# **PUBLIC PRINTING**

Committee to Award the Contract.

RALEIGH MAY LOSE II

GOLDSBORO FIRM MAKING A LOW BID.

MANY LOCAL BILLS WERE PASSED

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

The House has fixed the following School—Monday at 12 o'clock.

Fee Bill—Monday at 1 o'clock.

Revenue Bill—Tuesday at expiration Jim Crow Car Bill-Tuesday at 11

Report on Wilsons-Tuesday at 11 the lowest-bidder contract.

Election University Trustees-Tuesday 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 in the State.

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 puo-

lished in this paper last Sunday. was the special order for 11 o'clock. The attack on the bill was commenced by Mr. Thompson, of Onslow, who of-fered 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 bid-

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. 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.

this contention be was supported Mr. Boushall, of Wake.

This question has never yet come," 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 matter a subsidy to a newspaper. This matter a subsidy to a newspaper. This matter a subsidy to a newspaper.

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 Com missioner comes up, I should not be sur prised if somebody bobbed up and proosed to let it out to the towest bid-

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

"And then the character of the work 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

"If the object of the friends of the amendment is to save money they have but to read these figures. is not to save money, then wha

Have you a favorite candidate? Mr. Justice "I'll answer that ques All things being equal my candi date is Edwards and Broughton, who is

Mr. Boushall Till tell you who m favorite candidate is, it's organized la bor. I don't want to see them ground down to the face of the earth. This lowest-bid business is not in their inter-The prices named in this bill are is low as the work can be done by

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 pe titions 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 proposi tion and was willing to have the print ing sent out of the State, it outside printers could do it cheaper than those at home.

"I am looking out for the interests of the tax-payers and not for the interes of any printing house. I know no dif ference between organized and unorganized labor; and if I favor either, it's the unorganized fellow. The organizations are able to look out for them

Mr. Council, of Watauga, regretted that this question of union and nonunion 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 de crease in the wages of the printer. The difference would be in the profits of the

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

he lowest-bidder idea.
"The matter is a business one. All personal preferences must be sunk, and only the interests of the tax-payers con-Nor did Mr. Justice want any labor-

question entanglements. It was a mat-ter of pure business and he wanted it handled in a dusiness way.

He argued that you might consider the interest of the printer here as much as you pleased, in the end it would be

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 on the adoption of my amendment I shall call the ayes and

This brought Mr. Boushall to his feet again.

"I'm not afraid to go on record. I'm in favor of organized labeor and I believe this General Assembly is."

Mr. Holman wanted to know whether the Nash cut 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

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 of 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

"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 ap-

posed to any arrangement whereby the printing was not to be done in North He thought it better if it could be done in Raleigh. He knew omething of the inconvenience of havng it done elsewhere.

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

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



REPRESENTATIVE JULIAN Rowan's Veteran Popular Member of the House.

He reviewed the history of public printing legislation in this State and said it had always been done cheaper under the public printer system than under the lowest-bidder arrangement. Nash Bros. had come before the com-

2-3 per cent reduction wouldn't save the State some \$10,000 or \$15,000. Mr. Hoey said that could not be. he whole cost of printing for two years

was only about \$25,000. "This is no new precedent, this plan of electing a public printer. It is Democratic custom. The lowest-bidder contract is Fusion practice and it has never failed to cost a bonus of upward \$10,000.

"The contract fixed by this bill is the heapest in any Southern State. If the printers from these neighboring States can come here and bid, why don't they do so in their own State. Either they don't do so, or if they do their bids are not accepted.

"If you let printing out to the lowest bidder and the bid is lower than the work can be done for, then the bid will be padded and run up, so that in the end you'll have it to pay for. This is a business proposition, made on business principles. The committee did not conider that the House wanted any jobbery in this matter and it drew the bill

The roll-call resulted in the adoption f Mr. Justice's lowest-bidder amend-

ent by a vote of 83 to 18. Those voting in the negative were Messrs. Boushall, Brown, of Johnston: Foushee, Gattis, Gilliam, Hoey, Hol man, Maitland, Moore, Patterson, of Robeson: Redding. Rountree, Sugz. Wall, Welch, Willard, Williams, Dare; and Williams, of Iredell-18.

Thus amended the bill as passed or

ts several readings. A companion bill to this was that to stablish a Bureau of Labor and Print-It provided, as originally drawn or the election by the Legislature of a ommissioner of Labor and Printing at a salary of \$1,500 a year and an Assis ant Commissioner at a salary of \$900 year. An appropriation of \$3,500 was given to prosecute the work of the of

After the reading of the bill Mr. Clarkson amended it so that the newly elected commissioner should enter upon is office on March 15th, instead he 1st, and hold till January 1, 1901. nd that the people shall elect the comdissioner at the next general election The amendment also provided that the cost of sending out the reports shall

e paid out of the general fund. This amendment was accepted by Mr introducer of the bill.

