

IN CHINQUAPIN TIME

A Big Day's Work of Small Things.

SENATE SWEEPS FLOOR OF WHAT MUST BE GOTTEN RID OF.

SENATOR WHO QUESTIONS THE JOURNAL

Birds, Fishes and County Commissioners, Bridges and Fences Get Looked After by the Law.

The Senate did more work yesterday than on any previous day of the session. It passed eighteen bills, thirteen new bills were introduced and thirty-three came back from committees for consideration.

The apologetic Senator White, (Populist), from Sampson, took back his famous speech of the first day by opposing the increase of the number of commissioners of his county. He asked Senator Robinson (Democrat) to give his reasons for asking that the number of commissioners be increased. Senator Robinson asked him in turn if he had not said that he thought the present board of commissioners had not and was not doing its duty; and also whether he (White) had not voted to increase the number of commissioners of Hertford county. Senator White admitted that he had said the commissioners were not doing their duty in the matter of granting license to sell liquor. He denied that he had voted for the Hertford bill. Senator Robinson: "I think the Journal will show the Senator voted for the bill."

Senator White: "I don't care what the Journal shows, I did not vote for it."

Practically the only opposition the Populists and Republicans have made to legislation has been to the bills to give the various counties competent commissioners.

The following additions were made to committees: Committee on Agriculture, Senators Whitaker and Stanback; Committee on Deaf and Dumb and the Blind Institutions, Senator Campbell.

NEW BILLS REFERRED.

S. B. 206, Senator Stanback: For the relief of J. P. Lease, To Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

S. B. 207: To amend section 1 of the act of 1871, providing for increasing the depth of the Chesapeake and Albemarle canal.

S. B. 208, Senator Black: To authorize the Commissioners of Moore county to refund the county debt. To Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

S. B. 209, Senator Shimer: To put "non" for "now" before "residents," in line 4, chapter 35, laws of 1897, relating to fishing in Eastern waters.

S. B. 210, Senator Jackson: To amend section 869 of the Code by inserting in line 2, after "Justice," the words "the fees of the Justice and Sheriff for summoning the jury and."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

S. B. 211, Senator Black: To amend chapter 340, private laws of 1895, relating to the charter of Jonesboro. To Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

S. B. 212, Senator Stanback: To incorporate the town of Mt. Gilead, in Montgomery county. To Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

S. B. 213, Senator Lowe: To protect the tax payers of Wilkes county. To Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

S. B. 214, Senator Glenn, by request: To provide a financial committee for Stokes county.

S. B. 215, Senator Travis: To amend chapter 254, private laws of 1889, establishing a public school in the town of Littleton, by striking out the names of Dr. Willis Alston, Jno. B. Leach, W. A. Johnston, M. V. Perry, B. R. Browning, W. F. Young, M. E. Hall, Alexander Brown, and inserting therein the names of J. W. Northington, S. Johnston, Dr. Willis Alston, E. B. Perry, G. B. Hackett, J. E. McCraw and H. J. Cordle. To Committee on Education.

S. B. 216, Senator Wilson: To incorporate the Greensboro Loan and Trust Company. To Committee on Corporations.

S. B. 217, Senator Williams: For the relief of Levi Mason, an aged Confederate soldier. To Committee on Pensions.

S. B. 218, Senator Franks: To prevent the throwing of sawdust in the streams of Henderson, Transylvania and Franklin counties. To Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

S. B. 220, Senator Glenn: For the relief of W. McD. Lancaster and others.

BILLS PASSED.

S. B. 109, H. B. 57: To incorporate the Southern Conservatory of Music at Durham.

H. R. 152, S. R. 116: To request our Senators and Representatives to endeavor to secure an appropriation for a light house at Cape Channel, in Pamlico Sound.

Words "and interest from 1891" struck out and bill passed.

S. B. 121: To repeal the law authorizing the appointment of a tax collector for Rockingham county.

S. B. 138: To provide for the appointment of extra justices of the peace in Madison county.

To repeal the act of 1897 authorizing the appropriation of \$50,000 as a special school fund. Repeal to apply after May 1st, 1899.

