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BIG INCREASE FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.

They Need All They Have Received, but They Can do Less. Other Institutions

Need it Just as Bad y. Important Bills Introduced.

The House has started at a pace that it will hardly be able to keep up.

I refer to the matter of appropriations. The members of this Legislature came here pledged to retrenchment and reform.

On the campaign they spe'ed these words with big R's, as I now spell them on paper. They came here expecting to keep the pledge. They will keep it, if their hearts do not get away with their heads.

Sympathy is good enough in its place, but it's place is not to supplant good, hard, horse-sense.

So much by way of introductory. The balance of the chapter was written in the House yesterday and Thursday.

Thursday saw an increase from \$100,000 to \$400,000 in the annual appropriation for the Morganton school for the Deaf and Dumb.

Yesterday saw even a greater increase—much greater—in the appropriation for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institution in this city.

Next week and the week after, will find the other institutions—insane asylums, Soldier's Home, State colleges, Normal schools, public schools—all knocking at the doors of the General Assembly, asking increased appropriations.

Already \$100,000 has been voted for a new school. Already a bill has been introduced in both branches of the Legislature appropriating \$100,000 for public schools. Already the Senate is considering a bill carrying something like \$1,000,000 for the insane asylums. Already the Legislature is pledged to a \$1,000,000 appropriation for the Soldier's Home.

But all appropriations cannot be increased unless taxes are increased. That's as plain as the nose on Cyrano de Bergerac's face. The sinews of government must come out of somebody's pocket. That's equally plain.

And if you increase taxes what becomes of Retrenchment and Reform?

FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND.

Some Improvement Contemplated in the Institution.

During consideration of the Calendar yesterday Mr. McLean, of Harnett, called up the bill making an appropriation for the Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, in this city.

The bill carries an appropriation of \$33,000 for building, and \$40,000 a year for maintenance, provided the number of pupils does not exceed 200. If it does, then the appropriation is to be \$290 for each additional pupil.

As there are now 128 pupils in the school this would make the annual appropriation, carried by this bill over \$80,000.

In calling up the bill, Mr. McLean spoke at length of the institution, and of the excellent work it has done and is doing. He said he thought it ought to have every cent of this appropriation and more, too, if the State were able to give it.

Mr. Thompson, of Onslow, shied at the amount asked for, and wanted to know if each pupil didn't pay something for each pupil sent to this school.

Mr. McLean said they paid \$20 for each pupil, but that this went for clothing.

Mr. Currie, of Moore: "What has been the cost of keeping these children heretofore in this school?"

Mr. McLean: "The cost has been about \$200 per capita."

Mr. Currie: "Why does it cost so much more than to teach the deaf, dumb and blind here than at Morganton?"

Mr. McLean: "At Morganton they have a large farm on which the pupils of the school raise all the vegetables, milk and meat needed."

Mr. McLean went on to explain that part of the appropriation asked for would be devoted to buying 20 acres of land near the colored institution, and the colored deaf and dumb children can work it. This land can now be purchased for \$40 an acre.

"When there is a building to be erected for white girls similar to the one just completed for the boys, also another story should be put on the old building. As it stands now it is badly in need of repair. These improvements will about double the accommodations of the institution."

"The money appropriated by this bill will be in the hands of a competent board of directors—not a fusionist on it. We have already selected these men and the Legislature will in a few days be called on to vote for them."

"The appropriation made by the fusion legislature was \$100,000 for maintenance, and \$35,000 for building. But this was not enough. The money gave out four months ago, and the institution has been running on a credit since."

Mr. Robinson, of Cumberland, thought the appropriation none too much. It was, he said, just \$25 a pupil less than had been asked for. The extra appropriation of \$33,000, he also thought reasonable; a new building was needed, and it was impossible to get along with the old building unless it should be repaired.

Mr. Connel, of Watauga, was in favor of the appropriation if the State could afford it; but he didn't think it could.

Mr. Holman, of Iredell, had made a thorough investigation of the institution,

and he believed every penny of the money asked was needed.

Smith (col. rep.), of Craven, thought it would be a good investment. It was lucky to give money to blind folks. He passed a blind man one day. The blind man had a saw on his shoulders, and had been out trying to saw wood for a living.

