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WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 14, 1855.

So great has been the demand that we have published in pamphlet form and now have ready the article that appeared in our paper a short time since, setting forth, at some length, the principles, aims and objects of the American party. Those who wish to get them by leaving their orders at this office, or by calling in person. Price 5 cents per copy, or \$5.00 per hundred.

Accidents in our office that we could neither foresee or prevent, compel us to defer any editorial, and also to leave out other matter that we had intended for this issue.

Foreign News.—The steamer Atlantic arrived at New York on the 9th instant. Affairs in the Crimea remain unchanged. There was great dissatisfaction in the English Cabinet. Lord John Russell had resigned. It is reported that the feeling of the people decidedly in favor of peace. The cotton market had improved.

LEGISLATURE OF N. CAROLINA

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

NIGHT SESSION.

MONDAY, Feb. 13, 1855.

House called to order. Mr. Morison protested against his bill concerning Watson's dam being postponed until 9 o'clock. He said if the bill had no merits he desired it might fall if it had merits he desired that it might be considered in due time. It had been said the bill was unconstitutional—he had no desire to introduce such a bill. He would introduce a resolution on the subject—his friend Walsh was drawing it up—he thought the House ought to pass a resolution, but if the House thought differently he did not care a damn. A bill authorizing the Commissioners of Salisbury to subscribe to certain roads was read the second and third times and passed.

A message was received from the Senate informing that the Senate disagreed to the amendment of the House concerning the Geological Survey.

Mr. Jenkins moved that the House insist upon its amendment.

Mr. J. G. Bynum hoped the House would reconsider the amendment. He thought the Survey should not be stopped, if it resulted beneficially, so far, to the State and he hoped the humiliating spectacle might not be presented of the State failing to accomplish the task it had committed.

Mr. Jenkins hoped the House would insist upon its amendment and wait until the question was put to a vote. He thought the Survey had never been of any advantage to the agricultural interests.

Mr. Jordan thought the House should reconsider its amendment.

Mr. Jenkins again read the House.

Mr. Steele called Mr. Jenkins if he had ever read the report of Prof. Enmons. Mr. Jenkins replied he had. Mr. Steele could not understand then how the gentleman from Warren could insist the Survey had been of no benefit to the agricultural interests.

Mr. Bullock thought it all a useless expenditure of public money.

Mr. McKesson thought the Survey should be continued.

On motion to insist on the amendment, Mr. Jenkins called the yeas and nays. The House resolved—yeas 49, nays 34.

The bill in relation to the Cherokee lands passed its third reading.

A message from the Senate informing that the Senate had adopted a resolution providing that the bill in relation to the Cherokee lands should be considered in due time.

The bill to repeal an Act authorizing Dr. Watson to erect a dam across Neuse River was taken up under special order and read the second time.

[House divided.] Mr. Tomlinson addressed the House in opposition to the bill. He thought it was a proposal to destroy property, it was clearly unconstitutional. He spoke of the great crowd of strangers and the fun that was expected. He was willing for all to have their fun but he desired the proposition to have a candid consideration. He wanted the matter disposed of and have no more of the bill.

Mr. Morison withdrew the bill and offered a preamble and resolution as a substitute. [Provides for the prosecution of the owners of the dam by the Attorney General in case it shall be proved that it is not constructed according to the requirements of the Act of 1850 and '51.]

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turn down and I ask it for three of this Legislature. I have looked over the bill, Sir, if they were to call on me at midnight to aid them I would rise and flap my wings. [Great laughter.] The fish of all kinds, even the little "horney-heads" have been blocked up by one man, and Sir, I don't believe it is right—I hope my resolution will pass—that first bill I don't want to pass.

I see, Sir, in the gallery some of my fair constituents, and I know, Sir, if they had a voice on this floor they would endorse what I have said, and say—yea, ye, ye, ye. [Tremendous applause and laughter.]

The substitute was adopted, and the House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Perkins, of Halifax.

SENATE.

Feb. 6th, 1855.

Mr. Clarke presented a memorial from Wm. D. Cooke in relation to a Map of the State of N. Carolina, which was sent to the House of Commons with a proposition to raise a joint committee to take into consideration the whole subject.

Mr. McKesson introduced a resolution that the Attorney General be instructed to inquire into the issue of certificates of deposit for one and two dollars by the Farmers Bank at Elizabeth City.

