

Resolutions of Confidence and Support.

SENATE CHAMBER, Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 3rd, 1874. A republican caucus, held on the 3rd of February, 1874, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted: Resolved, 1. That this caucus recommend the Daily Examiner and Weekly Era and Examiner to the republican party of this State, as a paper worthy of its confidence and support.

Resolved, 2. That all republican members of this general assembly be requested to subscribe to this paper and all of their influence in giving it circulation and support.

(Signed) SQUIRE TRIVETT, EDWARD R. DUDLEY, Secretary.

A CALL.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 5th, 1874.

A caucus of the leading republicans of the State, and members of the legislature is called to meet in this city on Thursday evening, the 12th instant, at 7 1/2 p. m., in the senate chamber, for the purpose of advising the republican State executive committee as to whether that committee shall issue a call for a State convention, and to consider of such other questions as may arise concerning the approaching campaign.

Republicans from every county are requested to attend; those who cannot attend are requested to give their views in writing, that they may be read before the caucus.

Should the legislature not adjourn before the 15th inst., (of which there is some probability) there will be an extra meeting on Thursday, the 19th, at which representative republicans of all parts of the State are invited.

SQUIRE TRIVETT, Pres't. Repub. Caucus.

Ch. J. Tenn. Rep. State Ex. Com. The republican press are requested to copy.

Governor Vance is in town and is reported as saying that he smelt the dead and putrid carcass of this democratic legislature all the way from Charlotte to Raleigh.

DIVIDE the amount of money in the State treasury by twelve hundred dollars, (the cost of each day's legislative sessions) and the dividend will show the number of days this defunct democratic legislature will remain in session.

Letter on the Claims Commission.

A republican residing in the Yadkin valley publishes a letter in this issue of the Examiner—see first page—touching up the Southern Claims Commission.

In his private note to the editor he says:—

"I respectfully ask you to publish the enclosed communication. If it does not meet with your approbation I shall regret it—still I must insist upon its publication. You can make any exceptions you may deem proper in your editorial character, but I feel it my duty to refer to other matters in the future. Besides the shameful decisions of the property cases, the arbitrary and unjust manner in which the government is daily impairing the internal revenue service,—the removal of inefficient or corrupt officials from their positions, the arbitrary manner in which the administration are defying all law,—making and selling blockade whiskey, occupying and making drunkards of the youths of the country to an alarming extent, Alas, what a pity!"

The editor has no exceptions of his own to make to the above. He knows nothing of the facts in the case. The columns of the Examiner are open, however, to any gentleman holding opposite views on the subject.

A Vagabond and an Outcast.

The Honorable William A. Smith has branded the Honorable Josiah Turner as a vagabond. The democrats of this legislature see Smith, and go him one better, by making the editor of the Sentinel an outcast.

On Thursday last, at the instance of the editor of the Sentinel, a joint conservative-democratic caucus was called to meet in the hall of the house of representatives at seven and a half o'clock.

The self-imposed general manager of the legislature—the aforesaid editor—was promptly on hand to ply the party lash, and lecture the democrats on impeachment and the public printing.

His first proposition was, that the legislature aid him, in some way, to take the public printing suit out of the supreme court of the State, and transfer it to the federal court.

As soon as the democrats of this caucus ascertained the object the editor of the Sentinel had in calling them there—as soon as they found in fact, it was he who called them—they promptly expelled him forth, a vagabond and an outcast, to wander, at will, up and down the deserted passages of the capitol building;—to send his deep base voice of impotent rage and ex-proclaimed vengeance down the cold cheerless corridors of Carolina's pride.

Senator Avera said if there was anything he loved next to the christian religion, it was the democratic party; but he and other democrats did not propose to be longer dictated to and lectured by Jo. Turner on impeachment and public printing.

Senator Waring also went for the man of em quads and letter m's and the caucus adjourned without appealing to the federal court, or making any new move on the chess board of impeachment.

Perhaps if the democrats had not dealt so summarily with this pimp of vinegar him, he might have introduced to those lady friends of his whose names he paraded with so much apparent pleasure and evident pride in his paper of Thursday morning last.

Card From Hon. W. A. Smith.