"I called him to me and gave him ten cents. Next day I made \$50 by a trade. If we give this money to the blind children God can rain down blessings that will be worth to us \$80,000 or \$85,000 and \$500,000 besides."

Mr. James, of Pender, told of the crowded condition of the institution, and said no more girls could be received until the accommodations at the school were increased.

Mr. Justice, of McDowell, said it was not necessary for anybody to make an appeal to him. He realizes the needs of the institution. It was with him not a question of what he wanted to do, but what he, as a custodian of the people's taxes, was able to do. He wanted action on the bill postponed.

Mr. Holman: "I don't see how a man can vote \$10,000 for a textile school and then vote against this bill."

Mr. Justice: "I voted for that school under duress. I promised something ago to do it, and now I'm sorry I did."

Mr. Leatherwood thought the appropriation none too large.

The bill passed on its third reading.

THE ANTI-TRUST BILL.

Passes its Second Reading With Very Little Opposition.

At 12 o'clock the Stevens Anti-Trust Bill came up as a special order.

Mr. Robinson, of Cumberland, explained that as the bill now stands it does not apply to what is known among jobbers as the Equality Plan.

Mr. Stevens didn't care to discuss his bill. As amended it had a favorable report, unanimously, from the Judiciary committee.

Mr. Williams, of Iredell, wanted to know how the bill would affect the sale of fertilizers.

Mr. Stevens replied that it would not affect it at all unless the company or man selling it had a trust or an agent for a trust.

The bill passed its second reading almost unanimously.

On the third reading Mr. McNeil, of Brunswick, wanted to know if the bill didn't put a premium on dishonesty by providing that a trust shouldn't by law collect a bill for goods sold on a credit.

Mr. Stevens didn't think it did, any more than the usury provision in the interests laws encourage dishonesty.

Mr. McNeil announced himself as uncompromisingly opposed to this provision; also, he said, there are other provisions that might be discussed.

Mr. Davis, of Haywood—"Isn't there a law providing that the man who practices as a physician without license, he can't collect his fees by law?"

Mr. McNeil acknowledged there was such a law and argued that it was a just one.

The prospect of running the Fertilizer Trust out of the State, was not inviting to Mr. Rountree. He feared it might have the effect of putting up prices.

Mr. Patterson, of Robeson, said he came here pledged to but one thing—this thing is the Democratic platform.

"The Democratic party is pledged to this bill. This pledges me. The best feature of this bill is section 5."

Mr. Rountree wanted to know if trusts didn't put down prices?

Mr. Patterson—"Yes sir, they do until they have crushed out competition."

"These are my sentiments simply expressed. I hope the bill will pass, and pass with section 5 in it."

Mr. Willard, of New Hanover, amended to strike out section 5.

Mr. Robinson, of Cumberland, said when he first heard the bill read he thought it a little drastic, but as now amended he thought it a good bill.

"The very best section in this bill is section 5. It will cripple no legitimate industry in the State. The Democratic party is pledged to an anti-trust bill. If we are going to have one let's have one that's worth something."

"This bill is the copy of a law now in force in several States."

Mr. Boushall was not prepared to vote. The time since the bill had been introduced had not been sufficient for him to make up his mind.

Mr. Stevens agreed to give him another day. The bill went over until noon to-day.

On motion of Mr. Foushee the bill was ordered printed and laid on the desks of members this morning.

THE JIM CROW CAR BILL.

The House Waiting Patiently for That Committee Bill.

Mr. Winston called up his Jim Crow Car Bill and only to have it passed.

But he only succeeded in having it referred to the Committee on Railroads.

The reason for this action on the part of the House was not opposition to a separate car law, but it was because the committee had in hand the preparation of such a law for the House.

Mr. Winston's bill simply provides for separate cars and puts the execution of the law and arrangement of details in the hands of the Railroad Commission.

It requires all railroads and steamboats in the State to provide separate accommodations, and requires the Railroad Commission to adopt such regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of the bill.

"As I understand it," said Mr. Win-

ston, "that's what the Railroad Commission is for—to carry into effect such laws as this body may pass."

Mr. Moore, of Jackson, pointed out that the bill had never been before a committee, and that the Committee on Railroads was preparing a bill to be moved to refer this bill to the committee.

