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THE LEGISLATURE.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 17, 1879.

SENATE.

January 17, 1879.

S. B. 7, amending chapter 196, section 1, Laws of 1876-77 adding at the end of said section: and provided further, it shall not be lawful to farm out any person convicted unless the Court in its judgment shall so authorize. Passed the third reading.

S. B. 23, draining and damming low lands. Passed the third reading.

S. B. 116, referring to exemption of personal property for sale. Passed its third reading.

H. R. 138, S. R. 197, from joint committee to take under consideration the fish interest of North Carolina by which the streams of North Carolina may be cleared out and fish culture improved. Passed its third reading.

HOUSE.

January 17, 1879.

By Mr. Blocker, bill to carry into effect the constitutional provisions in relation to jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace. Judiciary.

By Mr. Norment, bill to prevent the wanton fighting of game cocks, and betting thereon. Judiciary.

By Mr. Newell, bill to repeal chapter 61, Laws 1871-72. Judiciary.

By Mr. Blocker, bill to amend the act authorizing counties to farm out convicts. Judiciary.

Mr. Ellison, by consent, presented a petition for certain citizens of Wake county, which was referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

The bill to amend the law of divorce so that inelasticity of the woman before marriage shall be good grounds for divorce, if unknown to the husband was read the second time, the amendment proposed by the Committee on Judiciary, providing that the adultery of either party should be ground for divorce was adopted, and the bill passed second time.

SENATE.

January 18, 1879.

Mr. Leach introduced a resolution to buy 15 chairs for committee, not to cost over one dollar. Passed.

HOUSE.

January 18, 1879.

Bill to allow the Raleigh & Augusta Air-Line Railroad Company to extend its line to Charlotte was made special order for 12 o'clock of Wednesday next.

NOTE.—The petition from the Trustees of Davidson College, presented by Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, on yesterday, prayed for the establishment of a Normal school at that place, and asking an appropriation of \$1,000 therefor.

SENATE.

January 20, 1879.

House Bill 62, which was called up by Mr. McEachern on a suspension of the rules. This was to change the time of holding the Superior Courts in the Fourth District. Passed its third reading and ordered enrolled.

The Courts in this district will now hold their sessions as follows: Moore county, the first Monday in February and August and continue two weeks; Harnett county, the third Monday in February and August and continue two weeks; Cumberland county, the first Monday after the fourth Monday in February and August and continue four weeks unless sooner disposed of; Johnston county, the fifth Monday after the fourth Monday in February and August, and continue two weeks; Bladen county, the seventh Monday after the fourth Monday in February and August; Brunswick county, the eighth Monday after the fourth Monday in February and August; Columbus county, the ninth Monday after the fourth Monday in February and August; Robeson county, the tenth Monday after the fourth Monday in February and August and continue two weeks; Richmond county, the twelfth Monday after the fourth Monday in February and August; Anson county, the fourteenth Monday after the fourth Monday in February and August.

HOUSE.

January 20, 1879.

The bill to amend the charter of the Mt. Airy Railroad Company and to allow the building of a railroad from Mt. Airy to Ore Knob, passed the second reading.

Mr. Scott, by consent, introduced a bill to amend chapter 239, laws of 1874, which was read and passed first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary, and a bill to exempt firemen from the payment of poll tax, which was referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Meares moved, that the rules be suspended and the bill to prevent the enticing of seamen away from their ships be taken up. The motion prevailed and the bill was read the second time. Mr. Norment said that he thought the case was covered by the United States law, that he had sent for that law and desired that the matter be left open until he could obtain it. On motion, the consideration of the bill was postponed for twenty minutes.

The consideration of the bill in relation to enticing seamen from ships was resumed. Mr. Norment read the Federal statutes on the subject and argued that they covered the point.

Mr. Waddell said that he did not think that anybody in Wilmington would entice seamen to desert their ships. He had no particular objection to the passage of the bill, but did not want Wilmington to be reflected on by Judiciary.

Resolution to pay Judge Schenck for the Spring Term of Transylvania Court, which he was prevented from holding by sickness. Passed second and third times.

Bill to amend the charter of the Caldwell & Narrow Gauge Railroad. Passed second and third times.

The bill to allow the tax collector of Cherokee county to collect arrears of taxes was read the second time. The amendments offered by the Committee on Finance were adopted and the bill passed the second time. The bill was then read and passed the third time.

SENATE.

January 21, 1879.

By Mr. Bryan, of Duplin, a bill to canal Goshen Swamp, in Duplin county.

