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A STENOGRAPHER'S BILL.

Introduced by Representative Robinson Yesterday Afternoon.

Just before the House adjourned yesterday afternoon an important bill was introduced by Mr. Robinson, of Cum-

berland. It is a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the employment of stenogra-phers in trials. It wil be put upon its several readings this morning.

The text of the bill is as follows:

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:
"Section 1. That at any hearing be-

fore the Superior court, or criminal court, clerk of Superior court, or any referee or commissioner to take testimony, a stenographer may be employed by the court, at the instance of any party in interest, to take the testimony in shorthand and transcribe the same into longhand or typewriting; and such testimony when so taken and transcribed shall be the official testimony upon the

approval of the court.

"Sec. 2. That before acting, the stenographer appointed by the court, clerk,
referee or commissioner, shall be duly sworn faithfully and impartially to take down the testimony and transcribe the

"Sec. 3. For his services such stenographer shall receive not exceeding fifty



MR. BROWN, OF JOHNSTON, The Junior Member of the House from the Banner County.

cents per hour for the time actually spent in taking down and transcribing the testimony, but in no case shall the pay of such stenographer exceed twenty cents per two hundred and fifty words when transcribed, the same to be paid by the party demanding the em-ployment of the stenographer and taxed in the costs against the party adjudged pay costs; but no stenographer shall be employed at the instance of any sning as a pauper.

"This act shall be in force from and after its ratification."

The bill has been favorably reported by the Judiciary committee.

THE DAY'S BUSINESS.

NEW BILLS INTRODUCED.

H. R. 1,936. Resolution in favor of the H. R. 1,936. Resolution in favor of the laborers of the General Assembly of 1897, allowing them half-rate mileage. By Davis, of Franklin. On calendar. H. B. 1,937. Act to appoint additional justices of the peace—for Mosley Hall township. Lenoir county. By Carraway, of Lenoir. On calendar.

H. B. 1.938. Act to protect oysters

in New Hanover county. By Rountree, of New Hanover. On calendar.
H. B. 1,939. Act in relation to the floating of logs in the streams of Swain county. By Leatherwood, of Swain.

On calendar.

H. B. 1,940. Act in relation to the holding of the Superior courts of Swain county. By Leatherwood, of Swain.

Committee on Courts.
H. R. 1,942. Resolution of thanks to Speaker Connor. By Johnson, of Sampson, On calendar.

Sampson. On calendar.
H. B. 1.944. Act supplemental to the act authorizing the use of Dutch acts in Neuse River. By Russell, of Carter-

t. On calendar. H. B. 1,947. Act supplementary to an act in regard to Cullowhee High School
-increasing the board of directors. By Moore, of Jackson. On calendar, H. B. 1,948. Act to establish the Eastern District Criminal court. R Clarkson, of Mecklenburg. On cal

H. R. 1,950. Resolution providing that the trustees of the A. and M. College be elected Saturday at noon. By Craig, of Buncombe. On calendar.

H. R. 1,951. Resolution providing for adjournment of the General Assembly sine die on March 4th. By Smith, of

Craven. Committee on Rules.

H. B. 1,952. Act to protect wild fowl in Carteret county. By Russell, fowl in Carteret county.

of Carteret. On calendar.

H. B. 1,953. Act to provide for appointment of a janitor of the Supreme court building, by the keeper of the capital. By Allen, of Wayne. On cal-

H. R. 1,954. Resolution to pay W. Cooper, fireman at the Supreme court building, for services to the General 'As-

By Overman, of Rowan. On H. B. 1,958. Act to provide for the employment of stenographers in trials, By Robinson, of Cumberland, On cal-

ndar.

Royal and Borden Furniture Company not over \$20.00; hesides practically adfor \$57.50 for furniture for the House. mitting the bad physical condition of the

THE NEW SCHOOL LAW act establishing a Bureau of Printing—to allow the commissioner to appoint his assistant. By Allen, of On calendar. act establishing a Bureau of Labor and

PASSED THIRD READING.

H. B. 1,948. Act to create the Eastern District Criminal court.
H. B. 1,949, S. B. 1,431. Resolution to go into the election of a judge of the Western District Criminal court disrict at 1 o'clock Friday.

H. B. 904. Act for relief of Shepard's Point Land Company. H. R. 1,950. Resolution fixing Saturlay noon as the time for electing trus-ces of the A. and M. College. H. B. 1,800, S. B. 563, Act to appoint

additional justices of the peace for Cra-H. B. 1,804, S. B. 1,022, Act to elect s of the peace in Stokes county.