S. B. 153: To appoint H. E. Markham a Justice of the Peace.

S. B. 154: To appoint L. G. L. Taylor a Justice of the Peace.

S. B. 77: To authorize the treasurer of Surry county to pay \$1,000 back school teachers.

S. B. 181: To increase the number of commissioners of Sampson county.

H. B. 293: To increase the number of commissioners of Bertie county.

PASSED SECOND READING.

S. B. 112, H. B. 17: To alter the limits of the town of Kelford, in Bertie county.

BILLS TABLED.

S. R. 52: As to the peace treaty now before the United States Senate.

S. B. 192, H. B. 98: Relating to the furling and unfurling of the flag on the Capitol.

REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES.

S. B. 172, H. B. 182: To encourage the killing of certain wild animals in Graham county.

S. B. 147, H. B. 115: To repeal chapter 558, laws of 1897, for protection of birds in Camden county.

S. B. 168, H. B. 166: To authorize Bertie county to issue bonds.

To change the name of the town of Harrison, Pitt county.

S. B. 190, H. B. 92: To repeal the charter of the town of Dudley in Wayne county.

To change the name of Chocowinnie Creek to Chocowinnie river.

S. B. 193, H. B. 165: To change the charter of Fayetteville.

To repeal chapter 220, laws of 1897, as to the cotton weaver of Edgecombe county.

S. B. 115, H. B. 129: A joint resolution asking information from the Secretary of State as to fees of county officers. Unfavorably.

S. B. 120: In relation to bankruptcy. Favorably.

S. B. 125: To validate oaths where the right hand is held up. Favorably.

S. B. 113, H. B. 141: For the relief of the Superior court clerk of Clay county. Favorably.

S. B. 147, H. B. 112: To repeal chapter 287, laws of 1895. Favorably.

S. B. 190, H. B. 122: To repeal chapter 197, private laws of 1895, relating to hunting in Clay county. Favorably.

S. B. 157: To exempt ex-Confederate soldiers from peddler's license. Favorably.

S. B. 92: To prohibit fast driving in Pamlico county.

S. B. 132: To protect bridges over the Perquimans river at Hertford.

S. B. 172: Relating to fences in Brunswick county. Unfavorably.

S. B. 193, H. B. 145: To amend chapter 153, laws of 1893, relating to charter of Fayetteville.

S. B. 101: To provide for the cross indexing of wills. Favorably.

S. B. 144, H. B. 93: To repeal chapter 500, laws of 1897, as to public roads in Greene, Wayne and Wilson counties. Favorably.

A HAMAN HANGED WITH HIS OWN HALTER

(Continued from First Page.)

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"Hold the scales evenly! Weigh the matter justly!"

"William Jennings Bryan said in a speech made at Cincinnati, January 4th, 1890. 'When men are excited they will talk about what they can do; when they are calm they talk of what they ought to do.'"

"Members of the House! Sons of Anglo Saxon ancestors! What ought you to do?"

"This paper," said Mr. Winston, "is not vouched for by the names of the sitting members, of his counsel or of the members signing the minority report. It has however been the basis of his argument. I should not notice this fatherless statement, so at variance with the well established rules of law and the facts in the case, but for the closing sentences."

"It seeks to use the name of the greatest statesman in the annals of time, as a talisman to perpetuate a fraud on the electors of Pamlico county. It will fail of its purpose by that appeal, as it will fail in its appeal to the 'Sons of Anglo Saxon Ancestors.'"

"Long ago a brilliant woman, after years of philosophic contemplation of the struggles men had made for liberty and freedom, stood under the blade of the guillotine with its descending stroke. Madam Roland exclaimed, 'Oh Liberty how many crimes have been committed in thy name.'"

