

PROCEEDINGS OF OUR STATE LEGISLATURE.

FRIDAY, DEC. 15.

SENATE.

Mr. Patterson presented the petition of sundry citizens of Wilkes, Caldwell, &c. praying for the erection of a new County. Referred to Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Egan presented a Pension certificate. Mr. Egan presented a Pension certificate, reported a bill to require the officers of Registers and Clerks and Masters to be kept at the Court House, of their respective Counties.

Also, the same committee, to whom the subject was referred, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate upon the subject of authorizing the County Courts to lay a tax upon black polls, for the purpose of paying patrolmen, &c. Concurred in.

Also, a bill in pursuance of a petition from Lincoln County, praying the repeal of a private act. Mr. Woodfin from the same subject, asked that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of a memorial in favor of Free Suffrage, which was granted; and the memorial laid upon the table.

Also, a report, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of a memorial relating to a tax on pedlars; and. On motion of Mr. Speight, the same was referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Miller presented a resolution, instructing the Judiciary Committee to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the County Courts to lay a tax equal to the sum received from the Literary fund.

Mr. Joyner, a resolution in favor of the Executive of the late Joseph J. Davis, which passed its first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Reich introduced a bill supplementary to an act passed at the present session to divide the county of Stokes. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Joyner a bill to make better and more suitable provisions for fumes covered; which passed its first reading, and was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Another message was received from the Senate, transmitting the following engrossed bills: A bill to authorize the Roanoke Navigation Company to become common carriers of Produce, Goods, &c.—A bill to incorporate a Lodge of I. O. O. F. in the town of Washington.

Mr. Keen from the Committee to superintend the election of Comptroller reported that Collins had received 85 votes, a majority of the whole number cast, and was therefore duly elected.

Mr. Leach nominated the following persons as candidates for Councilors of State nominated by Mr. Leach, were all elected.

Mr. Satterthwaite moved to take up the bill to consolidate the several acts, now in force, relative to fishing with seines in Tar and Pamlico Rivers.—Carried.

Mr. Hayman moved to postpone the bill indefinitely.—lost. On the question of the passage of the bill, a debate sprang up, which was engaged in by Messrs. Stanly, Courts, Satterthwaite, Biggs, Blow, McDowell, and Thigpen.

Mr. Stanly offered the following amendment to the bill "that nothing herein contained shall affect the fisheries below the Pitt county line." Referred to the Committee on Finance.

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ing the Senate that the House would proceed to vote for U. S. Senator, on the return of the messenger. The Senate then voted as follows: Badger 24; Scattering 26.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that they would vote on return of the messenger for Superior Court Judge. The Senate then voted as follows: For Wm. H. Battle 24; For Jno. W. Ellis 25; one member (Mr. Shepard) being absent.

Mr. Thomas, of Davidson, offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Education to inquire into the expediency of changing the existing law which gives the escheated property of North Carolina to the University so that all such property may hereafter pass to the Common School Fund; and report by bill or otherwise; Adopted.

Mr. Patterson, a resolution in relation to the Clubfoot and Harlow's Creek Canal; which passed first reading. On motion of Mr. Graham, the Finance Committee was instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the law on Billiard Tables from \$500 to \$300.

On motion of Mr. Bower, the Senate adjourned to Monday. HOUSE OF COMMONS. Mr. Stanly informed the House of the arrival of the Member elect from the Co. of Yancy, that he was present and ready to present his credentials.

Mr. Calvin Edney then went forward to the Clerk's desk, and the Speaker administered the usual oath of office. A message was received from the Senate, proposing to vote for Judge of the Superior Court at 12 o'clock, which, on motion of Mr. McDowell, of Bladen, was laid on the table; but afterwards this motion was reconsidered, and the proposition was amended by striking out 12, and inserting 1 o'clock.