To the Members of the General Assembly:—

SIR:—I propose to address to you a few plain parting words ere you sink into merited oblivion. My prayers are for you as you sink into the public gaze, but a sense of duty impels me to point to you, or hold you up in your true colors, that those who are to come after you may learn a lesson from the mistakes you have brought upon yourselves.

My remarks shall be confined to such of you as are responsible for this exposure by reason of your conduct in connection with the condition of party servitude. I need not say I have the highest regard for many members of your body. There are good, clever gentlemen among you—Cunningham could name—but they are powerless in a mob of mere numerical strength.

Right-thinking men regard you as an imbecile, graceless set. The annals of the State will be searched in vain to find your like as a legislative body. The famous "Terrapin" legislature, in comparison with you, becomes a respectable, dignified body. You are unique in your littleness and meanness—you sink in the public nostrils. Language is inadequate to picture the manner in which you have behaved in years to come as profligate economists, destructive reformers, mock statesmen, blind or corrupt judges, hypocritical patriots, faithless servants to the Carolina "Barren Parliament."

You went into power on a platform of economy, and you have run riot in squandering the people's money.

During your term of office you have raised no monument to the honor or profit of the State; but, on the contrary, have torn down and laid waste, and you can point only, as the result of your labors, to such deeds as the establishment of cross roads grogshops and the incorporation of petty towns and sing-schools.

Your statesmanship has been of the Peter-Funk order, and you have failed to enforce the public laws and you have deceived the people.

You have undertaken, in the littleness and bitterness of your souls, to destroy my private character and to break down the estimation of the people, because you are afraid of me, and you condemn me without a trial and without evidence.

Your patriotism is a hollow pretence, for you have shown it to be purchasable with a deadhead ticket on a railroad.

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I have said you attempted to destroy my character and break me down, and in doing this you have shown yourselves to be blind or corrupt judges. You were blind to the fact that you were breaking down any man of even ordinary character. The voice of the people, as they flocked around me on the occasion of my recent visit to my home, where a great many of the best and ablest of the State are now, and after it was issued he went round buying up the scrip of small stockholders at from six to ten cents in the dollar.

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to answer their questions, as you know, because I did not recognize their right to investigate the personal affairs of any man, and not, as you knew, because of the character of the questions asked. If the committee had authority to question me they had the power to make me answer. But the fat chairman did not desire answers, his object being to manufacture capital for his campaign for treasurer—a campaign which enabled the people of his own county to show their estimate of him by voting him to the bottom of his own ticket.

What now becomes of your pretence of being charged with law-banishment? Was it not your purpose to destroy my political influence in the State, and in a cowardly, covert manner to defeat the Western North Carolina road, and if it was your purpose to do so, in a favor of that work? Would not a guarantee of deadhead tickets be enough to do so?

I might single you out and attempt individual portraits of hideousness, for some of you are worse than others—some bigger fellows, others greater knaves, and still others, with strikingly more respectable characters, but I dislike invidiousness.

I might instance Merrimon, the flea-bitten fice of Buncombe, who is now being indicted for the same offenses; Messrs. Allen, Todd, Flemming and Love from propositions and grievances; Mr. Johnston from enrolled bills.

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W. A. SMITH. Since the foregoing was written, I learn it was sleepily-headed Jim Morehead who introduced this amendment. Well, that reminds me of an anecdote. On one occasion, in the mountains, a man was found "squirreled" in a tree. "Squire," he pleaded, "a great many people steal on the credit of my family." "And the credit of the family is damned good for it," replied the squire.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5, 1874.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

FEBRUARY 6, 1874.

Senate met at 11 o'clock.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Cunningham from education; Mr. Murray, from engrossed bills; Mr. Johnston from propositions and grievances; Messrs. Allen, Todd, Flemming and Love from propositions and grievances; Mr. Johnston from enrolled bills.

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ships so complaining, was valued at a valuation exceeding the valuation of property of like kind in other townships in the said county, and therefore not equitable, to order the said township board of trustees to value the "lands and real property" of the said township, and abstract lists of the same and make return as provided for by section 15 of this act. And the valuation so made shall be annually fixed to such "lands and real property" until a new valuation is made.

It shall then be the further duty of the county commissioners of said county, to compare the said list with the list in the preceding year, and wherein it shall appear that excessive valuations were made, correct the same, and calculate the amount of tax paid on such over-valuation, and credit the amount thereof over to the said county, and the tax receipts against the listers of the said property, to be allowed in settlement of taxes for the year one (1874).

