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STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

THIRTY-FIRST DAY.

(Raleigh News.) RALEIGH, Oct. 11, 1875.

The Convention met at 10 o'clock, President Ransom in the chair.

Mr. Turner presented a couple of petitions from various tax-payers of Wake county, proposing that the Convention would pass an ordinance preventing the General Assembly from paying the special tax bonds, without first submitting the question to the people. Calendar.

Mr. Bennett, from the committee on the Judicial Department; Mr. Reid, from the committee on Revision, and Mr. Manning from the committee on the Judicial Department, submitted reports, all of which were placed on the calendar.

Mr. Allerton moved to suspend the rules and take up the ordinance defining the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. The motion was adopted and the ordinance passed its several readings.

Mr. Manning, of Chatham, moved to suspend the rules and take up the resolution declaring that the General Assembly shall not pay special tax bonds without first consulting the people at the ballot box. An acclamation vote was taken and the chair announced the motion lost.

Mr. Manning, of Chatham, insisted that he had demanded the yeas and nays before the result was announced.

The chair said that the result had been announced before the demand was made. A confusion followed, lasting a few moments.

The chair then reiterated his decision, and the motion to suspend the rules was declared lost.

Mr. Morehead moved to suspend the rules and take up the ordinance reducing the number of State Senators to 25. Lost by a vote of 55 to 56.

Mr. Manning, of Chatham, renewed his motion to suspend the rules and take up the resolution in regard to the payment of the special tax bonds. The yeas and nays were called and the motion failed to prevail by the following vote, 50 to 44.

Mr. Turner changed his vote to the negative, in order to move a reconsideration.

By Mr. Jarvis, a resolution to adjourn sine die at 6 p. m. to-day.

He moved to suspend the rules and take up the resolution for consideration and adoption.

The yeas and nays were called on the motion to suspend the rules, and the rules were suspended by a vote of 108 to 2.

Mr. Turner moved an amendment that the Convention adjourn to-morrow at 6 o'clock.

This motion incidentally brought about a discussion concerning the special tax bonds, which was participated in by Messrs. Turner and Clingman.

Mr. Durham moved the previous question. Adopted.

Mr. Turner's amendment was lost.

The motion to adjourn at 6 o'clock was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Wilcox arose to a question of personal privilege, as a member of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, in which he represented that the action of the Convention in regard to the Robeson county contest, was unwarrantable and an act of injustice to the people of Robeson county, to Messrs. Norment and McNeill, and to the people of the State.

Mr. Wilcox asked that he be allowed to resign his position on the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee, defended the action of that Committee. After the matter had been placed properly before his Committee, he had, as a member, moved an immediate appointment of a Commissioner in order to investigate it fully and fairly, and that the minority of the Committee (the Republican members) objected upon the grounds that the Commissioner would not have time to move in the premises before the Convention should adjourn, and that whatever delay had been occasioned was chargeable to the Republicans of the Convention, who had endeavored to seat Messrs. Norment and McNeill without the investigation demanded in justice to all parties, and not to the Committee or the Democratic members of this Convention.

Mr. Manning, of Chatham, Chairman of the Committee, said the Committee had been as prompt in the discharge of its duties as it was possible for them to be. He then reviewed its actions from the beginning of the session. He knew of no instance where a contested case was decided sooner, and certainly not where the committee was without rules and without precedent. They had acted only with the intention of doing justice to all parties, and any imputation otherwise did gross injustice to this committee.

Mr. Turner then took the floor on a question of personal privilege, occupying the floor for the space of an hour in an exposition of railroad frauds.

During his remarks some half dozen Republican members endeavored to reply to some of Mr. Turner's charges, and much confusion prevailed at one time, the chair finally securing order.

Mr. Wilcox again obtained the floor in regard to the Robeson county contested case, in response to the remarks of Messrs. Withers and Manning.

