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'Ours' are the plans of fair, delightful peace, Unwarped by party rage, to live like brothers.'

RALEIGH, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, JAN. 13, 1855.

### THE LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate, on Tuesday, the Bill to re-charter the Bank of Cape Fear was under consideration and underwent considerable discussion, but no action was taken.

In the same body, on Wednesday, an appropriation for the construction of a Ship canal to connect the waters of Albemarle and Currituck Sounds with Chesapeake Bay was carried through by a vote of 44 to 31. This is the first opportunity that the Senate has had of indicating its disposition upon the subject of Internal Improvements, and we congratulate the people of the State upon the favorable promise which their action holds out.

On Thursday, Mr. Fisher, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported in favor of the Bill concerning the Cape Fear and Deep River improvement; and the Bill dividing the State into eight Judicial circuits, and designating the circuits, passed its second reading.

In the House, on Tuesday, Mr. Shepherd, from the Committee on Finance, reported that the present indebtedness of the State is \$3,495,663,—that the present rates of taxation are inadequate to the demands upon the Treasury,—and that a new and sufficient system should be fixed upon.

On the same day, the Bill for the People's Bank (the title of which has since been changed to that of the Bank of North Carolina), being under consideration, the House was addressed by a number of gentlemen, whose names appear in the regular report of proceedings.

On Wednesday, the Banks were again under discussion, but no result was arrived at.

On Thursday, the Resolutions introduced by Mr. Leach upon the subject of the Public Lands were defeated, by the casting vote of the speaker, (Mr. Hill.) We shall have something to say in this connection hereafter.

The consideration of Mr. Baxter's French Broad Railroad Bill comes up to-day, (Friday.) That gentleman addressed the House on Thursday in a very able speech upon its merits.

The Bill to re-establish Polk county has passed its final reading in the House by a vote of 57 to 43.

### "THE NEW PARTY."

We have marked with some degree of care the expressions of opinion upon this subject by the press of the State, and although we have arrived at no satisfactory conclusion in regard to its opinions, as a whole, yet we have observed enough to convince us that, where the opposition is strong, it is based upon a misconception of the objects of "Know Nothingism," as we believe them to be, or else upon the still more foolish belief that it is the resuscitation of a party which our opponents have done us the honor to consider defunct. Because an association is secret in some of its operations, it is therefore argued that it must be corrupt, and as a sequence, of course, because its members are exclusively Americans, it can involve nothing less than the subversion of our free institutions. Religious intolerance, it is argued, is one of its leading features and a desperate and unrelenting warfare upon the rights of conscience marks its progress. In all this, much has been found opposed to the spirit of our free institutions, and while some men, in simple honesty of purpose, have believed this version and acted accordingly, there are not wanting numerous and glaring instances of individuals, and the press, too, lending themselves and itself to the propagation of this slander, for the least purposes of self-aggrandizement.

It is a fact, however, worthy of the highest consideration that, while, on the one hand, the loudest of these complainants denounce the secrecy with which this organization operates, they should on the other possess so much and accurate information in regard to its character. There are a certain class of men, and we do not know but that it is one of the leading frailties of our species, who strike without reflection, blindly and impetuously, at whatever object may puzzle their ingenuity, wound their pride or excite their envy.

We do not know any of its secrets, but we do not hesitate for a moment to declare that, so far as the intentions of the "new party" have been revealed, they are just and right.

SWISS BELL RINGERS.—This celebrated corps of musicians are giving a series of their delightful concerts in this City to very large audiences. Their entertainments are every way worthy of patronage.

In connection with the able Report of Maj. GWYN, which we publish to-day, we invite attention to the interesting communication from Mr. Lenoir.

Nothing of importance has been transacted in Congress, since our last summary.

