

NO CHANGE IN THE JURY SYSTEM

The House Refuses to Pass the Moore Bill.

THE DEBATE A SHORT ONE

OTHERWISE THE DAY IN HOUSE IS DREARY.

BUT MUCH HARD WORK WAS DONE

The Largest Number of Bills that has Yet Been Disposed of in a Single Day.

Two Dozen Passed Third Reading.

The story of yesterday's doings in the House must of necessity be very brief. The reason is that there was much done.

The Solons worked. They didn't talk. When they don't talk they don't say sharp things to each other; and when they don't say sharp things there are no "incidents" in the proceedings. And when there are no incidents why there's nothing to write about.

Hence this abbreviated chronicle of yesterday's law-making.

It was a veritable oratorical Sahara—yesterday was gray and dreary.

In vain one looked for a sunlight flash of humor, a green sprig of rhetoric or a sprig of sentiment.

It was toil; dull, heavy toil, toward the end of the calendar. A big, foot-thick calendar, it is now, and a day's work doesn't make much impression on it. Yesterday's didn't, for it seemed as big when we stopped as it was when we began; but of course it wasn't, for in the four hour session just thirty-four bills had been clipped off of it.

The only event of the day that by any stretch of the imagination could be called a debate was a little discussion in regard to Mr. Moore's bill reducing the number of peremptory challenges in capital cases.

The bill, it will be remembered, was up before the House last week and after some debate was referred to the Judiciary committee. Yesterday it came back "without prejudice" from the committee—not the original bill but a substitute.

"This substitute," Mr. Moore explained, "was drawn to meet certain objections raised to my bill in committee."

"It reduces the number of defendant's challenges from twenty-three to twelve, and increases the number of the State's challenges from four to eight, and further provides that in all capital cases the prosecuting officers, on behalf of the State shall not have the right to stand aside any per cent. of the jury without first showing cause, as now provided by law."

Mr. Ray, of Macon, was the first objector to the bill. He thought it one of the most important that would be considered at this session and he hoped it would not be disposed of hurriedly. He said it proposed to change a law which had stood for a century, and he wanted the Judiciary committee to report on the bill one way or the other. He suggested a re-reference.

Mr. Moore replied that the bill had been to the committee twice and he hoped it would not be sent there again. "The bill has been hawked back and forth between House and committee long enough. This House is, I think capable of disposing of it."

Mr. Ray: "Has this substitute ever been before the committee?"

Mr. Moore: "It has not, but it is offered to meet certain objections by members of the committee and on the advice and suggestion of others."

"What members of the committee has ever said he favored that substitute?"

"None."

"I know I never heard of it."

"I don't suppose you have as I never seen you at the committee meeting."

Mr. Rountree, of New Hanover, said it was the general consensus of opinion among the members of the Judiciary committee that the original bill ought not to pass, but there was a general consensus that some sort of bill ought to pass.

Mr. Julian, of Rowan, hoped his county would be excepted. He considered the law a dangerous one.

Mr. Hartwell, of Cabarrus, moved to table the bill.

The motion prevailed.

THE HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

A Busy Day in the Lower Branch of the Legislature.

The House, as usual, met at 10 o'clock. Speaker Connor presiding. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. C. Glenn, of Central Methodist church.

Reading of Saturday's Journal was dispensed with.

Reports of Standing Committees were made as follows:

Counties, Cities and Towns: By Winston, of Bertie.

Pensions: By Thompson, of Onslow.

Appropriations: By Abbott, of Camden.

Library: By Robinson, of Cumberland.

Just exactly twenty petitions were presented; and just half of these related to the proposed county of Scotland, three against and seven for the county. Other petitions related to dredging for oysters—for and against; and to the appointment of Shell Fish Commissioner.

Among the thirty-eight new bills and resolutions were the following:

By Giles, of Chatham: To give each member of the First North Carolina regiment who is serving in Cuba a medal.

By Brown, of Stanly: To change Stanly county from the Eleventh to the Eighth Judicial district.