Mr. Avery, on a question of personal privilege, in response to Mr. Wilcox, said the majority of the committee on Privileges and Elections had used every effort to have the Robeson county case in-

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investigated, and said that Mr. Wilcox, as a member of that committee, had never in committee meetings made any motion looking to an investigation; that the Secretary of the Committee reported that Mr. Wilcox had never made any motion at any meeting except to adjourn; that he (Avery) has always been in favor of appointing a commissioner to go to Robeson county and investigate this matter and let the people know which contesting party was entitled to seats in this Convention, regardless of the fact that the Convention might adjourn before said commissioner might report. To the appointment of this commissioner, Mr. Avery charged that Mr. Wilcox and all the minority members of the committee were at all times opposed on the ground that the commissioner could not perform his duties and return to the Convention in time. Mr. Avery continued at some length in an able manner to defend the action of the majority of the committee.

On motion a recess was taken at 11:30 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 5:30 o'clock, President Ransom in the chair.

Mr. Young moved a suspension of the rules in order to consider the question of paying the contestant from the county of Suway. Motion withdrawn.

Mr. Barringer, Rep., asked to read a protest from himself and a number of his party friends against the action of the Convention (being a document some 30 or 40 pages in length).

Mr. Jarvis objected to the admission of the protest. It was wrong, grievously wrong, that at the hour of the close of the Convention a protest of any character against anything that has occurred during the session of this Convention should be offered by any one. Every fair-minded man in the Convention must admit that such conduct was totally wanting in fairness, and he was surprised at the conduct of the gentleman from Mecklenburg in doing this thing.

Mr. Barringer moved that the protest be received.

Mr. Tourgee moved the previous question.

Mr. Jarvis moved to lay the motion of Mr. Barringer upon the table upon which he called the yeas and nays, but before the vote could be announced, (which had prevailed by some nine majority,) the President announced that the hour of six having arrived, he declared the Convention adjourned sine die.

A MEETING OF THE MEMBERS AND RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

After the Convention had been declared adjourned, Mr. Manning, of Chatham, took the President's stand and called the meeting to order, when Mr. Reid, of Rockingham, said that an adjournment of the Convention having taken place before the offering of a resolution of thanks could be made to the presiding officer of the Convention, he would now offer the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of the Convention present are due and hereby tendered to the Hon. Edward Ransom for the able, dignified and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Convention.

Dr. Ransom responded as follows: Gentlemen: The time has arrived for our dissolution; we shall soon be scattered to every part of the State to our respective homes, and in all probability many of us will never meet again.

Allow me to congratulate you upon the harmony and good feeling which has prevailed since we assembled; your labors, though they have been arduous and laborious, yet you have discharged them with that zeal and energy never before exhibited by any other legislative body; you have faithfully complied with the objects for which your body was called together, and have discharged the high duties imposed upon you with honor and credit to yourselves.

I sincerely hope the amendments passed by you may meet the approbation of the people and be abundantly fruitful of great good in developing and promoting the peace and happiness of our citizens, as well as building up living monuments of honor and glory for yourselves more lasting than brass.

Permit me to return my unfeigned thanks for the resolution you have just passed, so complimentary of myself as your presiding officer. I shall ever cherish it in my bosom as a high and warm expression of a satisfactory approval of the discharge of my duties, though without experience and feebly done. Yet I endeavored to discharge them honestly, impartially and satisfactorily.

It is with no little degree of pleasure that I return to this honorable body my sincere gratitude for the assistance, courtesy and respect which has been extended me as your presiding officer.

The Asheville Citizen thus gets into raptures on Autumn of the mountains: The most beautiful season of the year in our mountain country is now opening. To the grandeur of our mountain scenery there is now added a beauty which must be seen to be appreciated. The variegated hues of the foliage of the different varieties of the timber covering our mountains, with which Nature is now, changing them in the transition from the rich green of the Summer to the serene and yellow lead of autumn, presents a picture which for sublime beauty and grandeur cannot be surpassed and the soft and balmy atmosphere of our Fall season has such a mildly bracing influence upon the system, as to make this an exceedingly attractive season.