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H. B. 1,953. Act to provide for apointment of a janitor of the Supreme ourt building by the keeper of the cap-

H. B. 1,415. Act to furnish the county

H. B. 1,381. Act to require the Secretary of State to pay accumulated land grant funds to the State Treasurer. H. B. 1,635. Act to amend section 2, chapter 92, Laws of 1895, giving more ime for collection of taxes in Buncombe

H. B. 1,756. Act to amend chapter 139, Public Laws of 1895, the Bun-combe county road law. H. B. 1.473. Act to amend chapter

450, Public Laws of 1891, the law in regard to the loading of vessels. H. B. 1,885, S. B. 1,242, Act to provide for drainage of Hominy Swamp

H. B. 1,954. Resolution paying W. Cooper, fireman for the Supreme court building, 840 for services to the General H. B. 1.000, S. B. 841. Act to revise

and consolidate the public school law. H. B. 1,874, S. B. 1,057. Act to permit the sale of liquor at the Morehead City hotel, during the months of June, July, August and September.
H. B. 194, Resolution of thanks to

H. B. 1.136. Act to restore the stock w in Roanoke township, Warren coun-

H. B. 292. Act to abolish the May term of Vance Superior court. H. B. 1,723. Act to amend the stock aw in Tabernacle township, Randolph

H. B. 1,923. Act to incorporate the Wright Lumber Company, Montgomery H. B. 1,943, S. B. 1,429, Act supple-

nental to the Jim Crow Car Law-extending the time for its going into effect until June 1st, 1899.

H. B. 1,731, S. B. 405. Act in regard o working the roads of Chatham coun-

H. B. 1,736, S. B. 590, Act to amend the laws in regard to the colored A. and M. College at Greensboro, and com-

plete its board of trustees. H. B. 1.738 S. B. 639. Act to incorno. rate the Plummer Seminary, Nash coun

H. B. 1,712. Act to regulate the sale of spirituous liquors in Nash county and establish a dispensary. H. B. 1,450, S. B. 625. Act to author-

ize the commissioners of Montgomery county to use part of the special tax for building a bridge across Clark's

H. B. 535. Act for relief of the adminstrator of the late Sheriff McCann, of Robeson county. H. B. 1,171, S. B. 556. Act to create

school districts in Sampson coun-H. B. 993. Act to incorporate the

own of Moneure.
H. B. 1,394. At to repeal the laws of 1897 in reference to the working of public roads in Wilson county. H. B. 1,947. Act supplementary to an



REPRESENTATIVE J. B. LEIGH Redeemed the Mossy Back Republican County of Pasquotank.

et providing a board of directors for the Cullowhee High Schoot.
H. B. 1,672, S. B. 821. Act to change the name of the Falls Manufacturing

H. B. 1,784, S. B. 505. Act to allow he working of convicts on the roads

f Franklin county. H. B. 1,937. Act to apopint additional justices of the peace—for Mosley Hall township, Lenoir county.
H. B. 1,941. Act supplemental to an

H. B. 1,335. Act to establish graded chools in the town of Lincolnton. H. R. 112. Resolution in favor of

H. B. 1,822. Act to provide a method for amending charters granted by the Secretary of State.

H. B. 1,906, S. B. 1,208, Act to permit the condemnation of foot-paths to School houses in Durham county.

H. B. 1,155. Act to prevent the aunting of birds in the county of Burke except by consent of the land-owner.

H. B. 1,226. Act to protect property on Rock Creek, in Burke county. H. B. 875. Act to amend chapter

Laws of 1897. H. B. 1,092. Act to restore the school districts of Person county as they agement of railroads," existed prior to 1896.

What connection do

H. B. 1,515, S. B. 810. Act for relief of the clerk of the Superior court of Alleghany county-allowing him to no bsent from his office on certain days. H. B. 1,701. Act to amend chapter 333, of the Laws of 1897; regulating the taking of clams in Brunswick coun

H. B. 1,303. Act to promote fish culture in the south fork of New River in Watauga county. H. B. 1,783, S. B. 877. Act to amend the charter of the town of Ayden, Pitt

H. B. 978, S. B. 352. Act to amend section 3,664 of the Code, concerning the registration of deeds, H. B. 1,308, S. B. 564, Act to amend

section 1,815 of the Code, relating to the form of marriage license. H. B. 950. Act to lay off and estab-lish public roads in Watauga and Railroad. We are making every arrange

H. B. 1,930. Act to repeal chapter 296, Public Laws of 1895, reducing a notary public's fees to 25 cents. This bill restores the fee to \$1.

H. B. 1,891. Act to authorize the city of Wilmington and New Hanover county to purchase the Brunswick bridge H. B. 1,572. Act to promote the culti-

H. B. 1,007. Act to amend the charter the correct amount; the rule and figure work at more than 70 per cent more

vation of shell fish in Brunswick coun-

a new road in the counties of Alleghany and Ashe

time for holding the courts in Union and Stanly counties

and Printing, to allow the commissioner to appoint his clerk. H. B. 1,742, S. B. 694. Act to estab-

lish Mars Hill township in Madison



MR. ALLEN, OF COLUMBUS. He Voted That the Wilsons Were Dis-

qualified to At. school district out of certain parts of Ashe and Alleghany.

PASSED SECOND READING. H. B. 1.857, S. B. 1.024, Act to amend e charter of the town of Cameron. H. B. 1,913. Act to incorporate the

town of Wakefield, Wake county.