"In the name of William Jennings Bryan (applause)—that great exemplar of human rights and champion of freeing all men from all thraldom—his own wrong will not be done. His own pure spotless life will shield no wrong. And by it in the coming years man will swear and dare to do the right."

"Let us not misinterpret its teachings and commit the wrong of pirating the will of the people of Pamlico county as contained under the forms of law administered in the true spirit of business and justice." (Applause.)

Mr. Stubbs, of Martin, felt that he would be recreant to the trust his people had placed in him did he not vote as he was now about to do, for the minority report on this case.

He had always loved the Democratic party and its principles, and it was because of this and of his desire to keep these principles intact that he was now about to take this action. The evidence did not, to his mind, deprive the contestee of his seat and would amount to a subversion of the will of the people of Pamlico county.

Mr. Gilliam, of Edgecombe, said he wanted to lay it down as a proposition of fact that the election officers usually appointed in Eastern North Carolina would perpetrate a fraud if they had an opportunity. The question then is, did they have an opportunity to commit fraud in Pamlico? The evidence shows that they did have an opportunity. This he said he would explain to you in your county the fee will be \$1.05. I want to say to the people, I've reduced your fees from \$1.05 to 45 cents. As for those counties that do not use the crop lien, this law can make no difference. This bill is in the interest of the poor tenant."

Mr. Stevens, of Union, favored the reduction in fees as fixed in the bill.

Mr. Council's amendment was adopted.

Mr. Williams, of Graham, withdrew his amendment to except Graham.

Mr. Holman's amendment to reduce the fees to 20 cents and 10 cents was lost.

Amendments were then sent forward, excepting the following counties from the operation of the bill: Macon, Clay, Cherokee, Alleghany, Transylvania, Henderson, Madison, Jackson, Swain, Currituck, Guilford, Gaston, Mitchell, Forsyth, Dare, Washington, Polk, Gates and Tyrrell.

These counties having been eliminated the bill as amended passed the second reading.

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This amendment was adopted.

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Mr. Ray, of Macon, amended that this act shall not apply to Macon county. He explained that in his county agricultural liens were practically unknown. But he thought the new form would take the place of the chattel mortgages on which the registration and probate fees amount to only 30 cents.

"When it does, the people will want to know why the charge for probate and registration is now 15 cents higher than it was before the Democratic Legislature met. There is no sort of doubt that this form will take the place of the old form. It ought to do it, because it's a better form and will hold water in the courts better. The man that takes the mortgage is the man that's going to dictate the form used."

Mr. Holman, of Iredell, amended "that the fee for registration shall be 20 cents and for probate 10 cents." He agreed with Mr. Ray that this was the better form of lien or chattel mortgage and it would take a long time to explain to the people how it was that members came here pledged to a reduction of fees and instead of that they had increased them from 30 cents to 45 cents."

Mr. Robinson, of Cumberland, pointed out that the bill created a new form never before in use in North Carolina. It is one that takes the place of both a chattel mortgage and lien bond and for it the fees are 45 cents instead of \$1.05.

"One reason there is no more cohesion and harmony in the Democratic party is that as soon as we get in we begin to cry 'Retreat, Retrenchment, Reduction of Expenses.' All very well in its way, but we begin at the wrong end. It is unbecomingly, nothing but unbecomingly, the proposition to cut these fees down below the living point."

Mr. Clark, of Mecklenburg, said he, like the gentleman from Macon (Mr. Ray), had opposed making the fees more than 10 and 20 cents. But after hearing the discussion before the committee he had come to the conclusion that 45 cents was the proper fee for his own county, crop liens were seldom used, and therefore he thought the true solution of the matter for those counties that do not want the bill, was simply to take their counties out from the operations of the act.

Mr. Council sent forward an amendment "that nothing in this bill shall affect the crop lien or the chattel mortgage, as provided for in section 1,273 of the Code."

Speaking in his amendment Mr. Council said in his county such a thing as a crop lien had never been registered. But he thought the farmers of the East were entitled to relief. He did not think it would be considered by the people as an increase of fees.