Mr. Person moved to amend by inserting the Mutual Insurance Company of Greensboro, and the Bank of Fayetteville.

Mr. Hayner moved, as a substitute, that the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the facts, and to ascertain what proceedings ought to be instituted, which motion prevailed.

The resolutions were debated by Messrs. McKee, Biggs, Cherry, Hoke, Graham, Gilmer, and Bayner.

A number of engrossed bills were read the first time.

A message was received from the House of Commons in relation to the bill in relation to the Rev. Statutes concerning Agriculture and Geology.

Mr. Person introduced a resolution that the Public Treasurer be instructed to receive in payment of public dues any bills of a less denomination than three dollars, and of first time.

Mr. Person moved to incorporate the South Yankin Navigation Company.

Mr. Haughton a bill concerning the Ward Gold Mining Company. Read three times and passed.

The special order—the bill to incorporate the Greenville and Francis Road Railroad Company—was taken up.

Mr. Thomas of Jackson, offered an amendment that the company shall complete the road within ten years, which was lost by yeas 13, nays 21.

Mr. Thomas also offered an amendment that the Wilmington and Charlotte Railroad shall be constructed in equal parts, which was rejected by yeas 6, nays 33.

The bill passed its third reading by yeas 23, nays 8.

Mr. Graves moved to reconsider the vote, for the purpose of voting in and on the question.

The Senate refused to reconsider.

Mr. Bayner introduced a bill to amend the charter of the Bank of Fayetteville, which was read the first time.

The Senate agreed to the amendment of the House of Commons in relation to the bill in relation to Wm. S. Ballinger to erect a dam across Neuse River.

On motion of Mr. Person, the Senate took up the bill to improve the Navigation of Roanoke River.

Yeading its consideration, the Senate took a recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Senate was principally engaged upon private bills. The Charlotte and Raleigh Road passed its third reading, and several Plank Road bills.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

House met at 10 A. M.

After reading the Journal, on motion of Mr. J. M. Leach, leave of absence was granted Mr. Parks of the committee on the passage of certain resolutions.

Mr. Walker introduced a resolution in favor of certain witnesses attending the General Assembly.

Mr. Smith a resolution concerning the preparation of a map for the reception of Geological and Mineralogical and Agricultural statistics.

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The amendments and the bill were discussed at considerable length.

The amendment of Mr. G. Green was adopted.

Mr. Winston moved to strike out all that portion of the bill providing for the construction of the Road from Fayetteville to Beaufort, this was rejected—yeas 42, nays 55.

The House then took recess.

House met at 7 P. M.

No quorum present.

Mr. Outlaw moved a call of the House and afterwards withdrew it.

A bill to increase the capital stock of Dismal Swamp Canal passed its second reading.

A resolution in favor of Messrs. Robinson and Patton passed its second and third readings.

A bill authorizing the town of Charlotte to subscribe to certain corporations was read the second and third time and passed.

A bill to amend the charter of the town of Salisbury was read the second time.

Mr. A. H. Caldwell offered an amendment giving the citizens of the town jurisdiction over the licensing of the sale of intoxicating liquors.

A discussion arose, Mr. A. H. Caldwell explained, Mr. Singletary said he could stand it if the gentleman from Rowan could. Mr. Gilliland thought since it was the wish of the Legislature that it would be officious in the Legislature to say that they should have the internal management of their own town.

Mr. Singletary said there could be no objection but it was the wish of a large majority of the citizens to have it incorporated in their charter and he should therefore vote for the amendment.

Mr. S. A. Williams called the yeas and nays. The amendment was adopted—yeas 42, nays 31.

The bill then passed its second reading. The bill was read the third time, and passed.

A bill incorporating the Town and Harbor Plank Road was read the second and third time and passed.

A bill to amend a portion of Edgewood's laws was read the second and third time and passed.

A bill for the relief of John Barnes was read the second and third time and passed.

Also, a bill authorizing a Toll Bridge across Blue Creek in New Hanover.

Also, a bill to prevent the filling of timber in North East River.

A bill to establish a public road in the county of Yancy was read the second time and rejected.

A bill to incorporate the Laurel Turnpike Company was read the second and third time and passed.

A bill to incorporate the Elston Female Institute.

Also, a bill to increase the pay of Jurors in Onslow.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the Charlotte and South Carolina Railroad Company.

Also, a bill incorporating the Asheville Mutual Insurance Company.

