

THE TIMBER CHOSEN FOR STOPPING THE HOLE IN THE PEN

A Costly Luxury Has Become Too Costly.

NEW DIRECTORS ELECTED

THEY ARE ALL OF THE TRUE BLUE VARIETY.

THEY WILL MEET HERE NEXT FRIDAY

Three Fusion Vacancies to be Filled Next Tuesday. The Vagrancy Bill Goes Back to the Committee, Isaac Smith Again.

Sic gloria transit—of Capt. Bill Day, as my friends from Rhamkatte would say.

The Legislature yesterday for about the tenth time, turned an ice-cold shoulder to the Captain.

It took no Elijah, though, to tell that this would be done.

It was a fate dimly, but plainly, in sight at the time of his appointment; and the water has been gaining on the pupae ever since.

Yesterday the staggering blow came in the selection of twelve new directors. Democrats, every one of them, and of the uncompromising type, they will accept no goods with the Russell trademark attached.

And from that day there'll be a mighty rattling among the dry bones of this white elephant institution.

To say that there will be a revolution in its management is not putting it too strongly. The heavy weight "statesmen" who have managed it for the past two years are dead failures. The method in which it has been run is bad and they have not been equal to the remedy.

It has been going astern—this penitentiary has—at the rate of something like \$100,000 a year, for the reason that under "Russell's righteous rule" it is converted into a huge blood-sucking fane. Under such weak masters as John R. Smith or the boneless McWhorne it has been made a free lance counter to feed a multitude of taxpayers.

Now all of this is to be stopped—the Legislature says, and that is why it yesterday chose the following sound, seasoned timber to be thrown into the breach to stop it.

THE NEW PEN DIRECTORS.

Chosen on Joint Ballot by Both Houses At Noon.

It will appear on the Journal of the House that the new penitentiary directors were chosen at noon.

That is a legislative fact. The ballot began precisely at 12:21 o'clock and ended nearly three-quarters of an hour later.

Noon, you know, is the traditional time, in all legislative bodies, for taking joint ballots. And it was the time duly set by resolution of both Houses for electing directors.

And in accordance with this resolution, as the hands on the white dial folded themselves together over the noon mark, Speaker Connor announced the "special order."

"The Twelfth district is without a candidate," said Mr. Ray, of Macon. "Well, don't let that get out," laughed Mr. Winston, of Bertie.

"Wake can furnish you a few," considerably suggested Mr. Boushall.

"Thank you," replied Mr. Ray. "I'm not at all sure but that we might secure up a few in our section if you'll give us a little time."

He therefore suggested the postponement of the special order until Saturday.

This, of course, could not be done, a resolution fixing Friday having passed both Houses. The members from the Twelfth district were, however, allowed to retire and select their director.

"Mr. Speaker," said Mr. Craig, as he walked out, "I hope you won't let me absent—bird laws, no-fence bills or incorporation of churches."

With this they went out, to return a quarter of an hour later. A few minutes thereafter the special order was announced.

The clerk called the roll of the several judicial districts and nominations were made as follows:

First District—Bonj. H. Thompson, of Beaufort, nominated by Mr. Nicholson, of Halifax, nominated by Mr. Winston, of Bertie.

Third District—Robert H. Ricks, of Nash, by Ellen, of Nash.

Fourth District—Joseph W. Perry, of Johnston, by Allen, of Wayne.

Fifth District—Wm. H. Osborne, of Guilford, by Carroll, of Alamance.

Sixth District—James C. Davis, of Carteret, by Thompson, of Onslow.

Seventh District—James T. Legrand, of Richmond, by Wall, of Richmond.

Eighth District—Alfred B. Young, of Cabarrus, by Hartsell, of Cabarrus.

Ninth District—John L. Gwaltney, of Alexander, by McIntosh, of Alexander.

Tenth District—Marion F. Morpher, of McDowell, by Justice, of McDowell.

Eleventh District—J. Henderson Wedington, of Mecklenburg, by Ranson, of Mecklenburg.