Then Mr. Williams, of Iredell, furthe amended to reduce the commissioner's salary from \$1,500 to \$1,000 and the ssistant's salary from \$900 to \$750. This was adopted almost unanimously and Mr. Overman moved to amend by educing the annual appropriation from

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mittee on Judiciary.

H. B. 153. Act to authorize the com of easy and all H. B. 155. Act to authorize the commost painless childbirth arc all told in a handsomely illustrated book entitled "Be-ching in Chatham county. By Curric, the commost painless of Cambon county of Cambon Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns. H. B. 1540. Act to change the line between Oakland and Cape Fear townships in Chatham county. By Curric. entitled "Be-fore Baby is of Moore. Committee on Counties, Cit-Born," a copy of which will be ies and Towns. sent free on request to every

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\$3,500 to \$3,000. This amendment also went through, and the bill was then

adopted. THE TARRORO BOND BILLS

They Passed the House on Their Second Reading Yesterday.

Two bills were passed yesterday on second reading allowing the town of Tarboro to issue \$50,000 of bonds-\$40,-000 for water-works and \$10,000 for electric lights.
These bills were reported from the

Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns by Mr. Gilliam, of Edgecombe. In doing so, he said:

"Mr. Speaker: There is a matter that giving me a great deal of trouble, and I ask that the members of this House come to my relief and suspend the rules and permit me to put upon their immediate passage House Bills Nos. 1,122 and 1,123, authorizing the town of Tar-boro to issue bonds for lights, water-

"I desire to state, Mr. Speaker, that these are the bills that were introduced by myself on Friday last, and referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns. I desire to call the attention of the members to the fact that on Saturday I stated that I had these bills saturday I stated that I had these bits with instructions to report them favorably to the House, but that the Senator from my district had received copies of the bills officially from the Board of Commissioners at Tarboro, and that I desired that he should introduce the bills, assuming responsibility for the same; that the House gave me permission to hold these bills until the bills introduced by Senator Speight should come before the House when they would be reported favorably, in order that he. who was their accredited agent, might assume the responsibility ror their pas-sage. I desire to say that on yester-day I received a request from the Board of Commissioners of the town of Tarboro, urging me to press the passage of the bills, and I now ask the House to pass them. I desire, however, that it should be understood by the members of this House and by the people of Tarboro that their action in sending a delegation from Tarbore to Raleigh has not affected or influenced my action in this matter at all; that I have only

awaited the commissioners of Tarboro to ask me officially to press these bills." At the conclusion of Mr. Gilliam's remarks Mr. Ranson, of Mecklenburg, moved the re-reference of the bills to the ommittee.

Judge Connor called Mr. Council to the chair, and stated that the purpose of the bills was to permit the town of Tarboro to issue bonds to provide for system of water-works. That the bill was endorsed by the people of the town and thus they only asked the same privilege extended to other towns in the made which was invalid and that unless this bill was passed it would be impossible for the town to have a system of water-works. That an amendment had been made to the bill by the gentleman from Edgecombe, and that he understood that the measure was satisfactory to him. That this General Assembly could not undertake to settle controversies between the town and ontractors. That there was nothing in the bill which affected the rights of parties to any litigation. That he hoped the bill would pass; that it had en reported favorably by the com-

mittee, the gentleman from Edgecombe making the report. Mr. Ranson thereupon withdrew his notion to re-commit the bill, and upon the call of the roll it passed the second reading unanimously and was placed

### THE DAY'S BUSINESS.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

Petition of citizens of Columbus coun-y in regard to the sale of spirituous Moore a justice of the peace in Hayliquors. By Allen, of Columbus. Com- wood. By Davis, of Haywood. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Petitions to incorporate Davis Chapel, High Pines church and Miller's school house in Randolph county. By Redding. Brunswick. Committee on Judiciary. of Randolph. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Petitions asking establishment of a reformatory. By Boushall, of Wake. Committee on Penal Institutions.

NEW BILLS INTRODUCED. H. B. 1,530. Act to incorporate the Trans-Appalachian Railway. By Hoffman, of Burke. Committee on Rail-

H. S. 1,531, Machinery Act for 1899. By Holman, of Iredell. On calendar. H. B. 1,532. Act to incorporate Cross Roads Church Academy in Yadkin county. By Williams, of Yadkin. Commitee on Propositions and Grievances. H. B. 1,533. Act to regulate the printing of the laws of the General Assembly and lessen the cost thereof. By Winston, of Bertie. Committee on

H. B. 1,534. Act to protect deer in Pamlico and Carteret counties. Dees, of Pamlico. Committee on Prop-

ositions and Grievances. H. B. 1,535. Act to amend chapter 173, Public Laws of 1895, to make valid State grants. By Dees, of Pamlico.

