

LEST WE FORGET THEIR DEEDS OF DARING

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South, have sat down on it like a twenty-ton weight. The bill was passed on its several readings by a unanimous vote. There are to be 1,000 of the books printed, cloth bound. It is estimated that they will cost upwards of \$1,000. They are to be distributed as follows: One copy to the clerk's office in each county, one copy to the State Library, and one copy to each college library in the State. Also one copy to any public school library in the State. Other copies are to be distributed as the trustees of the State Library may deem advisable and the balance are to be sold by the Secretary of State.

THE ELIZABETH CITY FERRY.

The House Refuses to Grant Mr. Lamb a Three-Mile Limit. There was a pretty lively fight in the House yesterday morning over the Elizabeth City ferry. The facts seem to be about this: The ferry is owned by Mr. E. F. Lamb. It was chartered about ninety years ago, the charter giving three miles limit on each side in which no other ferry could be operated. Two years ago the Legislature cut the limit down to two miles, to conform to the general law of the State in regard to ferries. When this Legislature met Mr. Lamb asked it to restore his three-mile limit. A bill for that purpose was introduced and yesterday came up in the House for passage. It was supported by Mr. Boushall, of Wake, Mr. Abbott, of Camden, Mr. Winston, of Bertie, and Mr. Carraway, of Lenoir. Mr. Leigh, of Pasquotank, opposed.

Mr. Leigh said the ferry crossed the river about two miles and a quarter above Elizabeth City, and is the only ferry within eight miles of the city. The owners of it, he said, had been exercising this monopoly for 100 years. "Up to two years ago the law prohibited the establishment of any other ferry within three miles of the present ferry. This prohibits the building of any other ferry at all for the reason that when you get down three miles from Mr. Lamb's ferry the water is so rough you can't maintain a ferry there. The proposed ferry is in a miserable condition. The proposed ferry is backed by men of large capital and will open right at the foot of the main street of the town. The toll will be reduced just one-half. The granting of a three-mile limit would make it impossible to put in another ferry. The general law is two miles. This three-mile limit is special legislation. The people want another and a better ferry. They want competition. The ferry is getting worse all the time. Beside the railroad is so near the ferry road that it is dangerous. The people ask a ferry franchise in order that they may have competition, better service and cheaper rates. They want better and more convenient travel to Elizabeth City. That they want it is shown by the petitions of 500 people that have been sent up here and presented to this body. The refusal to grant this prayer would retard the progress of this growing town and deny to the people what they consider a right and simple justice.

Mr. Boushall, of Wake, vigorously opposed the proposed ferry. He argued that the people of Camden didn't want it. Mr. Leigh replied that he thought the people of Camden were the best judges of that. Mr. Abbott, of Camden, said he regretted to have to speak in public, but he thought the occasion demanded it. "I can sit down on a log and talk to a man three days and nights but in a public assembly—that's different. I place this question on the high ground of a moral obligation and equity. I am taking the same ground I took in the Senate six years ago. I have been perfectly consistent in this thing all the way through. The passage of this bill will confiscate Lamb's property. It's not right. I'm not trying to shape my course in order to get back here. I don't want to get back. I left here in 1893 resolved never to return. I was conspired this time.

The law under which Mr. Lamb operated from 1810 to 1874 was under the three-mile limit. The charter gives him the franchise for one hundred years and this Legislature or any other Legislature will do wrong to take it away from him. Mr. Winston, of Bertie, said he had been reliably informed that Mr. Lamb paid \$8,000 for this property and there was now a mortgage of \$20,000 on it. Mr. Leigh: "And he makes \$2,000 a year on it." Mr. Winston: "I don't care what he makes, right is right and it's not right to destroy this man's property. To do so is to take advantage of the faith and credit he has placed in the chartered rights granted by North Carolina."

Mr. Boushall and Mr. Carraway also made speeches in favor of a restoration of the three-mile limit, and Mr. Leigh replied, opposing. The vote resulted in 53 votes against Lamb and 42 for him. Later in the session Mr. Abbott lodged a motion to reconsider.