Mr. Miller introduced a resolution to go into the election of U. S. Senator at 12 o'clock, and to send a message to the Senate to this effect.—Mr. Griggs moved to lay the resolution on the table. Lost. Mr. Keene moved to amend the resolution by striking out 12 o'clock and inserting Monday next. Rejected. Mr. Stevenson moved to strike out the preamble to the resolution. Carried. Mr. Mosely moved to amend by striking out and inserting 20th December. Lost.

The original resolution was adopted. Mr. Caldwell presented a Communication in relation to the contested election in Surry. Referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections. Mr. Cherry introduced a resolution, requiring the Treasurer to report the number of white population, &c. &c. in each County in the State. Adopted.

Mr. Shuford introduced a resolution in favor of Joseph Stanly. Referred to Committee on Propositions and Grievances. Mr. Brown, of Sampson, introduced a bill making compensation to Jurors in certain cases.—Referred to Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. Cherry introduced a bill relating to taking depositions. Referred to committee on Judiciary. Mr. Biggs introduced a bill to incorporate the Martin and Bertie Turnpike Company. Referred to Committee on Private Bills.

Clerks and Masters in Equity. Resolution in relation to the State's claim against the General Government. To suppress Vice; providing that all Ten Pin or other Bowling alleys, public houses and profane shall be licensed on payment of \$50. The bill was amended so as to read, a bill to increase the revenue of the State.

Messrs. Patterson and Walker asked to be excused from serving on the Committee on Swamp Lands, which was granted, and Messrs. Halsey and Thompson, of Bertie, appointed in their room.

Mr. Rowland called up a bill to clear out and improve Lumber river, in Richmond and Robeson, which was amended in his motion, and, after debate rejected; Ayes 18, Noes 28.

Mr. Wm. B. Shepard rose to a privileged question, and, having obtained leave of the Senate spoke as follows: An incident occurred in this Hall, Mr. Speaker, on Saturday last, which has been seized upon to give currency and probability to rumors and insinuations which are unjust and distasteful to me.

One word in regard to the Senatorial election; I will now say publicly, what I have not said before privately to several gentlemen. I have not sought that office, I have no anxiety to fill it; there was a time when I thought I could have rendered the State some service, had it been offered me; that time has passed, it has no charms for me.

Mr. Gilmer offered a resolution providing for the adjournment of the House, sine die on the 6th of January next; which passed as follows:—Yeas 31; Noes 15. So the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Joyner introduced a resolution instructing the committee to whom was referred the Governor's Message relating to a Railroad from Raleigh to Charlotte, to inquire into the expediency of commencing said work at Weldon. Adopted.

Mr. Thomas, of Davidson, moved that a message be sent to the House of Commons, proposing to go into the election of a United States Senator. Mr. Rogers moved that the Senate adjourn.

Mr. Lillington called for the ayes and noes, which resulted as follows:—Ayes 24; Noes 25. On motion of Mr. Halsey, the Senate adjourned.

Mr. Williams, of New Hanover, presented a memorial praying for the emancipation of a Slave, Washington. Referred to Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Nichols, from Committee on Claims, reported favorably on the resolution in favor of Pender Griffin. Passed its 2d reading.

Mr. Stanly moved to put the resolution on 3rd reading. Carried, and the resolution passed its 3rd reading.

The same gentleman reported favorably to the Resolution in favor of Yancy Patterson, of Franklin County and M. O. Dickenson of Rutherford. Resolutions passed their 2d reading.

On motion of Mr. Wilkins, the resolution in favor of M. O. Dickenson was put upon its 3rd reading, and passed.

Mr. Courts, from Committee on Propositions and Grievances, reported favorably to the bill concurring Weights and Measures. Passed its 2d reading.

Mr. Courts reported to the House the bill to amend an act to tax the vendors of foreign made carriages, and proposed a substitute, which was adopted. The bill as amended passed its 2d reading.