By Willard, of New Hanover: To increase number of New Hanover commissioners from three to five; also to re-organize of Wilmington's bonds due in 1912, \$100,000 due in 1915 and

\$150,000 due in 1919, by the issue of four-per-cent bonds.

By Boushall, of Wake: To incorporate the Raleigh Storage Warehouse Company of Raleigh, capital \$10,000.

By Craig, of Buncombe: To amend the Code as follows: To place the offense of cruelty to animals within the jurisdiction of magistrates; to allow clerks of court under certain circumstances to pay out money to minors who are wards of the law; to prevent the necessity of kissing the Bible when taking the oath; to amend the law in reference to service of summons by publication.

Among the bills and resolutions passed on third reading were:

To elect the directors of the State's prison on Friday, February 3, 1899, at 12 m.

To allow the town of Lexington to issue bonds for a graded school and other purposes.

To declare the Southeastern Railway Company duly incorporated and to enlarge its charter. (It is to be from Ashpole to Hub).

To allow the commissioners of Craven county to fill vacancies not due to death in county offices, justices of the peace to fill vacancies in the board of county commissioners.

To amend chapter 147, Public Laws of 1897, regarding powers of sale, mortgages and deeds of trust, devolving duties upon executors and administrators of trustees or mortgagees and validating their acts.

To allow McDowell county to issue bonds to settle its outstanding and bonded debts.

To allow Durham county to issue bonds for public schools. (The people to vote on the question.)

The following members were added to the Committee on Enrolled Bills: Mauney, of Cherokee; Leigh, of Pasquotank; Nicholson, of Beaufort; Carr, of Duplin; McIntosh, of Alexander; Hartwell, of Cabarrus; Leak, of Anson.

THE DAY'S BUSINESS.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

Petition from citizens of Stokes county asking repeal of Merchants' Purchase Tax. By Petree, of Stokes. Committee on Finance.

Petition from citizens of Hyde county against dredging for oysters. By Davis, of Hyde. Committee on Oysters.

Petition of citizens of Hyde county for the appointment of W. H. Lucas as Chief Shell Fish Commissioner. By Davis, of Hyde. Committee on Oysters.

Petition from citizens of Hyde county in favor of dredging. By Davis, of Hyde. Committee on Oysters.

Petition from citizens of Bath for repeal of the Merchants' Purchase Tax. By Nicholson, of Beaufort. Committee on Finance.

Petition of citizens of Richmond county against the proposed county of Scot and Leak, of Anson. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

Petition from the citizens of Pamlico county against dredging for oysters. By Dees, of Pamlico. Committee on Oysters.

Petition for removal of the colored normal school from Elizabeth City to Hertford. By Nicholson, of Perquimans. Committee on Education.

Petition from citizens of Robeson county against a stock law. By Oliver, of Robeson. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Petitions (7) of citizens of Richmond county in favor of the new county of Scotland. By McLean, of Robeson. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

Petitions (3) of citizens of Robeson county against the annexation of any part of Robeson county to the proposed county of Scotland. By Oliver, of Robeson. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

Petition for the appointment of E. S. Swinson as Shell Fish Commissioner. By Nicholson, of Beaufort. Committee on Oysters.

NEW BILLS INTRODUCED.

H. B. 748. Act to amend chapter 77, Public Laws of 1897, relative to hunting in Stokes county. By Petree, of Stokes. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 749. Act to incorporate the town of Sylva. By Moore, of Jackson. On calendar.

H. B. 750. Act to incorporate the Sylva High Training School. By Moore, of Jackson. On calendar.

H. B. 751. Act to authorize the commissioners of Jackson county to settle with the trustees of J. E. McLean and R. F. Allison, tax collectors. By Moore, of Jackson. On calendar.

H. B. 752. Act to amend chapter 353, Public Laws of 1895, and to build a road in Jackson county. By Moore, of Jackson. On calendar.

