

THE LEGISLATURE HOLDS ITS FIRST JINTER

Came Together to Elect a Board.

REMAINED TO QUARREL

LIVELY DEBATE OVER WILSON REPORT.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR NEXT TUESDAY

The Report Will be Printed by That Time.

A Perfect Deluge of New Bills.

Special orders have been fixed in the House as follows:

Public Training Bills—Thursday at 11 o'clock.

Election of directors for School for Deaf and Dumb at Morganton—Thursday at 12 o'clock.

The Insurance Bill—Thursday at 12 o'clock.

Appropriation for State Guard—Friday, 11 o'clock.

Jim Crow Car Bill—Friday, 12 o'clock.

Report on Wilsons—Tuesday at 11 o'clock.

Change of Congressional Districts—Wednesday at 12 o'clock.

The House got mighty "smart" yesterday.

An industrious streak struck it, and it worked like a beaver.

From 10 to 3.15 from 4 to 6.15—these are the hours it toiled and spun out statutes for the law-abiding and God-fearing citizens to live up to.

You could fairly hear things hum. Now and then a belt would slip and some fellow would fly off at a tangent of talk.

As a rule, however, he was not encouraged in this career, and things were soon brought back to their normal status.

It was the first afternoon session the House has held, and probably it will be the last. This one was held because there could be no night session, the Democratic caucus having right of way.

Yesterday saw the introduction of the largest number of bills yet laid before the House in any one day. They came in by ones and twos and threes, even by eights. For this latter is the number Mr. Craig, of Buncombe, handed out of his inside pocket and sent up to the clerk's desk.

The reason for this deluge of would-be laws is that the mails have been delayed several days. And yesterday's bill crop represented the accumulating since the storm began.

THE FIRST JOINT SESSION.

A Board of Internal Improvements Chosen By It.

Exactly at 1:12 o'clock yesterday the first joint session of the House and Senate of the General Assembly of 1899 began.

Exactly two hours later it ended. The Senators filed solemnly in, preceded by Lieutenant Governor Reynolds and by President of the Senate Smith. The House received them standing.

Both Speaker Connor and Lieutenant Governor Reynolds presided.

Speaker Connor invited the Senators to seats in the House, and Governor Reynolds called the General Assembly to order.

"We have met for the election of a Board of Internal Improvements—one from each Congressional district," he said. "Nominations are in order. Clerk will call the roll of districts."

As the roll was called the following nominations were made:

First District—E. F. Lamb, of Pasquotank county; nominated by Senator Skinner.

Second District—J. W. Grainger, of Lenoir; by Mr. Allen, of Wayne.

Third District—W. J. Adams, of Moore; by Senator Robinson.

Fourth District—Armistead Jones, of Wake; by Mr. Boushall, of Wake.

Fifth District—Chas. M. Parks, of Orange; by Mr. Gattis, of Orange; also J. W. Spahnour (Rep.), of Burke; by Mr. Petree, of Stokes.

Sixth District—R. D. Caldwell, of Robeson; by Senator McIntyre.

Seventh District—A. H. Boyden, of Rowan; by Mr. Julian, of Rowan; also W. A. Bailey, of Davie; by Mr. Williams, of Yadkin.

Eighth District—Clemat Manly, of Forsyth; by Senator Fields; also Jesse M. Walsh, of Surry; by Hampton, of Surry.

Ninth District—W. T. Lee, of Haywood; by Mr. Leatherwood, of Swain; also C. B. Mashburn, of Madison; by Bryan, of Madison.

The tellers appointed were Senator Smith and Mr. Carroll, of Alamance.

The roll was called and the vote taken viva voce.

The Senate vote was 25 for the Democratic nominees, and 3 for the Republicans.

furnished proving the charges therein contained.

"Mr. White, of Davie, introduced the resolution, appeared before the committee and being examined under oath stated that he did not know Judge Brown, and had no personal knowledge of the charges contained in the resolution.

"At the conclusion of the evidence Mr. White stated to the committee that he was satisfied that there was nothing in the charge and requested the committee to report the resolution unfavorably and to recommend to the House of Representatives that all record of the matter be expunged from the Journal and that he have leave to withdraw his resolution.

