee reported.

Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, March 29th, 1871.

House called to order at the usual hour. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Mason, of the city. Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Mr. Ashe presented a memorial from the Bar of the city of Wilmington asking the abolishment of the Code of Civil Procedure.

The memorial was read and, on motion of Mr. Ashe was transmitted to the Senate.

By Johnson, (col.) of Edgecombe: A bill to incorporate Jackson Lodge No. 1 [illegible]

By Mr. Marler: A bill to amend the act in regard to [illegible] internal improvements, reported upon a number of bills.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the bill to repeal the act preventing the sale of liquor within three miles of Silver Hill, Davidson county, was taken up and passed its several readings.

On motion of Mr. Paylor, the bill to allow the Commissioners of Caswell county to levy a special tax was taken up, amended and passed its third reading by a vote of yeas 72, nays 1.

On motion of Mr. Dunham, the resolution raising a Committee to examine into the charges against John Pool, member of the U. S. Senate, from this State, was taken up. (The resolution published in full before.)

The yeas and nays were called, and the resolution passed its third reading by a vote of yeas 69, nays 39.

On motion of Mr. Settle, the bill to allow the Commissioners of Rockingham county to issue bonds was taken up and passed its second reading by a vote of yeas 75, nays 4.

On motion of Shull, the resolution in favor of J. C. Brewster was taken up and passed its several readings.

By Mr. Crawford: A resolution in favor [illegible]. On motion of Mr. Crawford, the rules were suspended and the resolution passed its several readings.

By Robbins, col.: A bill to establish the office of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction; referred.

On motion of Mr. Strudwick, the bill empowering the Commissioners of Yancey county to alter certain Township lines was taken up and failed to pass its second reading for the want of a quorum.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The bill to consolidate that portion of the N. C. R. R. between Raleigh and Goldsboro' with the Atlantic and N. C. R. R., being the special order for this hour its consideration was gone into. After the adoption of various amendments the previous question was ordered and the bill passed its third reading by a vote of yeas 53, nays 43.

By Page, col.: A bill to protect the rights of married men; referred.

On motion of Mr. Womack, the bill to incorporate the Haywood and Cane Creek R. R. Company was taken up and passed its third reading.

On motion of Mr. Johnston, of Buncombe, the bill for the relief of the tax payers of Buncombe county was taken up and passed its several readings.

On motion of Mr. Clinard, the bill repealing the act extending the corporate limits of the town of Thomasville and for other purposes was taken up, amended and passed its several readings.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain, the bill to allow the commissioners of Camden county to levy a special tax, was taken up and passed its third reading by a vote of yeas 76, nays 5.

On motion of Mr. Kincaid, the bill to incorporate a Board of Trustees for Rock Spring camp meeting ground, Lincoln county, was taken up and passed its several readings.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The bill to repeal the act amending the charter of the Western North Carolina Railroad Company being the special order for this hour, it was taken up and passed its second reading and, was made special order for to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Loftin, the bill in relation to road steamers was taken up and passed its third reading.

On motion of Ellison, col., the bill to amend the act to incorporate the Planters Railroad Company was taken up and passed its several readings.

On motion of Mr. Currie, the bill to allow the Commissioners of Cumberland county to levy a special tax was taken up and passed its third reading by a vote of yeas 58, nays 15.

CALENDAR.

The bill to allow the Commissioners of Beaufort county to levy a special tax was taken up and passed its several readings by a vote of yeas 62, nays 9.

The bill to allow the Commissioners of Pitt county to levy a special tax was taken up and passed its second reading by a vote of yeas 63, nays 13.

The bill concerning townships in the county of Cherokee was taken up and passed its several readings.

The bill concerning Balds' Creek Camp-meeting ground, Catawba county was taken up and passed its several reading.

The bill in favor of the Sheriffs of Wayne, Wilson and other counties was taken up, amended and passed its several readings.

On motion, the House then adjourned.

SENATE.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by the President.

On motion of Mr. Bellamy, the act incorporating the town of Whitakers, Edgecombe county, was taken up and passed.

On motion of Mr. McClammy, a bill for the protection of fair grounds, was passed.

On motion of Mr. Dargan, a bill authorizing the commissioners of Anson to levy a special tax, was taken up and passed.

On motion of Mr. Love, a bill in favor of John Crisp, of Macon county, was taken up and passed. (Issues new grants for lands.) Also, a bill prohibiting obstructions in Notla and Hyawasse rivers, taken up and passed.

On motion of Mr. Allen, bill incorporating the Kinston and [illegible] Railroad was taken up and passed.