Twelfth District—Samuel L. Rogers, of Macon, by Ray, of Macon.

Second District—Robt. W. Williams (colored), of Craven, by Smith (colored), of Craven.

Before putting Williamson in nomination Smith had sent forward a resolution to the effect that the colored race was entitled to representation in the management of the penitentiary, and that at least one of the directors ought to be a colored man.

This resolution was not, however, rec-

ognized by the chair, for the reason that the roll call had already begun. It was then that Smith put Williamson in nomination.

Mr. Williams, of Yadkin, wanted it understood that the man named by the speaker was not the candidate of the minority of the House.

Smith: "I wish to inquire if the minority has a candidate?"

Speaker: "The Chair is not informed as to that."

The Chair appointed as tellers on the part of the House Mr. Brown, of Johnston, and Mr. Bryan, of Madison.

With this the roll call proceeded, each member voting for all twelve of the candidates by name. That is, the Democrats did, and one or two of the Populists, notably Mr. Crumpler, of Sampson.

The others either did not vote at all, or voted in the air, so to speak.

None of them voted, so far as I know, except Mr. Crumpler, until the name of Mr. Williams, of Yadkin, was reached.

Now Mr. Williams has won and proudly wears the House of Representatives. He's postiferous, but harmless, hence the name.

Posting himself in front of the House and in full view of the gallery, he announced, in response to his name:

"I vote against the whole lot."

"No such vote as that," declared Mr. Winston, of Bertie.

"Well then, I vote for the following." And he rattled off a list of twelve names—foreign and unfamiliar, all of them, except W. E. Clark, of Newbern; J. C. L. Harris, of Raleigh, and O. H. Dockery, Jr., of Cuba. Later, Henderson, of Surry, voted, said they would cast their ballots for this list also.

Mr. Petree, of Stokes, voted for only one man on it—Martin Mabe, of the Ninth district.

Smith (colored), of Craven, voted only for Williams (colored). The other negro members did not vote.

Mr. Lowery, of Forsyth, asked to be excused from voting.

Mr. Williams, of Graham, finding that there were no men in his party competent to make directors and not wishing to vote for a Democrat, made up a list of fictitious names which he filed at the tellers.

The result of the joint ballot will be announced by the tellers in both House today.

THE DANGER WE ARE IN.

A Plot Against Those Who Toil No Neither do They Spin.

Perhaps they've never considered it in this light, but it's a fact nevertheless that the members of the Legislature are about to drive immigration from our noble old State.

And what is more, they are about to enact a law that will cause certain people that have hitherto travelled upon our railroads from longer doing so.

On their way South is the fall, or North in the winter, these tourists will choose to shy around through Tennessee, or even Missouri, rather than pass through North Carolina.

If a certain bill now pending in the House—and no doubt it was introduced at the instigation of plutocrats or folks who still cling to the old doctrine that every man ought to earn his bread by the sweat of his brow—I say if this bill is allowed to become law, the hay-stacks, and out-houses, the sunny hills and secluded valleys that once knew these gentlemen of unlearned leisure will know them no more forever.

The Hobo and the Tramp will be to lost tribes, and in every housewife's pantry there will be a plethora of indigestible pies and cold biscuits—with no hungry, unexpecting mortal upon whom to bestow them.

There will be no hard-luck tales to listen to; no chance to "help a poor man lead a better life," by giving him a dime to buy a drink. There'll be no gable-ends of pants on which to allow Towser to test his teeth, nor anybody to wear our wife's cast-off bloomers. Foy Messers, Wesley Walker, Dusty Road and the Hard-up brothers will certainly give us the marble heart if Mr. Nichols bill passes.

Even the title of it is enough to drive the most hardened old hobo to water: An Act to give magistrates authority to make vagrants work on the public roads.

That word "work" settles the thing. No self-respecting tramp, to say nothing of a hobo, will so disgrace the "per-flesh" as to soil his hands with toil. He is not even going to put himself in the way of temptation, if he knows it.

Butly along, in its discussion of this chilling question, paying no heed to these basic principles and fundamental facts.

