

THE N. C. LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. SEVENTH DAY. MONDAY, NOV. 20, 1872.

House met at 11 o'clock. Speaker in the Chair. Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Pritchard. The chair announced the following standing committees:

On Penal Institutions—Messrs. Craze, Bennett, Moore, Lloyd, King, Warlick, Blythe, Stovall, Watson, Ballard, and Bonn.

On Education—Messrs. Moore, Johnston, Jones of Orange, John, Ellison, Paschall, Lindsay, Todd, Shinn of Cabarrus, Anderson of Clay, Bryant of Halifax, and Mitchell.

On Railroads, Post Roads and Turnpikes—Messrs. Will of Abbott, Bryson of Swain, and Boyd of Davie, Byrd, Bowe, Freeman, Davis, Woodhouse, Brooks, Bullard, Badger, and Bennett.

On Agriculture, Mechanic and Mining—Messrs. Jones of Orange, Luckey, Copeland, Bryant of Pitt, Bowman, Moss, Grant, Perry, Shackelford, Goodwyn, Wiley, Reid of Mecklenburg, Waddill, and Waugh.

On Military Affairs—Messrs. Gorman, Hinant, Haynes, Maxwell, Miller, Houston, Outlaw, Williamson, Brown of Davidson, and Grady.

Mr. Wheeler, Representative from Forsythe, came forward and, on motion of Mr. Waugh, presented his credentials, was qualified and took his seat.

Mr. Anderson of Clay, rose to a question of privilege in regard to an error ascribing to him the introduction of a resolution asking an extension of time for the Sheriff of Clay to collect taxes, as the Sheriff of this county had already settled for 1872.

Mr. Houston was excused from serving on the Committee of Military Affairs, he being on two other committees.

By Mr. Houston, a joint resolution to provide for the deficiencies in the amount of supplies of stationery. Calendar.

By Mr. Settle, a resolution raising a joint select committee of five on constitutional amendments. Calendar.

By Mr. Heaton, a resolution instructing the committee on privileges and elections to enquire into and report upon the eligibility of Mr. Warlick of Burke, to a seat in this House. Calendar.

By Mr. Jones of Caldwell, a resolution in favor of Louisa Heath. Referred.

By Mr. McGehee, a resolution authorizing the joint select committee charged with verifying the August election, and to send for papers and papers.

By Mr. Jones of Orange, a resolution referring the report of the board of directors of the Insane Asylum to the committee on the Insane and the committee be specially charged to give the matter of the deficiency in the appropriation special attention and report by the bill or otherwise. Calendar.

Mr. Brown from the committee on propositions and grievances, submitted an unfavorable report upon the bill limiting the hours of labor in this State to ten hours. The report with the bill was placed on the Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Houston the rules were suspended and the joint resolution to provide for the deficiencies in the annual supplies of stationery for the year ending December 31st, 1872, was taken up and passed its several readings.

By Mr. Jones of Orange, a resolution instructing the committee to prepare an alphabetical list of the counties giving a sketch of climate, soil, minerals to be found in order that immigrants may be opened to immigrants to come to this State. Calendar.

By Mr. Anderson of Clay, a bill to provide for the erection of a jail in Haynesville, Clay county. Referred.

By Mr. Morrison, a bill to regulate the salaries of the Governor and Public Treasurer. Referred. This bill fixes the Governor's salary at \$3,000 and the Treasurer at \$1,800.

By Mr. Carter, a bill to repeal section 1 of the Act for the better protection of oysters and turpines in the waters of North Carolina. Referred.

By Mr. Moss, a bill for the better production of mortgages of personal property. Referred.

By Mr. Dula, a bill to amend chapter 185 of laws of 1871-72. Referred.

By Mr. Gorman, a resolution in relation to the public printing. Referred to the appropriate committee.

By Mr. Sneed, a bill to exempt Ministers of the Gospel and practicing physicians from working on the roads and serving on the juries. Referred.