Bill concerning the services of the Attorney General, and restraining the Governor and the respective heads of the departments from employing legal services other that those of the Attorney General. After amendment, bill passed its several readings. Ordered to be engrossed and sent to the House at once.

On motion of Mr. Gilmer, the bill to enable the Northwestern North Carolina Railroad Company to complete its road to Salem, N. C. (Enables it to consolidate with any company or corporation to secure its completion.) Passed its several readings. Ordered to be engrossed and sent to the House.

On motion of Mr. Moore bill concerning the election of commissioners of navigation and pilotage; an act to prevent obstructions in Newport river in Carteret county; a bill to incorporate the Peabody Educational Association in Carteret county, were taken up and passed their several readings.

On motion of Mr. Flemming, a bill in favor G. W. A. B. K. Dickey (pays them $1,500) passed its several readings.

On motion of Mr. Albright, the bill incorporating the Haywood and Cane Creek company, was taken up and passed its second reading.

Mr. Troy moved to postpone further consideration, and make it special order for to-morrow morning at half past ten o'clock. Prevailed.

Bill to authorize commissioners of Harnett county to levy a special tax, and for other purposes [illegible] made special order for to-morrow at eleven [illegible]

Bill to incorporate the South river Draining company, passed its several readings.

Bill to authorize commissioners of Gaston county to levy a special tax failed to pass its second reading for want of a quorum.

Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

EVENING SESSION.

A bill to change the Townships of Lincoln county was put on its third reading and passed.

Mr. French offered a resolution that after Monday next no per diem be paid except to the Managers of Impeachment and Speaker of the House of Representatives and the members of the Senate, and upon a motion to suspend the rules, it failed and the resolution was not considered.

Mr. Loftin called up the special order, which was a resolution allowing Mr. Gregory, of Martin, the privilege of having entered upon the Journal of the House his protests against the action of the House in the vote on the convention bill.

After full discussion by Messrs. Gregory [illegible] previous question was called, and upon the passage of the resolution the yeas and nays were called and the resolution failed to pass, yeas 29, nays 41.

Mr. Rankin, by leave, made a report from committee in favor of Patterson, recommending its passage.

Mr. Anderson asked leave to introduce a resolution instructing the Committee on Printing to have 100 copies of the first four days proceedings of the impeachment trial printed for the use of the members and clerks of this House.

Mr. Marler offered a resolution, as a substitute, to have 125 copies of so much as was deficient up to page 298.

After considerable discussion, in which no conclusion was reached, the whole subject gave way to the

SPECIAL ORDER,

which was an act to provide for the settlement of the public debt.

Mr. Welch moved that the reading be dispensed with, and that it be ordered to be printed and made the special order for to morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Anderson's motion to refer his motion to print proceedings of impeachment was again taken up, and the subject referred to the Committee on Printing.

On motion of Mr. Settle, a resolution to refund to G. W. Patterson, sheriff of Rockingham, $837, being the amount overpaid by him in settling public taxes passed its several readings.

A bill to provide for the enlargement and completion of the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal was taken up, postponed and made special order for to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

The resolution for the protection of public property in the city Raleigh was taken up, and passed its second reading. (Gives vacant land in the city of Raleigh, belonging to the State, in the Eastern Ward, lying south of Lenoir street and east of Person street, to the Rescue Fire Engine Company, with power to divide into lots and sell, and convey title for the purpose of purchasing and paying for a steam fire engine.) After further consideration it was postponed until to-morrow in order to investigate the status of the lots in question.

On motion of Mr. Johnston, of Buncombe, the bill to call a convention of the people was made special order for to-morrow at 12:30.

House then adjourned.

SENATE.

THURSDAY, March 30, 1871.

Called to order by the President.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

By Mr. McClammy: A resolution in favor of J. W. Schenck, Jr., sheriff of New Hanover; passed its several readings under suspension of the rules.

By Mr. Norment: A resolution in favor of J. T. Bullard. (Pays him two hundred dollars for the arrest, and delivery to the sheriff, of Thos. Lowery, one of the Robeson county outlaws.)

Mr. Edwards moved to refer the resolution to the committee on claims, which prevailed.

SPECIAL ORDER.

A bill regulating contempts of court, was taken up.

Mr. Speed said if he understood the effect of this bill he could not vote for it, and asked the yeas and nays that he might record his vote against it. The judiciary, for all time in *North Carolina*, had been clothed with the same, perhaps larger, powers than they now had, and, as far as he knew, no one had been specially oppressed, and the judiciary had maintained its respectability *until now*, and would, in time, right itself again. This bill removes all restraints and brings the abuse of the judiciary generally and specially *at will*, by any and all persons, except when in court or about some case then pending; thought such legislation unnecessary and inexpedient it not positively injurious.