Committee on Judiciary. H. B. 1,536. Act to exempt ministers of the gospel from working public roads. By Dees, of Pamlico. Committee on

system for measuring logs and timber. By Dees, of Pamlico. Committee on Judiciary.

H. B. 1,538. Act to amend chapter

the use of pound nets and fish traps Neuse River, so as to apply to Lenoi county. By Carraway, of Lenoir. Com

H. B. 1.541. Act to incorporate the Bank of Wadesboro, By Leak, of Anson. Committee on Banks.
H. B. 1.542. Act to regulate the issning of retail liquor license in North Wilkesboro. By Tharp, of Wilkesboro, Committee on Propositions and Grievalso tells about

H. B. 1,543. Act to repeal section 31 chapter 111, Public Laws of 1897, and chapter 234, Public Laws of 1889. By danger of the period of pregnancy and Leatherwood, of Swain. Committee of

Propositions and Grievances. H. B. 1,544. 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. 1,545. Act to suspend section 1,005 of the Code. By Leak, of Anson. Committee on Judiciary.
H. B. 1,546. 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. 1,547. Act to amend section 1,964 of the Code, in regard to receiv

ing and forwarding freight. By Roun tree, of New Hanover. Committee or Judiciary.

H. B. 1,548. Act to pay schoo! claims in Randolph county. By Burrow, of Randolph. On calendar.

H. B. 1,549. Act to except the beds of floatable or navigable streams from entry. By Council, of Watauga. Comnittee on Propositions and Grievances, H. B. 1,550. Act in regard to working roads in Cumberland county. By Robinson, of Cumberland. Committee on

H. B. 1,551. Act to charter the Farmers' Institute in Randolph county. By Redding, of Randolph. Committee on Corporations.

H. B. 1,552. Act to place Jacob M.

Elliot on the fourth class pension list. By Tharp, of Wilkes. Committee on H. B. 1,553. Act to place Isham



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list. By Tharp, of Wilkes. Committee H. B. 1,554. Act to prohibit the killing of deer in Caldwell county. By Patterson, of Caldwell. Committee on

Propositions and Grievances. H. B. 1,555. Act to authorize the commissioners of Caldwell county to levy a special tax to build a jail. By Patterson, of Caldwell. Committee on

H. B. 1,556. Act to amend chapter 172, Laws of 1891, to prevent hunting birds in Alexander county. By McIntosh, of Alexander. Committee Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1,557. Act to authorize the town of Concord to issue bonds. By Hartsell, of Cabarrus. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns. H. 5. 1,508. Act to amend the charer of the Concord graded school. By

Hartsell, of Cabarrus. Committee or Education. H. B. 1,559. Act to amend the charter of the town of Concord. By Hartsell, of Cabarrus. Committee on Coun

ties. Cities and Towns. H. B. 1,560. Act to authorize th town of Edenton to build a bridge. By Welch, of Chowan. Committee on

H. B. 1,561. Act to appoint John J. Stewart a justice of the peace in Row an. By Overman, of Rowan. Commit tee on Judiciary.

mittee on Justices of the Peace. H. B. 1,572. Act to protect shell fish in Brunswick county. By McNeill, of

H. B. 1,573. Act to increase the number of commissioners of county from three to five-the two new ones to be appointed by the court. By Boushall, of Wake. On calendar.

H. B. 1,574. Act to prevent the felling of timber in Caney Fork creek. By Moore, of Jackson. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 1,575. Act to prohibit the sale of liquor within three miles of Holt's chapel, Alamance county. By Carroll, of Alamance county. Propositions and Grievances. H. B. 1,576. Act to give the North

Carolina Investment Company further time to organize. By Boushall, of Wake. Committee on Corporations.

H. B. 1,577. Act to give the Carolina Manufacturing Company further time to organize. By Boushall, of Wake. Com

H. B. 1,578. Act to provide for main taining actions for damage for injury By Allen, of or death in certain cases. Wayne. Committee on Judiciary. H. B. 1,579. Act to expedite the trial of parties in the Superior court. By Allen, of Wayne. Committee on Ju

diciary. H. R. 1,580. Resolution to raise committee of two to secure from the Governor an official list of trustees of H. B. 1,537. Act to provide a uniform the A. and M. College and ascertain th number of vacancies on the board. Winston, of Bertie. On calendar.

PASSED THIRD READING. H. B. 1.071. Act to incorporate Dismal



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H. B. 700, S. B. 201. Act to extend he American Trust and Savings Bank. H. B. 1,289. Act to incorporate the Cooper Farming and Distilling Conpany, of Transylvania county.
H. B. 1,209. S. B. 700. Act to estabsh a dispensary at Clayton, after July

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 numer of commissioners in Wake county from three to five-the time new ones to be appointed by the clerk of court.