The bill, as first introduced and as reported back from committee, applied only to Pitt county.

Mr. Gilliam, of Edgecombe, amended to include Wilson and Edgecombe.

Mr. Carroll, of Alamance, amended to make it apply to every county in the State.

Mr. Hartsell, of Cabarrus, having in mind, no doubt, the arguments so ably set forth above, objected.

Mr. Clarkston, of Mecklenburg, recommended members that the provisions of the bill were like a dose of salts; you needn't take it unless you need it.

Mr. Brown, of Stanly, didn't want anybody to play the dog-in-the-manger act and because he didn't need it keep other folks from having it.

The Speaker said he understood

the bill it did not interfere with any other existing law—simply extended the operation of the law to vagrants.

Mr. Justice, of McDowell, thought Mr. Winston's county convict farm, passed Thursday, accomplished the very thing aimed at by this bill.

Mr. Foushee, of Durham, didn't think so.

Mr. Moore, of Jackson, amended by putting in his county, and thought the bill ought to be a general law.

Mr. Brown added Stanly, and others were expressing a desire to get in when Mr. Houshall, of Wake, moved to recommit the bill to the Judiciary committee.

The motion prevailed.

And thus do the Solons plot against those who toil not, neither do they spin.

GIVEN TEN DAYS TO RETRACT

Prof. Isaac Smith Tackles a Negr Editor and Preacher.

Prof. Isaac Smith, of Craven, bobbed up in the House yesterday with another point of personal privilege.

He read the following:

"Mr. Speaker: I rise to a question of personal privilege. A congressional paper published at Charlotte, N. C., one Rev. J. W. Smith being its editor, has published and given to the world Hon. Isaac H. Smith, in the North Carolina Legislature, had betrayed his trust.

"I charge that I have proven false to the interest of the negro race, because I was the first colored man in North Carolina to give five dollars to erect a monument to that great and good man, the late lamented Senator Vance, and because I gave the present Speaker of this General Assembly, on of North Carolina's ablest, truest and justest son, a complimentary vote.

"He charges further that I vote at the time with the Democrats.



WM. JOHNSON NICHOLS, OF PITT.

Who Introduced the Vagrancy Bill Yesterday Discussed.

"He winds up by saying if I can succeed in getting the Democrats to defer the constitutional amendments and the Jim Crow cars, that he and the race will call me great.

"Mr. Speaker, this editor is a general officer of A. M. E. Zion Convention of America, and this paper is known by name as the 'Star of Zion,' and is said to mould character and shape sentiment for one million human souls.

"I charge I vote with the Democrats all the time is false.

"I charge I have betrayed any trust, is meanly and cowardly without foundation, and the editor will be given ten days to retract.

"I charge, because a colored Republican votes for a Democrat of the highest character and best heart good, and in his soul the nobility of God resides, and to say for this act is a betrayal of a trust to his race, is to say Senator Vance's action was a betrayal of a trust to his race when he took his pen in hand (a friend of the colored race) and recommend to the Legislature the passage of a law giving to the colored race State normal schools; let to say also that every white man of former Legislatures and of this present Legislature, betray his trust to his race when he votes a tax on the property of his race (the white people) to educate the colored race.

"I learn that this same J. W. Smith, D. D., is a candidate for Bishop in the next General Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Convention. His libelous and slanderous article may give him lots of trouble yet, because there is a place for all such birds.

"I believe, beginning with the Speaker, and each member of this General Assembly, would say in their dying declaration that the gentleman from Craven has been one zealous and anxious to do something for his race; in an intelligent, diplomatic, statesman-like manner, believing as he does, there's nothing that succeeds like success."

"This editor undertakes to put the Legislature of North Carolina before the world in a false light. He also undertakes to divide the two races, stir up a bad feeling between the races, which sometimes lead up to blood shed.

"He claims that the Democrats (the white people) of North Carolina are such a low class of people until if a colored Republican should give a good white man a complimentary vote that he has committed the unpardonable sin.