At 12 M. the Senate proceeded to the election of U. S. Senator.

Mr. Dortch nominated Zebulon B. Vance in a brief speech.

Mr. Everett, in an appropriate speech nominated Ralph P. Buxton.

The result of the ballot was announced as follows:

Vance, 33; Buxton, 12; Merrimon, 1. Mr. Brower voted for Judge Merrimon.

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

January 21, 1879.

At 12 M. the House proceeded to the election of U. S. Senator.

Mr. Cooke, nominated Zebulon B. Vance.

Mr. Norment, spoke as follows:

Mr. Speaker, I rise, sir, for the purpose of placing in nomination for the high and honorable position of United States Senator one whose name is a synonym of uprightness and purity—the upright Judge and the Christian gentleman—upon whom the foul tongue of slander has never yet been able to make the slightest impression. One sir, whose purity of character challenges the admiration of his opponents. I place in nomination for that high position the name of the Hon. R. P. Buxton, of Cumberland.

Mr. Davis, Catawba, seconded the nomination of Gov. Vance.

The result of the ballot was announced as follows:

Vance, 77; Buxton, 39; Ashe, 1, Merrimon, 1.

Mr. Harrison voted for Hon. A. S. Merrimon, and Mr. Turner for Hon. Thos. S. Ashe.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Both Houses met in convention and listened to the declaration of the Senatorial vote, upon which Mr. Speaker Moring, declared that Zebulon Baird Vance was duly elected as U. S. Senator.

HOUSE.

By Mr. Richardson, of Columbus petition from citizens of Bladen, a sking for a prohibitory law for Trinity church in said county. To the committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Bill to incorporate the Kinston Fire Company No. 1. Read and passed second and third times.

Bill to incorporate the Burgaw Male and Female Academy in Pender county. Read and passed second and third times.

Bill to amend an act to establish county governments (elects Justices of the Peace and County Commissioners by popular vote) was read the second time. Mr. Clark argued in favor of the bill.

The yeas and nays were ordered on demand of Mr. Norment, and the motion prevailed. Yeas 66; nays 47.

Bill to repeal sections 5 and 6 chapter 2, of Battle's Revisal. (Repeals

the allowance of \$1,500 to the State Agricultural Society.) The bill was read the second time. Mr. Jones called for an explanation of the bill, and Mr. Armstrong who introduced the bill, explained its provisions, and the bill passed its second and third readings.

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LATEST NEWS.

Mr. Bragg, a Democratic member of Congress from Wisconsin, created great excitement in the House on Thursday by attacking in the most violent manner the southern Democrats for pressingsouthern war claims. In the course of his remarks he threw in the following fire-brand:

It is not my purpose to assail any one, and when the gentleman says that when I want to assail a man I do it behind his back and dare not meet him face to face, he mistakes the man he calls to order. He proceeded, referring to the \$35,000,000 which is claimed by southern members, had been illegally collected from captured and abandoned property, and which they claimed belonged to the south, and called on those members to picture the scenes of war, to look at the seas of blood, and the thousands and tens of thousands writhing and wailing in their gore. Let them hear the cry of the wounded men on the battle-field; let them give an ear to the moans of the hospitals; let them go to the hillside and the valleys and see the hundreds and the hundred thousands of mourners; lastly, let them count the billions of money spent to put down the war, and then strike a balance with the \$35,000,000 on the credit side and all these countless miseries on the debit side.

Mr. Blaine had a tilt with Mr. Beck on the Navy bill.

Lord Lorne and the Princess are visiting Niagara Falls, and the Princess has stepped on an American soil.

Gen. Butler surrenders to the Potter white washing committee 641 cipher telegrams.

Senator Chaffee, of Colorado, has introduced a bill to cancel all one and two dollar bills now in the Treasury, and substitute therefor standard silver dollars.

Roseco Conkling, of New York, John A. Logan, of Illinois, Matt. H. Carpenter, of Wisconsin, John D. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, and Orville H. Platt, of Connecticut, all but the last old Republican Senators, were elected the same day. Gen. Logan in his speech of acceptance used the following language:

"The Government is bound to give such protection as it can to its citizens on land and sea, at home and abroad, and where political rights are guaranteed to citizens under one Constitution, there should be no distinction made between those guaranteed to white or black, to rich or poor, in Illinois or South Carolina, and when the authorities of a State are powerless, or when they fail or refuse to protect persons or communities against armed mobs while attempting to exercise such political rights as have been guaranteed them, it is the duty of the Government to use such power as it possesses to protect citizens in the exercise of such rights, by efforts which shall be used to uphold and protect citizens in their guaranteed rights wherever they may be, and to maintain the laws of the United States in all parts of the country."