By Mr. Bowe, a bill to amend chapter 185, laws of 1871-72. Referred.

By Mr. Hughes, a bill to create a mechanics and laborers lien law. Referred.

By Mr. Whitmore, a bill to prevent dams and other obstructions being placed across the French Broad River. Referred.

SENATE. EIGHTH DAY. TUESDAY, NOV. 21, 1872.

The Senate met at 11 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment. Mr. President Morehead in the chair.

Journal of yesterday read and approved. Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Atkinson of the city.

Mr. Morehead of Rockingham, from the committee on Internal Improvements, reported.

The Chair announced that Mr. Respass would be relieved from serving on the committee on Internal Improvements and placed on the committee on Education and Mr. Silley from Education to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Welch moved that the Judiciary committee be increased from seven to thirteen. Laid over.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS. On motion, a bill in relation to taking depositions. Referred to the Judiciary.

Mr. Hyman, a bill to incorporate Square Stone Lodge, Ancient York Masons. To Corporations.

Mr. Eppes, a bill to repeal section 7, chapter 12, laws of 1871-72. To the Judiciary.

Mr. Ellis of Columbus, a resolution in favor of David Pigott, Tax Collector of New Hanover. Read first time, when

On motion the rules were suspended and the resolution was read second time.

Mr. Troy offered an amendment to said resolution. Adopted.

Mr. Love offered an amendment to the amendment. Adopted.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate that that body would go into election of U. S. Senator at 12 o'clock.

Mr. Cowles moved that a message of concurrence be sent to the House. Adopted.

The resolution in favor of David Pigott, Tax Collector of New Hanover was then read third time and passed.

Mr. Welch renewed his motion in relation to increasing the Judiciary Committee. Adopted.

A resolution in favor of the sheriff of Ware county was taken up.

Mr. Respass moved that he be allowed until February first to collect the taxes.

The hour of 12 having arrived before the question was put, the Senate proceeded to election of the United States Senator.

Mr. Harris placed in nomination Mr. Z. B. Vance.

Mr. Welch nominated Mr. A. S. Merrimon.

Mr. Respass nominated Mr. John Pool.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Waring, W. H. and Grady to superintend the election.

The ballot was announced as follows: Whole number of votes cast 50. Pool 18, Vance 25, Merrimon 11.

The resolution of Mr. Respass was then taken up, when it passed its second reading.

A message was received from the House proposing to raise a joint committee on constitutional amendments. Concurred in.

A message was received from the House notifying the Senate that that body had passed resolutions pensioning certain soldiers and asking its concurrence.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. EIGHTH DAY. TUESDAY, NOV. 21, 1872.

House was called to order at 10 o'clock. Speaker in the Chair. Prayer by Rev. Joseph Green of Beaufort.

The Chair announced the House Branch Joint Committee on State Debt and Liabilities: Messrs. McGehee, Reid of Mecklenburg, Badger, Bowman, Johnston, Standford, Moore, Settle and Guyther.

Mr. B. Hampton, Representative from Polk county, qualified and took his seat.

A. H. Perry of Bladen, came forward, qualified and took his seat.

Mr. Brown of Mecklenburg, from the committee on Propositions and Grievances submitted a report asking that the bill prohibiting the sale of liquor within one mile of any place of religious worship in the State be referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Moring from the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported several bills as being correctly engrossed.

By Mr. Gorman, a resolution in favor of J. C. Brewster. Referred.

By Mr. Badger, a bill to amend 61 Revised Code.

By Mr. Gidney, a bill to amend section 5 of the Act in regard to the procedure in special proceedings. Referred.

By Mr. Ellison, a bill to declare certain larcenies petty misdemeanors. Referred.

By Mr. Hughes, a bill to amend chapter 139 of the laws of 1869-70. Referred.

House adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

SENATE. NINTH DAY. WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23, 1872.

Senate met at 10 o'clock. President Morehead in the Chair. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Mangum, of the city.

