

NO WOMAN SUFFRAGE

THE SENATE SETS DOWN ON THE PROPOSITION TO ELECT WOMEN ON COMMITTEES.

THE WOMEN APPLAUD.

Grant Wants to Cut Down the Appropriation for the University--Capt. Peables Reads a Caucasian Editorial of Two Years Ago Exhorting the People's Party to Stand Firm Against the Republicans--Private Bill Day in the House--Proceedings Dull.

Speaker Waiser called the House to order yesterday morning at 10 o'clock; prayer by Rev. D. H. Tuttle; journal read and approved.

Memorials and Petitions.

Mr. Lusk, memorial from Baptist State Convention on Education; Mr. Wooten, citizens of Lenoir for repeal of merchants' tax.

Reports of Standing Committees.

To repeal chapter 146, Laws 1893; to amend chapter 297, Laws 1893; to repeal section 581, 2, 3, 4 of the Code; to define the duties of the Superior Court clerks (unfavorable); to prevent dealers in jury and witness tickets from defrauding voters in Mitchell (subs. by com.); for relief of clerk of Superior Court in Clay county; to amend Section 1395 of the Code; to amend Section 1, Chapter 147, Laws 1887; for improvement of stock in county of Chatham (unfavorable); for relief of Richa d Lue (unfavorable); to protect game in county of Clay (unfavorable); authority for working convicts in Lincoln county (amended by committee).

Bills and Resolutions.

Mr. French, to ascertain the expense incurred by R. M. Croom in his contest for his seat; in relation to bills appropriating monies; Mr. Young, granting hall to colored citizens for Emancipation meeting, February 6, 1895; McKenzie, to pay actual expenses in case of Croom vs. Ward; Campbell, to restore Mitchell county to the 9th Congressional District; Ray, to provide for the just distribution of the school fund on the basis of the school population; Winborne, authority to the Secretary of State to correct State Grant No. 3893; to perpetuate Court Records; Turner, to incorporate the town of Columbus in Richmond county; Lusk, to incorporate the town of Biltmore; Taylor, to authorize Fayetteville to operate an Electric Motor power; Robinson, to incorporate Steele Mills, in Richmond county; Chilcote, to amend Chapter 189, Laws 1885; Henderson, to repeal Chapter 265, Laws 1893; Michael, to create Beech Mountain township in county of Watauga; Bean, to protect fish in the county of Randolph; Vickers, to incorporate the town of East Durham; McLeod, for the relief of Mary M. Holden; Williams, of Craven, to amend Chap. 66, Private Laws 1889; for the relief of Wm. Watson, clerk of the Superior court of Craven county; Petree, to amend section 44, Pub. Laws 1893.

Alexander, of Tyrrell, called up H. B. No. 310. The Speaker suggested that gentlemen find and present their bills, to save time. Mr. Ray moved that the calendar be put at the disposal of the Speaker for the rest of the session to avoid confusion. Carried. Mr. Ray moved that H. B. 112, already reported, be recommitted to Judiciary Committee, referring to actual damages sustained in wrecks. This bill gives punitive damages, and Mr. Ray said many parties were interested in it. (Referred).

Third Reading.

For relief of W. J. Sutton, late sheriff of Bladen county. Mr. Lineback asked for the report. Mr. McKenzie said there was no report. Mr. White said the bill had passed the Senate, and was for the payment to the sheriff \$1,900 collected from him as penalties; that nearly every county in the State had done so. Mr. Young offered an amendment submitting the imposition of this tax to the vote of the people of Bladen county. Mr. White suggested that Mr. Young be elected Commissioner of Bladen county so as to help run that county. Mr. Young thought he could get it out of debt. Mr. French was willing to go very far to do what any member wanted done in a local way for his county. Amendment lost. Bill passed third reading and went back to the Senate with its amendments; to amend the charter of Mt. Airy and to establish a system of graded schools therein. Passed.

Second Reading.