"Mr. Speaker, I suppose the representatives of the great liberty-loving people of Mecklenburg county will notify the citizens committee that Charlotte home a man whose room is more desired than his presence. Vox populi, vox die, the voice of the people is the voice of God as express in epiphany upon one hundred and twenty representatives and fifty Senators, yet we are one and inseparable, known as the General Assembly of North Carolina.

"Therefore, a reflection in the way of a libelous and slanderous publication against one member of this General Assembly, is an indirect reflection, libelous and slanderous publication against the entirety.

"Mr. Speaker, I will state in conclusion that this editor receives pay by way of a tax of fifty cent per head of the poorer class of his race, the blind, the aged and decrepit to run and conduct a strict religious paper; but yet he publishes and gives the race, in my opinion, a political dirty, unreliable sheet."

THE HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

Patent Medicines Must Have a Label Telling What's in 'Em.

The House was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Simms of the Baptist Tabernacle.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday

was dispensed with. Reports of Standing Committees were made as follows:

Corporations—By Justice, of McDowell.

Propositions and Grievances—By Ray, of Macon.

Salaries and Fees—By Brown, of Johnston; Council, of Watauga.

Engrossed Bills—By Oliver, of Robeson.

Among the forty-two bills introduced in the House the following are of more than local importance:

Resolution against acquisition of foreign territory by the United States. This resolution calls on the North Carolina delegation in Congress to use their influence to this end.

To increase the number of commissioners in Northampton county.

To improve the State encampment grounds at Wrightsville. This bill provides for an appropriation of \$3,000.

To regulate and reduce fees of county officers. This bill is the first measure introduced looking to a general reduction of fees. Those fees that are paid by the people in the ordinary course of business are cut most. Among the reduction is the lien bond fee which failed in the House Thursday. It puts the recording of such papers at 40 cents, and the proceeds of the sale of every bank located in this State, whether State or National, shall be assigned and taxed on the value of the shares therein in the county, town, precinct, village or city where such bank or banking association is located, and not elsewhere, whether such stockholder resides in such place or not.

To incorporate the East Tennessee and Western North Carolina Railroad; with Senate amendment limiting the life of the charter to 60 years.

To allow Edenton to sell land for school purposes.

To incorporate the North Carolina and South Carolina Railway Company.

To charter the Greensboro Loan and Trust Company.

To incorporate the Carolina Bonding and Surety Company at Winston-Salem.

To amend the law as to limited partnerships.

To allow Clay county to borrow \$3,000 issue bonds and levy a special tax to build bridges.

To remove the State arsenal from the Capital Square to such place as the Board of Public Grounds and Building may deem advisable.

To allow for relief of the Shepherd Point Land Company, by Clarkson, of Mecklenburg, Committee on Corporations.

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Winston, of Bertie, Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

Petition from the merchants of Washington asking repeal of Merchant's Purchase Tax. By Nicholson, of Beaufort, Committee on Finance.

Petition from merchants of Canton, asking repeal of Merchant's Purchase Tax. By Davis, of Haywood, Committee on Finance.

Petition from merchants of Hamilton, Martin county, for repeal of Merchant's Purchase Tax. By Stubbs, of Martin, Committee on Finance.

Petition of citizens of Ashe and Wilkes counties for a public road across Blue Ridge. By Reeves, of Ashe, Committee on Roads.

Petition of J. M. Crutchfield, asking to be put on the pension list. By Carroll, of Alamance, Committee on Pensions.

Petition from merchants of Enfield for repeal of the Merchant's Purchase Tax. By Harrison, of Halifax, Committee on Finance.

Petition of colored citizens of Littleton against consolidation of the boards for white and colored schools. By Harrison, of Halifax, Committee on Education.

NEW BILLS INTRODUCED.

H. R. 800 Joint resolution against acquisition of foreign territory by the United States. By McIntosh, of Alexander, Committee on Federal Relations.