"Messrs. Hampton, Petree and Williams, of Graham, leading Republican members of the House, came before the committee and joined in the request of Mr. White, and stated that they knew nothing of the resolution before it was introduced, that it was not inspired by the Republicans in the House, and that they thought Mr. White had been imposed upon.

"We therefore recommend that the resolution do not pass, that Mr. White be allowed to withdraw the same, and that all record of the proceedings thereon be expunged from the Journal."

At the conclusion of the reading of the above, Mr. White arose and said: "There was, as I proved to the committee, a rumor here as to Judge Brown being intoxicated. Having heard this report I considered it but justice to him, to the judiciary and to the people of the State that I investigated. It was to this end that I introduced that resolution. Investigation proved that there was no foundation to the charge, therefore ask permission to withdraw the resolution, and I further request that all reference to it on the Journal be expunged."

The resolution was withdrawn and given to Judge Allen, who sent it to Judge Brown.

All reference to the resolution has been stricken from the Journal.

A SEPARATE CAR LAW.

The House Will Make Another Attempt To-Morrow.

The House shied at the Jim Crow Car again yesterday.

Indeed, it went off down the lane for awhile at a pace that threatened to knock all plans into a cocked hat.

But it didn't. When we were headed off we found that no harm had been done, except that we seemed further from a Separate Car Law than we have been at any time during the session.

At the conclusion of the morning hour Mr. McLean, of Harnett, moved that the rules be suspended and the Separate Car Bill, reported by the Committee on Railroads, be reported.

The bill reported to the House by the Railroads, be taken up.

Mr. Winston amended to strike out the proviso to section 1, excepting certain weak roads from the operation of the law.

Mr. Gilliam moved that the bill be printed and made a special order for noon on Thursday.

Then Mr. Winston sent forward a substitute to the bill.

Mr. McLean said he also had something ago introduced a substitute bill and he wanted that printed.

Mr. Davis, of Haywood, amended to make the bill the special order for Friday.

Mr. Williams, of Iredell, objected to the wholesale printing of bills, on the ground of cost. He thought the committee bill with the proposed amendments was enough to print. He thought he had been waiting all this time for the committee to report.

Mr. McLean said he proposed to introduce his bill as a substitute whenever the matter came before the House.

Mr. Gilliam moved that the report of the committee, with all the amendments and all substitutes, be printed.

Mr. Moore, of Jackson, said with all these bills the House was fixing to get into a tangle.

"We have referred these bills to the committee just to get clear of all this confusion. That committee has carefully considered the bills and has reported back to the House a bill. I move that that bill and that alone, with the proposed amendments, be printed."

And so to-morrow at noon the House will again drive up to the "Jim Crow Car" bugaboo.

Will it be familiar enough with it not to shy again?

We shall see.

WANTS NO TAX COMMISSION.

The House Can't Get Over the Board of Equalization.

During the afternoon session there were only two debates of any kind.

The first one was over Mr. James' bill to fix a uniform and standard measure for timber. The other was over Mr. Thompson's bill to establish a Tax Commission.

Mr. James did most of the talking on his timber bill. He explained that the lumber business was one of the principal industries of this State, and he thought the owners of the timber ought to have some protection. He thought this bill gave a Law passed for his own and some other counties, and the results had been most satisfactory. It was for this reason, he said, that he was now asking its extension to the whole State.

But the whole State declined Mr. James' gift, and when he insisted that he would fix amendments until it must have been a positive relief to him to see his bill pass to its long home on the table.

The other bill debated soon joined it there.

with visions of Boards of Equalization flitting through their brain.

It was in vain that Mr. Thompson and Mr. Boushall told them the board was to be composed of three men elected by the Legislature and paid \$250 each a year; that they had no tax raising powers, or any powers at all other than to study the tax subject, make investigation as to what was being taxed and what was not taxed, and how the taxes levied could best be collected.

This report is to be made to the next Legislature.

Mr. Williams, of Iredell, thought all this sounded mighty fine, but he didn't think it would pan out.