Bill to legalize marriage of A. J. and Mary J. Prevatt. Passed second and under suspension of rules, third reading; resolution to furnish copies of Code (tabled); to amend charter of the Piedmont Bank in Greensboro, N. C., to allow them to elect a larger number of Directors than before, passed; resolution in regard to the General Assembly for Secretary of State to send to the Superior Court judges acts in regard to Court officers, &c., passed; to amend chapter 258 Laws 1891, passed; and, without objection, passed third reading; to incorporate the Farmer's Mutual Insurance Association of Greensboro, so that each county may have a branch of this Association, in which case each county is responsible for its liabilities. Mr. Ray thought this was shifting responsibility from a solvent general Association to a county association which might be insolvent. Mr. Ray asked for the reading of the bill, referred to committee on Insurance; to repeal chapter 102, Laws 1893, which allows the citizens of Madison county to elect a tax collector. Passed, and, on motion, was put on third reading and passed; to incorporate a bank in the town of Edenton. Passed 2d, and without objection, third reading; to afford better fire-protection (the protection finally stricken out) and to turnish the female ward in the North Carolina Insane Asylum, calling for an appropriation of \$3,345. Mr. Moore said that about 40 patients were now sleeping in the hall, and moreover, on passage of the bill, there would be room for 75 more patients. Mr. Young wanted it referred to committee. Mr. White said he favored the bill, and that the building having been finished last August was useless for lack of furniture

Mr. Brown, of Jones, favored the bill; Mr. French hoped the bill would pass, that there never had been any attempt by any political majority towards crippling the charitable institutions of North Carolina; Mr. Lusk said that while he wanted to be charitable he did not want to be extravagant. Mr. Young wanted to know if it was necessary, before he voted for it. Mr. French asked how could we know except through committee. Mr. Young said that a member of the committee near him had said he had opposed it, and that the committee had gone there and had a good dinner and that was about all. Mr. Phillips, of Pitt, said he was a member of the committee and strongly favored the bill. Mr. Peables thought the one man on the committee who opposed it should have brought in a minority report, moreover that the bill should be passed without reference to Finance Committee, to which, by the way, it did not belong by right, its proper committee being Committee on Insane Asylums which committee had already reported favorably. Mr. Turner, of Mitchell, and Mr. Chilcote favored the non-reference. The motion to refer was put and lost. On motion for third reading, Mr. French thought that we could not pass a bill appropriating money through two readings in one day. Mr. Lineback said that the constitutional provision referred to the levying of a tax, in which he was sustained by the Speaker; moreover the speaker said that an aye and no vote was not necessary and the bill passed its third reading. The next bill, to repeal section 14, article 7, of the constitution, Mr. Ray moved to refer to the Committee on Repairs (laughter) (tabled); to incorporate David Lodge of Odd Fellows. Passed second and, without objection, third reading; to extend the corporate limits of Snow Hill, in Greene county, Passed second and third readings; to repeal the stock law in New Hanover county (referred to Committee on Corporations); to allow Murfreesboro Railroad Company to extend its main line to some point on Chowan river (reported favorably) or Albemarle Sound in Bertie county, passed second, and without objection, third reading; to allow the board of commissioners of Greene county to levy a special tax (favorably reported), intent of bill to raise money to repair damages made by Contentnea creek in the freshet of last summer, passed; to protect persons travelling on first-class tickets (reported unfavorably, tabled); to change the time of electing municipal officers in Windsor, Bertie county, passed second and, without objection third reading; to allow John S. Stewart to peddle without license (tabled); to change the fall term of the Superior Court in the 10th Judicial District. Passed 2d reading; to incorporate the town of Boonville in Yadkin county. Passed 2d reading; to incorporate the town of Boonville in Yadkin county. Passed 2d reading; to incorporate the town of South Biltmore (with taxing power), ayes and noes taken. Passed 2d reading.

The Scotland County Case.

To form a new county from a part of Richmond county. On motion of Mr. Williams, this bill was made a special order for next Tuesday at 12 o'clock; to amend section 1,114 of the Code, enlarging the scope of the act making it a misdemeanor to defile wells or cisterns. Passed 2d and 3d readings; to amend chapter 417, section 1, Laws 1893; to extend the time of the commissioners of Surry and Stokes, to extend their boundary line, to 1895. Passed 2d and 3d readings; to change the name of the town of Raymer to that of Wooley. Mr. Ray offered the following amendment: not to go into effect unless approved by a majority of property-holders in said town. Mr. Burnham would accept amendment if Mr. Ray would put "qualified voters" instead of "property holders." Mr. Ray agreed to this. Passed with amendment second and third readings; bill instructing in favor of election of United States Senators by the people (tabled); granting hall to colored citizens for Emancipation meeting, night of Feb. 6, adopted; to repeal Chapter 455, Laws 1893, which allows the killing of game from 1st of September to 15th of Feb., in Bladen county. Passed second and third readings; to repeal Section 12 Chapter 19, Laws 1891, which is to repeal Art. 19 of the charter of Germantown; passed second and third readings; to repeal Chapter 48, Laws 1896, which provides for better security of funds of Bladen county. Mr. White said that they had lost \$14,000 by depositing money in the Bank of New Hanover. Mr. White wanted this special act repealed and wanted to act under the general law. Passed second and third readings.