CITY ITEMS.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. C. V. Pridden of Pender county, got on the steamer Wave to come to town, went to sleep and was found dead the next morning.

Mr. Gillett Gill, of Baltimore is to visit this city with the purpose of showing people how to raise tea.

The bridge on fourth st, over the C. C. Railway is finished.

Mr. Magistrate Gardner, having tried and sentenced a man who had already been tried and sentenced in the Mayor's court, a question of jurisdiction has arisen, which promises to be interesting.

Chief Engineer Joseph A. Severn and Lieut. T. J. Simmons of the Revenue steamer Crawford, have been ordered to the Moccasin at Charleston, greatly to the regret of their Wilmington friends.

Dr. S. S. Satchwell, President of the State Board of Health, has called that board together at Raleigh, in order to make an annual report.

Commodore Cheesborough owner of the Passport has been in town:

Weather is fine.

Wood selling in market for two dollars a cord.

Mr. Robt. Kennedy is quite sick at his home in this city.

The steamer Passport went up the North East river on yesterday.

FIRE IN COLUMBUS.—A dwelling house and kitchen was burned on last Thursday night in Columbus county, the property of W. H. Holloway. Loss about \$400.

MEETING OF CITIZENS AT THE PRODUCE EXCHANGE.

A fair representation of the business men of Wilmington assembled at the Produce exchange yesterday to consider certain matters now before the legislature, believed to be detrimental to the interest of Wilmington, especially the bill to extend the Raleigh and Augusta Air Line from Hamlet to Charlotte.

Donald McRae Esq., was called to the chair.

Col. Atkinson moved that a committee be appointed to proceed to Raleigh and to present the subject to the legislature.

This motion was subsequently modified so as to provide that three each should be elected from the Chamber of Commerce; the Produce Exchange and the Board of Trade, and three from the citizens at large, and also the chairman of the present meeting, making a committee of thirteen in all, and the motion was then adopted.

Mr. DeBruz Cutler then made a report from the committee previously appointed to represent to the legislature the injury produced to the commerce of Wilmington by the inequality and the exorbitancy of the taxes, Mr. Cutler read a memorial on the subject addressed to the legislature, which will be signed by the business men of the city, and placed in the hands of the committee of thirteen. The names of committee selected will be found below.

Col. Roger Moore, noticing the presence of one of the members of the legislature from New Hanover, (Mr. H. E. Scott), made, in a few graceful and complimentary remarks and proposed that a vote of thanks be tendered to him for the interest which he has manifested in the matter before the meeting, and other matters relating to the interest of Wilmington.

The following is the committee:

- Citizens:
- D. R. Murchison, Chairman of Committee.
- F. W. Kerchener,
- Col. Roger Moore,
- Don. McRae, Chairman, Chamber of Commerce;
- E. Kidder,
- Dr. A. J. DeRossett,
- J. H. Chadbourn,
- Produce Exchange,
- D. G. Worth,
- J. H. Currie,
- G. Boney,
- Board of Trade:
- J. C. Stevenson,
- E. J. Hancock,
- F. Rheinstein,
- Mayor and Board of Aldermen:
- S. H. Fishplate, Mayor,
- Aldermen,
- C. D. Myers,
- H. C. Flanner,
- H. Vollers,
- F. W. Foster,
- Maj. C. M. Stedman,
- S. W. Vick,
- N. Giles,
- Col. J. W. Atkinson,
- Col. T. C. McIlhenry.

General Abbott and the "Northern Settlers."

We publish below the brief letter written by Gen. Abbott to Mr. Dumont in reply to a circular announcing the Charlotte meeting. It will be seen that while Gen. Abbott refuses to be a party to the false declarations of those Charlotte speculators, he is in favor of measures to bring immigrants here. This letter is published in consequence of a letter from Charlotte in the N. Y. World misrepresenting Gen. A's position in the matter:

WILMINGTON, Dec. 23, 1878.

Dear Sir—Your circular of the 18th inst. is at hand. In reply I have to say that I do not care to join in your meeting, or commit myself to any declaration which it might make to the northern people, but that I shall be glad to countenance any movement which will bring people here who will aid in the prosperity of the state.