"Too much like a Board of Equalization," exclaimed Mr. Julian. "I'm afraid of it. Why half of my campaign speech was about that Board of Equalization that the Republicans put on us—how a young fellow down here in Raleigh, with patent-leather shoes and hair parted in the middle was putting the value on mules and bull calves, and all that sort of thing. No, sir, I'm against your bill."

THE DAY'S BUSINESS.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

Petition of citizens of Pitt county against a dispensary. By Nichols, of Pitt. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Petition of citizens of Lincoln for incorporation of the Marvin Methodist Episcopal church. By Reinhardt, of Lincoln. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Petition asking that the sale or manufacture of spirituous liquor within two miles of Cedar Springs Baptist church, Henderson county, be prohibited. By Justus, of Henderson. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Petition for appointment of R. J. Ross, a justice of the peace for Stanly county. By Brown, of Stanly. Committee on Justices of the Peace.

Petition in regard to stock law. By Redding, of Randolph. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Petition of citizens for appointment of justices of the peace for Cedar Grove township, Randolph county. By Redding, of Randolph. Committee on Justices of the Peace.

Petition for relief against fire insurance combinations. By McLean, of Harnett. Committee on Insurance.

Petition of citizens of Catawba county, asking repeal of section 1, chapter 395, Public Laws of 1897.

NEW BILLS INTRODUCED.

H. B. 1,386. Act to reduce certain fees of county and State officers. By Currie, of Moore, for committee. On Calendar.

H. B. 1,387. Act to incorporate certain churches in Randolph county. By Redding, of Randolph. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1,388. Act to prevent minors congregating in bar rooms and to prevent bar-keepers giving free lunch. By Ellen, of Nash. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1,389. Act to regulate fishing in Albemarle Sound. By Winston, of Bertie. Committee on Fish.

H. B. 1,390. Act to establish a dispensary at Lexington. By Thompson, of Davidson. On calendar.

H. B. 1,391. Act for the relief of J. C. Powell, a Confederate soldier. By Pritchard, of Mitchell. Committee on Pensions.

H. B. 1,392. Act to incorporate the town of Leecheville in Beaufort county. By Nicholson, of Beaufort. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1,393. Act to change the voting place and township line of Walnut Hill township in Ashe county. By Reeves, of Ashe. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1,394. Act to repeal chapter 427, Public Laws of 1897, in regard to working the roads of Wilson county. By Carraway, of Lenoir. Committee on Roads.

H. B. 1,395. Act to amend the charter of the town of Monroe. By Stevens, of Union. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1,396. Act to prevent the sale of liquor within half a mile of any churches in Greene Creek township, Polk county. By McFarland, of Polk. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1,397. Act to consolidate the charter of Burlington. By Carroll, of Alamance. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1,398. Act to incorporate the Bank of Alamance. By Carroll, of Alamance. Committee on Banks.

H. B. 1,399. Act to authorize Mecklenburg county to issue \$100,000 bonds, payable in fifty years, for road improvement. By Ranson, of Mecklenburg. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1,400. Act to complete the Quaker Bridge road through the State lands of Jones and Onslow counties. By Thompson, of Onslow. Committee on Public Institutions.

H. B. 1,401. Act to incorporate the Atlantic and Yadkin Railway Company (formerly the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad Company). By Robinson, of Cumberland. Committee on Railroads.

H. B. 1,402. Act to amend section 28 of the Code so as to limit the time of banking by attorneys, except in capital cases. By Robinson, of Cumberland. Committee on Judiciary.

H. B. 1,403. Act for the relief of W. W. Alexander, a Confederate veteran. By Maitland, of Tyrrell. Committee on Pensions.

H. B. 1,404. Act for the relief of William Gibson, a soldier. By Maitland, of Tyrrell. Committee on Pensions.

H. B. 1,405. Act in aid of the public school fund of Asheville. By Craig, of Buncombe. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1,406. Act to allow the city of Asheville to issue bonds. By Craig, of Buncombe. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1,407. Act to amend the charter of the city of Asheville. By Craig, of Buncombe. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1,408. Act to amend the charter of the town of Kenilworth. By Craig, of Buncombe. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1,409. Act to make Labor Day a legal holiday. By Craig, of Buncombe. On calendar.

