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CAPTIONS

Of acts and resolutions passed by the General Assembly of North Carolina at its session of 1868–'69.

ACTS.

An act to be entitled "an act to incorporate the Cooper's Association of Wilmington.

An act to lay off a public road in the counties of Davie and Davidson and establish a ferry across the Yadkin river.

An act to authorize the commissioners of Duplin county to levy a special tax for building and repairing bridges in said county.

An act to incorporate the Phœnix transportion company.

An act to incorporate the Norfolk and and Currituck Railroad company.

An act to incorporate the Albemarle Loan and Trust company.

An act to incorporate the North Carolina Planters's Mutual Insurance and Loan company.

An act to prevent the hunting wild fowl with fire in Carteret and other counties.

An act to incorporate the Norfolk and Currituck Railroad Company.

An act to enable commissioners to purchase bonds.

An act to revise and amend the charter of the Tuckasegee and Nantihala Turnpike Company.

An act in relation to taking shad and herring in the waters of Neuse river and Contentnea creek.

An act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Wayne to levy special tax for county purposes.

An act for the relief of Rufus K. Ferrell, late Sheriff of Wate county.

An act to abolish and prevent the erection of a toll gate on the Little River Turnpike, which by an act passed and ratified the 15th day of December, 1865, surrendering that part of the road north of C. C. Orr.

An act to authorize David Loftin to collect arrears of taxes for the years 1867–'68.

An act to charter the Bank of Cumberland.

An act to relieve John J. Foley, sheriff of Pitt county.

An act to authorize the county commissioners of Wilkes county county to levy and collect special tax.

An act for the relief of B. Wallace, sheriff of Duplin county.

An act to faciliate the transfer of business from the military to the civil courts.

An act to extend the corporate limits of the town of Fayettville.

An act to provide for funding the matured interest on the public debts, ratified August 20th, 1868.

An act to incorporate the North Carolina Fertilizing Company.

An act to incorporate the Halifax county Co-operative Business company.

An act authorize Rufus Galloway, late sheriff of Brunswick county, to collect arrears of taxes.

An act in favor of paying the funeral expenses, &c. of Hon. Richard I Wynne deceased.

An act to provide for a system of public instruction.

An act to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within three miles of that portion of the Western North Carolina Railroad from Morganton to the Western terminus of the road at Ducktown and Paint Rrock.

An act to incorporate the North Carolina Iron, Steel and Metallurgical company.

An act authorizing Joseph Cobb, late Sheriff of Edgecombe county, to collect arrears of taxes.

An act to authorize county commissioners of Madison county to levy a special tax.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate Jamestown, in the county of Guilford, ratified, the——day of February 1869.

An act to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Martin to levy a special tax to repair bridges and for other purposes.

An act to incorporate the Southern Land Company.

An act authorizing the County Commissioners of Brunswick county to levy a special tax.

An act to empower W. T. Rhodes, R M. Orrell and others to remove obstructions out of the Cape Fear River between Fayetteville and Northington dam.

An act to incorporathe Coble Lodge, No. 264, F. A. M. In Guilford county.

An act to extend the corporte limits of the town of Lumberton.

An act to authorize the late sheriff of Yadkin county to collect the arrearages of taxes. For the year 1865–'67.

An act to legalize an election held in the town of Marion, McDowell county, on the 4th day of January, 1869.

An act for the relief of T. F. Lee, sheriff. Directs the Auditor and Public Treasurer to settle with him for the amount of taxes due the State on the tax list when turned over to him by his predecessor, R. K. Ferrell.

An act to authorize Samuel R. Bunting, late sheriff of New Hanover county to collect arrears of taxes due him. For the year 1866–'68, the power to collect to cease at the 1st of January, 1870.

An act authorizing the North Western N. C. Railroad Company to receive subscriptions in bonds, &c., to the capital stock of the Company.

An act to amend title 7, section 72, Code of Civil Procedure.

An act for the relief of Jesse Sumner sheriff for the county of Buncombe. Releases him from a fine of $1,000 for failing in due time to pay his tax for the year 1868.

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the University Railroad Company.

An act to incorporate the Joeph C. Abbott Fire Relief Association of Wilmington, N. C.