Also, a bill to amend the Act incorporating the town of Edenton.

Also, a bill incorporating the Richlands and New River Plank Road.

Mr. Barringer moved a reconsideration of the vote concerning the liquor clause in the charter of the town of Salisbury.

Mr. Normal, from the committee on Agriculture, reported adversely on the bill incorporating the Virginia and North Carolina Agricultural Society.

Mr. Vance, a bill incorporating the Young Men's Literary Society of Asheville.

Mr. McKesson, a bill to enlarge the powers of the Commissioners of the town of Morganton.

A number of messages were read from the Senate informing of the passage of various private bills.

Mr. Patterson moved to take up the bill incorporating the Tennessee and North Carolina Railroad. Referred.

The bill incorporating the Railroad running from the Coal Fields of Chatham to Beaufort was taken up. Several amendments were withdrawn.

Mr. Sutton moved an amendment to intersect with the Atlantic road at Kingston.

Mr. Turner moved to amend by striking out all that portion of the bill relating to Warsaw.

A long debate arose on the amendment and the general merit of the bill. Mr. Turner thought the road should not be extended east of Warsaw.

Mr. Baxter expressed a willingness to aid the friends of the bill in securing its passage.

Mr. Steele advocated the bill and thought the road should be built. Mr. Gurrd doubted the propriety of the road being built, or rather the State engaging in the work.

Mr. J. G. Bynum, a bill incorporating the Raleigh and McDowell plank road.

Mr. Holland, a bill to pay Taxes Jurors in Clay County. Lost on the table.

Mr. J. G. Bynum, a bill concerning the town of Butlerfield.

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Mr. T. H. Williams moved by inserting Wednesday. The amendment was accepted.

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The bill to reconsider prevailed—yeas 25, nays 27.

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The Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to the bill to incorporate the Western North Carolina Railroad Company.

The Senate then took up the bill concerning the revenue. Pending its consideration the Senate took a recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Senate was engaged all the afternoon in the consideration of the Revenue bill.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

House met at the usual hour, and after reading the Journal.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. J. M. Leach, Popin and Steele.

The committee on the Judiciary reported several bills.

A resolution was adopted appointing certain persons Directors of the Lunatic Asylum, which was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Whitaker introduced a bill incorporating the Raleigh and McDowell plank road.

Mr. Holland, a bill to pay Taxes Jurors in Clay County. Lost on the table.

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The Senate then resumed the consideration of the Revenue bill. After being amended in several particulars, the bill passed its second reading by yeas 21—nays 8.

Mr. Jones introduced a resolution providing for holding night sessions, which was adopted.

The bill to improve the navigation of the Roanoke River, was read the third time and passed by yeas 25, nays 15.

The bill to provide for the construction and repair of public roads, was read the third time and passed.

The joint resolution from the House of Commons, appointing nine directors of the Lunatic Asylum, was rejected.

The bill for a more equitable valuation of real estate, amended and committed to a select committee of three.

The Senate then took recess.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Senate was mostly engaged on private bills and bills of a local nature.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

February 9th, 1855.

Convened at 10 o'clock, and the Journal read.

A bill incorporating the Carolina Hotel company passed its third reading by suspension of rules.

The Committee on Internal Improvements reported a bill in relation to the charter of the Fayetteville and Raleigh plank road.

The Committee on Claims reported a resolution in favor of Wilson Atwater.

A message was received from the Senate informing of the passage of a resolution in favor of Mr. Winder.

The House disagreed to the amendment.

Mr. Waugh in behalf of the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, submitted a lengthy report on sundry memorials on the subject of the liquor traffic submitted to them during the Session.

The report was adverse to the prayer of the memorialists, and the Committee asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Lott moved that the Report be printed.

Mr. Lott hoped it would not. He said it set out with the proposition that such a law would be unconstitutional; and it had been decided by the Supreme Court of the United States that the Maine Law even, a law that he did not advocate, was Constitutional in its provisions, the question very naturally presented itself which was the most reliable authority, the Supreme Court of the United States or the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Instead of its being printed as a Legislative document, he thought "The Freedom's Binds" the most appropriate medium through which it should meet the public eye.

A motion was made to lay the report on the table, which was lost, and the motion to print prevailed.

A bill chartering the bank of Wilmington, was read the first time.

The bill incorporating the Yadkin Navigation Company was read the second time under a special order and passed—yeas 88, nays 21.