Mr. Jones said that the objection taken by the Senator from Pasquotank was tenable. This is not so much a question whether we shall protect our judiciary from unjust criticism or malevolent denunciation but rather, whether we shall protect the legal profession especially and the public in general, against the malignity of upstart judges, who carry with them to the bench the rancor of the partizan bitterness they imbibed upon the hustings; whether we should permit these men, upon their own motion, without the intervention of a jury, to imprison men, or, it may be, deprive them of professional privileges, because of words spoken or written about a matter in no wise connected with a pending suit. Power is never dangerous in the hands of upright rulers or judges, while any power is dangerous in the hands of the vindictive and the vicious. This bill certainly leaves the courts in possession of ample powers to protect themselves, and only deprives them of such as are not necessary therefor. Indeed, it cannot be said that the bill deprives the courts of any admitted power, but protects the exercise of one which the ablest lawyers in the State have denied that they possessed under the constitution and laws of the State. The bill merely settles a contest which brought about one of the most memorable incidents in the judicial history of the State, when the Supreme court without proper consideration, with a few brief words, dismissed many of the ablest lawyers of the State, of the privilege of practicing in that court.

Mr. Gilmer said, I would add a thought to what has been so well said by the Senator from Mecklenburg. This puritanical idea, which has been imported into the statute law of North Carolina, of passing laws in regard to contempts, in order to make the judiciary of the State more respectable and less liable to be placed in [illegible] till upon. The man who, either on the [illegible] criticises or misrepresents a good Judge, makes himself contemptible. A bad Judge, of all other men deserves to be censured, on the streets and through the press. The old law on this subject has never been deficient in protecting the influence, dignity and power of our Judges, and we should not risk the making of our present judiciary contemptible by passing or retaining laws to bolster up their respectability. I hope the bill under consideration will pass.

The resolution passed its third reading.

SPECIAL ORDER,

bill to incorporate the Haywood and Cane Creek Railroad company, put on its third reading.

Mr Troy said the bill gave extraordinary powers. It charters a new road, amends the charter of the Chatham Railroad, and provides also for a branch road to Rockingham. The charter of the Chatham road requires that road to run to the Gulf in Chatham county, but Dr. Hawkins had diverted the road from that point and ran it in another direction, and this bill while it ostensibly provides for a road from Haywood to Cane creek, which he favored, it goes on to relieve Dr. Hawkins carrying their road to the Gulf. He thought the interests of the State required that the charter should be adhered to, and therefore offered to amend by striking out that portion which amends the Chatham Railroad company requiring it to go to the Gulf.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Troy offered an amendment, that the Chatham road should make no discrimination in freight charges between the Haywood and Cane Creek road, and the Western railroad. Adopted.

Bill then passed its several readings.

On motion of Mr. Graham of Orange, the bill in favor of the sureties of H. B. Guthrie, late sheriff of Orange, was taken up and passed.

Mr. Robbins of Davidson, reported from committee on enrolled bills.

Mr. Love introduced a resolution that Patrick McGowan be instructed to report to this body to-morrow, the names of all parties who are on the public grounds, and by what authority they are on them. Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Currie, the bill authorizing the Bladen Land Company to issue bonds, was taken up and passed its several readings.

On motion of Mr. Moore, the bill amending section 199, chapter 4, of the Code of Civil Procedure, concerning attachments, was taken up and passed its several readings.

By Mr. Graham, of Orange: A resolution paying W. L. Saunders, Principal Clerk, and H. A. London, Assistant Clerk, of the Senate, $100 each, for services rendered as officers of the Impeachment Court, passed its several readings.

Message from the House announcing the passage of the Pool investigating resolutions, with names of House members of the committee.

The President appointed Messrs. Lehman, Latham, and Jones as Senate branch of same committee.

On motion of Mr. Cowles, the bill chartering the Mount Airy Railroad Company was taken up and passed.

Mr. Graham, of Orange, from the finance committee, reported bill to raise revenue.

Mr. Robbins, of Davidson, moved to strike out that section levying ten cents on the hundred dollars to supply the deficiency in the Treasury; prevailed.

Also moved to amend that section which provides for levying a tax of twelve cents on the hundred dollars for the penitentiary, by striking that out and insert six cents.

This amendment was argued by Messrs. Robbins, of Davidson, Robbins, of Rowan, and Linney. Opposed by Messrs. Graham, of Orange, Dargan, McClammy, Love and Troy.