H. B. 753. Act to appoint a cotton weaver for the town of Enfield. By Harrison, of Halifax. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 754. Act to incorporate the Raleigh Storage and Warehouse Company. By Boushall, of Wake. Committee on Corporations.

H. B. 755. Act to amend the charter of the town of Maxton. By Patterson, of Robeson. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 756. Act to put Martin L. Tuttle, of Stokes county, on the pension list. By Petree, of Stokes. Committee on Pensions.

H. B. 757. Act to establish a free school district between New River and the Virginia State line in Alleghany county. By Gambill, of Alleghany. Committee on Education.

H. B. 758. Act to refund certain indebtedness of Wilmington. By Willard, of New Hanover. Committee on Finance.

H. B. 759. Act to increase the number of commissioners of New Hanover. By Willard, of New Hanover. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 760. Act for the relief of John M. Gillespie, by Alexander, of Ashe. Committee on Pensions.

H. B. 761. Act to prevent obstruction of Johns Creek in Haywood county. By Davis, of Haywood. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 762. Act for the relief of J. H. Abel, former tax collector for the town of Waynesville. By Davis, of Haywood. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 763. Act to incorporate the Pee Dee News Transit Company in telephone company. By Leak, of Anson. Committee of Corporations.

H. B. 764. Act to provide Supreme court reports for Vance county. By

Twenty-Fourth Annual Statement OF THE Provident Savings Life Assurance Society OF NEW YORK.

(Incorporated 1875)

For the Year Ending December 31st, 1898.

EDWARD W. SCOTT, President

J. STERLING JONES, Manager N. C. Department, Greensboro, N. C.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
United States and City Bonds	\$291,526.69	Policy Reserves (as per Certificate of New York Insurance Dept.)	\$1,994,053.00
Railroad Bonds and Stocks	682,764.33	All other Liabilities	162,825.92
Bonds and Mortgages	289,750.00	Surplus	693,332.40
Real Estate owned	362,688.40		
Loans on Bonds and Stocks	35,985.00		
Loans to Policy-holders on the Security of their Policies	243,545.71		
Deposits in Trust Companies and Banks at Interest	284,408.59		
Due from Agents (secured)	141,783.63		
Quarterly and Semi-Annual Premiums not yet due Reserve charged in Liabilities and Premiums in Transit Reserve charged in Liabilities, net	224,729.00		
Accrued Interests, Rents, &c.	259,121.00		
	33,909.63		
	\$2,850,211.38		\$2,850,211.38

RATIO OF ASSETS TO LIABILITIES, 132 1/2 PER CENT.

Total Income, \$2,770,803.61.	Total Disbursements, \$2,528,525.21.
Applications Received during the year	\$ 37,915,744
New Assurance Written	30,268,550
Total Assurance in Force	92,592,137
Death Losses Due and Unpaid	NONE
Total paid Policy-holders since Date of Incorporation	15,246,645.41

INCREASE IN 1898:

In Assets, 22 per Cent. In Surplus, 61 per cent. In New Business, 20 per cent. In Reserve for Policy-holders, 21 per cent.

Edon, of Vance. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 765. Act to change Stanly county from Eleventh to Eighth Judicial district. By Brown, of Stanly. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 766. Act for the relief of Polly Genry, of Madison county. By Bryan, of Madison. Committee on Pensions.

H. B. 767. Act to confer on members of the First North Carolina regiment now serving in Cuba and who may be honorably discharged a medal in witness of the State's appreciation of the services of the regiment. By Giles, of Chatham. Committee on Military.

H. B. 768. Act to incorporate the town of Lattimore in Cleveland county. By Hoey, of Cleveland. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 769. Joint resolution providing for the election of twelve directors of the penitentiary on Friday, February 3, 1899. By Winston, of Bertie. On calendar.

H. B. 770. Joint resolution to defray expenses of the sub-committee on Penal Institutions, incurred on its visit to the State farms. By Foushee, of Durham. Committee on Claims.