Mr. Rayner, from Committee on Internal Improvement, reported back to the House, with amendment the bill to amend an act to incorporate Canal and Turnpike Company, and recommended the passage of the same. The bill as amended passed its 2d reading.

The same gentleman reported favorably to the bill to improve Cape Fear and Deep Rivers above Fayetteville. The bill passed its 2d reading.

The Speaker announced the arrival of the hour for taking up the order of the day—the bill to increase the revenue of the State—and stated that the question would be on the amendments offered by the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Mebane, Chairman of the committee went into a brief explanation of the reasons of the committee for recommending the proposed amendments.

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT. The difficulty of legislation on this subject arises from the apparently conflicting interests of the sections of the State. We are among the few who card the notion that the prosperity of the people must necessarily be at the expense of others.

It is a common, but we believe a false opinion, that two adjacent seaports cannot flourish together—that any advantage which one must take so much from the other. Very true, we maintain that the very fact, true, viz: that Cities located near each other are more prosperous than those which stand far apart.

A moment's reflection upon the actual state of affairs in this country, as well as on the Eastern States, proves it. We have Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, the largest and most populous Cities in America, all within three hundred miles of each other. On the other hand, Charleston and New Orleans, separated by other and from all other large Cities, are eight hundred miles, and yet they have a census of New Orleans was taken last year, and was found to have fallen off sixteen thousand from the population of 1840.

Now, if the narrow, selfish jealousy which has so long prevailed in this country, were true, this could not be the case. Cities would flourish, and the whole country would be a more fertile and more productive view of things, forget that such a being, and that the whole energies of the country could only be developed when brought into contact with those of his fellow.

The commerce and trade of the four great Cities stimulate the arts and agriculture of the back country, by not simply giving them a choice of markets. If there were no such there would be but one market, and one one could not be converted to so many of the interior. Their rivalry is a true blessing to the agricultural resources of the country.

four-fold rate to what would be the case were but one City; and by a reciprocal exchange the improvements of the country call for commerce in the cities.

The great merit of the plan of Internal Improvements suggested by Gov. GRAHAM is, that it is a germ of a general system, which shall give every interest and locality in the State. This City to Charlotte would be as it were a bone, which may at a future, and not distant, extended Eastwardly, to intersect with Wilmington Road, and Westwardly, into the South-West. The proposed Road would head waters of the Cape Fear, as it is a slack-water navigation may be pushed, with facility or great expense. When the day comes for the improvement of the New River, Roanoke rivers by locks and dams, the Road will connect with and be tributary to which, with the Cape Fear, will make navigable water in the State! How, then, does the Governor's plan harmonize every interest in every corner of North Carolina? This cannot be said of any other system.

zag route by Fayetteville, cannot compare with a sectional support; and the same said of the Charlotte and Danville Road, a Road from this place, would run through the middle part of the State, would promote and particular welfare of the whole State; and last, if least, it would confer pecuniary advantage of the State in its capacity. It would render valuable to profitable investment in the Raleigh and Road: while the extension of the Road would have the contrary effect.

There is another consideration for the people: If the Central Road is built, it is a choice of markets. The Road as it is to be built, whether it is extended East or not; and with the Raleigh and Charlotte there will be competition for freightage. There will be highly advantageous to the West; there will be the Fayetteville and Wilmington; and last, if least, it would confer pecuniary advantage of the State in its capacity. It would render valuable to profitable investment in the Raleigh and Road: while the extension of the Road would have the contrary effect.