Under call of the yeas and nays, the amendment of Mr. Robbins, of Davidson, was lost, 16 yeas, 23 nays.

Mr. Cowles moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate agreed to strike out the section levying a tax to supply deficiency in the Treasury; prevailed.

Question then recurred upon the motion of Mr. Robbins, of Davidson, to strike out, which was lost.

Mr. Linney moved to strike out the provision levying a tax for the penitentiary. Lost.

Mr. Merrimon moved to strike out 22 cents and insert 15 cents on the one hundred dollars for the ordinary expenses of government. Lost.

On the section levying a tax of twenty five cents per gallon on all liquors made out of the State,

Mr. Cooke moved to strike out twenty-five and insert fifty cents. Under call of yeas and nays, the amendment was lost.

The section levying a tax on all liquors distilled from grain, potatoes, sugar cane, &c. Mr. Cook moved to strike it out. Lost.

Bill then passed its second reading.

Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, March 30, 1871.

House called to order at 10 o'clock.

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

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Mr. Gregory presented a memorial from J. H. Gregory, of Camden county. The memorial was referred to the appropriate committee. (This memorial will be published in full hereafter.)

Mr. Broadfoot, from the Committee on Corporations reported on a number of bills.

By Mr. Brown: A resolution limiting the lenght of speeches; placed on calendar.

By Mr French: A bill to authorize the Bladen Land Company to issue bonds; placed on calendar.

By Mr. Goodwyn: A bill to allow the Commissioners of Halifax county to levy a special tax; placed on calendar.

By Mr. Ashe: A bill to incorporate the Waccamaw Church, Columbus county; placed on calendar.

CALENDAR.

Bill to allow the Commissioners of Caswell county to levy a special tax was taken up and passed its third reading by a vote of yeas 65, nays 3.

By Mr. Jones, of Caldwell, (by request:) A bill to provide a cheap chattle mortgage; referred.

By Mr. Mills: A bill to prescribe a form of execution in certain cases; referred.

By Robbins, col.: A resolution in reference to adjournment; place on calendar.

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

Mr. McCauley, from the Committee on Counties and Towns, submitted a report on various bills.

By Mr. Marler: A bill in regard to bills of costs due on the old County and Superior Courts' docket; referred.

Mr. Luckey offered the following resolution which was placed on the Calendar: [illegible] State of North Carolina did keep a record [illegible] which were recorded the names of such of her sons who especially distinguished themselves in battle with the view that their names should be preserved and held a sacred remembrance by all, who honor the heroism and valor of her sons, and whereas, upon enquiry, said "Roll of Honor" is not to be found either in the State Library or in the Adjutant General's office, therefore,

Resolved, That the Library Committee of this House be required to make inquiry and report to this House as speedily as practicable where said "Roll of Hon" is or in whose hands it may be, and if found that it be restored to the State Library.

The bill to allow the Commissioners of Alamance county, to levy a special tax was taken up and passed its third reading by a vote of yeas 62, nays 4.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The bill to repeal the act to amend the charter of the Western N. C. R. R., being the special order for this hour, it was taken up and considered.

Mr. Welch argued at length in favor of the passage of the bill.

Mr. Johnston, of Buncombe, moved to [illegible] "and its branch to Paint Rock equally." Mr. J. took the floor and argued ably in support of his amendment as a matter of justice to his section, &c.

Mr Robinson was opposed to the amendment and in favor of the passage of the bill as it was, &c.

The amendment was put to a vote and lost, and bill passed its third reading.

The resolution in favor of Hon. F. N. Strudwick was taken up and passed its several readings.

The Chair announced the following gentlemen as the House branch of the joint Committee to investigate the charges against John Pool: Messrs. Dunham, Broadfoot, Hargrove, McAllister, and Buxton.

Mr. Ashe moved to withdraw the bill in regard to a Board of Internal Improvements from the Committee on Internal Improvements and bring it at once before the House. Mr. A. in making the motion said that he in supporting the bill was actuated by a high sense of duty to the best interests of the State and the Conservative party, and if the bill was allowed to remain in the hands of the committee, it would be tantamount to its defeat.

Mr Welch opposed the motion. He thought that the interest of the people demanded that the committee should scrutinize the bill before it came before the House.

The motion to withdraw was put to a vote and lost. [The bill provides for the organization of a Board of Internal Improvements who shall have a superintendence of all matters of internal improvements and exercise all the powers hitherto enjoyed by the execution in these matters.]

The resolution in favor of the Sheriff of New Hanover county, was taken up and passed its several readings.

The bill to authorize the commissioners of Beaufort to levy a special tax, was taken up and passed its third reading by a vote of yeas 62, nays 4.