H. R. 801. Act to place Stanley Stallings on first class pension roll. By Stubbs, of Martin, Committee on Pensions.

H. R. 802 Act to regulate the sale of patent and proprietary medicines. By Reeves, of Ashe, Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. R. 803 Act to prevent obstruction of Fishing Creek in Wilkes county. By Henderson, of Wilkes, Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. R. 804 Act to place the name of John H. Cox on the second class pension list. By Lowery, of Forsyth, Committee on Pensions.

H. R. 805 Act to amend chapter 411, Public Laws of 1897. By Tharp, of Wilkes, Committee on Judiciary.

H. R. 806 Act to provide for the establishment of a public high way through the public lands of Onslow county. By Thompson, of Onslow, Committee on Education.

H. R. 807. Act to protect sturgeon. By Willard, of New Hanover, Committee on Fish.

H. R. 808 Act to protect outfitters. By Willard, of New Hanover, Committee on Fish.

H. R. 809 Act to increase number of commissioners in Northampton county. By Winston, of Bertie, Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. R. 810 Act to improve State encampment grounds at Wrightsville, \$3,000 to be appropriated for that purpose. By Rountree, of New Hanover, Committee on Military.

H. R. 801 Act to regulate fees of county officers and reduce the same. By Winston, of Bertie, Committee on Salaries and Fees.

H. R. 802 Act to incorporate Asbury church, in Lincoln county. By Reinhardt, of Lincoln, Committee on Proposition and Grievances.

H. R. 803 Act to amend the charter of St. Peter's Home in Charlotte. By Clarkson, of Mecklenburg, Committee on Corporations.

H. R. 804 Act for relief of the Shepherd Point Land Company. By Clarkson, of Mecklenburg, Committee on Corporations.

H. R. 805 Act to quiet titles. By Clarkson, of Mecklenburg, Committee on Judiciary.

H. R. 806 Act to incorporate the town of Mint Hill, Mecklenburg county. By Henderson, of Mecklenburg, Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. R. 807 Act to amend section 205 of the Code. Justice, of McDowell, Committee on Railroads.

H. R. 808 Act to prohibit games of chance, making it a misdemeanor to operate slot machines and the like. By Moore, of Moore, Committee on Judiciary.

H. R. 809 Act to repeal chapter 115, Public Laws of 1893. By Abbott, of Camden, Committee on Fish.

H. R. 810 Act to give a lien on animals for feeding and stabling them. By Boushall, of Wake, Committee on Judiciary.

H. R. 811 Resolution endorsing the Pickford Sanitarium at Southern Pines. By Boushall, of Wake, Committee on Health.

H. R. 812 Act to incorporate the United Benefit Society of Wilmington. By Rountree, of New Hanover, Committee on Corporations.

H. R. 813 Act to incorporate Lynden Grove, No. 2, United Ancient Order of Druids, of Wilmington. By Rountree, of New Hanover, Committee on Corporations.

H. R. 814 Act to amend section 4, chapter 168, and section 40, chapter 193, Public Laws of 1897, relating to a certificate for dividends. By Ranson, of Mecklenburg, Committee on Finance.

H. R. 815 Act to define and regulate fraternal insurance organizations. By Leigh, of Pasquotank, Committee on Insurance.

H. R. 816 Act to extend the time for the building of the Fayetteville and Albemarle Railroad. By Robinson, of Cumberland, Committee on Corporations.

H. R. 817 Act to require mortgages and trustees to cancel chattel mortgages and deeds of trust after they have been satisfied. By Leak, of Anson, Committee on Judiciary.

H. R. 818 to amend stock law, chapter 20, of the Code. By Ray, of Cumberland, Committee on Judiciary.

H. R. 819. Resolution ordering keeper of capitol to put up notices forbidding spitting on the stairways. By Nicholson, of Perquimans, On calendar.

H. R. 820. Act to prohibit the sale of liquor within four miles of Nelly, Halifax county. By White, of Halifax, Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. R. 821. Act to amend the charter of the town of Hobgood. By White, of Halifax, Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. R. 822. Act to provide a dispensary of the county of Warren. By White, of Halifax, Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. R. 823. Act to amend chapter 215, Public Laws of 1893