Mr. Worth opposed the amendment upon the ground that he thought the remedy sufficient in the next session of the bill.

Mr. King opposed the amendment. Mr. Cramer said he offered this amendment in justice to the people of his township in the county of Davidson. That the property in said township was raised one third last year, which was not uniform throughout the county. That it was simply a matter of justice, to remedy a wrong in the past.

The Senate refused to adopt the amendment. Bill passed its several readings.

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 2. Bill to amend chapter 33 of Battle's Revised, entitled "Criminal Justice," and to amend section 10 of the same, to increase the jurisdiction of magistrates.

Mr. Merrimon said he was not in favor of the bill and regarded it as an innovation upon the present system.

Mr. Allen said the object of the bill was simply to make an addition to the duties of the magistrate's court and to allow them final jurisdiction in petty offenses, and he hoped the bill would pass.

Mr. Dunham opposed the bill because it gave to magistrates a power that they, in many instances, were entirely incompetent to exercise.

Mr. Love was willing that the counties that the senators from Buncombe and Wilson represented should be exempted from the provisions of the bill.

Mr. Wheeler moved to amend the bill, giving many excellent reasons why the bill should pass.

Without further action on the bill, on motion of Mr. Gudder, the senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Mr. Speaker Robinson called the House to order at 10 a. m.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

PETITIONS. Mr. Trivett, a petition from citizens of Alleghany and Ashe against the prohibition of the sale of liquor within three miles of Ore Knob, and asking that one mile be substituted.

Mr. Sanford, a petition from citizens of Duplin, asking the establishment of the old Yuley law.

Mr. Fletcher, a petition from citizens of Richmond against the proposed charter of a portion of Richmond and Robeson counties.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES. Messrs. Marler, from the committee on enrolled bills; Mr. Freeman, from the committee on postoffices, post roads and turnpikes; Mr. Moring, from the committee on engrossed bills; Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, from the committee on propositions and grievances; Mr. Wiley, from the committee on corporations, and Mr. Bennett, from the judiciary committee, submitted reports.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS. Mr. Trivett, an act amending an act in reference to the sale of liquor near Ore Knob.

Mr. Watson, a bill to allow constables of Bingham township to collect arrears of taxes.

Mr. Reid, an act amending the charter of Trinity college.

BILLS UPON SECOND READING. An act to charter the bank of Wilson, with amendment of the charter in banking, passed its final readings.

On motion of Mr. Jones, of Caldwell, the bill chartering the Neuse River Ferry Company, was taken up, read and passed its final readings.

On motion of Mr. Moring, the bill amending an act chartering the New River Canal Company, was taken up and passed its final readings.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the bill incorporating the Peede Manufacturing Company, in Richmond county, was taken up, and passed its final readings.

On motion of Mr. Carson, a bill authorizing the county of Alexander to levy a special tax.

On motion of Mr. Mizell, the bill chartering the Jamesville and Washington Railroad Company, route 1829, with a supplemental act thereto, was taken up and passed its several readings.

terably opposed to the whole business. Mr. Dudley sustained Mr. Norment and was opposed in toto any change of gauge on this great road. Mr. Bowman said this was a bill allowing the North Carolina railroad to buy out the Western North Carolina railroad and complete it on through the mountains. If you build the road on, when you get to Morristown, Tenn. without a change of gauge, you will accomplish but little, for without it the Virginia and Tennessee road being of the same gauge, the competition of our road, with a different gauge, will be no competition at all. This question of gauge should be under the control of the corporation. He hoped that the amendment of Mr. Johnston striking out would prevail.

Mr. Johnston asked Mr. Norment if there was any restriction as to gauge in the Carolina Georgia railroad. Mr. Norment replied no.

Mr. Johnston said all he wanted was to be allowed to have the same thing.

Mr. Robinson thought the gentleman, Mr. Norment, was going too far with his proposition in going back and placing them under the charter of 1849-50, restricting them from ever having a change of gauge. He now refused to grant the privileges granted by this legislature before the recess. He is coming in too late in the day and he has made his proposition, and he is late for my people's welfare. I do hope that the amendment of the gentleman from Buncombe, Mr. Johnston, will prevail. The question being upon the amendment of Mr. Johnston on striking out, the result was in favor of the amendment. Yeas 55, nays 35.