H. B. 1,410. Act to amend the charter of Asheville. By Craig, of Buncombe. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1,411. Act to appoint R. C. Sales a justice of the peace. By Craig, of Buncombe. Committee on Justices of the Peace.

H. B. 1,412. Act to incorporate the town of Cedar Falls. By Redding, of Randolph. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1,413. Act to prohibit the sale of liquor near certain churches in Clay county. By Fleming, of Clay. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1,414. Act to repeal an act amending the charter of Burlington. By Carroll, of Alamance. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1,415. Act to furnish Pender county with certain Supreme Court reports. By James, of Pender. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1,416. Act to amend section 910 of the Code. By Boushall, of Wake. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1,417. Act to authorize the issue of bonds by Raleigh township for public schools. By Boushall, of Wake. Committee on Education.

H. B. 1,418. Act to enforce the collection of Groves due the State on lands sold for taxes and purchased by the State. By Boushall, of Wake. Committee on Education.

H. B. 1,419. Act to amend chapter 237, Public Laws of 1895, and incorporate the Emancipation Proclamation Association. By Boushall, of Wake. On calendar.

H. B. 1,420. Act to incorporate the Western North Carolina Medical College at Pilot Mountain. By Hampton, of Surry. Committee on Education.

H. B. 1,421. Act to amend chapter 145, Public Laws of 1895, so far as it relates to Groves due the State. By Nichols, of Pitt. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1,422. Act to prevent discrimination against certain public school teachers. By Foushee, of Durham. Committee on Education.

H. B. 1,423. Act to regulate fishing in certain creeks of Pasquotank county. By Logan, of Pasquotank. Committee on Fish.

H. B. 1,424. Act for relief of G. C. Howard, a Confederate soldier. By Leigh, of Pasquotank. Committee on Pensions.

H. B. 1,425. Act to authorize the State Treasurer to pay pensions quarterly. By Davis, of Haywood. Committee on Pensions.

H. B. 1,426. Act to provide for the election of a tax collector for Mecklenburg county. By Clarkson, of Mecklenburg. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1,427. Act relating to warehouses—authorizing them to give bonds and issue warehouse receipts secured thereby and prescribing and regulating their powers and duties. By Clarkson, of Mecklenburg. Committee on Corporations.

H. B. 1,428. Act to amend chapter 526, Public Laws of 1897, to facilitate the improvement of the public roads of Charlotte township. By Clarkson, of Mecklenburg. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1,429. Act to prevent hunting in Rowan county, except by permission of the land-owner. By Julian, of Rowan. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1,430. Act to incorporate the Yadkin Power Company. By Julian, of Rowan. Committee on Corporations.

H. B. 1,431. Act to appoint justices of the peace for Ruffin township, Rockingham county. By Lane, of Rockingham. Committee on Justices of the Peace.

H. B. 1,432. Act to appoint justices of the peace for Stoneville township, Rockingham county. By Lane, of Rockingham. Committee on Justices of the Peace.

H. B. 1,433. Act for relief of Henry Woodard. By Beasley, of Currituck. Committee on Claims.

H. B. 1,434. Act for relief of W. B. Tatum. By Beasley, of Currituck. Committee on Claims.

H. B. 1,435. Act to authorize commissioners of the town of Rockingham to issue bonds for water works. By Wall, of Richmond. Committee on Judiciary.

H. B. 1,436. S. B. 733. Act to repeal chapter 207, Public Laws of 1895, and chapter 173, Public Laws of 1897, and provide for working and improving the public roads of Ashe and Watauga counties. On calendar.

H. B. 1,437. Resolution to elect directors for the school for the Deaf and Dumb at Morganton on Thursday, February 16th. By Moore, of Jackson. On calendar.

H. B. 1,438. Act to incorporate the Raleigh Real Estate, Trust and Insurance Company. By Boushall, of Wake. Committee on Corporations.

H. B. 1,439. Act to prohibit the sale of liquors within half a mile of Hobson Baptist church. By White, of Halifax. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1,440. Act to appoint R. J. Ross a justice of the peace for Stanly county. By Brown, of Stanly. Committee on Justices of the Peace.