The bill to allow the commissioners of Rockingham to issue bonds was taken up and passed its third reading by a vote of yeas 64, nays 3.

Mr. McAfee, from the committee on education, submitted a report.

[Here several gentlemen asked leave of absence, when Mr. Sparrow said he would hereafter oppose all leaves of absence. Members had as well understand now, that it would be impossible for the two Houses to adjourn on Monday next. The revenue bill is now in the Senate, and could not pass that body before Saturday. It will then come back here, no doubt, with amendments, for the concurrence of the House. Without a quorum here the bill will fail. Members should restrain their impatience to go home. Most of the time of the Legislature is taken up in maturing business in the committee rooms. There is no economy in hurrying away at the end of the session, and neglecting important business. It is due to the people that their representatives complete their work.]

SPECIAL ORDER.

The bill to provide for the enlargement and completion of the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal being the special order for this hour, its consideration was gone into.

Mr. Gregory offered an amendment to the bill in the shape of a proviso, which provides that a majority of the Directors shall be resident citizens of North Carolina.

Mr. Gregory then took the floor in support of his amendment and the bill. He gave to the House a history of the corporation from its inception down to the present time, and gave a detailed account of the operations of the Company, its management, and the general utility of the work to his section of the State, &c.

The amendment of Mr. G. was put to a vote and adopted.

After some debate the bill passed its several readings.

By Mr. Sparrow: A resolution in reference to the expense of the impeachment trial; placed on calendar.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The bill to submit the question of "Convention" or "No Convention" to the people and to provide for the election of delegates.

Mr. French moved to indefinitely postpone the bill.

Mr Crawford took the floor in opposition to the motion to indefinitely postpone and in advocacy of the bill. He in an eloquent argument, contended that the party in power should not surrender the constitutional right of the people to call this convention and to exercise the right of framing a government to suit themselves.

Mr. Mills followed in support of the bill. He denounced the usurpation of power by Gov. Caldwell and the officious and unwarranted interference of Judge Pearson. This question of convention involved a constitutional right of the people, and he was in favor of maintaing that right, &c.

Mr. French moved to lay the bill on the table; lost.

Mr. Martin was opposed to the motion to indefinitely postpone. He was in favor of the bill because the people demanded a convention, as they had a perfect right to do.

Mr Martin continued for sometime in advocacy of the provisions set forth in the bill, &c.

The yeas and nays were called, and the motion to indefinitely postpone was rejected by the following ballot:

YEAS.—Messrs. Brown, Bryant, of Halifax, Buxton, Collis, Copeland, Dudley, Ellison, Faulkner, Fisher, Fletcher, French, Garrison, Goodwin, Guyther, Harris, of Franklin, Hargrove, Hardy, Johnson, of Edgecombe, Jones, of Northampton, Loftin, Lyon, Malson, Morgan, of Wake, [illegible] Halifax, Sykes, Tucker, Willis, William[illegible]

NAYS.—Messrs. Anderson, Armstrong, [illegible] Atwater, Atkinson, Broadfoot, Bryson, Carson, Chamberlain, Clinard, Crawford, Currie, Dickey, Drake, Dunham, Farr, Gambrel, Gullick, Grayson, Gregory, Hampton, Henderson, Houston, Hill, Johnston, of Buncombe, Jones, of Caldwell, Joyner, of Johnston, Joyner, of Pitt, Jordan, Kelly, of Davie, Kelly of Moore, Kelsey, Kincaid, Lassiter, Lucas, Luckey, Martin, Marler, Maxwell, McAfee, McAllister, McCauley, McNeill, Mills, Mitchell, Nicholson, Paylor, Powell, Rankin, Reid, Regan, Robinson, Scott, Settle, Shull, Smith, of Anson, Smith, of Wayne, Sparrow, Strudwick, Waring, Welch, Withers, Wilcox, Woodhouse.

Mr. Nicholson moved to postpone the further consideration of the matter until to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

Mr. Jarvis, (Mr. Jones, of Caldwell, being in the chair,) next occupied the floor in opposition to any motion to postpone, and in favor of the immediate passage of the bill.

Mr. Nicholson believed that the bill before the House was perfectly legal and constitutional, and no man in the State was more in favor of its [illegible] the friends of the bill might be more united, but as he now believed that the Conservative party would now come up and do their duty to the people by passing this bill, he would withdraw his motion.

Mr. French moved to insert a clause making a two-thirds majority necessary to the passage of the bill.

Mr. Sparrow. Will you support the bill if your amendment is adopted?