FEARFUL AND FATAL ACCIDENT.—Yesterday, about one o'clock, the steam saw mill of Mr. Wm. H. Beebe & Co., in Northampton county, N. C., exploded, killing three negroes and injuring two others seriously. The engineer, Mr. George Conner, was also injured, but fortunately, not to any great extent. The mill, itself, is a mass of ruins. Of the cause of the accident we have not been informed.

Medical attention was procured as soon as possible from Hixson and the wounded carried for.—See Side Dem.

LUANATIC ASYLUM.—We are indebted to Dr. E. O. FISHER, the highly efficient Superintendent of our Lunatic Asylum, for a copy of his Report to the Board of Commissioners. It presents a most satisfactory exhibit of the progress of the work under his charge, and bears on its face flattering testimony to the judicious management with which it has been conducted. The Dr. says, in the conclusion of his Report:

"In view of the urgent demand there is on the part of many in the State, and the practicability of accomplishing it, we may safely estimate that a space of twelve months more will be ample time for the completion of the remainder of the work, and enable your board to put the institution into operation.

In order that you may submit the same to the consideration of the Legislature, I present the following list of items yet to be performed, with the probable cost of each, making the aggregate amount of seventy thousand dollars required for disturbance during the ensuing year, and necessary to equip the Asylum for the reception of the first patients which I respectfully suggest should be applied for at the approaching session of that body.

ESTIMATES FOR COMPLETION.	
Plastering, stuccoing, &c.,	\$15,000
Warming apparatus,	14,000
Ventilating do.	1,600
Steam engine, pumps, &c.,	2,500
Water apparatus tanks,	4,000
Painting, with materials,	5,000
Cooking, washing and drying apparatus,	2,000
Gas fixtures,	6,000
Furniture for building,	15,000
Locks, wire gratings, &c.,	2,000
Contingencies,	3,000
	\$70,100

We hope and believe that the Legislature will promptly grant the appropriation required for the completion of this noble monument of State beneficence.

### STATE LEGISLATURE.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10, 1855.

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Mr. Steele offered an amendment, which was adopted.

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Mr. Dargan opposed the bill at considerable length. Mr. Baxter moved that the Committee rise and ask leave to sit again. Mr. Shepherd, as Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee was not yet ready to report on the bill, and leave was granted to sit again.

On motion of Mr. S. A. Williams, the House adjourned.

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By Mr. Mills, from the committee on the Lunatic Asylum, reported a bill to complete, furnish and enclose the Lunatic Asylum, which passed its first reading.

Mr. Wilder, from the committee on public buildings, a resolution appropriating \$1,000 to furnish the Executive Mansion; passed its three readings.

Mr. Boyd presented a resolution instructing the committee on Education to inquire into the propriety of so amending the Common School law, as to all-women committees to employ teachers, whether they receive a certificate from the Examining Committee or not.

Mr. Taylor introduced a bill establishing a lien upon steamboats, ships and all other vessels, and for recovering debts against them.—Referred to the committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

The following bills were introduced and appropriately referred:

By Mr. Graham: a bill to establish a library of documents for each House of the General Assembly.

By Mr. Speight: a bill to provide for the payment of jurors in the county of Greene.

By Mr. Wood: a bill to confirm a grant heretofore made Elijah W. Piggett of Carteret County.

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up prior to the order of the day, the hour for which had passed. The Chair directed against taking up. An appeal was taken from the decision to the sense of the House. The Chair was sustained.

Mr. Garland: a resolution in favor of D. B. Baker and others. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Homphrey: a bill to incorporate the Richlands and New River Plank Road Company. Read first time and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Simmons: a bill to incorporate the Trenton and Halkville Plank Road Company. Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. N. B. Whitfield, a bill to incorporate the town of Warsaw.

On motion of Mr. Steele, the bill to incorporate the People's Bank of the State was taken up for a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Barringer, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, and the Chair was taken up by Mr. Shepherd.

Mr. D. F. Caldwell addressed the House upon the interesting question before the House until the hour arrived for taking a recess.