We will advert to this subject again. THE GOLD MANIA. Never, since the days of Cortez and Pizarro, has there been such an age of excitement and thirst for adventure, as by the recent discovery of the mines in California. From reading the exaggerated accounts that we find in the newspapers, one might very reasonably think there is no end, limit or measure to the Gold there—that every particle of gold lies beneath the sun—every cloud mingles down-foot—every bottom that shines beneath waters—are Gold—yellow, tempting, and have gone thither in quest of fortune, pictured by a heated fancy, will find little, perhaps, as that mythic shower of gold, "lap of gold"; but, that very large and small quantities have been discovered, the reports of Government Agents, and the doubt. Whether it can be procured, and expense than elsewhere, and whether the Government will not interfere with its pursuit, are questions to be answered? But, be that as it may, this era of gold is a tide of enthusiastic adventure is passing, and the prospector packs up his crucible, and his alchemy has touched—the latter, forsakes his meditation—the latter, his husband, his newly wedded bride, and is trothed—and all, promiscuously, with expectant eyes to this El-Dorado, which he laystounded their vision and unnumbered tem. These manifestations, exhibiting as they do, every where—illustrating the truth in the following apostrophe, "The land's greatest Poets; though they intended out-pourings of a misanthropic genius. Thou touch-stone of Philosophy, Thou bright eye of the mind, Thou soul! Thou true, magnetic pole, All hearts point duly North, to thee."



Our are the plans of fair delightful peace, Upsward by party rage to live like brothers.

RALEIGH REGISTER.

Wednesday Morning, December 20, 1848.

The Fourth Week and its Incidents.

On Friday last, Wm. F. COLLINS, Esq. was re-elected Comptroller of Public Accounts, for two years, from and after the first of January next. Major Collins is an efficient and faithful Officer, and the fact that he did not receive a solitary Democratic vote, is certainly no derogation either to his ability or fidelity.

The election on Saturday for a Circuit Judge, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the elevation of Judge Pearson to the Supreme Court Bench, resulted in the choice of JOHN W. ELLIS, Esq. one of the Members of the House of Commons, from the County of Rowan. This result will doubtless take every one by surprise. It is but justice to say, that Judge BATTLE was run by his friends without his own knowledge; yet it certainly speaks but little for the intelligence of the Body—not exactly intelligence, either;—for in this instance we are led to believe, that influences of a different and less creditable character than the sacrifice of a reputation for such, were brought to bear upon this Election—to prefer Mr. ELLIS for the grave and responsible duties of a Judge, over a gentleman of Judge BATTLE's mature legal knowledge and erudition. The fact too, that this result was effected by Whig votes, will not enhance its acceptableness to the Whigs of the State. We forbear further comment, than the remark suggested by a friend at our elbow, that it is an election at which the Whigs feel vexed, and the Democrats ashamed! The vote may be found in another column.

Another unsuccessful vote for Senator has been had—resulting pretty much as did the former. Our regrets are increased, that we should have failed, a second time, from want of unanimity among ourselves, to secure a Whig United States Senator. We will only repeat what we said in our last number, (though sickly sensitive minds may take umbrage at what is unjustly and ungenerously called dictation,) that we hope for and expect a better state of things! So note it be!!

ELECTION IN YANCY.

The election held in this County on the 9th inst., has resulted, very contrary to the expectation of our Democratic friends, in the election of Calvin Edney, Esq.—a good and true Whig. This result renders our majority upon a joint ballot. Three times three cheers for Yancy!

If those of our Democratic Legislators, who were so exceedingly desirous that the voice of Yancy should be heard, and whose tender sensibilities were so shocked at the idea of important elections being held while a County was unrepresented, have not been sufficiently apprised of the fact, we would inform them that "the Member from Yancy has come!"

MR. SCHENCK'S PAINTINGS.

We had the pleasure, on Friday last, of seeing the Paintings of the Battle scenes in Mexico, executed by Mr. SCHENCK, a native Artist of Newbern.—They form a series of bold and impressive delineations, and are well worthy the patronage of an enlightened public.

In announcing in our last, the Committee to whom Mr. Steele's Resolutions were referred, we should have mentioned, as there are two gentlemen of the surname, that Mr. S. J. Person was the member of the Committee.

We would respectfully call the attention of our Board of Commissioners to the miserable condition of Fayetteville Street. A little labor and less expense, would render it at least passable!