Mr. Trivett, an amendment striking out that portion of the bill which prevents any one who has refused to testify before an investigating committee, because of criminating himself from holding office &c.; republicans voting to strike out. Did not prevail. Yeas 33, nays 51.

Mr. Gorman offered an amendment, "Nor any one that has received a fee of \$20 for defending a senator in a contested election case." Not adopted.

Mr. Bennett moved to strike out sec. 9. "That this road shall have all the privileges and rights of the most favored," which motion prevailed—Yeas 50, nays 33.

Mr. Moring moved to amend after the word "Cherokee" for the purpose of building a road from Winston to the Tennessee line, and from Winston to Danbury." Not adopted.

The question being upon the passage of the bill, its third reading, the yeas and nays were demanded and the vote resulted—Yeas 60; nays 38.

Mr. Trivett, of Ashe, here gave notice of a protest he and his republican brethren, who had voted for the bill, desired to offer as to that portion of section eleven they had endeavored to have stricken out; it being the clause, by inuendo, reflecting on the Hon. W. A. Smith, and by implication on the character and official integrity of Tod R. Caldwell, governor of North Carolina. Protest will be signed and offered to-morrow (Saturday) morning.

By consent, Mr. Bennett, a resolution asking the opinion of the supreme court touching upon the legality of the election of two judges.

AMNESTY AND PARDON.

Upon motion of Mr. Brown, of Davidson, the bill in relation to amnesty and pardon, after a vote of reconsideration, was taken up, but upon further motion of Mr. McNeill, was made the special order of Tuesday next at 12 o'clock, and the bill ordered to be printed.

Upon motion of Mr. Turner, a bill incorporating the Hominy Hill camp ground, Iredeil county, was taken up and passed its final reading.

SPECIAL ORDER.

A bill establishing a new county by the name of Jura, taken from the counties of Robeson and Richmond, was taken up, and the bill ordered to be printed.

A petition from citizens of Richmond county, in opposition, was read.

Mr. Fletcher stated that as far as he was an individual concerned, he had no feeling in the matter. This thing had sprung up since the assembling of this legislature. If the citizens who desire this new county, are to be allowed to do so, it is a matter of justice to the people of the two counties concerned, he would support the bill. He thought, in all fairness, the people should have a say in the matter. The debt of the State is a heavy one, and the more we well to hold on until that is accomplished, then, he thought, they could depart in peace.

Mr. McNeill spoke at length in favor of the bill, declaring the merits of the proposed new county; of the people who lived there, and the great inconvenience of distance of county seats from them. With the relief asked, no one could object to leaving the county seat where it will have a population of about 12,000, with some two thousand voters. Many new counties have been formed with far less population. He had received petitions from at least 1,800 good citizens praying for the relief. During the gentleman's remarks, he paid a glowing tribute to the Scotch-Irish people who principally composed the section of the State in question, no community of feeling among the people, on account of their great distance apart. His county was the largest in area, with one exception (Davidson) in the State.

Mr. Fletcher, an amendment that the question be submitted to a vote of the people of the two counties concerned, which, if adopted, would be agreeable to him and the citizens of his county. A few remarks by Mr. Fletcher it was adopted. Yeas 51, nays 39.

The question now being on the passage of the bill on its second reading, it was defeated.

On motion of Mr. Waterloo, a bill in reference to changing judicial suits from one judicial district to another was taken up, with a substitute from the committee, which was adopted, and the bill then passed its final reading.

Upon motion of Mr. Dickey, a bill in regard to certain vacant lots in Cherokee, Clay and Graham. After full explanation by Mr. Dickey, it passed its final reading.

By consent, Mr. Bennett introduced a resolution in favor of Josiah Turner, Jr.

Upon motion of Mr. Richardson, an act incorporating the town of Cerro Gordo, in Columbus county, was taken up and passed its final reading.

Upon motion of Mr. Carson, an act to relieve the sheriff of Alexander county from the duty of holding a court in the county of Bladen, was taken up and passed its final reading.

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NOTE.—The name of Mr. Gorman heads the remarks in our proceedings of the house in yesterday