Mr. Allen, of Wayne, explained that on account of pressure of other business the committee had not met for several days and no separate car bill had been reported. Such a meeting would, he hoped be held this week, a bill having already been prepared by the sub-committee.

Mr. Winston hoped that the matter would be disposed of without further reference. He knew the delay and he was due to pressure of business and he saw the chance of passing it.

Mr. Gilliam thought there was a reason for the House acting hastily. He preferred to wait for the committee's bill before voting on other bills.

Mr. Justice favored a reference of the bill. He didn't have much faith in the Railroad committee unless it were better than it had been heretofore.

He didn't want to trust the committee with much power until they showed there was some improvement in the commission.

Mr. Winston—"Don't you think such bills as this, putting more power in their hands, will tend to elevate the character of the commission?"

Mr. Justice—"Well, I don't know. From some things I see going on around here I doubt it."

Mr. Patterson, of Caldwell, a member of the Railroad committee, hoped the House would be patient with the committee a while longer.

Mr. Holman, also a member of the committee, hoped the bill would be referred. The committee would speedily report its bill to the House, and he believed it would be promptly passed. He saw no reason for anyone—member of the House or newspaper, or anyone else—being uneasy on this point.

Mr. Winston called for the yeas and noes on the motion to refer his bill.

The roll-call resulted: Yeas, 60; noes, 38.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

The House met at 10 o'clock. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. L. Betts, of the city.

Reading of Thursday's Journal was dispensed with.

Reports of Standing Committees were read as follows:

Judiciary—By Moore, of Jackson; Currie, of Bladen; Stevens, of Union; Robinson, of Cumberland; Allen, of Wayne; Foushee, of Durham.

Engrossed Bills—By Oliver, of Robeson; Currie, of Bladen; Stevens, of Union; Robinson, of Cumberland; Allen, of Wayne; Foushee, of Durham.

Congressional Districts—By Davis, of Haywood.

Propositions and Grievances—By Leatherwood, of Swain.

Finance—By Patterson, of Caldwell; Holman, of Iredell.

Roads—By Curraway, of Lenoir.

Corporations—By Gilliam, of Edgecombe; Justice, of McDowell.

Salaries and Fees—By Council, of Watauga.

The Anti-Trust Bill was reported favorably by Mr. Stevens, and made a special order for 12 o'clock. At that hour it was taken up and, after some discussion, was passed on its second reading. Passage on its third reading was by unanimous consent postponed till to-day.

Judge Allen made the report of the Judiciary committee recommending the impeachment of Judge Norwood. He asked that the report be made a special order for 11 o'clock to-day. It was so ordered.

Among the bills introduced during the morning hour were the following:

To incorporate the North Carolina Trust Company.

To allow Robeson county to work its convicts on the public roads.

To extend the time two years for beginning work on the Lumberton and Lumber River Railroad.

To extend the time for the organization of the North Carolina State Company.

To incorporate the United Mining Construction and Development Company.

To incorporate the Wilmington Underwriter's Insurance Company, with P. L. Bridges, J. W. Norwood and N. B. Rankin, as incorporators. The capital stock is \$25,000.

To incorporate the Merchant's and Manufacturer's Warehouse and Storage Company, of Raleigh, with Asley Horn, Charles W. Horn, Charles H. Belvin, Frank K. Ellington, Ed. H. Lee and Charles G. Latta as incorporators. The capital stock shall be not less than \$7,500.

To regulate fishing in the waters of New Hanover county. The bill makes it unlawful to use a seine or net within 1 1/2 inch bars in the sounds of New Hanover county, between January 1st and July 1st, after January 1, 1900; also that it shall be unlawful to use a seine or net of any kind on the South or East side of Masonboro channel, from the mouth of Masonboro Inlet to Cockle Shell Bluff. Also it shall be unlawful to use a seine or net within 600 yards of an established fishery, except the seines or nets used at the fishery. This act applies only to the coasts and sounds of New Hanover county.

To authorize the sale of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad. The bill authorizes and empowers the Board of Internal Improvements, in their discretion, to negotiate a sale and to sell the stock in the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad Company, belonging to the State of North Carolina. Provided, The same shall not be sold for less than the minimum price of \$200,000. That the holders of the private stock shall have the privilege of disposing of their stock at the same price per share as is paid for the State's stock.