Mr French. Why, we have not canvassed on the matter. I don't like to vote on such matters without consulting my party. Mr. F. would answer no further.

The yeas and nays were called and the amendment was rejected by a vote of yeas 36, nays 61.

[A number of gentlemen of the Conservative party in explaining their votes in the negative charged that the amendment was offered in bad faith, and that the Republicans had unanimously voted against the bill when this identical clause was in it.]

The bill then passed its third reading by the following ballot:

AYES.—Messrs. Anderson, Armstrong, Ashe, Atwater, Atkinson, Broadfoot, Bryson, Chamberlain, Crawford, Currie, Dickey, Drake, Dunham, Farr, Gambrel, Gullick, Grayson, Gregory, Henderson, Houston, Hill, Johnston, of Buncombe, Jones, of Caldwell, Joyner, of Johnston, Joyner, of Pitt, Jordan, Kelly, of Davie, Kelly, of Moore, Kelsey, Kincaid, Lassiter, Lucas, Luckey, Martin, Maxwell, McAfee, McAllister, McNeill, Mills, Mitchell, Nicholson, Paylor, Powell, Rankin, Reid, Regan, Robinson, Scott, Settle, Shull, Smith, of Anson, Smith, of Wayne, Sparrow, Strudwick, Waring, Welch, Withers, Wilcox, Woodhouse.—59.

NAYS.—Messrs. Brooks, Brown, Bryant, of Halifax, Buxton, Cawthorn, Carson, Collis, Copeland, Dudley, Ellison, Faulkner, Fisher, Fletcher, French, Garrison, Gatling, Goodwin, Guyther, Hargrove, Hardy, Johnson, of Edgecombe, Jones, of Northampton, Loftin, Lyon, Malson, McCauley, Morgan, of Wake, Page, Phillips, Reavis, Robbins, Smith, of Halifax, Sykes, Tucker, Willis, Williamson.—36.

Messrs. Marler, of Yadkin, Harris, of Guilford, Hampton, of Surry, Clinard, of Davidson, were excused from voting.

By Mr. Jordan: A resolution in reference to having one Friday Jones, a negro, arrested, for a contempt; referred.

Adjourned.

SENATE.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, March 30, 1871.

Called to order by President Warren.

Leave of absence granted Mr. King until Monday.

Mr. Albright moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate passed the bill chartering the Haywood and Cane Creek Railroad this morning.

Mr. Jones argued in favor of the motion.

Mr. Troy opposed reconsideration.

Mr. McClammy favored the motion.

Mr. Gilmer spoke at length in opposition to reconsideration.

After further argument the previous question was called and sustained and the motion to reconsider prevailed. Yeas 32, nays 8.

Mr. Jones then moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment of Mr. Troy, to strike out that section relieving the Chatham Railroad from going to the Gulf, in Chatham county, passed; prevailed and the amendment of Mr. Troy was rejected.

Mr. Troy then offered an amendment that the Haywood and Cane Creek Railroad shall be completed before the Chatham Railroad shall be relieved from the requirement of its charter to go to the Gulf.

Mr. Troy said that he proposed to test the faith of Dr. Hawkins in his proposition to build the H. & C. C. Road, if he is relieved from going to the Gulf. He therefore offered the amendment.

Messrs. Jones and Merrimon said if this amendment is passed it would virtually destroy the effect of the bill.

Mr. Murphy said opposition to this bill [illegible]. If Dr. Hawkins was in earnest in this matter, he could not object to this amendment. He hoped it would be adopted.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Troy then moved that the amount proposed to be subscribed by the Chatham Railroad should be *paid in* and not merely subscribed, which was adopted.

Mr. Gilmer then offered an amendment, *Provided*, That all subscriptions made to the Chatham Road, either by the State, counties or individuals heretofore made in consideration of the said Chatham Railroad's running to the Gulf, may be withdrawn and shall not be enforced.

Mr. Jones was astonished at such an amendment. It provided to violate contracts already entered into, which he did not think legislation could do.

Mr. Gilmer said that in consideration of the Chatham Road's going to the Gulf, the State had taken a very large amount of stock in the road, and, after this was done, to relieve the road from its obligation to fulfill its contract, all parties to the contract should also be relieved.

Mr. Edwards called the previous question on the passage of the bill.

Motion of Mr. Gilmer lost under call of ayes and nayes, the bill passed, as follows:

YEAS.—Messrs. Adams, Albright, Battle, Beasley, Brown, Currie, Dargan, Edwards, Epps, Flemming, Flythe, Hawkins, Hyman, Jones, Lehman, Linney, Mauny, McClammy, McCotter, Merrimon, Moore, Norment, Olds, Price, Robbins, of D., Robbins, of R., Skinner and Speed.