Mrs. Woodbury, widow of the late Major-General D. P. Woodbury, U. S. A., passed through this city yesterday en route for South Carolina. Mrs. Woodbury is a native of this city, where she resided previous to the war, her husband, then Capt. Woodbury, having been stationed at Smithville for several years.

Col. R. T. Bennett, delegate from Anson in the Convention, will go up the Charlotte road this evening on his return to his home at Wadesboro.

Mail Hours.

The mails will close at the City Post Office until further notice as follows: Northern (night) mails for all points North, East and West of Weldon, daily at 5:15 P. M. Daily through and way (day) mails: Except Sunday..... 6:30 A. M. Southern mails for all points South, daily..... 5:15 P. M. Charleston, daily at..... 5:30 A. M. Western mails (C. C. Railway) daily (except Sundays)..... 2:30 P. M. Charlotte mail closes at..... 2:30 P. M. Smithville (the Easy, Hill and Town Creek) Tuesdays and Saturdays, 6:00 A. M. Fayetteville and offices on Cape Fear River, Mondays and Fridays, 1:00 P. M. Fayetteville by Carolina Central Railway, daily (except Sundays) 5:30 A. M. Onslow C. R. mail intermediate ofices every Friday..... 6:00 A. M. The Smithville mails, by steambot, close at 3 P. M. daily, except Sundays. Mails delivered from 6:30 A. M. to 7:30 P. M. and on Sundays from 8:30 to 9:30 A. M. Stamp Office open from 8 A. M. to 12 M. and from 2 to 6:00 P. M. Money Order or Register Department open same as stamp office. Stamps for sale at general delivery when stamp office is closed. Key Boxes accessible at all hours, day and night. Mails collected from street boxes every day at 5 P. M.

Major's Court. Before His Honor, the Mayor, this morning: Susan Brown, disorderly conduct, guilty, and fined \$10 and costs. Harriet Farrell, larceny, bound over to the Superior Court. Rose Handy, disorderly conduct, found guilty, and fined \$5 and costs. Patsy Swindle, disorderly conduct, fined \$5 and costs. Francis Gurrie, disorderly conduct, guilty, \$5 and costs. Wm. Phinney, disorderly conduct, case continued to Thursday. Charles Murphy, selling liquor without license, case continued to Saturday. Wm. Larkins, larceny of two buckets, not guilty.

For the Fair. Three very handsome contributions to the State Fair at Raleigh were sent up from this city this morning. One of these is a model, about 18 or 20 inches in length, of the steamship Raleigh, of the Baltimore and Wilmington Line, executed by Capt. John S. Oliver, the commander of that ship, and is a faithful and exact representation of that boat, and the others are beautiful pictures of the steamships Regulator and Gulf Stream, of the New York and Wilmington Line, skillfully worked on velvet, with colored silks, the production of a common sailor in New York city. Capt. Cazaux has had these articles in his office for some few months past, and on their return from Raleigh will be ready to place them on exhibition at our Fair next month.

The Fact of the Matter. An article has been going the rounds of the State press (having been published, we think, in this city,) to the effect that all letters on which the stamp is not affixed on the upper right hand of the envelope will be sent to the Dead Letter office, through directions from the Postmaster-General. This, we are informed, is an error, as no such instructions have been issued from Washington City. Certain it is that no letter carrying the proper stamp, no matter where affixed, has ever been cast out of the mails in the office in this city. At the same time it is undoubtedly a matter of great convenience to all postmasters to have the stamp placed on the upper right hand corner, and the letter writing public are urged, as a matter of accommodation to others, to so affix them.

The Week's Markets. The cotton market in this city has been quite lively of late, and prices have steadily advanced during the past week. The receipts to-day were 747 bales, the second largest day's receipts of the season. The market is active, and at times excited, and at no time thus far during the season has the supply been equal to the demand. An advance of one cent has been gained during the week, on a basis of low middling. The markets for spirits turpentine and rosin have also been encouraging, spirits having risen from 32 1/2 cents on Wednesday last to 37 cents to-day, while the market for strained rosin has fairly held its own.