To appropriate \$100,000 to the public schools of North Carolina. This bill provides "that this money shall be returned to the respective counties of the State per capita as to school population on the first Monday in January of each year, using the school census of the previous scholastic year as a basis of apportionment."

To establish a Department of Agriculture and Mechanics. The department, according to the bill, is to be managed by twenty-one trustees, nine of whom (one from each Congressional district) shall be practical agriculturists. These trustees shall be chosen by the General Assembly and shall control and manage the A. and M. College, all the property of the Experiment Station, and the Fertilizer Station. It is further provided "that as far as practicable the

work of the college and of the Experiment Station shall be one and the same, and the experiments in seeds, soils, dairying, farming and agriculture shall be conducted in connection with the college work and be a part thereof, it being the purpose of this act to consolidate and cheapen the work of the college and station as far as the same shall be practicable."

Only six bills were passed on their third and final reading. They were:

To create the county of Scotland.

To establish the Vance Textile School. To establish a dispensary at Smithfield.

To authorize Rockingham county to issue bonds.

To make lease of turpentine orchards expire February 1st, instead of April 1st.

To appropriate between \$80,000 and \$85,000 annually for the Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind.

This is a large increase over the appropriation of former years, and aroused considerable opposition. After being discussed for more than an hour the bill passed its third reading.

At conclusion of the debate on this bill, the bill providing for the government of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts was called up, but the House adjourned before a vote was taken on it.

THE DAY'S BUSINESS.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

Petition for a change in the town limits of Roxobel, Bertie county. By Winston, of Bertie. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

Petition for extension of the town limits of Coleraine, Bertie county. By Winston, of Bertie. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

Petition of citizens of Margaretsville, Bertie county, for a dispensary. By Winston, of Bertie. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Petition for incorporation of Oak Grove Baptist church, Ashe county. By Reeves, of Ashe. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Petition from merchants of Currituck county for repeal of Merchants' Purchase Tax. By Besley, of Currituck. Committee on Finance.

Petition from citizens of Catawba county for incorporation of St. James Lutheran church. By Boggs, of Catawba. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Petition from citizens of New Hanover asking regulation of fishing in the waters of the county. By Rountree, of New Hanover. Committee on Fish.

Petition from the citizens of Pender county for the prevention of the picking of deer-tongue on the lands of another. By James, of Pender. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Petition for incorporation of Trinity Methodist church 13 miles in Bladen county. By Currie, of Bladen. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Petitions of citizens of Pender for incorporation of Barlow Chapel and other churches. By James, of Pender. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Petition for incorporation of Dula school house (4 miles) in Caldwell county. By Patterson, of Caldwell. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Petitions from citizens of Siler City, Latham county, asking amendment of its charter. By Brown, of Siler City. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

Petition from citizens of Sanford for incorporation of certain churches. By Currie, of Moore. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Petition for incorporation of Johnson's Grove church. By Currie, of Moore. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Petition of citizens of Caldwell county prohibiting the manufacture and sale of liquor within three miles of certain churches. By Patterson, of Caldwell. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Petition of the merchants of Littleton for repeal of Merchants' Purchase Tax. By Harrison, of Halifax. Committee on Finance.

Petition of merchants of Tarboro for repeal of Merchants' Purchase Tax. By Gilliam, of Edgecombe. Committee on Finance.

NEW BILLS INTRODUCED.

H. B. 1,127. Act relating to the public roads of Lexington township in Davidson county and authorizing extension of the Mecklenburg road law to certain other townships. By Thompson, of Davidson. Committee on Roads.

H. B. 1,128. Act to transfer Craven county from the Third to the Second Congressional district. By Smith, of Craven. Committee on Congressional Districts.

H. B. 1,129. Act to authorize the commissioners of Caldwell county to levy special tax to build a jail. By Patterson, of Caldwell. Committee on Finance.

H. B. 1,130. Act to amend the charter of the town of Lumberton. By Oliver, of Robeson. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1,131. Act to consolidate the stock law of Robeson county. By Oliver, of Robeson. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1,132. Act to incorporate the Wilmington Underwriter's Insurance Company. By Rountree, of New Hanover. Committee on Corporations.