H. B. 1,441. Act to incorporate the town of Shallotte, in Brunswick county. By McNeill, of Brunswick. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1,442. S. B. 215. Act to protect the town of Wilkes county. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1,443. S. B. 244. Act to prevent fast driving in Craven county. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1,444. S. B. 245. Act to secure the record of the deed in Pamlico county. Committee on Judiciary.

H. B. 1,445. S. B. 405. Act to prevent commission merchants charging commission on products purchased by themselves. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1,446. S. B. 587. Act to allow High Point to issue bonds. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1,447. S. B. 523. Act to amend section 1,586 of the Code for the protection of the State's interest. Committee on Judiciary.

H. B. 1,448. S. B. 628. Act in relation to the State Guard. Committee on Militia.

H. B. 1,449. S. B. 646. Act to repeal chapter 416, Public Laws of 1895, to protect certain birds in Iredell county. Committee on Judiciary.

H. B. 1,450. S. B. 625. Act to authorize the commissioners of Montgomery county to levy a special tax levies for the purpose of building bridges. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1,451. S. B. 675. Act in relation to the probate of wills. Committee on Judiciary.

H. B. 1,452. S. B. 682. Act to establish dispensary at Madison, Rockingham county. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1,453. S. B. 688. Act to levy a special tax for Alleghany county. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1,454. S. B. 689. Act to prepare public road commission on Roads.

H. B. 1,455. S. B. 729. Act to con-

solidate school districts in Rutherford county. Committee on Education.

H. B. 1,456. S. B. 736. Act to increase the number of commissioners for Pamlico county. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1,457. S. B. 745. Act to amend chapter 12, Laws of 1880, allowing Iredell county to fund outstanding railroad bonds. Committee on Judiciary.

H. B. 1,458. S. B. 585. Act to incorporate the town of Columbia, in Tyrrell county. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1,459. Act to provide for the erection of a hospital in the city of Wilmington. By Rountree, of New Hanover. Committee on Health.

H. B. 1,460. Act to amend chapter 25, Public Laws of 1893. By Stevens, of Union. Committee on Finance.

PASSED THIRD READING.

H. B. 821. Act in relation to schools in the town of Mt. Airy and providing for a levy of special tax for the support of the same, on vote of the people.

H. B. 644. Act to authorize the commissioners of Haywood county to levy a special tax.

H. B. 777. S. B. 282. Act to amend and consolidate the charter of the town of Greenville.

H. B. 752. Act in regard to working the public roads of Jackson county by amending the present road law and allowing the levy of a special tax.

H. B. 1,457. Resolution fixing Thursday, February 16th, at noon, as the time for electing directors for the Deaf and Dumb School at Morganton.

H. B. 597. Act to establish graded schools in the town of Morganton.

H. B. 577. Act to improve the roads of Coddle Creek township in Iredell county.

H. B. 676. Act to authorize the commissioners of Mitchell county to levy a special tax.

H. B. 689. Act to amend the charter of the town of Mount Olive.

H. B. 968. Act to amend the act incorporating the town of Southern Pines.

H. B. 1,087. S. B. 510. Act to amend the charter of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad Company, and authorize its consolidation with other railroad companies.

H. B. 947. Act to authorize the city of Fayetteville to establish and operate a system of electric lights and motive power.

H. B. 215. Act to amend chapter 425, Public Laws of 1891, allowing a mortgage on personal property to be given in lieu of bond.

H. B. 616. S. B. 156. Act to regulate the shooting of wild fowls in Dare county.

H. B. 398. S. B. 359. Act to amend chapter 207, Public Laws of 1895, so as to extend the provisions of the Mecklenburg road law to the counties of Ashe and Watauga.

H. B. 424. Act to incorporate the Raleigh Educational Association in Cumberland county.

H. B. 477. Act to amend section 503 of the Code, providing that a man may sell his homestead and acquire by purchase another.

H. B. 553. Act to amend section 3,324 of the Code, as to employment of counsel by the Governor.

H. B. 545. Act to amend section 2, chapter 13, Public Laws of 1897, providing for the promotion of the oyster industry in North Carolina.

H. B. 552. Act appointing a board of trustees for the Wilson graded school.