An act concerning public bridges and roads in the county of Robeson. Authorizes the county county commissioners to lay off new roads and discontinue old ones, and to erect new bridges and repair old ones; also to fine those wh refuse to work the roads, not to exceed $5 in any one case.

An act for the relief of Mary Crowder. Allows her to marry again without being subject to a criminal prosecution therefor.

An act to authorizes the construction of a toll bridge across Haw River.

An act to change the name of the town of Nahunta,, in Wayne county. To "Fremont."

An act to raise additional revenue in the county of Green. Authorizes the levying and collecting of a tax of 10 mills on the dollar of real and personal property, to pay off county debt.

An act to authorize the commissioners of Northampton county to levy a special tax, &c. Not to exceed $2,000, for the purpose of repairing bridges.

An act to authorize Clay county to levy a special tax. To pay off its indebtedness.

An act to authorize the commissioners of Union county to levy a special tax. To pay $4,000 or upwards, interest on her bonds, due the present year.

An act ts authorize the commissioners of the county of Robeson to levy a special tax. Not more than 20 cents upon the $100 valuation of moneys, credits, &c., to pay off the county debt.

An act to empower the county commissioners of Wake county to levy a special tax. Not exceed $5,000, for the support of the poor, and to meet other necessary expenses.

An act to allow the county commissioners of Alexander to levy a special tax.—Not to exceed $3,000, for the purpose of repairing the public buildings and to pay the debt of the county.

An act to allow the commissioners of the town of Rutherfordton to levy taxes and for other purposes. To repair streets side-walks, &c.

An act to authorize the Board of commissioners of Wilson county to levy a special tax.

Not to exceed $6,000 to pay the county debt.

An act to authorize the commissioners of Washington and Rutherford counties to levy a special tax. Not to exceed $4000.

An act authorizing the county commissioner of Stanly county to levy a special tax. $5,000, to build a jail.

An act to authorize the county commissioners of Randolph county to levy a special tax. Not to exceed $5,000 to support the poor, &c.

An act authorizing the commissioners of Iredell county to levy a special tax. $5,000 to build a jail.

An act to incorporate the Yellow Mountain Bridge Company.

An act to incorporate the Davidson Railroad Company.

An act to authorize the construction of a railroad through the counties of Granville, Person, Caswell, &c.

An act to incorporate the Raleigh Co-operative Land and Building Association.

An act to establish the Wilmington Water Works Company.

An act to provide the procedure in special proceedings generally, and in application for widow's year's support and in dower.

An act relating to the weighing of rosin at the port of Wilmington.

An act supplemental and amendatory to an act in regard to the Western N. C Railroad Company.

An act for the relief of John A. Long, sheriff of the county of Richmond. Authorizes him to collect arrears of taxes for the years 1866–'67.

An act to amend the charter of the Silver Valley Mining Company.

An act to incorporate the Trustees of the county of Macon.

An act to incorporate the Wilmington Hook and Ladder company, ratified Feb. 26 1869.

An act to provide for the appointment of entry takers.

An act to charter the town of Henderson.

An act to authorize the Board of Education to sell the stock now owned by the Public School Fund in the Cape Fear Navigation Company.

An act to relieve Rufus Galloway, late sheriff of Brunswick county. Relieves of him of a penalty of $1000 for failure to settle, at the proper time, with the Public Treasrer.

An act to forbid the sale of spirituous liquors on the line of the North Western N. C. Ralroad. Prevents sale of liquor within five miles on each side of the road, offenders being deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

An act to extend the corporate limits of the town of Tarboro.

An act to prevent the obstruction of fish in Little river to K. B. Whitle's mills in Johnston County. Fines offender $50 or one month's imprisonment.

An act to amend an act entitled an act entitled an act to incorporte the Plaster Banks and Salt Works Railroad Company, ratified May 30, 1864.

An act to authorize the Swift Island Manufacturing Company to establish a public ferry across Peedee River near their factory.

An act to amend an act relative to the Wesfern Turnpike Road, ratified March 17, 1869.

An act to give Clay county the benefit of her own bonds [as derived from the sale or entry of lands, the proceeds of which being in the hands of Jacob Siler, are to be applied to works of internal improvement in Clay county.]

An act to incorporate Wm. T. Bain Lodge No. 231, of A. Y. M. in Wake county.

An act to incorporate the Sparkling Catawba Springs Company of the county of Catawba Springs Company of the county of Catawba.

