

THE SENTINEL. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1870. J. J. WILKES, JR., EDITOR.

WHY THE MATTER, 1870? When the Report of A. J. Jones, President of the Fayetteville and Western Railroad, was submitted, some days since, we said the paper containing it, in future notices and comments, which we have not yet had time to give it. The Report appeared to us at the time, as a singularly shaped concern, and however plain and satisfactory it may have been to those conversant with the affairs of that corporation, and to the members of the Legislature and Superintendent of Public Works, it really looked to us more like a paper intended to cover up than to reveal the financial condition of the Company, especially in regard to some points on which doubts have been gathering in the public mind.

It is the Fayetteville Report of the 10th inst. we find some allusion to this Report, in which are a number of pertinent inquiries of such immediate bearing on the report, that we copy them for the benefit of President Jones and the information of the Legislature.

A. J. Jones' Report of the W. R. R. rather increases suspicion and mystery as to the management of the road and its funds. Why were not the accounts audited? Where is the money for the 55 bonds? What broke down receipts for the bonds? Has not A. J. Jones deposited the bonds with Wiley & Dougherty and other bankers as collateral security for several hundred thousand dollars advanced to him by them? Cannot these bankers show Jones' obligations to return the money advanced before they return said bonds? Did A. J. Jones send \$200,000 to Fayetteville now used in banking? Did he send \$25,000 to another man as private business? Was did A. J. Jones do with \$200,000 he had with him in Raleigh last October, and where did he get it, when one year ago he had little or nothing? Why are Davis and Richardson auditors? Did Richardson get \$5,000 for voting for A. J. Jones as President, against Byrnes? At recent Directors' meeting when Davis was to be elected as to his delinquency as treasurer of the road, did Jones vote to "suspend proceedings" and help Davis for Davis to help him again? What arrangement was to have been made with Jones & Co., by combined movement and co-partnership of bonds &c.?

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. WEDNESDAY, Feb. 16, 1870.

House called to order at the usual hour. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Dixon, Proffitt and Franklin.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES. Mr. Smith of Harris, for a special committee of three, reported favorably upon the bill creating a line in favor of physicians.

RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS. By Mr. Ellis: A resolution in favor of J. C. Oline. Lies over.

By Mr. Smith of Allagany: A bill for the relief of Sheriffs who hold receipts from the Public Treasurer. Lies over.

By Mr. Painter: A bill for the relief of R. H. Davis. Lies over.

By Mr. Byrnes: A bill in regard to warrants and summonses. Referred.

On motion of Mr. Argo, the rules were suspended and the bill authorizing election of municipal officers in the town of Chapel Hill, Orange county, was taken up and passed its several readings.

On motion of Mr. Barnett, the rules were suspended and the bill to repeal section 41, Chapter 137, Public Laws 1868-69, was taken up and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. McMillen, the rules were suspended and the bill to incorporate the Farmers, R. R. Co., was taken up, amended, and after some discussion passed its several readings.

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The amendments to the bill reported by the Judiciary Committee were adopted.

After some debate the bill was put on its second reading and failed for the want of a quorum, and was placed upon the calendar.

A message was received from the Senate transmitting various bills, among the rest a bill to repeal certain acts passed at the session of 1868-69 making appropriations to Railroad Companies.

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