

PUBLIC PRINTING TO GO TO LOWEST BIDDER

Committee to Award the Contract.

RALEIGH MAY LOSE IT

GOLDSBORO FIRM MAKING A LOW BID.

MANY LOCAL BILLS WERE PASSED

Consideration of Revenue Act Begins Tuesday. The Military Bill Wednesday and the Insurance Bill Thursday.

The House has fixed the following special orders: Election of Directors for Morganton School—Monday at 12 o'clock. Fee Bill—Monday at 1 o'clock. Revenue Bill—Tuesday at expiration of morning hour. Jim Crow Car Bill—Tuesday at 11 o'clock. Report on Wilsons—Tuesday at 11 o'clock. Election University Trustees—Tuesday at noon. Military Bill—Wednesday at noon. Change of Congressional Districts—Wednesday at 12 o'clock. Insurance Bill—Thursday at noon.

The House yesterday settled the public printing question. It was settled in favor of the "lowest bidder" idea. This is understood to be in favor of Nash Bros., of Goldsboro, who offered to do the printing at a less price than that named in the bill.

The matter came up on the bill drawn by the Printing Committee, and published in this paper last Sunday. It was the special order for 11 o'clock. The attack on the bill was commenced by Mr. Thompson, of Onslow, who offered an amendment reducing the cost of binding 10 per cent.

This amendment was accepted by Mr. Hoey, who, as chairman of the Printing committee, was in charge of the bill.

On the heels of this Mr. Justice, of McDowell, sent forward an amendment giving the committee power to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

This amendment was the real line of cleavage around which discussion of the bill was destined to gather. The acceptance of it meant to give out the printing to the lowest bidder. Its rejection meant election of a public printer, at a stated price for the work.

Mr. Justice spoke in favor of the amendment, and Mr. Hoey opposed it, saying the committee didn't want to assume responsibility for acceptance or rejection of bids. He wanted the caucus to elect a printer. The proposed contract, he declared the lowest the State had ever had and meant a great saving to the State.

In this contention he was supported by Mr. Boushall, of Wake. "This question has never yet come up," he said, "that we did not have before us this lowest-bidder proposition. Heretofore also there has been in this matter a subsidy to a newspaper. This time that is absent."

"This proposition—this bill—is the lowest price at which the work can be done satisfactorily. When the election of Railroad Commissioner comes up, I should not be surprised if somebody hopped up and proposed to let it out to the lowest bidder."

Mr. Boushall read a comparative statement of the cost of the public printing under the former Democratic Legislatures and the two recent fusion Legislatures, showing that the lowest-bidder printing contract cost the State about \$10,000 more than under the public printer regime.

"And then the character of the work is much better under the Democratic method. As to the character of the work done under the contract system I would refer you to the books around you right now."

"If the object of the friends of the amendment is to save money they have but to read these figures. If it is not to save money, then what is it. Have you a favorite candidate? Mr. Justice will answer that question. All things being equal my candidate is Edwards and Broughton, who is yours?"

Mr. Boushall—"I'll tell you who my favorite candidate is, it's organized labor. I don't want to see them ground down to the face of the earth. This lowest-bid business is not in their interest. The prices named in this bill are as low as their work can be done by Union printers."

"I hold in my hand petitions from all the labor organizations in the State, asking you not to adopt this lowest-bidder proposition. The signers of these petitions are men who have stood by the Democratic party."

Mr. Stevens, of Union, thought the Legislature ought not to have any favorites except the people of North Carolina. He favored the lowest-bidder proposition and was willing to have the printing sent out of the State. It is outside printers could do it cheaper than those at home.

"I am looking out for the interests of the taxpayers and not for the interest of any printing house. I know no difference between organized and unorganized labor; and if I favor either, it's the unorganized fellow. The organizations are able to look out for themselves."

Mr. Council of Watauga, regretted that this question of union and non-union labor had been injected into the discussion. No matter which plan they adopted of giving out the printing there would be no perceptible increase or decrease in the wages of the printer. The difference would be in the profits of the

employer. He argued that the printing could be done for less than the prices named in the bill. He therefore favored the lowest-bidder idea.

"The matter is a business one. All personal preferences must be sunk, and only the interests of the tax-payers considered."

Nor did Mr. Justice want any labor-question entanglements. It was a matter of pure business and he wanted it handled in a business way.

He argued that you might consider the interest of the printer here as much as you pleased, in the end it would be a matter of supply and demand, and the employer will fix the price.

"The Nash proposition means 16 2/3 per cent less than the price fixed in the bill, and in the adoption of any amendment I shall call the eyes and noses."

