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"This is the place of fair, delightful peace; / Swept by party rage, to live like brothers."

RALEIGH, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, NOV. 25, 1854.

THE LEGISLATURE.

It will be seen by reference to the report of proceedings, in another column, that William Hill, Sr., the present venerable Secretary of State, has been re-elected by an unanimous vote; and that ROBERT STRANGE, Esq., had been elected Solicitor for the Fifth Judicial Circuit, an office which he at present holds, under appointment by Judge Saunders.

Two important bills have been introduced in the House, by Mr. STEELE, of Richmond, one relating to partnerships in business, and the other proposing an increase in the salaries of the Governor, and other State officers.

Mr. BOWEN, of Ashe, with that public liberality and ardent devotion to the cause of literature, which so pre-eminently distinguish him, has presented a bill, it will be perceived, to abolish the office of Superintendent of Common Schools.

Several unsuccessful ballots have been had for an Engrossing Clerk.

The report of the proceedings will show that action has been had in relation to the Senatorships. We have neither time, space nor disposition to comment upon it, to-day, but shall await the final result. Messrs. Reid and Biggs, (wholly God and little flesh!) the nominees of the locofoco caucus, will, we presume, be elected; but we see no reason for the indecent haste manifested by the locofoco members to go into an election, other than an uncontrollable greediness to clutch the spoils of victory.

The hour at which our paper goes to Press allows us to present but an imperfect abstract of the doings of yesterday. (Thursday)

LATE FROM EUROPE.

A Canadian screw-propeller arrived at Portland, Maine, with Liverpool dates to the 7th, on the 22nd instant—being three days later than the Asia's news.

The news brought is of a most contradictory character. One statement has it that the attack on Sebastopol had not been renewed; another, that Sebastopol had positively been captured; and yet another, that Sebastopol was a mass of ruins!

Mr. Soule has been permitted to pass through France.

KICKING OUT OF THE TRACES.

A candidate for Assistant Doorkeeper to the Senate, who had received a written recommendation from the Editor of the "Standard,"—signed also by Gov. Reid,—received, our Ariel informs us, in the locofoco caucus, only five votes!

Would it not be better for such high functionaries to cease interfering in small matters?

It was reserved, remarks the "New York Herald," for Mr. Pierce, to galvanize the old native feeling into new life by his desperate disregard of his duty to his countrymen, and his reckless appointment of incapable, worthless foreigners to office. He has done the work well. First disgusting democrats with the democratic party to which he owed his elevation, and thus providing the new party with a splendid batch of available recruits, he has carried out the design to admiration by sending such men as Belmont, Soule and Owen to Europe, and providing the United States with representatives who neither represent the people, nor the spirit, nor the character of the nation.

MEETING OF CONGRESS.—The second session of the thirty-third Congress will assemble at Washington on next Monday week, the 4th day of December. A number of the members have already arrived at the capital and others are daily moving in that direction to secure good quarters for the session. Both houses have been put in order for their reception, and as the session is limited to three months, there will be more work and less waste of time than during the last session. The people have decided that a large majority of the present Congress should be relieved from further service, so that there will be no occasion for talking to "Bancombe."

While the locofoco presses down this way are contending that the Whigs are all Know Nothings, and vice versa, we find the Boston Post rejoicing that the "Whigs will have no influence in the Massachusetts Legislature, the K. N. outnumbering the whigs in the proportion of 346 to 67."

Won't do it.—The "Wilmington Journal" states positively that Mr. Ashe, who was recently elected President of the Wilmington and Raleigh Railroad Co., will not resign his seat in Congress. Mr. Ashe's position in this whole matter, including the circumstances of his election, is anything but an enviable one.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

We lay this important document before our readers to-day. That an apparently liberal and patriotic cast of sentiment prevails in it upon the subject of Internal Improvements, Education, and domestic policy, generally, is not to be denied; but there are peculiarities and tautologues in it that detract of its value as a State paper. For instance, the Governor thinks: "The amount of crime committed will compare favorably with that of any other State."

"In a government like ours, where the will of the people to a great extent controls public measures, Education is not only a subject in which every good citizen feels a deep interest, but it becomes one of great public importance, and demands the fostering care of the State."

"The greatness of a State depends upon her people."

"Agriculture is the great interest of the State, and upon its success depends the prosperity of all other industrial pursuits."

"Commerce in this age is an essential element."

"That which is comparatively valueless in one part of the world often becomes a vast mine of wealth when conveyed to another."

"A judicious system of Internal Improvements by the State has ever been regarded as a subject of great importance, and entitled to the favorable consideration of the General Assembly."