NAYS.—Messrs. Bellamy, Brogden, Council, Cowles, Crowell, Gilmer, Graham, of O., King, Love, Murphy, Troy.

On motion of Mr. Dargan, the bill to ex[illegible] powers of Attorney, &c., (for two years [illegible]) and passed several readings.

Message from the House announcing the passage of various bills.

Bill from the House authorizing the Commissioners of Alamance to levy a special tax, was made special order for to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Bill to enlarge and complete the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal was taken up.

Mr. Speed moved to indefinitely postpone.

He then took the floor and spoke of the gross mismanagement of that canal, and the failure of the State to ever get a report of its mangement. Insisted that steps be taken to force a full report of its management, or enforce the forfeiture of the charter, brought about by the refusal of those who control it to submit reports and permit full investigation.

Mr. Warren took the floor (Mr. Cook in the chair,) and argued in support of the bill, presenting reasons why the bill should pass. The people of Hyde and their interests require that this bill be passed. Hyde was really the grainry of the eastern portion of the State, and, unless this bill [illegible] hoped it would pass.

Mr. Speed again opposed it.

Mr. Olds, after making an able speech on both sides of the bill, consented to yield the whole matter to the good sense of the Senate.

Mr. Graham of Orange called the previous question, which was sustained.

The bill passed its second reading.

On the third reading Mr. Warren called the previous question which was sustained.

The bill then passed, yeas 26, Messrs. Brogden, Eppes, col., Hyman, col., and Speed, voting in the negative.

The bill establishing the new county of Pamplico was made special order for Saturday afternoon.

On motion of Mr. Graham, of Orange, the bill in favor of J. W. Patterson, late sheriff of Rockingham, was taken up and passed its several readings.

Leave of absence granted Mr. Graham, of Alamance, from Saturday until Thursday next.

Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, March 30.

The House was called to order at half-past 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

A resolution in favor of the Clerks of the Court of Impeachment was taken up.

Mr. Grayson moved to lay the resolution on the table; carried.

Mr. Stewart was allowed to record his vote in the affirmative on the Convention bill.

The resolution to protect the property of the State from fire, was taken up. [Cedes to the Rescue Fire Company, of Raleigh, a vacant lot in the City, &c.]

Mr. Phillips advocated the resolution.

Mr. Jordan opposed the resolution.

Mr. Sparrow favored it.

Messrs. Jones, of Caldwell, Cawthorn, col. and Ellison, col., advocated the resolution.

Messrs. McAfee and Harris, of Franklin, argued against it.

On motion of Mr. Jones, of Caldwell, the previous question, was ordered and the resolution failed to pass by a vote of yeas 18, nays 55.

Mr. Waring gave notice that he would move a reconsideration of the vote.

The bill to regulate the issuing of executions upon judgments for the collection of money, was taken up and passed its several readings.

By Mr. French: A bill to amend section 28, chap. 222, laws of 1867-'70; placed on calendar.

The resolution in regard to the resolution appointing a committee to investigate the sale of the State's interest in the Cape Fear Navigation Company was taken up and passed its several readings.

The bill to incorporate the Waccamaw Baptist Church, Columbus county was taken up and passed its several readings.

The bill concerning municipal officers was taken up and passed its several readings.

The bill to appoint a Board of Trustees for Pitt Academy, was taken up and passed its several readings.

The bill to authorize the Commissioners of Johnston county to issue bonds was taken up and passed its second reading by a vote of yeas 68, nays 4.

The bill to authorize the Commissioners of Stokes county to levy a special tax, was taken up and passed its third reading by a vote of yeas 62, nays 7.

The bill to reduce the bond of the Probate Judge and Clerk of the Superior Court, Dare county, was taken up and passed its several readings.

The bill to enable the Northwestern N. C. R. R. Company to complete their road to Salem, was taken up and passed its several readings.

The bill in relation to the Waynesville Academy Association was taken up and passed its several readings.

The bill defining the power and duties of the keeper of the Capitol passed its second readings.

The bill to amend the charter of the Caldwell and Watauga Turnpike Road was taken up and passed its several readings.

The resolution in favor of Mrs. Jane Hinton was taken up and passed its several readings.

Adjourned.

AN ACT TO SUPPRESS SECRET POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS.