The Athletic Club. At a meeting of St. George and St. Andrews' Committee, held last evening, the following programme of sports to be observed on Thanksgiving Day, was submitted by Mr. Gleaves, and adopted: Opening Speech..... 10:00 A. M. One mile walking race..... 10:30 " One hundred yards running race, 10:45 " Sack race..... 11:00 " Hurdle race (250 yards) over four hurdles 3/4 feet high..... 11:15 " Running long jump..... 11:30 " Running high jump..... 11:45 " Rifle match..... 12:00 M. One-half mile rapping race..... 2:00 P. M. Three-legged race..... 2:30 " One mile running race..... 2:45 " Standing high jump..... 3:15 " Wheelbarrow race..... 3:30 " Throwing heavy hammer..... 3:40 " Egg and ladle race..... 3:50 " Fencing..... 4:00 " Cricket..... " Quoits..... " The following gentlemen compose the Committee of Arrangements: Messrs. F. Kicker, Chairman; John Colville, W. Roddick, B. G. Ross, A. V. Wood, W. L. Jewett, B. Gleaves. Members are requested to make their entries as soon as possible to any member of the Committee.

The coldest night of the season was the last, succeeded to-day by the wet and sloppiness characteristic of a dismal day in the Fall.

LOCAL NEWS.

Index to New Advertisements. Mrs. L. FLANNAGAN—Millinery. JAS. W. LIPPITT—The Weed.

Gold is quoted to-day in New York at 115 1/4.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen falls due on Friday evening.

Mayor Canaday will leave here next Monday to attend another meeting of the Western N. C. Railroad Commissioners.

Cotton in New York firm and higher prices asked, at 13 1/2 to 14 1/4; spirits turpentine firm at 40, and rosin firm at \$1.70 to \$1.75 for strained.

THANKS TO MESSRS. C. M. HARRIS, N. W. YOPP and Ed. Orr for an invitation to the Temperance Ball to be given this evening at Temperance Hall.

The government steam dredge Emma C. Dunn, which has been on the ways at Cassidy Bros., ship yard for more than a week past, will probably be ready for work again next week.

The School Board for this township have inaugurated the plan of supplying the scholars of the free schools with the necessary text books, taking receipts therefor, the books to be returned at the close of the session.

A DISSATISFIED street car horse broke from the harness this forenoon at the corner of Front and Princess streets and when last seen was off like a shot towards the sandhills, leaving both tracks and traces behind him.

Escaped. We learn that two prisoners, James Robinson and Richard F. Smith, escaped from the South Carolina Penitentiary on the 8th inst. They were both sentenced to ten years imprisonment—Robinson for burglary and grand-larceny, and Smith for stealing a mule. A suitable reward has been offered for their arrest.

A Chance for Somebody. We have received a note from a gentleman residing in Pittsburgh, Pa., who has gone thoughts of emigrating to North Carolina, and who writes to us to make enquiries in regard to the purchase of a plantation near Wilmington or the exchange of real estate in this city for the same kind of property in Pittsburgh. Parties in this vicinity desiring to exchange or sale are requested to notify us of the fact giving all needful particulars.

Steam Ferry Boat. We learn that the work of building a steam ferry boat for the ferry across the Cape Fear, opposite Market Dock, will probably be begun early next month and that the boat is expected to be ready for service in January. She will be a "double-ended" about 25 feet wide by 75 feet in length and will be built in this city. She will haul as the boats now haul, at Market dock, and the Eagle's Island dock opposite. The Company proposes, if the authorities will permit it, to dredge out these docks to a depth of six feet, at low water, at the inner piers.