Journal of yesterday read and approved. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Mr. Bennett said that this motion was not necessary; that the two Houses would meet in joint session to-morrow at 12 m., and the journal of each touching the matter shall be read. He thought that, under the Act of Congress governing such elections, the motion was out of order.

The speaker ruled the motion in order as it was a matter of courtesy and for which there was precedent but would take the sense of the House. The vote was taken and the House decided to send the message.

A call for a division was made but it came late; but the speaker would allow the division if insisted upon.

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Mr. Fleming, from the Judiciary reported.

Leave of absence was granted Mr. Shinn of Irish.

Leave of absence was granted Mr. Reid of Mecklenburg.

CALENDAR. The resolution introduced by Mr. Bennett, W. W. Holden of the disqualifications imposed by the recent act of impeachment was taken up and on motion was postponed for two weeks from to-day, and make the special hour of 11 o'clock A. M.

The resolution in relation to the per diem of absent members was taken up and passed its second reading.

The resolution authorizing the keeper of the Capitol to purchase three stands of national colors was taken up.

Mr. Anderson of Clay, moved to amend by inserting one stand of national colors in the place of three. The resolution as amended passed, its several readings.

Mr. Bowman, Representative from Mitchell, came forward, qualified and took his seat.

The resolution to raise joint select committee to examine into the condition, &c., of the Penitentiary, was taken up and passed its second reading.

The resolution came up on its third reading.

The resolution in favor of A. S. Hill, Sheriff of Cherokee, was taken up and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The resolution instructing the committee on Penal Institutions to enquire into the government and condition of the Penitentiary, was taken up and adopted.

The bill limiting the hours of labor in this State to ten hours was taken up; and,

On motion of Mr. Darden, it was laid on the table.

The bill to repeal chapter 68 of the laws of 1871-72 was taken up, and on motion of Mr. Standford, was postponed for one week.

The bill to exempt the counties of Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga from the provisions of chapter 142 of the laws of 1869-70 was taken up and passed its second reading. The bill by consent came up for its third reading.

Mr. Bryson of Jackson, moved to amend by inserting the counties of Jackson and Swain. The amendment was adopted and the bill passed its third reading.

On motion of Mr. Settle a message was sent to the Senate with a proposition to go into the election of United States Senator at 12 o'clock.

By Mr. Bennett, a joint resolution for printing the usual number of copies of the report of the Hon. W. H. Battle in reference to a codification of the laws.

On motion of Mr. Morrison, the rules were suspended and the resolution was taken up.

Mr. Aiken moved that the bill be referred to the N. C. Medical Society.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. NINTH DAY. WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23, 1872.

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Mr. Bennett from the Judiciary committee, and

Mr. Brown of Mecklenburg, from the committee on Propositions and Grievances, reported several bills as being correctly engrossed.

By Mr. Anderson of Davie, a bill making Hunting Creek, Davie county, lines. Referred.

By Mr. Trivett, a bill to amend section 4, chapter 139 of the laws of 1870-71. Referred.

By Mr. Houston, a bill to amend the act concerning the government of counties. Referred.

Mr. Gudger offered a memorial from the citizens of Madison county asking a change of township lines. The memorial was referred to the appropriate committee.

By Mr. Bean, a bill to repeal section 47, chapter 189 of the laws of 1871-72. Referred.

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SENATE. TENTH DAY. THURSDAY, NOV. 28, 1872.

Senate met at 11:45 o'clock. Mr. President Morehead in the Chair.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

The Senate then proceeded to join the House in joint session for the purpose of balloting for U. S. Senator.

At 12 the Senators returned to their chamber, when Mr. Troy moved that Mr. Worth be allowed leave of absence until Monday on account of sickness in his family. Granted.

Mr. Love introduced a resolution in regard to the compilation of the public laws.

On motion the rules were suspended and the resolution was adopted, engrossed and ordered to be sent to the House.