Peables Defends Himself.

Mr. Peables rose to a question of personal privilege, and had sent to the desk an extract from the Caucasian--the same that was sent by Mr. Smith, of Gates, a few days ago. The article counselled less speech in the House on the part of Mr. Peables, who was characterized as a political claim jumper, and whose election, it stated, was of doubtful validity. Mr. Peables said that in order to avoid hasty speech, he had prepared a written statement in answer to the article in question which he would read.

Mr. Peables referred to his election in 1893 by a slim majority and the unpartisan fairness then of the Democratic Committee before whom his contested case was heard. He deemed it as improper to speak of his present contested election case as he did for newspapers enjoying the courtesies of the house to discuss them. Mr. Peables said the Caucasian certainly ought to know that so long as he was a member of this house he was entitled to all the rights and privileges that any other member had. Mr. Peables said the House had physical power to turn him out of the Assembly, but that there was no power to close his lips or stay his pen should he go. Mr. Peables then read as a part of his remarks an editorial in the Weekly Caucasian of July 14th, 1893, in which the Populists were urged not to put a State ticket in the field on the grounds that the State ticket, headed by Elias Carr, was an admirable one, and that there should be no differences between the People's party and the Democrats where Anglo Saxon rule and govern-

ment were the paramount issue. The editorial asked what was there to be gained for reform by defeating the Democratic State ticket. If the union with the Republicans came about, it was feared that the next Legislature would misrule by the Republicans. The Caucasian believed in getting reform through the organization known as the Democratic party, and announced pure Democracy as the banner at the mast-head of the paper.

Mr. Peables, referring to the term "political claim-jumper" said he would always accept without question a certificate of election awarded him by an honest board of canvassers and referring to the charge of obstruction by him, said he would always use obstruction if necessary, to preserve good State government.

Mr. Peables taking his seat, the second reading of bills was resumed, the first being in relation to bills appropriating money, which shall be referred finally to Finance Committee after having been passed on by their special committee, passed; to add public schools in Mitchell by local assessment. Ayes and noes thought to be necessary by Ray and called, passed second reading; to authorize Treasurer of Haywood county to pay certain teachers amounts due them for 1893, passed second and third readings.

Message from the Senate.

Bills passed were received from the Senate: S. B. 62, repealing act in reference to stock law of New Hanover county; S. B. 57, to amend charter of Tuckasee Mining Co. (referred to committee); to amend charter of S. Vain Lumber and Boom Co., passed second and third readings.

The chair laid before the House depositions in the case of Dixon vs. Mewborne. Mr. Payne called up the resolution calling upon our Senators and Representatives to try to get an appropriation for the Normal School of the Croatan Indians in Robeson county. The State government now appropriates \$500, and he wanted aid from the General government. Mr. French asked were they under tribal relations, were they not citizens. Mr. Payne said, yes. Mr. French then said that, therefore, such a bill as this would be useless. Mr. Payne said that Indians did not have to be under tribal relations to get appropriations. Mr. Alexander called up his resolution in favor of tax-payers of North Carolina in reference to the illegality of some of the contestees, and that neither contestant or contestee be allowed any pay until the question is settled, and that the seated member only receive pay. Referred to committee.

Leaves of Absence.

Huffman and Hopkins until the committee returns from Morganton; Strike-leather and Morrow for Monday; Strickland until Monday evening.

At 1:33 the House adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

SENATE.

The Senate was called to order at 11 o'clock by Lieutenant Governor Doughton. Prayer was offered by Rev. D. H. Tuttle of the Central Methodist church. The Journal of Friday was read and approved.

Petitions Presented.

By Senator Long, P., of Columbus, from citizens of Whiteville against division of corporation; from citizens of Ransom township against transfer to Brunswick county.

By Senator Grant, R., of Wayne, memorial of the committee of the Baptist State Convention opposing appropriations for higher education.

Reports of Committees.