This brought Mr. Boushall to his feet again. "I'm not afraid to go on record. I'm in favor of organized labor and I believe in this General Assembly's law."

Mr. Holman wanted to know whether the Nash bill of 16 2/3 per cent applied to all kinds of work.

"This printing business is a hard one to understand, and contracts in regard to it are deceitful. They can be made to look mighty fair and then not be so."

Mr. Winston amended Mr. Justice's amendment to provide that "in awarding the contract regard shall be had as to the character of the work done and the matter used in accepting bonds and bidders." The amendment was accepted.

Mr. Foushee, of Durham, said he was no printer and didn't pretend to know anything about printing, but he had made inquiries of printing men, in Durham, who are not interested in this bill, and they had advised him against the lowest-bidder contract.

"This thing of letting printing out to the lowest bidder is a delusion and a snare. In the long run it costs more and the work is of inferior quality."

Mr. Patterson, of Caldwell, was opposed to any arrangement whereby the printing was not to be done in North Carolina. He thought it better if it could be done in Raleigh. He knew something of the inconvenience of having it done elsewhere.

Mr. Justice offered an amendment providing that the work should be done in the State.

The amendment was accepted by Mr. Hoey, who closed the debate. He told of the difficulties under which the committee had labored, how it had gone over all past contracts, examined the printing laws of other States and considered the question in all its phases.

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THE SECRETS



of easy and almost painless childbirth are all told in a handsomely illustrated book entitled "Before Baby is Born," a copy of which will be sent free on request to every expectant mother. The book also tells about the use of pound nets and fish traps in Neuse River, so as to apply to Lenoir county. By Carraway, of Lenoir. Committee on Judiciary. City and Towns.

H. B. 1541. Act to incorporate the Bank of Wadesboro. By Leak, of Anson. Committee on Banks.

H. B. 1542. Act to regulate the issuing of retail liquor license in North Wilkesboro. By Tharp, of Wilkesboro. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1543. Act to repeal section 31, chapter 111, Public Laws of 1897, and chapter 234, Public Laws of 1889. By Leatherwood, of Swain. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1544. Act to amend chapter 110, Laws of 1889, incorporating the town of Brevard. By Wilson, of Transylvania. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1545. Act to suspend section 1,005 of the Code. By Leak, of Anson. Committee on Judiciary.

H. B. 1546. Act to amend chapter 194, Public Laws of 1893, in relation to New Hanover and Pender counties. By Rountree, of New Hanover. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1547. Act to amend section 1,964 of the Code, in regard to receiving and forwarding freight. By Rountree, of New Hanover. Committee on Judiciary.

H. B. 1548. Act to pay school claims in Randolph county. By Burrow, of Randolph. On calendar.

H. B. 1549. Act to except the beds of floatable or navigable streams from entry. By Council, of Watauga. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1550. Act in regard to working roads in Cumberland county. By Tolson, of Cumberland. Committee on Roads.

H. B. 1551. Act to charter the Farmers' Institute in Randolph county. By Redding, of Randolph. Committee on Corporations.

H. B. 1552. Act to place Jacob M. Elliot on the fourth class pension list. By Tharp, of Wilkes. Committee on Pensions.

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H. B. 1554. Act to prohibit the killing of deer in Caldwell county. By Patterson, of Caldwell. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1555. Act to authorize the commissioners of Caldwell county to levy a special tax to build a jail. By Patterson, of Caldwell. Committee on Finance.

H. B. 1556. Act to amend chapter 172, Laws of 1891, to prevent hunting birds in Alexander county. By McIntosh, of Alexander. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1557. Act to authorize the town of Concord to issue bonds. By Hartzell, of Cabarrus. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1558. Act to amend the charter of the town of Concord. By Hartzell, of Cabarrus. Committee on Education.

H. B. 1559. Act to amend the charter of the town of Concord. By Hartzell, of Cabarrus. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 1560. Act to authorize the town of Edenton to build a bridge. By Welch, of Chowan. Committee on Roads.

H. B. 1561. Act to appoint John J. Stewart a justice of the peace in Rowan. By Overman, of Rowan. Committee on Judiciary.

H. B. 1562. Act to appoint J. Q. Moore a justice of the peace in Haywood. By Davis, of Haywood. Committee on Justices of the Peace.

H. B. 1563. Act to protect shell fish in Brunswick county. By McNeill, of Brunswick. Committee on Judiciary.

H. B. 1573. Act to increase the number of commissioners of Wake county from three to five—the two new ones to be appointed by the clerk of court. By Boushall, of Wake. On calendar.