THE HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

A Bill Introduced by Mr. Boushall For Removal of the State Arsenal. The House met yesterday at 10 o'clock and was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Curtis, of this city. Mr. Overman was in the Speaker's chair. The Journal of Friday was read and approved. Reports of Standing Committees were made as follows: Judiciary—By Craig, of Buncombe; Foushee, of Durham; Carroll, of Alamance; Bryan, of Madison; Hartzell, of Cabarrus; Clark, of Mecklenburg; Carr, of Duplin; Nicholson, of Beaufort; Brown, of Stany; Currie, of Moore;

Allen, of Wayne; Council, of Watauga; Stevens, of Union. Finance—By Willard, of New Hanover. Claims—By Noble, of Jones; Council, of Watauga. Fish—By Welch, of Chowan. Federal Relations—By Leigh, of Pasquotank. Corporations—By Gilliam, of Edgecombe; Carr, of Duplin. All of the eight petitions presented, with one exception (petition asking the repeal of the Merchant's Purchase Tax), related to local matters, principally the incorporation of school houses and churches. Among the bills introduced were the following of general interest and importance: By Boushall, of Wake: To remove the State Arsenal from Capitol Square. By James, of Pender: To prescribe a standard scale for measurement of timber, and require all lots of timber of more than 1,000 feet to be inspected by the lumber inspector. By Nicholson, of Beaufort: To punish vagrancy by thirty days on the roads. By Winston, of Bertie: To punish fornication and adultery between negroes and whites by jail imprisonment of not less than four months or penitentiary imprisonment of not over five years, and make it a felony. By Williams, of Graham: To punish the carrying of concealed weapons by a fine of from \$5 to \$15 for the first offense, and from \$15 to \$30 for each subsequent offense. By Leatherwood, of Swain: To amend section 2326 of the Code, by continuing for twelve months, instead of six, the presumption of negligence in cases against railroads for killing live stock. By Currie, of Moore: To amend section 1, chapter 248, Laws of 1885, so that the unsupported evidence of the woman shall not be sufficient to convict in seduction cases. By Willard, of New Hanover: To allow the Governor to appoint a naval aide, with the rank of commodore. By Carr, of Duplin: To change the time of holding certain courts in the Sixth district. By Holman, of Iredell: To give to the Legislature the appointment of State librarians; the law to be effective two years hence. By Stevens, of Union: To provide for the punishment of pools, trusts, conspiracies and combinations, by providing that any purchases of any articles made or sold by a company belonging to a trust, shall not be liable for the price of the goods purchased. And this act may be pleaded as a defense to any actions for recovery of the same. Only three bills were passed on the third and final reading: To publish sketches of North Carolina troops in the Civil War. To make cruelty outside of the State, and one year's separation cause for divorce. To permit Cabarrus Savings Bank to establish a branch bank at Albemarle, Stany county. A road law for Macon county passed its second reading. The bill providing for a restoration of a three-mile limit for the Lamb ferry at Elizabeth City was defeated, after an hour's discussion. Speeches were made on the bill providing for publication of sketches of the North Carolina troops by Messrs. Wall, Carraway and McLean. When the Macon county road law came up for passage quite a discussion arose over a section providing for the printing of 200 copies of the act, at the State's expense, to be distributed over the county of Macon. Mr. Holman, of Iredell, objected to it on the ground of the expense—saying that if it were done in one case it would have to be done in all and there'd be no end to this sort of printing. Mr. Justice, of McDowell, raised the same objection. He said it was a bad precedent, and that a similar section had been stricken out of several other bills of the same kind that the House had passed. Mr. Ray, of Macon, contended that the cost would be very trifling, and that if his people waited till the laws came on the law would, so far as this year is concerned, be absolutely a dead letter. The House adopted an amendment allowing the printing, but taxing the county of Macon with the cost of such printing. This matter disposed of, the House adjourned till 10 o'clock Monday morning. During the day leave of absence was granted to the following members: Speaker Connor; Messrs. Hoey, of Cleveland; Hartzell, of Cabarrus; Henderson, of Mecklenburg; Nicholson, of Beaufort; Holland, of Wake; Lyon, of Granville.

