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HERITABLE COMPLIMENT. The following very merited compliment to Hon. C. R. Thomas, we take from the Goldsboro News. We endorse every word of it.

Personal.—Hon. C. R. Thomas passed here on Saturday on his way to Washington. We were glad to find the Honorable gentleman in good health. He carries with him to the scene of his labors the same earnest and hearty good wishes of his whole constituency, in whose behalf he has so long and so ably labored. As a patriot, a statesman, a scholar, and a Christian, the second congressional district so ably represented in anti-slavery days by a Stanley and a Buffin, may well feel proud of him on whom the mantle of these honored predecessors has fallen; and we have no fear but his efforts will be to heal the troubled waters.

The Tribune, in commenting upon the President's message, finds "much more to approve than condemn," but for once the old philosopher and great agriculturist has put his foot in it, for in the same article he refers to the proposed postal telegraph very much in the same style as he tells "What I know about farming." He assumes that the system will not pay, but by his argument, virtually admits that established lines are worth three times what they cost.

"Then as to 'uniting the Telegraphic system of the United States with the Postal system,' can the President be so ignorant that this means buying out the present stockholders in telegraphs at treble the cost of constructing the existing lines, and thus enriching a small number at the expense of the great body of their fellow-citizens? He ought to know this; for we warned him of it personally a year ago, and then advised him that the people would not stand it. Mr. President! he is entreated to get out of this job and keep out! It is certain to damage you if you do not; for there will be a revolt and odor generated by its consummation. Thirty millions are to be taken out of the Treasury by it to pay for property that never cost ten millions; and not one dollar of that thirty millions will ever come back again. Indeed, you tell us that the proposed system would 'secure the further advantage of extending the telegraph through portions of the country where private enterprise will not construct it.' Not a doubt of it! Only throw the boot of extending and maintaining the telegraph on those who don't use it, and we can have poles and wires, offices and batteries, telegraphers and operators, where there is no business, and probably never will be. But, until the Post-Office is made to pay its own way, we insist that it shall let the telegraph alone. Now will Congress vote otherwise, unless the members are paid with other than legitimate inducements, to go wrong?"

In order to show how far the Tribune assumes in making the President responsible for the proposed purchase of existing lines, we quote his language, which, in our humble judgment, is nothing more nor less than a broad, enlightened and comprehensive suggestion to Congress, and entirely non-committal upon the question of purchase.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT. The enlarged receipts of the Post-Office Department, as shown by the accompanying report of the Postmaster-General, exhibits a gratifying increase in that branch of public service. It is the index of the growth of education and of the prosperity of the people; two elements highly conducive to the vigor and stability of republics. With a vast territory like ours, much of it sparsely populated, but all requiring the services of the mail, it is not at present to be expected that this Department can be made self-sustaining, but a gradual approach to this end from year to year is confidently relied on, and the day is not far distant when the Post-Office Department of the Government will prove a much greater blessing to the whole people than it is now. The suggestion of the Postmaster-General for improvements in the Department, presided over by him, are earnestly recommended to your special attention; especially do I recommend favorable consideration of the plan for uniting the telegraph system of the United States with the postal system. It is believed that by such a course the cost of telegraphing could be much reduced, and the service as well, if not better, rendered. It would secure the further advantage of extending the telegraph through portions of the country

where private enterprise will not construct it. Commerce, trade, and all the efforts to bring a people and a nation into community of interest are always benefited by a rapid inter-communication. Education, the ground-work of republican institutions, is encouraged by increasing the facilities to gather speedy news from all parts of the country. The desire to reap the benefit of such improvements will insure a permanent attention. I refer you to the report of the Postmaster-General for full details of the operations of last year, and for comparative statements of results with former years.

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY.

From the Raleigh Carolinian.

SENATE.

TWELFTH DAY.

Monday, Dec. 4, 1871.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock. Mr. Graham of Orange in the Chair. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Atkinson of this city.

Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Several bills introduced and referred.

Mr. Robbins, of Davidson, introduced a bill to re-enact section six, chapter one hundred and two, of the Revised Code. Referred.

Mr. Love introduced the following preamble and resolutions relative to printing public laws, which was adopted:

Resolved, That there was a great complaint, and the same well founded, in the year 1869 and also in 1870, against the Secretary of State or the Public Printer, or both, for the seemingly unnecessary delay in the printing and distribution of the public laws;

And whereas, There were stringent acts passed at the session of 1870-71, to remedy this intolerable grievance;

And whereas, The delay aforesaid, is perpetrated in despite and in utter disregard of the legislation aforesaid, therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Printing be and they are hereby requested to enquire of the Secretary of State, whether or not he has complied with chapters 65 and 165, laws of 1870-71; whether he is now complying with the 25th section of the last named chapter, and if not, why not?—and if no default is found in said Secretary that said Committee further enquire of the Public Printer the cause of this unreasonable delay, and report in writing at an early day, by bill or otherwise, that this vexatious delay may be removed.

Mr. Gilmer introduced a bill to establish a Board of Immigration. Referred.

Mr. Gilmer introduced a bill to amend the charter of the North Western North Carolina Railroad Company. Referred.

The absence of Messrs. Adams and Moore was extended.

Senate bill to authorize collection of arrears throughout the State, was read third time.

Mr. Gilmer moved to insert the year 1868, and advocated the passage of the bill. Passed.