The following bills and resolutions were reported by the committees to which they had been referred:

To regulate times of holding Superior Courts of Cumberland county (favorably); to amend the Code with reference to registry fees (favorably); to amend Section 1191, for protection of females (amended by committee and reported favorably); to prevent prize fighting in North Carolina (f. vobably); to amend Chapter 52 of the Code, relative to public printing and binding (favorably); resolution instructing Secretary of State to return bids for public printing (unfavorably as the demands had been complied with); bill to authorize James A. Crews, late sheriff of Granville county, to collect arrearages of taxes (favorably); to change name of Pinion Detective Agency (favorably as amended by committee); to amend Section 1273 of the Code, relative to chattel mortgages (unfavorably); to repeal Chapter 473, Laws of 1893 (favorably); to amend Section 1165, relative to fugitives from justice (favorably).

Sundry bills were reported engrossed and ordered sent to the House.

Bills and Resolutions Introduced.

By Mr. Long, P., of Columbus, resolution authorizing the State Auditor to issue a warrant for \$1,605, to balance the State Treasurer's books as to evidences of payment carried as cash since the years 1866 and 1868. Among these items is one of \$70 counterfeit money paid into the Treasury.

By Mr. Hoover, P., of Wilson, bill to admit the Farmers' Alliance to same privileges as other benevolent societies.

By Mr. Westmoreland, P., of Davidson, bill to incorporate Charlotte and Mecklenburg Railroad Company.

By Mr. Grant, R., of Wayne, bills, to require examination of public school teachers; to regulate appropriations to the University of North Carolina, (to reduce the appropriation \$5,000 next year, and \$10,000 the succeeding year.)

By Senator Moody, R., of Haywood, bill to regulate the employment of labor, prohibiting the employment of boys under fourteen and girls under twelve by factories, making nine hours a day's work, and prohibiting the discharge of employes on the ground that they belong to labor organizations.

By Senator Hoover, P., of Wilson, bill for the relief of graduates in dentistry.

By Senator Black, R., of Mitchell, to restore Jonathan Duncan, of McDowell, to citizenship.

By Senator Ammons, P., of Madison, bill to amend section 2,054, of the Code.

By Senator Adams, D., of Moore, bill to prohibit the sale of liquor within one mile of Poplar Springs Church, in Moore county.

By Senator Dowd, D., of Mecklenburg, to prohibit the sale of liquor with-

in two miles of Emanuel Church in Union county.

The chair announced the reception of additional depositions in the contested election case of Earle vs. Mitchell, from Bertie.

S. B. 144, relating to printing and binding, was called up. There was a general misunderstanding and want of information among the majority of Senators as to the difference between the em quad and the quad em. For further enlightenment upon the subject, the bill was re-referred to the Committee on Printing.

S. B. 92, authorizing James A. Crews, late sheriff of Granville county, to collect arrearages of taxes for the years 1891 and 1892, was called up and passed its third reading. This bill provides that no person who makes oath that he has paid his taxes will be required to pay them, and that back taxes shall not be collected on real property which has changed hands and is now held by innocent purchasers. The bill does not release bondsmen of the sheriff.

H. B. 151, S. B. 179, to incorporate the Farmers' and Planters' Bank of Louisiana was, by unanimous consent, taken from the committee and passed its third reading.

H. B. 319, changing time of holding courts in Bertie county, passed third reading.

Bill changing time of holding February term of Harnett county Superior Court, to begin on second Monday before first Monday in March, passed third reading.

Bill to lengthen terms of court in Cumberland county passed third reading.

By unanimous consent Mr. Carver was allowed to withdraw his bill regulating hours of employment in cotton factories, from Judiciary Committee and have it referred to Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Calendar.

S. B. 63, allowing increase of taxation in the town of Charlotte to support graded schools passed its third reading. The bill provides for the proposition to be voted upon at the municipal election in May, and a tax of twenty cents to be levied on the one hundred dollars worth of real property and sixty cents on the poll, if the proposition is carried.

S. B. 169, providing for vocal music to be taught in public schools, and that no person shall be granted a certificate to teach in the public schools without first having passed a satisfactory examination in vocal music, was laid upon the table.

Much Ado About Nothing.

S. B. 128, as to eligibility of school committeemen, brought on the most amusing debate that has yet occurred in the Senate. The bill provided that every committeeman should be a resident of the school district, and that at least two should be men with children of school age.

Senator Moody, R., of Haywood, offered an amendment that one member of the committee should be a lady.

Senator Cook, R., of Warren, enquired whether the lady was to be single or married.