NEW BILLS INTRODUCED. H. B. No. 434. Resolution granting the North Carolina Veterans' Association the use of the Hall on next Wednesday afternoon. By Winston, of Bertie. On Calendar. H. B. No. 435. Joint resolution re-

lating to the removal of the State Arsenal. By Boushall, of Wake, Committee on Internal Improvements. H. B. No. 436. Act to regulate the measurement of timber, by prescribing a standard scale throughout the State. By James, of Pender. Committee on Penitentiaries and Grievances. H. B. No. 437. Act prohibiting sale or manufacture of liquor within two miles of Bethlehem Methodist church in Carteret county. By Russell, of Carteret. Committee on Propositions and Grievances. H. B. No. 438. Act to amend section 1, chapter 248, Laws of 1885, in regard to criminal prosecutions for seduction. By Currie, of Moore. Committee on Judiciary. H. B. No. 439. Act to incorporate Railroad Educational Association, in Cumberland county. By Ray, of Cumberland. Committee on Education. H. B. No. 440. Act to incorporate the Commonwealth Insurance Company. By Craig, of Buncombe. Committee on Corporations. H. B. No. 441. Act to amend section 2326 of the Code relating to the killing of live stock by railroads. By Leatherwood, of Swain. Committee on Corporations. H. B. No. 442. Act to amend section 581 of the Code, allowing commissioners as well as clerks and judges to act in taking evidence of parties to suits before commencement of such suits. By Justice, of McDowell. Committee on Judiciary. H. B. No. 443. Act to validate the probates and registration of deeds taken before notaries public where they failed to attach notarial seal. By Justice, of McDowell. Committee on Judiciary. H. B. No. 444. Act prohibiting hunting in Halifax county, except upon the written permission of the owner of the land. By Harrison, of Halifax. Committee on Propositions and Grievances. H. B. No. 445. Act to amend chapter 339, Public Laws of 1893, establishing and providing for the support and maintenance of a State Guard. By Willard, of New Hanover. Committee on Military. H. B. No. 446. An act to amend chapter 374, Public Laws of 1893. By Willard, of New Hanover. Committee on Military. H. B. No. 447. Act to secure better drainage of Lockhart's creek, Lincoln county. By Lehmann, of Lincoln. Committee on Roads. H. B. No. 448. Act to change certain courts in the Sixth district. By Carr, of Duplin. Committee on Courts. H. B. No. 449. Act to repeal chapter 251, Public Laws 1895, so as to put the election of State Librarian back into the hands of the General Assembly. By Holman, of Iredell. Committee on Librarians. H. B. No. 450. Act for the relief of Milton Register, a Confederate soldier. By Johnson, of Sampson county. Committee on Pensions. H. B. No. 451. Act to repeal chapter 427, Public Laws of 1895, and chapter 162, Public Laws of 1897, as to Jones county. By Noble, of Jones. Committee on Roads. H. B. No. 452. Act against carrying concealed weapons. By Williams, of Graham. Committee on Judiciary. H. B. No. 453. Act for the relief of Matthew H. Allison, a Confederate veteran. By Austin, of Yancey. Committee on Pensions. H. B. No. 454. Act to amend chapter 37, Private Laws of 1897, incorporating the Tar River Bank at Rocky Mount. By Elben, of Nash. Committee on Corporations. H. B. No. 455. Act for the relief of Thomas Woodall, a Confederate veteran. By Johnson, of Johnston. Committee on Education. H. B. No. 456. Act to extend the charter of the Fairbanks Cattle and Turpentine Company. By Davis, of Hyde. Committee on Roads. H. B. No. 457. Act for the relief of W. H. Burwell, of Caswell county. By Yarbrough, of Caswell. Committee on Education. H. B. No. 458. Act to incorporate the town of Webster, Jackson county and to establish a dispensary. By Moore, of Jackson. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns. H. B. No. 459. Act to amend section 3234 of the Code in regard to the punishment of vagrants. By Nichols, of Pitt county. Committee on Judiciary. H. B. No. 460. Act to incorporate the town of Granite Falls, Caldwell county. By Patterson, of Caldwell. Committee on Propositions and Grievances. H. B. No. 461. Act to amend section 1,041 of the Code, in regard to fornication and adultery. By Winston, of Bertie. Committee on Judiciary. H. B. No. 462. Act to amend chapter 33, Private Laws of 1888, incorporating Yadin Mineral Spring Academy, in Stany county. By Brown, of Stany. Committee on Education. H. B. No. 463. Act to provide for the punishment of pools, trusts, conspiracies and combinations. By Stevens, of Union county. Committee on Judiciary. H. B. No. 464. Act for the relief of Oscar A. Durant, late treasurer of Brunswick county. By McNeill, of Brunswick. Committee on Finance. H. B. No. 465. S. B. No. 96. Resolution in favor of A. Cannon, allowance in contest case. Committee on Claims.