SEC. 1. *The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact*: That if any person for the purpose of compassing or furthering any political object, or aiding the success of any political party or organization, or for resisting the laws, shall join or in any way connect, or unite himself with any oath-bound secret political or military organization, society or association of whatsoever name or character; or shall form or organize or combine and agree with any other person or persons, to form or organize any such organization; or as a member of any secret political or military party or organization, shall use or agree to use, any certain signs or grips or pass-words, or any disguise of the person or voice, or any disguise whatsoever for the advancement of its object, and shall take or administer any extra judicial oath, or any secret solum pledge, or any like secret means; or if any two or more persons for the purpose of compassing or furthering any political object, or aiding the success of any political party, or organization; or for circumventing the laws, shall secretly assembly, combine or agree together and for the more effectually to accomplish such purposes, or any of them, shall use any certain signs, or grips, or pass words, or any disguise of the person or voice, or other disguise whatsoever [illegible] administer any extra judicial oath or other secret solemn plea [illegible] together and assemble to muster, drill or practice any military evolutions except by virtue of the authority of an officer recognized by law, or of an instructor in institutions or schools in which such evolutions form a part of the course of instruction, or if any person shall knowingly permit any of the acts and things herein forbidden to be had, done or performed on his premises or any premises under his control, or if any person being a member of any such secret political or military organization, shall not at once abandon the same and seperate himself entirely therefrom; every person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than ten nor more than two hundred dollars, or imprisoned, or both at the discretion of the Judge of the Superior Court.

Ratified the 17th day of March, 1871.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
OFFICE SECRETARY OF STATE.

I, Henry J. Menninger, Secretary of State, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original act on file in this office.

HENRY J. MENNINGER,
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ALL COTTON.

We fear that the following extract from a letter from Burke county, kindly furnished us by Mr. Toon, expresses a sad truth. Are the Southern people given over to judicial blindness? We shall be glad to hear from the readers of THE PLANTATION as to the planters' intentions in their respective counties, in regard to the coming crop. A knowledge of the real state of the case might perhaps tend to divert the disaster of another large cotton crop.—ED. PLANT.

ALLINGTON, March 9, 1871.

With regard to crop prospects hereabouts, the people *profess* that they will make corn, oats, peas, potatoes, and meat, their specialty, and cotton the exception; but it is not so. This same cry has been sounded in my ears for the last four years, yet every year the cotton yield has gone on increasing. It will be so again this year.

My neighbors meet me, and they, with remarkable unanimity, conclude to plant two thirds corn, and one-third cotton; but when I ride around their plantations and I accidentally see Cudjoe or Jupiter, about the following dialogue takes place:

"Good morning, Cudjoe."

"Your servant, Marse W."

"Well, how are you getting on planting, Cudjoe?"

"Well, Marse W., we done plantin' de corn, and we is now pon de cotton land heavy."

"How much corn does the "boss" propose planting this year?"

"Jes dis field, Marse W."

"Is that all, Cudjoe?"

"Dat all, Marse W."

"How many acres, Cudjoe?"

"Not more den a hundred, Marse W."

"How much cotton, Cudjoe?"

"Well, dare de pond field, 90 acres; de gin house field, 100 acres; de ocean field is 100 acres more; and de barn lot, bout 50 acres. How much dat, Marse W.?"

"That is 390 acres. Is that so, Cudjoe?"

"Dat so, Marse W."

"Why, Cudjoe, your old "boss" told me last week he intended to plant 400 acres in corn and 100 acres in cotton."

"Ah, yes, Marse W., old boss and me time nuff; but everybody gwine make corn dis year.—we gwine make cotton. Hah! hah! hah!"

Now this is just what is taking place all over the South. Nearly everybody is trying to cheat his neighbor, and *he* gets cheated by himself.

There will be just as much cotton planted as last year to the horse, though there will not be as many planters, for the reason that cotton has ruined them, and it will do the same this year.

BILL TO ABOLISH WHITE SLAVERY IN THE SOUTH.—The following is the full text of the bill introduced in the House on the 19th by Mr. Van Tromp, of Ohio, and which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, &c.*, That on and after the 4th of July, 1871, there shall be in the States lately in rebellion neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except for the punishment of crime, of or among the white denizens of such States, commonly denominated the Caucasian race, contradistinguished from the higher caste of American citizens of African descent, and that white persons, as a special act of grace and favor, shall forever and hereafter have, hold, and possess all the rights, privileges, immunities, and franchises as the said dominant colored Ethiopian race now possess in all the late rebellious States as aforesaid.

And be it further enacted, &c., That the President of the United States be fully authorized to employ all the military force of the nation to carry out the provisions of this act.

THE *Tribune* says that the Ku-Klux outrages in Mississippi are "exaggerated." Why not say, "You lie, you villain, you lie!"—*N. Y. Evening Leader.*