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valuable statistical information relative to banking capital and money resources to the United States. For spoke of the capacities of Wilmington for commerce, in the improvement made in the river and harbor, and the situation of the city.

Mr. McMillan offered an amendment.

Mr. W. R. Martin moved to amend by striking out the words "or their equivalent."

Mr. Phillips said he was in favor of the amendment, and meant to vote for it in every bill introduced into this House. There is a principle involved in that amendment. If banks are to issue two or three times more than the specie they have in their vaults, it is putting a rotten currency in circulation. If we charter all the banks which it is proposed to charter, we shall have a dozen paper dollars to every silver dollar. He opposed the chartering of these new banks.

Mr. Myers reviewed the remarks that had been made, and wished to know in case those banks were established, where the specie was to come from, which was to be the basis of their circulation. He contended that the old banks must be broken up and their vaults emptied. It came from the old banks alone.

Mr. Phillips said the gentleman proved very conclusively that the new banks ought not to be chartered, and continued to remark on the want of a sufficient basis in the State for the chartering of these new banks. He contended that there was no safe or permanent and unfluctuating equipment for gold and silver.

On motion of Mr. Baxter, the committee rose.

Mr. S. A. Williams, reported progress and asked leave to make a report. Report concurred in. At the request of Mr. Steele, Mr. Outlaw moved to reconsider the vote by which the majority report of the committee on Banking was ordered to be printed. The vote was reconsidered, and the bill was taken up.

### SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

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A number of bills from the Committee on the Revision were read the first time.

The engrossed bill to extend the time to perfect the title to lands was read three times and passed.

The engrossed resolution in relation to the Public Treasurer passed its first reading. Its second reading was postponed till to-morrow.

Personal explanations were made by Messrs. Biggs and Gilmer relative to the debate on Free Suffrage.

Mr. Oldfield introduced a bill to incorporate an academy in Jones County.

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The bill to incorporate two academies in the town of Asheboro.

A bill concerning the Fayetteville and Centre Plank Road Company.

A bill for the better regulation of the town of Hillsboro.

A. J. Jones, a bill to repeal an act concerning the enrollment of young men of 18 years of age in the Militia. Read and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Houston, a bill to authorize County Courts to appoint Commissioners to mark off the dividing lines between Sampson and Duplin counties.

On motion of Mr. Dortch, the House went into Committee of the Whole, and the discussion on the bill to recharter the State Bank was continued.

Mr. Mann was in favor of the amendment, and stated his reasons for supporting it in a brief but clear manner. He said it would have the effect of increasing the circulation of gold and silver, and he had no doubt but that small change, which is now so scarce, would become more plentiful. It is a reform in banking, and like all other reforms, likely to be opposed and mistrusted at first. He hoped the amendment would be adopted.

Mr. Dargan made a few remarks in favor of the amendment.

Mr. Walser said he was not yet convinced he was wrong. He was not certain at first that he was altogether right, but since he had heard the arguments from the friends of the measure, he was more fixed in his opinion than ever.

Mr. Mann supported the amendment. Said he knew very little about banking. He argued that if paper be the representative of specie when it is in circulation, the specie it represents is locked up in the vaults of the banks, and therefore the more paper there is in circulation, the more it abstracts gold and silver.

He did not oppose the issuing of paper; he was aware that to do away with it would be an injury. He spoke of the general unwillingness to exchange silver for the small ragged notes in circulation, a specimen of which he held in his hand, and for which no one in this House or elsewhere would give a silver dollar.

Mr. Craven objected to the amendment. Mr. S. A. Williams supported it. He said that when the measure was first proposed in Virginia, nothing could be more unpopular, and petitions were drawn up against it, but in six months after its adoption, there was more silver in circulation than there had been for five years previous.

Mr. Winston followed in opposition, and Mr. Outlaw followed in support. One was read, and on motion, the Committee rose, reported, and asked leave to sit again.