H. B. 1,133. Act to regulate trials before justices of the peace in New Hanover county. By Rountree, of New Hanover. Committee on Judiciary.

H. B. 1,134. Act to regulate fishing in the waters of New Hanover county. By Rountree, of New Hanover. Committee on Fish.

H. B. 1,135. Act to amend the charter of the town of Enfield. By Harrison, of Halifax. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1,136. Act to restore the stock law in Romokos township, Warren county. By Harrison, of Halifax. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1,137. Act to extend the time for organizing the Lexington and Lenoir Railway Railroad Company. By Patterson, of Robeson. Committee on Railroads.

H. B. 1,138. Act authorizing the board of commissioners of Robeson county to work convicts on the public roads. By Patterson, of Robeson. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1,139. Act to authorize the Secretary of State to issue a grant to Milton Moss, Jr. By Fleming, of Clay. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1,140. Act to require the Secretary of State to furnish Clay county with certain Supreme Court reports. By Fleming, of Clay. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1,141. Act to incorporate the

Pinola Presbyterian church in Mitchell county. By Pritchard, of Mitchell. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1,142. Act to amend section 1, chapter 501, Public Laws of 1893, regulating fishing in certain waters in Bladen county. By Currie, of Bladen. On calendar.

H. B. 1,143. Act to amend the charter of Elizabethtown. By Currie, of Bladen. On calendar.

H. B. 1,144. Act to place the name of McK. Culbreth on the pension list. By Currie, of Bladen. Committee on Pensions.

H. B. 1,145. Act to place the name of an ex-Confederate soldier on the pension list. By Currie, of Bladen. Committee on Pensions.

H. B. 1,146. Act to amend chapter 3, Public Laws of 1893, in regard to the assignment of dower. By Willard of New Hanover. Committee on Judiciary.

H. B. 1,147. Act to amend the charter of the town of Kernansville. By Carr, of Duplin. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1,148. Act to incorporate the town of Wallace. By Carr, of Duplin. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1,149. Act to prohibit manufacture or sale of liquor within five miles of Barrow school house. By James, of Pender. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1,150. Act to prevent fishing in Black river in Pender county. B. James, of Pender. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1,151. Act to incorporate the Rich Square Academy, Northampton county. By Coates, of Northampton. Committee on Education.

H. B. 1,152. Act to put the name of P. G. Justice on the pension roll. B. Justice, of Henderson. Committee on Pensions.

H. B. 1,153. Act to allow the town of Lincoln to issue bonds for improvements. By Reinhardt, of Lincoln. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1,154. Act to protect the school and churches in Haywood county. B. Davis, of Haywood. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1,155. Act to prevent hunting birds in Burke county except by consent of land owner. By Holman. On calendar.

H. B. 1,156. Act to put the name of Adeline Whitman on the pension roll. By Hoffman, of Burke. Committee on Pensions.

H. B. 1,157. Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of whiskey within five miles of First Baptist Church. By Hoffman, of Burke. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1,158. Act to put the name of J. J. Brown on the pension list. P. Wilson, of Transylvania. Committee on Pensions.

H. B. 1,159. Act to amend chapter 7, Public Laws of 1895, so as to extend the time for organizing the North Carolina State Company. By Brown, of Stanly. Committee on Corporations.

H. B. 1,160. Act to incorporate the United Mining, Development and Construction Company. By Julian, of Rowan. Committee on Corporations.

H. B. 1,161. Act to incorporate the North Carolina Trust Company. B. Julian, of Rowan. Committee on Corporations.

H. B. 1,162. Act to prohibit the picking of deer tongue without consent of land owner. By James, of Pender. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1,163. S. B. 174. Act to declare the lower Cape Fear in Cumberland county a lawful fence. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1,164. S. B. 218. Act to prohibit throwing saw-logs in the streets of certain western counties. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1,165. S. B. 267. Act to amend chapter 145, Laws of 1897, relating to fishing in Neuse river. On calendar.

H. B. 1,166. S. B. 307. Act to incorporate the Presbyterian church in Yauceville. Committee on Corporations.

H. B. 1,167. S. B. 4