Personal. Mrs. Woodbury, widow of the late Major-General D. P. Woodbury, U. S. A., passed through this city yesterday en route for South Carolina. Mrs. Woodbury is a native of this city, where she resided previous to the war, her husband, then Capt. Woodbury, having been stationed at Smithville for several years.

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German brig Suppiche, Plagens, Norwegian lague A. O. Vinje, Hendriksen, a Norwegian brig, a tern schooner and a fore-and-aft schooner, names all unknown, were reported this morning as in the river and bound up. They will probably arrive at the city to-night or to-morrow morning.

The Clerk and Treasurer requests us to state that he has instructions to advertise all property that taxes have not been paid on by Friday the 15th inst. Consequently no one will be allowed to waive their advertisements. Persons not wishing to see their names in the list of advertised property, should go and see the collector at once.

Rapid Driving. A colored drayman by the name of Chris. Swann, was arraigned before Justice Cassidy yesterday evening on the charge of rapid driving on Princess street. The case was dismissed on payment of costs.

We mention this fact as a reminder to the city authorities that there is an ordinance prohibiting rapid riding and driving on the public streets, and we suggest, for the safety of life and limb, that it be strictly enforced.

A MARVELOUS BONNET.—An astonishing bonnet was on exhibition at the recent opening of one of the fashionable millinery establishments at the North. That our lady readers may understand what it was, and what is threatened for their fair heads, we publish the following description of it:

"It was made of dark green velvet and ecru silk—two of the stylish colors for the coming season. On the back of the bonnet, resting partly on the crown and partly on the brim, was an elaborate wreath of leaves. Within the circlet, which answered for a nest, were inclosed six birds of the size of sparrows. They were mounted on wires so as to move easily with the motion of the wearer, or to sway lightly in the breath of the breeze. Ten wings formed the trimming on one side of the bonnet, and a large wing was intermingled with the bandeau of velvet and silk on the other. The front, large and flaring, was filled in with a mass of exquisite flowers, loops and twists of velvet and silk and an additional wing. A yard and a half of velvet and half the quantity of silk was required for the completion of this monstrosity of feminine head-gear. Twelve birds' wings, six whole birds, masses of flowers, leaves and wreaths, velvet and silk in unlimited quantity entered into the composition of this "love of a bonnet."

Never, except on the celebration of Mardi Gras, has our city witnessed such a gathering of people as that which assembled on the streets yesterday to witness the advent of Howes' Great London Circus and Menagerie. Long before the hour appointed for the appearance of the grand cavalcade people began to assemble on the principal streets, along the proposed line of march, and when the first notes of the band, which headed the procession, were heard, every available space which could afford a good view was occupied. Windows, balconies, awnings and sidewalks were crammed with people eager to see the street display, about the magnificence of which so much had been said. That they were not disappointed was manifested by the exclamations of surprise and admiration that greeted the living panorama at every point. Unquestionably it was more beautiful than any similar street entertainment ever offered to our people, and was but the foretaste of the inimitable performance that was seen later under the canvass. The cavalcade was many squares in length and was composed of cavaliers, knights and ladies on horseback, Roman chariots, drawn by horses four abreast, a cage full of African hyenas, among which fearlessly sat the negro keeper, Iroquois Indians dressed in their fantastic costumes, painted and carrying implements of Indian warfare, the five performing elephant, a camel, a number of wagons on which were beautifully painted allegorical pictures, and containing the wild animals belonging to Saenger's English Menagerie. The striking features of the display were two magnificent chariots, drawn by richly caparisoned horses. These chariots were handsomely painted and gilded, and displayed on the sides a number of mirrors, which, as they moved along, multiplied and reflected the gorgeous pageantry, producing a pleasant effect on the beholders. To attempt a minute description of the display would be almost an endless task, as each feature of it presented something entirely new and far surpassing any circus display ever made in the South.—Memphis Acolanthe.