Mr. Williams, of Graham, amended to except the county of Graham. The advantage of his bill was not only a question of fees but that it gives the landlord the benefit of additional security; it gives the tenant a chance to continue his cropping arrangement with the landlord and keep getting advances on such security as the landlord will accept. The form, he said, was longer than the chattel mortgage, and if the fee of 20 cents was charged for recording it, then the fee, for recording this instrument ought to be more.

"I'm in favor of reducing fees, but I'm not in favor of reducing fees unless that reduction is just. I am unwilling to save the people every dollar I can; but I am not willing, merely for the purpose of saying that I cut fees, to do my duty in making a change in the fee for recording this instrument ought to be more."

Mr. Overman, of Rowan: "So far as I am concerned I'm willing to allow Rowan to stay in this bill. And I want to suggest to some of the gentlemen that they are making a great mistake. Suppose you take out your county. Then the farmers in the neighboring county will be put to 45 cents, while in your county the fee will be \$1.05. I want to say to the people, I've reduced your fees from \$1.05 to 45 cents. As for those counties that do not use the crop lien, this law can make no difference. This bill is in the interest of the poor tenant."

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A bill to require separate cars or compartments of cars for whites and blacks on railroad trains; and two bills to inaugurate new railroads in the Eastern part of the State and one in the West.

The Western road is the Tennessee and North Carolina Railway, to run from Cranberry to Lincolnton.

The Eastern road is the Beaufort and Pamlico Railway. This road is to have \$20,000 capital, its owner to have right to acquire 100,000 acres of land. The road is to extend from Dunn's creek, Pamlico river or South creek to a point on the Neuse river in Pamlico or Craven county.

Mr. McLean, of Harnett, to appropriate \$10,500 for each of the years 1899 and 1900 for improvements at the institution for the white blind, including electric light plant, new boiler, new rooms for females, etc.

A bill of considerable importance was introduced by Mr. J. Floyd Brown of Johnston. It is to allow clerks of courts, on their own motion, upon petition backed by proper proof, by a mother of an indigent child or of some good citizen, to set apart not to exceed \$20 of funds paid in by administrators, executors, etc., for the maintenance of indigent children.

Mr. Gattis, of Orange, presented the regular biennial petition of Josiah Turner, Public Printer twenty-five years ago, asking that his bill be re-adopted and an amount of \$200 be paid him by the State treasurer, with 6 per cent interest.

THE HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

Management of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad.

The House met at 10 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Dr. A. M. Simms, of the Baptist Tabernacle, of this city.

The Journal of Thursday was read and approved.

Reports of standing committees were made as follows:

Judiciary—Poushee, of Durham; Gilliam, of Edgecombe.

Corporations—Justice, of McDowell; Carr, of Lenoir; John, of Rowan.

Cities, Counties and Towns—Stubbs, of Martin; Wall, of Rockingham; Gattis, of Orange; Winston, of Bertie; Crumpler, of Sampson; Fleming, of Clay; Gilliam, of Edgecombe.

Roads—Carraway, of Lenoir; Trotman, of Gates.

Internal Improvements—Moore, of Jackson.

Engrossed Bills—Brown, of Stanly. Rules—Overman, of Rowan.

Four petitions were presented. One of them was the memorial drawn up by the Council of Colored Men in this city, Wednesday. Another was from the cotton manufacturers of the State in regard to fire insurance rates.

The third petition asked the repeal of the Merchant's Purchase Tax.

Of the thirty-two new bills introduced during the morning hour, only the following are of general interest and importance:

By Carr, of Duplin: Act to provide separate cars for the races.

By McLean, of Harnett: Act to appropriate \$20,000 for the School for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, at Raleigh.

By Nicholson, of Beaufort: Act to incorporate the Beaufort and Pamlico Railroad Company.

By Reinhardt, of Lincoln: Act to incorporate the East Tennessee and Western North Carolina Railroad Company.