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On motion of Mr. Daniel, the bill to incorporate the central gold and copper mining Co. was taken from the table and placed among the bills for second reading.

On motion of Mr. McDuffie, a bill to emancipate Betty, a slave, was taken up and read second time. On the passage of the bill the eyes and noses were demanded by S. A. Williams.

The bill passed by a vote of 47 to 12. Mr. Steele moved that the Slavery Resolutions, introduced by him, and laid on the table, some weeks ago, be made the special order of the day on Wednesday next at 12 o'clock, and demanded the eyes and noses on his motion. Ayes 44, noes 35. Motion lost.

Mr. Leach then moved to make it the special order of the day on Monday week. Mr. Singletary moved that the resolutions be taken up now and voted on. Agreed to, and the resolutions were read.

Mr. Dortch moved an indefinite postponement, on which motion W. F. McKesson demanded the eyes and noses. Ayes 55, noes 57.

On the passage of the resolution the Ayes and Noes were demanded. Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs. Barringer, Baxter, Bogle, Bryson, J. G. Bynum, A. H. Caldwell, D. F. Caldwell, Chadwick, Cook, Craven, Daniel, Dargan, Davenport, Eare, Furr, Garton, Gentry, Gilliam, Gorrill, G. Green, Harrison, A. H. Headen, H. H. Hewden, Horton, Johnson, Jones, Lancaster, H. Leach, J. M. Leach, Love, McKesson, Mann, Marsh, Mebane, Mordecai, S. J. Neal, Outlaw, Parks, Patterson, Patton, Perkins, Phillips, Rolen, Russell, Shipp, Sharpe, Simms, Smith, Steele, Stubbs, Thornburgh, Tordoff, Yand, Walser, Williams, B. F. Williams and Winston.—57.

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### SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

The hour having arrived for taking up the French-Broad Rail Road bill, which was made the special order of the day, it was taken up for a third reading. The Clerk was proceeding to read the bill, when Mr. J. G. Bynum interrupted by requesting Mr. Baxter to withdraw the bill for the present. Mr. McKesson supported Mr. Bynum, and said he thought a withdrawal due as a matter of courtesy to other gentlemen.

Mr. Baxter in reply urged the passage of his bill now, and proceeded to address the House on the merits of the bill in a very interesting speech.

The bill was postponed till to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

An engrossed bill from the Senate to erect Polk Co. was taken up for a third reading, when Mr. D. F. Caldwell addressed the House in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Winston said that the remark applied to Napoleon Bonaparte by an English historian, that it was necessary to make a new map of Europe every two or three years, would very fully apply to this State, if all the new counties proposed should be erected. The time would then soon arrive when there would be 120 counties, and then the large counties would be no better represented than the small. Mr. Winston spoke at considerable length in opposition to the bill.

Further debate ensued, and the bill was finally passed by a vote of 57 to 43. Recess.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

On motion of G. Green, an Engrossed bill for the emancipation of John Good was taken from the table and read a second time. Passed.

Mr. Blow moved that the rules be suspended and the bill on its third reading, which motion the eyes and noses were demanded by Mr. Whiteaker. Ayes 51, noes 17. The bill was read a third time. On its passage the eyes and noses were demanded by Mr. Daughtry. Ayes 60, noes 28. Bill passed its third and last reading.

On motion of Mr. Tomlinson, a bill was taken up authorizing the construction of a dam across Neuse River. Mr. Singletary objected to the bill. Mr. Singletary said a few words to say on this matter. A dam had been constructed by Dr. Watson, which had been authorized by a former Legislature, which he (Mr. Mordecai) objected to. He said his reason against it, was that he thought he would introduce a bill himself which would be better than either.

Mr. Singletary asked why it was that persons who had at one time opposed this dam should now come out in favor of it.

Mr. Tomlinson replied at some length. Mr. Mordecai said he would not object to the bill, but he would object to the bill, if it was not for the fact that it was a dam across Neuse River.

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