Messrs. Olds, Love, Murphy and Norman, opposed the amendment.

Mr. Brown favored the amendment. The yeas and nays were called and the amendment was lost.

Mr. Mainly offered an amendment which was rejected.

The bill passed its third reading.

Message was received from the House of Representatives transmitting Senate bill to enable the Petersburg Railroad Company to erect a bridge across Wacoake River, with amendment was concurred in.

The hour for the special order having arrived, House resolutions not to allow the Auditor's report to be published with the public laws of the State, was read.

Mr. Love moved to amend so as to include the Constitution of the State in the prohibition. Adopted.

The title of the resolution was amended and the resolution then passed second and third readings.

Senate bill concerning joint contracts, passed third reading.

Senate bill in regard to joint contracts of bonded writers, failed to pass third reading.

Senate bill to allow the transfer of certain causes pending in the late Courts of Equity, passed third reading.

Senate resolution authorizing the Governor to offer a reward of two hundred dollars for the apprehension of Luke Johnson, a criminal under sentence of death, who recently fled to jail in Nash county, passed third reading.

Senate bill to consolidate the Planter's Railroad Company and the Wilmington & Onslow Railroad Company, passed third reading.

Senate bill to incorporate the Board of Railroad Company, passed third reading. The calendar having been exhausted, the Senate, on motion of Mr. Cook, adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TWELFTH DAY.

Monday, Dec. 4, 1871.

House called to order at the usual hour. Speaker Jarvis in the Chair. Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Atkinson of this city.

Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Justice, a resolution to raise a joint committee to investigate certain charges against Col. Lee M. McAfee, and other members and officers of the General Assembly. Calendar.

Mr. Gayther, a resolution instructing the Public Printer not to move for judgement against delinquent sheriffs who have failed to settle public taxes for year 1871, until the 31st of December, unless in his opinion it shall appear that the interest of the State would be injured. Calendar.

Mr. Dudley, (C.) a resolution requesting a resolution in favor of James H. Moore, Public Printer, passed at the session of 1870-71, authorizing the Treas-

Mr. Justice, a resolution to raise a joint committee to investigate certain charges against F. N. Strickland, and other members and officers of the General Assembly. Calendar.

Mr. Dudley, (C.) a bill to repeal an act entitled "An act to amend the Municipal officers to be voted for on a separate ballot." Referred.

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Mr. Maborn, (C.) by consent, a resolution to raise a joint committee to investigate certain charges against F. N. Strickland, and other members and officers of the General Assembly. Calendar.

Under a suspension of the rules, a resolution requesting the Secretary of State to withhold from the public the names and addresses of the artificial life not belonging to the State was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Justice, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

House bill to be entitled "an act to amend chapter 178, section 8, laws of 1868-69, also to amend section 29, subdivision 2, of said chapter was taken up and passed several readings.

Under a suspension of the rules a resolution requesting the Treasurer to report the amount of money paid out for the Fraud Commission was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Martin the resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Cuthbert, (colored), moved that the House adjourn.

House bill to be entitled "an act in regard to the attendance of witnesses in civil cases upon the regular terms of the Superior Court was taken up and on motion laid on the table.

House bill to abolish the office of State Geologist, was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Waring, the bill was postponed until the next order for Tuesday next, at 11 o'clock.

The Calendar being exhausted, the House adjourned.

On motion of Mr. Joyner, of Johnson, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Printing.

House Resolutions to appoint a Joint Committee to investigate certain charges against Col. Lee M. McAfee, and other members and officers of the General Assembly, was taken up.

Mr. Sparrow moved to lay the resolution on the table. Lost, yeas 23, nays 47.

Mr. Justice moved to insert the words "Loyal Leagues and other political societies."

Mr. Justice moved to postpone the resolution until the 15th day of December next, to the Committee on Privileges and Elections. Lost.

The yeas and nays being called on the amendment, offered by Mr. Dusham it was adopted by yeas 38, nays 2.

Mr. Crawford moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was adopted by the following vote: Yeas—46. Nays—52.

Mr. Justice gave notice of his intention to enter his protest against the action of the House.

Message from the His Excellency, the Governor, transmitting the report on the Finance Commission.

Mr. Gayther moved that the message and reports be transmitted to the Senate, with a proposition to print three copies for each member. Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Sparrow, the House adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

SENATE.

THIRTEENTH DAY.

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 1871.

Spoke met at 10 o'clock. President in the chair. Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Mason of the city. The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Graham, of Orange, from Finance Committee reported a resolution calling for statement of the public debt, with a report in accordance with the resolution. Passed.

Mr. Dargan from the Judiciary Committee reported a resolution, § 23 of the Code of Civil Procedure, and recommended that it do pass. Calendar.

Mr. Graham, of Alamance, reported a bill relative to a certain act of the State and Companies, with an amendment. Calendar.

Senate bill to incorporate the Altamaha Coal Company, passed second reading.

On motion of Mr. Gilmer, the yeas were suspended, and the bill passed third reading.

The hour for the special order having arrived, Senate bill to amend the charter of the Chatham Railroad Company, was taken up.

Mr. Gilmer offered an amendment that the Chatham Railroad Company be not released from extending their road to the Gulf, in Chatham county, unless they pay a sum not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars to the Western Railroad Company.

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