MR. EDWARDS STILL HAS HOPE. Thinks That He Will Yet be Able to Get the A. & N. C. Road.

Regarding the proposed sale of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, Mr. Edwards said: "I feel very much gratified at the progress made matter considering the very short length of time I have had to bring the matter before the people. My chief obstacte has been insufficient time for the people living along the line of the road to have proper knowledge of the sincerity of the proposition; when this is done I feel confident that a great majority of the best people of that section will heartily embrace the oportunity they now have of taking this road out of politics and having it developed and extended."

Do you believe that politicians will be willing for the road to go out of politics? "I am decidedly of the opinion that the good people of that section will, upon due reflection, view this matter from higher and purere motives. To take this road and develop and extend it, giving it a capable stable management cannot fail to prove a great bless ing to the whole section of that part of the State. It would mean giving them three or four trains per day where they now have one; and cheaper rates, inasmuch as the Railroad Commission now allows that road to charge more than the standard tariff; therefore requiring the peo-ple living along the line of that road to pay more freight than they would to a private company. Moreover it would mean many more good positions and better pay to their people than they are now able to get from the road as if now stands."

Do you still hope to get the road finally? "I do; I feel almost certain that I will. When I satisfy them, as I feel sure that I can, upon the three vital points, viz: that it will be extended; that the private stock will be protected, and that it and its extension will be kept an independent line the State, I am

sure will not entertain a proposition vithout these conditions. How about your price? "Well, I feel that if these conditions are complied with the price is full fair value for the H. B. 1,941. Act supplemental to an act relating to Western Criminal court district—taking Haywood county out of that has appeared at every Committee meeting has admitted that twenty-five dollars per share was the highest that they had known the stock to sell for at normal times; and often at a price

property and that the dividends paid

were not warranted."
How is it that they ceipts are increasing? "This they fail to show, inasmuch as Captain Dill, the general superintendent, admitted to the committee that during the past eight years the receipts of the former four years were greater than the latter four. and only one year in the latter four years equalled either of the four previous years; showing an actual decreas in the business for this period of some thing over \$27,000. Such is State man-

What connection do your people con-template? "None except our westwardly xtension and boat connection at New ern and Morehead City; arrangements having already been made for these boat connections. This will result in a great volume of freight, consisting of umber, cotton, coal, brown stone, etc bassing through these ports." What about the advisability of the State's selling? "It is clearly the duty of the State to sell upon

named. It was unquestionably the de ign and intention of the charter and it ounders to sell and extend the road s the charter expressly implies this. I understand you have applied to the Legislature for a charter for your extension from Goldsboro west through the counties named. Do you intend to build this road? "Not unless we can get the Atlantic and North Carolina ment as we feel the State will sell us the road after the people have given the matter due consideration."

A CARD.

To the Editor: The comparative cos of the Public Printing as ished in another paper on iished in another paper on ruary 28th, is greatly misle for the reason that the plain compos tion is put down 50 per cent more than H. B. 1,028. Act to regulate the fees than there is, while the press work is for the registration and probate of crop given at 75 per cent above what there is. So, that in the comparison of the H. B. 1,730, S. B. 1,027. Act to lay Capital Printing Co., bid with the lay as passed by the Legislature, there is only a difference of about \$2,792.63 H. B. 1,956, S. B. 1,444. Act to change | And on nearly all of the work included in the statement the Capital Printing Co., admitted to the committee THAT H. B. 1,957, S. B. 1,439. Act to regulate the time of holding courts in the Twelfth district.

H. B. 1,959, Act supplemental to the act establishing the Bureau of Labor FIX ANY PRICE. The gentlemen of the Committee to the committee that the Committee that THAT THEY EXPECTED TO MAKE UP THE LOSS UPON WORK ON WHICH THE LAW DID NOT FIX ANY PRICE. The gentlemen of the Committee to the committee that the Committee Committee on Public Printing who framed the bill did not frame it fo any such padding as this. The price named in the bill are as cheap as goo work can be done, and cheaper than those of any Southern State, and the com mittee enquired fully on this point.
As a proof that the bid of the Capital Printing Co., was not based on busine principles, they declined to take that part of the work upon which they specified prices, claiming that they would lose thereby, and insisted upon the committee awarding them all the print ing, after admitting that they expected to make up their losses on work upor which there is no price fixed. Or, as which there is no price fixed. Or, as expressed by a member of the committee, "they propose to sell the State a \$2.00 hat for \$1.00, and charge \$20.00 for a \$10.00 overcoat." It appears to me," said the Senator, "that the State will be an \$2.00 on that transaction." will be out \$9.00 on that transaction. We did not put in a bid for the work but asked for the contract at the price named in the bill, knowing, as we we do, that those prices are as low as an house can afford to offer and honestly faithfully and promptly do the work And we do not want the work unless we can do the same with equal justic o the State and to our workmen. In other words, if we cannot take the contract and deal just as squarely and nonestly with the State as we have al ways done with private customers, we do not want it at all.

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