H. B. 771. Resolution to authorize the Judiciary committee to print H. B. 534 in codification of the commercial law, as reported by a committee of the American Bar Association. By Boushall, of Wake. On calendar.

H. B. 772. S. B. 282. Act to amend and consolidate the charter of the town of Greenville. On calendar.

H. B. 773. S. B. 394. Act to amend the law passed at this session in relation to fishing in Albemarle Sound. On calendar.

H. B. 774. S. B. 204. Act in regard to issuing licenses to retail liquor dealers in Wilkesboro. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 775. S. B. 292. Act to amend the charter of the town of Winston. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 776. S. B. 241. Act to authorize the town of Rutherfordton to levy a special tax to pay indebtedness of the county. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 777. S. B. 247. Act to amend chapter 154, Laws of 1891, in regard to turpentine orchards. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 778. S. B. 292. Act to authorize the commissioners of Forsyth to levy a special tax to pay certain debts. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 779. S. B. 264. Act to protect crops in certain localities in Craven county. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 780. S. B. 269. Act to amend chapter 327, Private Laws of 1893. Committee on Judiciary.

H. B. 781. Act to amend section 1, chapter 65, Public Laws of 1891. By Craig, of Buncombe. Committee on Judiciary.

H. B. 782. Act to amend section 218 of the Code and chapter 80, Laws of 1885, by Craig, of Buncombe. Committee on Judiciary.

H. B. 783. Act to amend section 3,309 of the Code. By Craig, of Buncombe. Committee on Judiciary.

H. B. 784. Act to amend section 1541 of the Code. By Craig, of Buncombe. Committee on Judiciary.

H. B. 785. Act to incorporate churches and school houses in Herrell township in Mitchell county. By Pritchard, of Mitchell. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

PASSED THIRD READING.

H. B. 171, S. B. 150. Act to change the name of Harrison, Pitt county, to Ayden.

H. B. 653, S. B. 284. Act to establish a dispensary at Jackson, Northampton county.

H. B. 512. Act to authorize the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad to change its name to the Atlantic Coast Line Company.

H. B. 368. Act to levy special tax in certain stock-law territory in Nash county.

H. B. 510. Act to ratify the consolidation of the Potomac Railroad and Petersburg Railroad, and incorporate the Atlantic Coast Line of Virginia in North Carolina.

H. B. 213. Act for relief of Albert Biglow, a public school teacher, of Caswell county.

H. B. 283. Act for relief of Annie L. Winston, of Caswell county.

H. B. 290. Act to authorize treasurer of Gaston county to pay a school claim.

H. B. 346. Act to extend the corporate limits of the town of Hickory.

H. B. 351. Act to amend chapter 147, Public Laws of 1887, relating to sales under mortgages and deeds of trust.

H. B. 379. Act to direct the treasurer of Haywood county to pay certain school funds to Ida Love.

H. B. 383. Act to change the township limits of the township of Toe River, Roving Creek and Linville, in Mitchell county.

H. B. 329. Act to elect a cotton-weigher for the city of Charlotte.

H. B. 511. Act to declare the Southeastern Railroad Company a duly incorporated company, and to amend and enlarge its charter.

H. B. 339, S. B. 27. Act to provide for the filling of vacancies in the offices of Craven county, by the board of commissioners instead of by the clerk of court.

H. B. 500, S. B. 117. Resolution to pay J. A. Franks \$102 expenses incurred in the Cannon-Franks contest from the 34th district.

H. B. 561, S. B. 274. Act to appoint a sub-committee to investigate the colored A. and M. College at Greensboro.

H. B. 487. Act to increase number of commissioners for Rowan county.

H. B. 773, S. B. 394. Act to amend S. B. 293 to repeal chapter 51, Laws of 1897, in regard to fishing in Albemarle Sound.

H. B. 769. Joint resolution providing for the election of twelve directors of the penitentiary on Friday, February 3, 1899.