H. B. 1574. Act to prevent the felling of timber in Camery Fork creek. By Moore, of Jackson. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1575. Act to prohibit the sale of liquor within three miles of Holt's chapel, Alamance county. By Carroll, of Alamance county. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1576. Act to give the North Carolina Investment Company further time to organize. By Boushall, of Wake. Committee on Corporations.

H. B. 1578. Act to provide for maintaining actions for damage for injury or death in certain cases. By Allen, of Wayne. Committee on Judiciary.

H. B. 1579. Act to expedite the trial of parties in the Superior court. By Allen, of Wayne. Committee on Judiciary.

H. B. 1580. Resolution to raise a committee of two to secure from the Governor an official list of trustees of the A. and M. College and ascertain the number of vacancies on the board. By Winston, of Bertie. On calendar.

PASSED THIRD READING. H. B. 1,071. Act to incorporate Dismal

Swamp Railroad Company. H. B. 700, S. B. 201. Act to extend the American Trust and Savings Bank.

H. B. 1,289. Act to incorporate the Cooper Farming and Distilling Company. H. B. 1,260, S. B. 700. Act to establish a dispensary at Clayton, after July 1, 1899.

H. R. 152, S. R. 882. Resolution to elect trustees for the University of North Carolina, at noon Tuesday.

H. B. 1,573. Act to increase the number of commissioners in Wake county from three to five—the time new ones to be appointed by the clerk of court.

H. B. 1,291. Act to regulate the public printing. H. B. 1,292. Act to establish a Bureau of Labor and Printing.

H. B. 893. Act to prevent obstruction of the waters of Fishing Creek in Wilkes county.

H. B. 1,479. Act to prevent felling timber in certain streams of Iredell county.

H. B. 1,301. Act to regulate the sale of liquor in Mecklenburg county, by establishing a dispensary, after January 1, 1900.

H. B. 1,219. Act to regulate the fees for registration (50) and probate (15) of crop liens in Bertie, Northampton and Hertford counties.

H. B. 1,245. Act to change the name of Valley Town township to Andrews' township in Cherokee county.

H. B. 1,185, S. B. 512. Act to incorporate the Fire Insurance company of Robeson county.

H. B. 762. Act for relief of sureties on the official bond of J. H. Abell, tax collector of the town of Waynesville.

H. B. 1,483. Act to amend chapter 50, Laws of 1883.

H. B. 1,550. Act to provide for working the public roads of Cumberland county.

H. B. 1,185, S. B. 598. Act to protect and utilize reclaimed swamp or lowlands.

H. B. 1,347. Act to change the line of Greenwood township, Moore county.

H. B. 761. Act to prevent obstruction of the waters of Jonathan's Creek in Haywood county.

MUNYON'S DYSPEPSIA CURE advertisement with image of a man's face and text describing the medicine's benefits for indigestion and stomach trouble.

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The Secret of a Beautiful Skin. Soft white hands, shapely nails, and luxuriant hair with clean, wholesome scalp is found in the perfect action of the PORES produced by hot baths with CUTICURA SOAP.

Sanford News Notes. Death of a Prominent Citizen—Bad Roads—Mr. Fry Commended.



Republican Rumor in Tyrrell. Columbia, N. C., Feb. 18.—(Special)—The latest news, from a Republican source, in Tyrrell is, that the Democratic Legislature has enacted a law that no person hereafter will be allowed to vote in North Carolina unless he owns \$300 worth of property.

Hats for Spring 1899. JUST RECEIVED The Latest Shapes Soft and Stiff. We make a specialty of good reliable Hats at a low price.

OWN YOUR HOME. The Mechanics and Investors Union are prepared to make on eight years time to acceptable persons, on real estate security, for the purchase or erection of homes, in progressive cities or towns, in North Carolina on the following plan:

NEW BOOK STORE. May or may not be opened here, but the Southern Book Exchange is here to stay, for it is a necessity. We buy, sell and exchange all kinds of books, Law and School Books a specialty.

BOTANIC BLOOD BALM advertisement with image of a bottle and text describing its use for rheumatism and blood humors.

OLD BOOKS WANTED. Catalogue, rules, etc., free. Send lists of books for sale or wanted. We do the rest.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the General Assembly to incorporate Ephesus Baptist church, Cary township, Wake county.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the General Assembly of North Carolina now in session to incorporate the town of Gibson, Richmond county, North Carolina.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children The Kind You Have Always Bought advertisement.

Signature of Chas. H. Hatcher advertisement.

Letters of credit might be properly termed capital letters.