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Purchase Tax. By Carroll, of Alamance, Committee on Finance.

Petition from the citizens of Shiloh township, Iredell county, asking that the sale of liquor be prohibited in township No. 5. By Holman, of Iredell. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Petition from colored citizens of the State in regard to legislation for that race. By Eaton, of Vance. Committee on Education.

Petition from certain manufacturers of North Carolina in regard to insurance. By Clarkson, of Mecklenburg. Committee on Insurance.

NEW BILLS INTRODUCED.

H. B. 401. Resolution of thanks to Rev. J. B. Averitt for his lecture on Gen. Lee. By Carraway, of Lenoir. On Calendar.

H. B. 402. Act to promote the comfort of travelers on trains. By Carr, of Duplin. Committee on Railroads.

H. B. 403. Act to change county of Lenoir county. By Carraway, of Lenoir. Committee on Counties.

H. B. No. 404. Act to repeal chapter 114, Public Laws of 1897, establishing Muddy Creek township in McDowell county. By Justice, of McDowell. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. No. 405. Act for the benefit of the institution for the deaf, dumb and blind, asking an appropriation of \$33,000. By McLean, of Harnett. Committee on Deaf and Dumb.

H. B. No. 406. Act for the relief of James Calder, of Cumberland county. By Robinson, of Cumberland. Committee on Pensions.

H. B. No. 407. Act to incorporate the Beaufort and Pamlico Railroad Company. By Nicholson, of Beaufort. Committee on Corporations.

H. B. No. 408. Act for the relief of George A. Gash, of Henderson. By McFarland, of Polk. Committee on Pensions.

H. B. No. 409. Resolution in favor of Josiah Turner, to pay for certain public printing. By Gattis, of Orange. Committee on Claims.

H. B. No. 410. Act to put J. A. Billings on the fourth class pension roll. By Council, of Watauga. Committee on Pensions.

H. B. 411. Act to place W. P. Pullen, of Halifax county, on the first class pension roll. By Harrison, of Halifax. Committee on Pensions.

H. B. 412. Act to pay J. S. Mann, of Coleraine, salary as shell fish commissioner. By Hyde, of Johnston. Committee on Appropriations.

H. B. No. 413. Act to authorize the commissioners of Watauga county to levy a special tax. By Council, of Watauga. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. No. 414. Act for the relief of certain children in the State. By Brown, of Johnston. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. No. 415. Act to amend chapter 354, Laws of 1891, providing for the working of public roads. By Williams, of Graham. Committee on Roads.

H. B. No. 149. Act to allow chairmen of boards of education to administer oaths in certain cases. By Allen, of Wayne. Committee on Education.

H. B. No. 417. Act to repeal chapter 217, Public Laws of 1895, appointing a local board of trustees for the colored normal school at Goldsboro, and chapter 119, Public Laws of 1897, defining the duties of the local boards for colored normal schools. By Allen, of Wayne. Committee on Education.

H. B. No. 418. Act for the relief of A. M. Manney, ex-sheriff of Wilkes county. By McIntosh, of Alexander. Committee on Pensions.

H. B. No. 419. Act to incorporate the East Tennessee and Western North Carolina Railroad Company. By Reinhardt, of Lincoln. Committee on Corporations.

H. B. No. 420. Act to repeal chapter 183, Laws of 1876 and 1877, incorporating the town of Stoneville in Rockingham county. By Lane, of Rockingham. Committee on Corporations.

H. B. No. 421. Act for the relief of Mrs. Fanny Calloway, a teacher in Alleghany county. By Gumbill, of Alleghany. Committee on Pensions.

H. B. No. 422. Act to amend charter of the town of Statesville. By Holman, of Iredell. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. No. 423. Act to prohibit the sale of spirituous liquors in Shiloh township, Iredell county. By Holman, of Iredell. Committee on Pensions.

H. B. No. 424. Act to place A. G. Stanly, of Caswell county, on the pension roll.