"Wild and visionary schemes should be avoided, and the credit of the State should be invariably maintained."

These are very true and common place observations, it is certain, and give this production the appearance of feebleness. A school boy in writing his first composition would be apt to incorporate these very hackneyed maxims.

But we have a much greater objection to the Message than its palpable imbecility,—especially to the remarks about commerce and internal improvements: perceiving, as we do, that the Governor has said nothing about the Eastern or Western extension of the great Rail Road scheme, now under construction,—nothing about the additional means necessary to complete the work,—nothing about anything in particular. We can not help the conclusion that these threadbare maxims and generalities were adopted on purpose to avoid coming to these points, and that there is, perhaps, more an excess of cunning than a want of ability, in the composition. It was known to his Excellency, that his elected successor came out in pretty much the same way, in places, and that he made out to get through. It is well known that there is a fragment of the locofoco party against internal improvements, and a general disposition to shy the subject. It looks, then, as if Gov. Reid was afraid of the effect of an open, manly recommendation upon his ulterior political prospects.

Whatever may be the motive, we lament that he has not from (what his friends call) his eminently practical mind, given us one distinct practical idea upon this great subject which he lauds so much in the abstract.

The only recommendation he makes is to our mind a miserable one, and, connected, as it is, with an incident not creditable to the wisdom or purity of those concerned, we regret much to see it in this message. It is that "in all cases where the State makes a subscription to a corporation, she ought to retain the right to be represented in proportion to her stock." This we hold to be wrong in principle and will be ruinous in all future schemes of internal improvement. Scaling has been the policy of this State in every charter heretofore granted. The facility with which large stockholders can combine against even a superior amount of capital in the hands of dispersed individuals suggested the idea of giving to the small share holder some proportioned advantage in voting.

Besides this consideration, something is due to the poor fellows in the concern, besides the mere length of the purse. They have bodies, and souls, and limbs, and sinews, and if ever fighting should become necessary to protect and defend these interests from foreign aggression, they are the reliance, the chief reliance of the State. Corn, Wheat, and Bacon are to be made. They are the substratum of all capital (as the Governor has elsewhere said.) Who makes these? Who carries on commerce? Who teaches Schools? Why, certainly, the small capitalists of the country. Who are invited into these copartnerships with the State? Are you going to say that the Governor's silk stocking proxy, with his commission in behalf of the State, shall overrule the counsel of perhaps five hundred good men and true, assembled in a meeting of stockholders? Who would go into such a concern? Who, being in, would go to a meeting where he was of so small account? Verily, this does not appear to us their good policy or good democracy. If Rail Roads are to be made political hobbies to be put into the hands of luckless politicians for their own immoderate purposes, then we deem the suggestion of his Excellency marvellously well calculated to answer the purpose. But if they are expected to redound to the advantage and character of the people, the more they are in the hands of the people, and under the management and control of individual interest, the more likely are they to succeed.

It seems to us that the same apprehension of something immediately in the path before him has caused the Governor to blink the question of taxation. He knows the amount of our State indebtedness, for he has stated it (\$2,390,270.31) and yet he has not told us what the present revenue is sufficient to meet the current demands on the Treasury. He has not specified a single object for taxation. He has made some incomprehensible comments upon the inequality of the present revenue law, but he has not said how they should be altered. It is true he refers to some recommendation which he made on a former occasion, but as that is not laid before us, we do not know how far it may meet the exigency of the case. He simply remarks that "no more money should be collected from the people than is necessary to defray the enormous expenses of a good government." Of course, this is slurring over the matter and is far from meeting the responsibility of his position. If we have any idea of

the duty of a Governor, it is that he should keep watch over the credit and finances of the State and give timely notice of the probable wants of the Treasury, and suggest the ways and means of meeting these wants.

As to the over-ridden hobby-horse, Free Suffrage, the Governor Reid has of course paraded him before the admiring eyes of the democracy, and puts in a claim for his biennial allowance of admiration and glorification. We hope that the Whigs will forbear to chase this old courser into other feats of chivalry, but will quietly let him walk round the track and then walk off.

Upon the whole, we can but look upon the message as a feeble and unsatisfactory State paper, and not at all calculated to enlighten the body to which it is addressed or add to the character of the State. We have no notice towards his Excellency. We think upon the whole, he has made a tolerably fair Governor. We believe him to be honest and as the successful rider of humbugs can well be; and now that he is about to receive the still higher honor of U. S. Senator, what we say will, we hope, not be set down to malice. We have a duty to perform, and we mean to do it, fearlessly; that is, to stand up against the progress of demagogism and delusion.

SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 22nd, 1854.

The Senate met according to adjournment. After the reading of the Journal, Jno. W. Thomas, of Davidson, and Chas. McCleese, of Hyde and Tyrrell, appeared, and, after having been duly sworn, took their seats.

Mr. Boyd introduced a bill to amend the Constitution. (Free Suffrage.)

Mr. Biggs offered a resolution in favor of H. Perry. Passed first reading.

The Senate then proceeded to the election of Secretary of State, when Mr. Hill, Sr., Esq., received a unanimous vote.

The Senate then proceeded to ballot for Solicitor of the 5th Judicial Circuit; when Mr. McDowell nominated Robert Strange, Esq., and Mr. Cherry nominated Ralph P. Burton, Esq. The latter was elected.

For Mr. STRANGE.—Messrs. Speaker, Ashe, Biggs, Bower, Boyd, Brogden, Clarke, Coleman, Collins, Cunningham, Drake, Eaton, Fennell, Fisher, Enville, Graves, Haughton, Herring, Hoke, Jones, McDowell, Martin, Mills, Morrissey, Oldfield, Sanders, Spragg, Walker, Wilder, Wood.—31.

For Mr. BURTON.—Messrs. Cherry, Christian, Davis, Eburn, Freeman, Gilmer, Graham, Lane, McCleese, Mitchell, Taylor, Thomas, of Davidson, Wiggins, Wiley.—14.

Mr. Haughton from the Committee appointed to superintend the election subsequently reported.

Whole number of votes cast (by the two Houses) 160; necessary to a choice 81. Of these Mr. Strange received 100 and Mr. Burton 60.

The Senate also had three unsuccessful ballots for Engrossing Clerk—the last ballot (joint), standing Joyner 56, Wheat 66, Powell 36, Smith 2. No Election.

The Senate then adjourned until Thursday, morning, at 11 o'clock.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 1854.

The Senate met according to adjournment. A message was received from the House of Commons, announcing its organization and readiness to transact public business.

On motion of Mr. Boyd,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Commons, proposing to raise a joint select committee of two on the part of each House to wait on his Excellency, the Governor, and inform him of the due organization of the General Assembly, and of their readiness to receive any communication he may have to make.

Mr. Bower presented a communication from the Secretary of State relative to the public printing.

Mr. Clark moved that a committee of five be appointed to prepare and report rules of order for the government of the Senate; when Messrs. Clark, Graham, Boyd, Haughton and Sanders were appointed.

On motion of Mr. Biggs,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House, proposing to raise a joint select committee to prepare and report rules for the government of the two Houses.

Messrs. Boyd and Morley, who were appointed Senate Committee to wait upon the Governor, reported that his Excellency would communicate with the two Houses to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

The Senate concurred in a resolution to provide curtains for the two Halls,—the rules having been suspended on the occasion.

Received a message from the House of Commons, proposing to go into an election for Solicitor in the 5th Judicial District, to-morrow, at 12 o'clock. Agreed to.

Also, to elect an Engrossing Clerk to-morrow at 11 o'clock. Agreed to.

Also, an election of Secretary of State at 10 o'clock.

A resolution in favor of S. D. Pool was passed through its several readings, under a suspension of the rules.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 1854.

The House met according to adjournment, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

On motion of Mr. Bynum, the rules of the last session were adopted for the government of the House during the present session.

Mr. Steele offered a resolution that a message be sent to the Senate, reporting the House ready for the transaction of business. Carried.

Mr. Caldwell offered the following Preamble and Resolution, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, The time has arrived for the renewal of the Charters of the Bank of the State of North Carolina, and the establishment of other banking institutions, or substitutes for them, and the State being largely interested in said Banks, as a stockholder, and the present Legislature being desirous to obtain full and correct information, especially as to the profits of said institutions, prior to any legislation on the subject thereof:

Resolved, That the Presidents and Cashiers of said Banks be requested to furnish, at their earliest convenience, to this Legislature, a tabular statement of the condition of each Bank, annually made on their Capital Stock since the year 1853; also, the amount paid into the public treasury, and the present amount of their contingent fund.

A committee on the part of the House to superintend the election of Engrossing Clerk was appointed, consisting of Messrs. White, of Gaston, and Winston. On the election of Solicitor, Messrs. Shepherd and Bryson.

Mr. Dorch, on behalf of the Committee, reported rules for the government of the House, and on their concurrence. Carried.