H. B. 1,166, S. B. 307. Act to in-

orporate the Presbyterian church in Yanceyville, Caswell county. H. B. 120, S. B. 650, Act to incorporate the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Winston.

H. B. 1,291. Act to regulate the pub H. B. 1/292. Act to establish a Bu-H. B. 1922. Act to establish a Bu-eau 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 in certain streams of Iredell

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

H. B. 1,219. Act to regulate the fees or registration (50) and probate (15) f crop liens in Bertie, Northampton and

H. B. 1,345. Act to change the name of Valley Town township to Andrews' ownship in Cherokee county. H. B. 1,185, S. B. 512. Act to incororate 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 enapter

O. Laws of 1883.
H. B. 1,550. Act to provide for working the public roads of Cumberland coun-H. B. 1,185, S. B. 598. Act to pro ect and utilize reclaimed swamp or low-

ands.

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

H. B. 1,149. Act to prohibit the sale of liquor within two miles of Barlow Chapel, Pender county. H. B. 1,393. Act to change the voting place and boundary line of Walnut Hill

ownship in Ashe county.
H. B. 1,556. Act to amend chapter 172, Public Laws of 1891, in regard to huating in Alexander county. H. B. 1,058, Act to amend chapter 149, Public Laws of 1895, to drain low-

ands of Rowan, Davidson, Davie and H. B. 1,575. Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor within three miles of Holt's Chapel, Alamance coun-

H. B. 1,012. Act to am and the charter of Blowing Rock. H. B. 1,541. Act to incorporate the

Bank of Wadesboro. H. B. 1,398. Act to incorporate the Bank of Alamance. H. B. 813. Act to incorporate the Eureka Mining, Land, and Manufacuring Company. H. B. 1.077. Act to prohibit the sale of liquor in the town of Shelby except

pon the prescription of a physician PASSED SECOND READING. H. B. 1.174. Act to enlarge the cor

orate limits of Coleraine, Bertie coun-H. B. 1,175. Act to entarge the cor-

orate limits of Roxobel, Bertie coun H. B. 1,073. Act to establish graded chools for the town of Lexington. H. B. 1,127. Act relating to oads in Lexington township, Davidson ounty, and to extend application of the

Mecklenburg road law. H. B. 1,122. Act to authorize the town of Tarboro to issue \$10,000 of

onds to provide electric lights.

H. B. 1,123. Act to authorize the own of Tarboro to issue \$40,000 of bonds for water-works and sewerage. H. B. 396. Act for protection of poul-ry and birds in Davidson county, by authorizing the county to pay 25 cents for the scalp of every hawk killed in

Davidson county.

H. B. 758. Act to fund certain indebtdness of the city of Wilmington.

H. B. 948. Act to allow the levy rial tax for Lincoln county H. B. 1,026, S. B. 417. Act to estab

H. B. 1,088. Act to allow the commisioners of Gates county to levy a special ax for \$3,500. AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN.

H. B. 1,314, S. B. 762. Act to incorpo-

h a graded school in the town of Albe

North State Electrical Power ompany. BILLS TABLED.

H. B. 988, S. B. 349. Act in regard o working the roads of Robeson county. CALENDAR REFERRED.

H. B. 1.046, Act to repeal section 3. 113 of the Code, regulating local option elections, and providing a substitute for it, so as to be held at any time except egular election years. Re-referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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SANFORD NEWS NOTES.

Death of a Prominent Citizen—Bad Roads—Mr. Fry Commended. Sanford, N. C., Feb. 18 .- (Special.)-Mr. S. D. Jones, who has been seriously sick for some months, died at his residence on Thursday last, and will be buried at the Methodist church this afternoon. Mr. Jones was one of our prominent citizens, and his death is a

The present deplorable condition of our county roads should cause all good citi-zens to give Prof. Holmes encouragement in his efforts to give us good

The family of Mr. J. L. Scales have moved from Statesville, and will make Sanford their home. Mr. Scales is the ngent of the Seaboard Air Line here. Dr. Y. W. McCracken, late of Durham, has located here and will engage in the practice of dentistry. His office is in the McPherson-Weatherspoon building.

Our citizens are very much gratified at the retention of Mr. J. W. Fry, as Assistant General Manager of the Atlantic and Yadkin Valley Railway. Mr. Fry has shown himself to be one of the foremost railroad men of the State, and the new management are to be congratu-lated upon their wise choice.

REPUBLICAN RUMOR IN TYR-RELL.

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. And another law appointing three more county commiss

ers for Tyrrell county. Chief Justice of the Peace for Tyrrell, William Bodwell, Esq., (prominently known as brainy Billy says that the Democrats are trying to get a bill through the Legislature, prohibiting any man from coming to the county seat un-

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