I am, sir, very respectfully,
(Signed) JOSEPH C. ABBOTT,
N. DUMONT, Charlotte, N. C.

Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic promotes a healthy appetite, gives color strength and tone to the blood, assists digestion, and builds up a healthy organization.

FIRE.—The Wilmington & Seaboard Railroad stables, ten horses, car sheds, two large cars and three small cars, four carts, all their street car and cart harness, about 2,000 feet of lumber, and a small lot of feed, were destroyed by fire, on Monday night last, about 11 o'clock. The fire was unquestionably the work of an incendiary. The loss to the proprietor was about \$5,500 and the property was insured for \$3,155.

This is about the fifth incendiary fire that has taken place in the past two months, and the Mayor should take some action in the matter. Let a heavy reward be offered, and these crimes will stop.

Letter From Sheriff Taylor.

TOWN CREEK, Brunswick County, N. C., January 18, 1879.

HON. W. P. CANADAY—SIR: I see in the Post of the 12th an article requesting Sheriff Taylor to explain why he gave Mr. Meares a certificate, and why he (Taylor) holds the office of Sheriff in Brunswick—whether Mr. Brooks received as many votes as Taylor, &c. I suppose you and all Republicans in the southern states had heard a enough of Democratic stealing and bull dozing to answer this without any explanation from me, The Canvassing board threw out the vote of Town Creek, Township, and declared Meares elected, along with all the other Democrats except the Surveyor. The returns were sent to Raleigh and are there on file, and that body of men would have seated Meares if he had no certificate. I herewith send you a copy of what he did have. The election law makes it a fine to the Sheriff of \$200 for not giving certificate to the member, decided upon by the Canvassing board. They would have seated Meares, certificate or no certificate. And thus brought suit against me for the penalty. I did not propose to buy a law suit, particularly as nobody could be benefited, but a set of rogues and rascals. I gave no certificate to the county officers, declared elected by the same board. Yet a Democratic board of Commissioners have accepted their bonds and allowed them to qualify, an exception the person who does not intend to hold office. The whole matter is now pending in the Supreme Court, and will come up for a hearing, it has not already.

I have never given more than I had to tax-payers' claims, and I have still less under the writ of *quod warranta* before Mr. Koy in April. Should this be the final termination of it, then it will prove very clearly that I was correct in what I did. O'Hara was elected by over 3000 majority, yet he was counted out and will remain out. There is not and will not be any showing in the southern states for a Republican, either white or colored until we have a revolution and are reconstructed over again.

The Democrats in this county are crowing and bragging over the cheat and steal, and say it is all right, that as long as they can have Canvassing boards of their own stripe, they can count out and count in any men they choose. And so it is, and unfortunately the courts above will probably sustain them in it. Hoping you may be able to cull enough of the substance of this letter to make an explanation for me.

I am Respectfully Yours,
EDWARD W. TAYLOR.

Meares Certificate.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
Brunswick County

August 22th, 1878.

MR. ALBERT C. MEARES.
This is to certify that at a meeting of the Board of Canvassers of Brunswick county, on the 3d day of August 1878, at Smithville, Albert C. Meares was declared elected to the office of member of the House of Representatives, but according to the returns of the Judges of elections, Albert C. Meares was not elected, but on the contrary, according to the returns of the Judges and according to the votes actually cast, regularly, legally and lawfully returned, said Albert C. Meares received (697) six hundred and ninety-seven votes, and John H. Brooks received (807) eight hundred and seven votes, making a majority for John H. Brooks of (110) one hundred and ten votes.

EDWARD TAYLOR, Sheriff of Brunswick County.

MILITARY.

The two companies A, and B. N. C. S. G., Lieut. Col. Mabson will form on the night of Jan 29th, at their armory for inspection and drill. The corps will appear in full uniform.

We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Thos. E. Gilman, of Onslow county in our city a few days ago on a business visit.

The cures effected by Dr. Harter's Fever and Ague Specific have the merit of promptness. It cures cases pronounced incurable, and prevents a return of the disease.

Lawson K. Skipper, Esq., was robbed on Thursday night last of a lot of clothes, provisions &c., at his plantation in Columbus county. Suspects a colored man who was a work for him, and who disappeared the same night. His name is John Henry Smith.

Mr. Henry E. Scott, our able representative in the legislature, arrived in this city from Raleigh on Friday last. He is looking well and enjoys the congratulations of his many friends for the energetic manner in which he has looked after the interest of the people of this section. He will return to his part of duty at Raleigh to-morrow.

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