PLEASE NOTICE. We will be glad to receive communications from our friends on any and all subjects of general interest but: The name of the writer must always be furnished to the Editors. Communications must be written only on one side of the paper. Personalities must be avoided. And it is especially and particularly understood that the editors do not always endorse the views of correspondents, unless so stated in the editorial columns.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.—Appointments of Rev. W. S. Black, Presiding Elder, for his fourth round of Quarterly Meetings for the Wilmington District of the Methodist E. Church, South: Topsail, at Rocky Point, - - Oct. 16, 17 Whiteville, at Shiloh, - - - Oct. 23, 24 Bladen and Cape Fear Mission, at Windsor, - - - Oct. 30, 31 Wilmington, at Front Street, Nov. 6, 7 Smithville, - - - - - Nov. 13, 14 Clinton, at McGee's, - - - Nov. 20, 21 Elizabethtown, at Wayman, Nov. 27, 28 Wilmington, at Fifth Street, Nov. 30

BISHOP ATKINSON'S APPOINTMENTS.—Appointments by Bishop Atkinson for his Autumnal visitation: Lexington, - - - - - Oct. 14 St. Andrews, Rowan co., - - - " 16 Christ Church, Rowan co., 21st Sunday after Trinity, - - - " 17 Salisbury, - - - - - Oct. 18 & 19 Graham, - - - - - Oct. 21 St. Mary's, Orange co., - - - " 22 Hillsborough, - - - - - " 23 Chapel Hill, 23d Sunday after Trinity, - - - - - " 24 Durham, - - - - - " 25 Gaston, - - - - - Nov. 10 Ridgeway, - - - - - " 11 Warrenton, - - - - - " 12 Henderson, 25th Sunday after Trinity, - - - - - " 14 Williamsboro, - - - - - " 15 Sassafras Fork, Granville co., - - " 16 Goslen, Granville co., - - - " 18 Oxford, - - - - - " 19 Louisburg, 26th Sunday after Trinity, - - - - - " 21 Franklinton, - - - - - " 22 Kittrell's, - - - - - " 23

HOTEL ARRIVALS. PERCELL HOUSE.—J. R. Davis, Proprietor.—S. Rosenheim, New York; Jacob Lammel, New York; M. H. Williams, Chicago; J. E. Duval, A. Westheimer, Baltimore; J. W. Hinson, Philadelphia; A. Barber, Mayssville, S. C.

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MILLINERY. THE UNDERSIGNED WISHES TO INFORM the ladies that she has just returned from New York, where she has been for several weeks making her Fall purchases in FINE FRENCH MILLINERY, and will be prepared in a few days to show her friends and the public generally the latest styles in FRENCH PATTERN BONNETS AND HATS, and also a very fine selection of Fancy Goods, consisting of LADIES' CORSETS, HOOP SKIRTS, POMPADOOR'S LACES, FRINGES, BUTTONS, SLIPPER PATTERNS, MOTTOES AND FRAMES, Linen Collars and Cuffs, Handkerchiefs, Neck Ties, Ruching Belts, Switches, Braids, and the largest and cheapest stock of Zephyr Worsted and Shetland Wool to be had this side of Baltimore. Orders from the country solicited and attended to with promptness and care. VARIETY STORE, 42 Market Street. oct 12 Mrs. L. FLANNAGAN, 1-141

THE WEED. SMOKERS WILL FIND A LARGE AND choice assortment of the most popular brands of CIGARS, TOBACCO AND STUFFS at the store of JAMES W. LIPPITT, North Front Street, opposite Purcell House. A full and complete assortment of the most desirable goods in this line kept always on hand. The stock is constantly being replenished, and smokers, chewers and dippers will find there the best goods at the lowest prices. oct 12 1-6m-nadew

HARDWARE. Parker & Taylor, DEALERS IN HARDWARE, STOVES, GUNS, LANTERNS, PUMPS, Kerosene Oils, Tin and Sheet Iron Wares. Tin and Galvanized Roofing done at short notice. No. 19 Front St. oct 7-1m-ch. Wilmington, N. C.

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