Senator Moody replied that she could be either, or a widow.

Senator Franck, P., of Onslow, expressed his opinion that the woman would have her way and control the committee.

Senator Paddison, P., of Pender, asked Senator Moody if it would not be unconstitutional for women to hold this office.

Senator Moody replied that he thought not, and continued his remarks in advocacy of his amendment. He was cheered at one time by ladies in the gallery.

Senator Mewborne, P., of Lenoir, expressed surprise at Senator Paddison's reference to the Constitution. He thought it sounded unlike a Third party man to call upon the Constitution for help.

Senator White, R., of Alamance, spoke in behalf of the amendment and paid a tribute to woman's work in the field of education.

Senator Marshall, R., of Surry, Senator Carver, R., of Cumberland, and Senator Fortune, R., of Cleveland, spoke in support of the amendment.

Senator Cook, R., of Warren, offered an amendment to Senator Moody's amendment requiring the lady to be unmarried. He said it would never do to have a woman with children of her own looking after other people's children.

Senator Grant, R., of Wayne, supported Senator Moody's amendment and paid his tribute to women as educators.

Senator McCaskey, P., of Martin, said he opposed the amendment on the ground that the ladies did not seek it.

Senator Moody replied in the following Carl: "Woman in her modesty does not seek the position, but society and civilization is seeking it for her."

Senator Brown, R., of Yadkin, said he was heartily in favor of Senator Moody's amendment.

Senator Starbuck, R., of Guilford, thought the Senate was frittering away its time. He said he was opposed to the amendment and thought the Senate could better be devising ways and means to lengthen school terms than to be wasting time in the enactment of this farce. He moved to lay the whole matter on the table. The motion to table was lost.

Senator Mewborne, P., of Lenoir spoke in support of Senator Moody's amendment and paid a glowing tribute to the service woman has done in apportioning our charitable and educational institutions. He spoke eloquently of James C. Lobbis' great speech in the Senate in behalf of our Insane Asylum and the service Dorothy Dix had done the State's unfortunate demented by her own efforts and through the influence which she exercised over Jas. C. Dobbin and others in the matter.

Mr. Adams, D., of Moore, said: "The amendment of the Senator from Haywood commends itself to you and should pass. The next thing in order will be the nomination of women in North Carolina for sheriffs and constables."

This bit of cutting irony had its effect and the more serious side of the proposition began to loom up before the Senate.

Senator Dowd, D., of Mecklenburg, endorsed some statements Mr. McCaskey, P., of Martin, had made in opposition to the amendment. He claimed it would leave the business of most school districts in the hands of a committee of only two persons, as he believed very few women would accept the office. He opposed bringing women into the dis-

agreeable squabbles which often arose concerning public school matters and had to be decided by the committee.

Senator McCaskey, P., of Martin, made some further remarks in opposition to the amendment.

Senator Fowler, P., of Sampson, said he did not think any man would like to see his wife dragged before boards of Education to testify in regard to the troubles that were constantly arising over school matters. He opposed putting women into such position. He was willing for them to be the dictators in all matters, but he wanted their husbands and sons to be their agents.

Senator Abell sent forward an amendment to Mr. Moody's amendment that the latter apply only to Haywood county.

Senator Moody again waxed eloquent in support of his proposition and dwelt upon "this fair land of ours," crediting much of its fairness to the efforts of the fair sex.

Senator Carver, R., of Cumberland, said he was here filling the honored seat of James C. Dobbin. He said he had not the eloquence of Dobbin, to support the measure, but he wished to say in his plain way that he was for it, and he wanted the ladies to send Senator Moody a bouquet of evergreen, and allow him to present it.

Senator Long, P., of Columbus, said the Senator from Mecklenburg had expressed his views. He was opposed to the amendment and hoped it would be voted down. On motion of Senator Belamy the previous question was called. Senator Moody's amendment was lost by a vote of 21 to 19.

Mr. Parsons, P., of Hyde, offered an amendment that one member of each district committee may be a lady.

After some discussion by a number of Senators, this amendment was carried by a vote of 25 to 18.

Amendments were then offered and adopted excepting many counties.

When an amendment to except Columbus county was offered, a motion to table was carried by a vote of 21 to 20. The amendment carried the original bill with it, and the whole matter thus found a timely resting place upon the table, leaving the law as to school committeemen just as it was before.

The Senate adjourned at 2 o'clock to meet at 3 o'clock p. m. Monday.

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