

EVENING SESSION.

SATURDAY, Feb. 14, 1874. Mr. Speaker Robinson called the house to order at 7:30 p. m.

Mr. Gorman presented a petition protesting against the sale of fertilizers, from the Board of Trade of the city of Raleigh, which was referred to the committee on agriculture.

Mr. Robinson presented a petition from the widow of L. F. Cabe, of Macon county, protesting against the passage of a resolution granting certain tracts of land to the estate of Cabe of said county. Referred to the judiciary committee.

A message from the senate transmitting the bill making the jurisdiction of justices of the peace final in certain cases, with amendments to Battle's Revisal, entitled crimes, their fines and imprisonment prescribed. The justice is not allowed, for assaults in certain cases, \$50 and imprisonment for more than one month.

Mr. Stanford said that this bill, from its reading, seemed to be different from the one passed on the other day, and he moved its reference to the judiciary committee, and with instructions, if possible, to report at this evening's session, which was agreed to.

CALENDAR.

An act to authorize the commissioners of Alexander county to levy a special tax passed its third reading—yeas 70, nays 1.

An act to authorize the commissioners of Franklin county to levy a special tax passed its third reading—yeas 64, nays 2.

A bill legalizing the acts of the school trustees of Kernersville, passed its third reading.

A bill in relation to the charter of the town of Clayton, Johnston county, passed its third reading.

A bill in relation to printing necessary for the different State officers; also the printing of the use of the same, passed its third reading.

A bill for the better collection of fines, forfeitures and penalties, passed its third reading.

A bill in regard to certain electors residing in the detached portion of Franklin from Granville county. They are allowed to vote at the township in Franklin county.

The judiciary committee here reported adversely to the bill making final the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in certain cases.

Mr. Stanford earnestly the bill which he claimed, could be of untold advantage in the way of saving of costs which almost in all cases when taken to the superior court the county had to meet. He referred particularly to cases of fornication and adultery. This is a better plan, in his opinion, than the bill that went from this house. The justices should have jurisdiction of these petty larcenies, unable to pay fine or costs, they are sent to jail for the county to support. He called upon the members to come up and sustain this great relief measure, a saving of \$100,000 to amount the tax payers of our State, though a death blow to our lawyers.

Mr. Stanford took issue with the gentleman whose argument was fallacious. If a thief was sent to jail or the work house for thirty days as soon as he is out again he goes at his trade, and the honest people's houses are filled with such characters, it is altogether gratis. Since giving jurisdiction to the justices, I can hear of more fighting than ever before. He denominated it a bill to encourage fee fighting, also a bill to encourage stealing. The gentleman's speech is a good electioneering document for a party.

Mr. Dula denied that he had any such intention. In his county they could never reach the civil docket on account of these trivial cases locking over the criminal docket. A bill giving Bertie county jurisdiction over Cosine Island passed.

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Mr. Jordan followed, denouncing the bill with gloves off, (the section in it amending Battle's Revisal, which the said revisal did not contain.) He warned gentlemen that it would bring the blush of shame to their cheeks.

The motion to reconsider was tabled. A bill amending Battle's Revisal—section concerning Public Printing—passed its final reading.

A bill to establish a Bureau of Immigration, Statistics and Agriculture, passed its several readings. By consent, Mr. Wheeler introduced an act to amend section 20 chapter 37, Battle's Revisal.

A bill incorporating the Western North Carolina Land Company, passed its several readings.

A bill to change the time for holding the court in the third judicial district, to take effect after the 1st of July, 1874, passed its final reading.

A bill to extend the time for taking out grants of vacant lands, passed.

A bill amending an act entitled Battle's Revisal, relating to the bridge over Nantahala river, passed its third reading.

A bill incorporating the Justicial Lodge, Knights of Pythias of Goldsboro, passed.

A bill amending Battle's Revisal concerning the public printer, by striking out "forty" and inserting "thirty" days for setting out the laws. Passed its third reading.

A bill incorporating the town of Elizabethtown, passed.

A bill discontinuing the present system of buying books, stationery, &c., by the Secretary of State, and that he be governed by the chapter of Battle's Revisal on this subject. Passed.

A bill amending the act of incorporation of the town of Concord, passed its final reading.

A bill incorporating the Educational Association of Halifax county, passed its several readings.

A bill concerning the annexation of a portion of the county of Beaufort to the county of Pamlico. It is for the benefit of Goose Creek Island, a majority of whose voters shall decide. Passed its several readings.

A bill concerning a public road in Camden county, passed over informally.

A bill amending the charter of the town of Tarboro in regard to the storage of guano, fertilizers, &c., within the corporate limits, passed its several readings.

A resolution authorizing the governor to withdraw from certain suits now pending—Sibley against the Western North Carolina railroad in the United States supreme court.

A resolution paying the doorkeepers and assistants \$10 extra for their services. Calendar.

A resolution in favor of the principal clerk (pays them \$100), passed its several readings.

A bill for the prohibition of the sale of liquor within two miles of Shelby, Cleveland county, passed.

A resolution in regard to the North Carolina manual, was on motion of Mr. Gorman laid upon the table.

A bill in relation to the State Library, authorizing the construction of four new alcoves. Passed.

A bill in regard to the transfer of certain school property in Shelby county, passed.

A resolution of instruction to the Attorney General to investigate the purchase of a certain tract of land at Lockville, Va. which \$5,000 was paid and take such action as may be necessary for its preservation. Passed.

A bill amending section 20, chapter 37, of Battle's Revisal, in regard to drawing jurors for opening new streets. Passed.

A resolution in favor of the Oxford Orphan Asylum. (Appropriation \$3,000) failed to pass its second reading.

A resolution in regard to the public printing, and certain duties of the clerks of the two houses are prescribed.

Mr. Gorman moved to lay upon the table. Adopted.

A bill to incorporate the Tokay Wine company. Passed.

A bill amending Battle's Revisal and other laws relating to the State to publish a detailed statement of county finances &c. Passed.

A bill in relation to Floral College in the county of Robeson, passed under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Settle in the chair. A resolution of thanks to the speaker of the house of representatives, passed by the calendar, was as follows:—

Resolved by the house of representatives, That in adjourning sine die it is meet and fitting that expressions of thanks be made by this body, for the cordiality and courtesy which has animated our presiding officer. He has worthily and ably filled his position, and his long and judicious administration has rendered the sessions of this body harmonious and promoted the kindly and friendly relations that have prevailed between the members. We owe him our thanks and the people of the State, their gratitude. In parting, he has our earnest prayer for his future welfare, and our heartfelt desire is that his future career of usefulness, as in the past, may redound to his continued honor and the glory of North Carolina.

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