H. B. 771. Resolution to authorize the Judiciary committee to print H. B. 534, a codification of the commercial law.

H. B. 408. Act for relief of George A. Gash, a public school teacher, of Henderson county.

H. B. 364. Act to amend the law in relation to the cotton-weigher for Rowan county.

H. B. 78. Act to incorporate the town of Manteo, Dare county.

H. B. 105, S. B. 255. Act to amend chapter 28 of the Code in regard to the Board of Internal Improvements.

H. B. 387, S. B. 258. Act to amend chapter 122, Public Laws of 1897, relating to the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad.

PASSED SECOND READING.

H. B. 123. Act to authorize the town of Durham to issue \$10,000 of 6 per cent. coupon bonds, for schools.

H. B. 214. Act to authorize the town of Lexington to issue bonds.

H. B. 316, S. B. 314. Act to restore Mr. Airy township, Surry county.

H. B. 131. Act to authorize the commissioners of McDowell county to levy a special tax for the purpose of paying the outstanding and bonded indebtedness of the county.

CALENDAR REFERRED.

H. B. 258, S. B. 14. Act to amend chapter 277, Laws of 1895. Referred to Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 155. Act to furnish Swain county with Supreme court reports.

H. B. 161. Act to supply Graham county with the Supreme court reports from

63rd to 76th. Referred to Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

BILLS TABLED.

H. B. 162. Act to limit the number of clerks and employes for the General Assembly.

H. B. 211. Act to amend section 1,150 and 1,200 of the Code.

H. B. 305, S. B. 111. Act to repeal chapter 280, Public Laws of 1897, to pay special vendition in capita leases.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Many Bills Had Been Referred to the Wrong Committees.

The following bills were reported back to the House by committees with the recommendation "that they do pass":

To amend the charter of the town of Mayodan, in Rockingham county.

To provide a better government for the town of Beaufort.

To provide for the maintenance and support of Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind.

To pay expenses of George Dees, contestant in the Dees-Paul contest.

To pay costs in the Sugg Mitchell contest from Greene county.

For benefit of State Library.

The following bills were reported back as follows:

To give the trustees of the Library power to elect a librarian. (Unfavorably.)

To pay A. S. Mann balance of salary as Shell Fish Commissioner. (To Committee on Oysters.)

To relieve Thomas Woodall, of Johnston county. (To Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.)

To repeal section 22, chapter 168, Laws of 1897. (To Committee on Finance.)

To relieve S. D. Dellinger, of Yancey county. (To Committee on Education.)

SPAIN'S GREATEST NEED.

Mr. R. P. Olivia, of Barcelona, Spain, sends his writers at Alkon, S. C. Weak nerves had caused severe pains in the back of his head. On using Electric Bitters, America's greatest Blood and Nerve Remedy, all pain soon left him. He says this grand medicine is what his country needs. All America knows that it cures liver and kidney troubles, purifies the blood, tones up the stomach, strengthens the nerves, puts vim, vigor and new life into every muscle, nerve and organ of the body. If weak, tired or ailing you need it. Every bottle guaranteed, only 50 cents. Sold by all Druggists.

AN INTERESTING GAVEL.

Made of Part of Record Office Imposing Table—Presented to the White Laborers' Union.

(Wilmington Star.)

An artistically designed gavel, made from a leg of the imposing table in the late negro Daily Record office, wrecked on the morning of the riot, will be presented to the White Laborers' Union at their next meeting by the employees of the Wilmington Iron Works. The presentation is made through Mr. N. J. Shepard.

A prominent member of the Laborer's Union told a member of the Star staff yesterday afternoon that the union has recently procured permanent positions for sixty-six white men with various occupations in the city, not including numerous odd jobs of a temporary character provided for many others. They now have an order to fill fifteen permanent positions with a leading manufactory during the present week and anticipated to trouble in finding good men for these positions.

DEMOCRATS TAKE CHARGE OF A & N. C. RAILROAD

Bill Reorganizing the Road Becomes a Law.

THE OLD COUNTY RULE

SYSTEM TO BE RESTORED BY SENATOR WARD'S BILL.