PASSED THIRD READING. H. B. No. 190. Act to authorize the publication of sketches of the North Carolina Confederate soldiers in the Civil War, as collected and edited by Justices Walter Clark of the North Carolina Supreme Court. H. B. No. 188. Act to amend 1,285 of the Code, in regard to divorce. H. B. No. 236. Act to amend the charter of the Cabarrus Savings Bank so as to permit the establishment of a branch bank at Albemarle, N. C. H. B. No. 293, S. B. No. 299. Act

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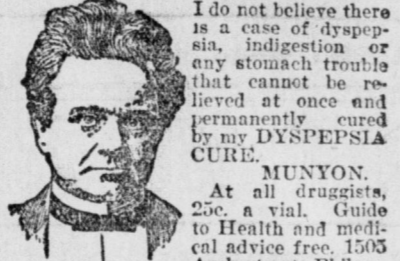
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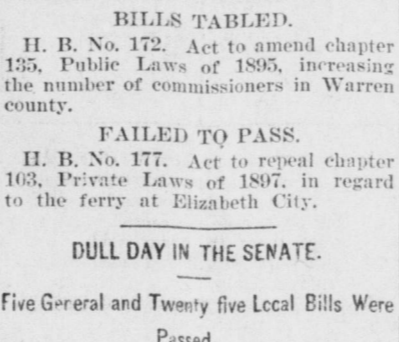
By Senator Hairston, a petition from the merchants of Advance, Davie county, for the repeal of the Merchants' Tax. To Finance committee. By Senator Fields, a petition relative to Sparta, Alleghany county. By Senator Fields, a petition to establish a school district in Ashe and Alleghany counties. HOUSE BILLS REFERRED. H. B. 123, S. B. 221: To authorize the town of Morganton to issue bonds to put in a light and power plant. To Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns. price of Supreme court reports from price of Supreme court reports from \$2.00 to \$1.50. To Judiciary committee which acted favorably. H. B. 276, S. B. 223: To repeal chapter 353, Public Laws of 1897, relating to law. Referred to Judiciary committee which acted favorably. H. B. 277, S. B. 244: To amend the stock law. To Committee on Propositions and Grievances. H. B. 355, S. B. 226: To amend the charter of Jamesville. To Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns. H. B. 370: To appoint a special committee on trustees of the University. To Committee on University Trustees. REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES. S. B. 21: To provide court stenographers. Unfavorably. S. B. 11: To allow contingent remainders to be sold and proceeds invested. Unfavorably. S. B. 58: To amend section 165 of the Code. Unfavorably. S. B. 90: To amend section 152 of the Code. Unfavorably. S. B. 179: To amend chapter 329, Private Laws of 1895, Amended and reported favorably. S. B. 210: To amend section 869 of the Code. Unfavorably. S. B. 124: To amend section 1,308 of the Code, relating to the drainage of lowlands by adding the words "by providing that a lien for drainage shall take precedence of all others." Favorably. S. B. 39: To amend the act regulating the sale of seed cotton. Unfavorably.

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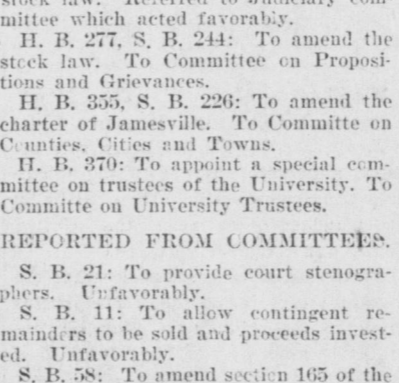
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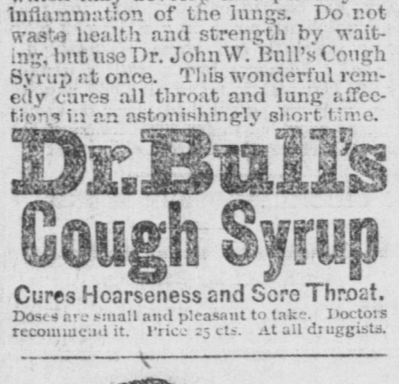
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