Erastus D. Smith, of Wake, by Mr. Rand, J. W. Powell, of Warren, by Mr. Jenkins, Neil McNeil, of Robeson, by Mr. Norment, John H. Wheat, of Orange, by Mr. Vance, W. H. Joyner, of Franklin, by Mr. W. K. Marjin.

The first ballot stood:

For Mr. POWELL.—Messrs. Speaker, J. Barnes, Badlam, Blow, J. E. Bynum, J. B. Byrum, A. H. Caldwell, Conder, Dargan, Durbin, Pirt, M. Green, A. D. Hendon, Hill, Holland, Humphrey, Jenkins, Johnson, Jordan, Long, Myers, S. J. Neal, Selby, Shaw, Smith, Waugh, Wattle, Whitlock, S. A. Williams, D. Williams and Wright.—31.

For Mr. WHEAT.—Messrs. Amis, Barringer, Boggs, Bronson, D. Caldwell, Carmichael, Chadwick, Cook, Craven, Daniel, Davenport, Earg, Furr, Gorrell, J. H. Headen, Horton, J. M. Leach, Hugh Leach, March, Mann, Mordant, Outlaw, Patterson, Parks, Patton, Perkins, Phillips, Rolin, Shipp, Sharpe, Stubbs, Thomburg, Vance, Walker, Wilkins, Winston, B. F. Williams and Toney.—38.

For Mr. JOYNER.—Bryant, Ballock, Cotton, Dunn, Garland, Gentry, Jarvis, Lancaster, Love, Lyon, Martin, McMillan, Mebane, J. W. Neal, Oglesby, Rose, Russell, Shepherd, Sherrill, Sutcliffe, J. H. White, N. B. Whitfield.—14.

For Mr. McNEIL.—Messrs. Coffield, Daughtry, G. Green, Houston, A. J. Jones, McDuffie, Meares, Norment, Regan, Settle, Simmons, Steele, C. M. White, N. B. Whitfield.—14.

For Mr. SARRA.—Messrs. A. Barnes, Rand, Tomlinson, and Whitaker.—4.

The report of the Committee on Rules governing the Houses was concurred in.

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Mr. Williams, of Greene, offered an amendment to strike out 10 o'clock, and substitute 9 o'clock, A. M.

The original resolution was adopted.

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Mr. Dorch, of Wayne, proposed the election of Secretary of State at 10 o'clock, A. M. next day. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Bynum, of Rutherford, that the House adjourn till 10 o'clock next day.

Mr. Singletary remarked that the House was awaiting a message from the Senate; whereupon Mr. Bynum withdrew his motion.

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WHEREAS, The time has arrived for the renewal of the Charters of the Bank of the State of North Carolina, and the establishment of other banking institutions, or substitutes for them, and the State being largely interested in said Banks, as a stockholder, and the present Legislature being desirous to obtain full and correct information, especially as to the profits of said institutions, prior to any legislation on the subject thereof:

Resolved, That the Presidents and Cashiers of said Banks be requested to furnish, at their earliest convenience, to this Legislature, a tabular statement of the condition of each Bank, annually made on their Capital Stock since the year 1853; also, the amount paid into the public treasury, and the present amount of their contingent fund.

A committee on the part of the House to superintend the election of Engrossing Clerk was appointed, consisting of Messrs. White, of Gaston, and Winston. On the election of Solicitor, Messrs. Shepherd and Bryson.

Mr. Dorch, on behalf of the Committee, reported rules for the government of the House, and on their concurrence. Carried.

Erastus D. Smith, of Wake, by Mr. Rand, J. W. Powell, of Warren, by Mr. Jenkins, Neil McNeil, of Robeson, by Mr. Norment, John H. Wheat, of Orange, by Mr. Vance, W. H. Joyner, of Franklin, by Mr. W. K. Marjin.

The first ballot stood:

For Mr. POWELL.—Messrs. Speaker, J. Barnes, Badlam, Blow, J. E. Bynum, J. B. Byrum, A. H. Caldwell, Conder, Dargan, Durbin, Pirt, M. Green, A. D. Hendon, Hill, Holland, Humphrey, Jenkins, Johnson, Jordan, Long, Myers, S. J. Neal, Selby, Shaw, Smith, Waugh, Wattle, Whitlock, S. A. Williams, D. Williams and Wright.—31.

For Mr. WHEAT.—Messrs. Amis, Barringer, Boggs, Bronson, D. Caldwell, Carmichael, Chadwick, Cook, Craven, Daniel, Davenport, Earg, Furr, Gorrell,