On motion the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 11 o'clock.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. TENTH DAY. THURSDAY, NOV. 28, 1872.

House met at 11 o'clock A. M. Speaker Robinson in the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Marler the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Gorman the House took a recess until 5 minutes before 12 M.

At 5 minutes to 12 M. the House met.

On motion of Mr. McGehee the call of the morning hour was dispensed with.

At 12 M. the Principal Door Keeper announced the approach of the Senate; and the Senators were received with the usual ceremonies.

The Clerk of the House read the journal of the Joint Session.

The President announced the election of a United States Senator to be in order.

Senator Waring nominated Hon. Z. B. Vance, of Mecklenburg.

Mr. Hanner nominated Hon. A. S. Merrimon of Wake.

Senator Grandy nominated Hon. John Pool of Pasquotank.

The ballot was announced as follows: Whole number of votes cast 166. For Mr. Vance 76. For Mr. Pool 70. For Mr. Merrimon 20.

The Joint Assembly adjourned to meet to-morrow at 12 M.

The House was called to order and on motion of Mr. Heaton, the House adjourned till Friday at 10 o'clock, A. M.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. ELEVENTH DAY. FRIDAY, NOV. 29, 1872.

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

Speaker Robinson in the Chair. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Warrick.

Mr. Bennett from the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Rhodes from the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Standford from the Finance Committee.

Mr. Gidney from the Committee on Finance.

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Mr. Rhodes from the Committee on Finance.

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Mr. Gidney from the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Jones of Orange, from the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Moring from the Committee on Engrossed Bills submitted reports.

By Mr. Bean, a bill to repeal section 47, chapter 189 of the laws of 1871-72. Referred.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter from Tennessee.

To the Editor of The Era:

SIR—Though not knowing you personally, I have seen enough through your paper to be convinced that you will not refuse me the pleasure of letting the people of North Carolina know how high their ex-member of the Legislature is in the opinion of the Tennesseans.

On the night of the 18th instant I went to Liberty Hall, this city, for the purpose of hearing Mr. T. A. Sykes deliver an address on the abolition of slavery, and after wondering at the applause given him, sought an introduction to the above named gentleman for the purpose

of hearing him. In his address Mr. Sykes spoke very hopefully for the future of his race, and how entirely their success depended upon the cultivation of friendship between the two races, and especially at the South, where a large majority of them were; and that when the South would show, by such legislation and other acts as to convince the colored man of their sincerity in the political, civil and pecuniary interests of his race, then a new era would dawn upon the South, and it would be one of the most prosperous sections of the Union.

He also spoke very highly of his native State, (North Carolina) which goes to prove that, though once a slave State, she has turned her back upon the most prosperous sections of the Union.

I think and hope that you take enough interest in politics not to let the worthiness of one of your citizens pass unnoticed to his friends, especially when the comments are from one who was converted, or almost so, to Republicanism by his efforts. Had the address been followed by Mr. Sykes' advice, I might have passed it unnoticed, or would have morely said "he is a good speaker;" but from a man of color, in whose race I attached so little importance, it surely deserves great credit. That all colored citizens will follow Mr. Sykes' advice, and strive to raise themselves to the standard of one who, like them, has not always been free, is the sincere hope of

"UN VIEUX VOYAGEUR." Nashville, Nov. 25, 1872.

The State Pen.

To the Editor of The Era:

SIR—I see from the legislative proceedings we are to have one more of those Penitentiary investigations, and I hope it will not be such a failure as the last. A number of an investigation was gotten up last year; and that whoever is the Chairman of the Committee will render a fair and just judgment, and will not whitewash it over again for party purposes.

I would respectfully call the attention of the Committee to the evidence of Moses A. Bledsoe, last winter, in which he states: "I have seen barrels of remnants of bread thrown to our hogs. Our hogs are all fed without any other food. I have seen the burser of the rotten fish, D. C. Murray, what he did with the six large hogs he hauled out of the Penit