An act to authorize the construction of a railroad from the town of Edenton in this State to the town of Suffolk in Virginia.

An act to cede to the United States a certain tract of land in Wake county for a soldiers cemetery.

An act to incorporate the town of La Grange in the county of Lenoir.

An act to authorize the commissioners of Halifax county to levy a special tax for building and repairing public bridges and building in said county.

An act to incorporate the Fayetteville Co-operative Land and Building Association.

An act to empower the commissioners of Cumberland county to lay a special tax. Levies a tax of not more than $2.50 upon the $100 valuation of all moneys, investments in trade, &c.

An act to be entitled an act concerning an entry taker.

An act to incorporate the town of Durham in the county of Orange.

An act to authorize the erection of a bridge across John's River in Burke county.

An act to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to renew the charter of the Richmond Manufacturing Company, passed at the present session of the General Assembly.

An act to incorporate Mebanesville Lodge No. 272, A Y M, in the town of Mebanesville, in the county of Alamance.

An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Union church association at Company Shops.

An act in relation to a Plank Road.

An act to amend an act entitled an act relative to the Western Turnpike Road.

An act to incorporate the Wake county co-operative Business company.

An act to incorporate the Pineville Water Power and Manufacturing company.

An act to incorporate the old North State Insurance Company.

An act to charter the Bank of Asheville, N. C.

An act to charter the bank of Greensboro'.

An act to incorporate the Peoples' Gas Light company.

An act to amend the charter of the city of New Berne, and to authorize an issue of bonds by the same.

An act to incorporate the Middle Falls Manufacturing Company in Richmond county.

An act entitled an act to enable the Chatham Railroad company to complete its road.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolution concerning an act to regulate the salaries and fees of the Supreme Court Clerk.

Resolution in regard to the per diem and mileage of Richard I. Wynne, deceased.

Resolution concerning committee of investigation into the affairs of the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal Company.

Resolution in favor of Mrs Mary Wheaton.

A resolution amendatory of a joint resolution in relation to banks, ratified 21st of December, 1868.

Resolution in reference to publication of certain acts. The Secretary of State to have printed and forwarded to each member of the General Assembly ten copies of each public act passed at this session.

Resolution in favor of W. J. W. Crowder. To pay him $150.

Resolution to sell the State rights in the Fayetteville and Warsaw Plank road.

Resolution is favor of A. B Guthrie, late Sheriff of Orange county, and his sureties.

Resolution directing the Secretary of State to forward certain acts to certain county officers.

Resolution instructing Public Treasurer. Forbids him not to pay D. J. Pruyn for work done on stockade, until the Superintendent certifies that the work is done according to contract.

Resolution appointing a Board of Public charities. Appoints Dr. Eugene Grissom, G. W. Welker, Dr. Wm. Barrow, Dr. G. W. Blacknall and George W. Gahagan.

Joint resolution in relation to direct trade.

Joint resolution authorising enrolling clerk to employ clerical force. To be paid $7 per day.

Resolution authorizing the commissioners of Polk county to levy a special tax.—Of $1,200 annually for three years.

Resolution to pay the actual expenses of the penitentiary committee. Not to exceed $124.

Resolution to allow the county commissioners of Richmond county to levy a special tax. The sum of $7,000 to pay county debt and to complete the public works.

Resolution to print laws passed by this Generally Assembly with the Constitution that the people generally of the State will hail with delight the coming among us from abroad all permanent settlers, &c.)

Resolution providing for payment of a clerk to the committee of investigation a bribery and corruption. (Allows $60.)

Resolution for the relief of W. M. H. Moore. (Releases him from a fine of $1,000 for failing to make return in time for an extract of the taxables of Brunswick county.)

Resolution in favor of T H Alexander, late clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the county of Tyrrell.—[Releases him of a penalty of $1,000 for failure in due time to make return of taxables.]

Resolution for the relief of A J Johnson, late clerk of the County Court of Onslow. Remits judgment against him for $1,000 for failure in proper time to return an abstract of taxables.

Resolution in regard to special tax on whisky. [Requests our Senators and Representatives in the U S Congress to endeavor to have repealed the law requiring a special tax of $400 on distilleries, and to exempt from the purchase of a "metor," those who manufacture less than 300 gallons.]

Resolution in favor of T C Humphries, late sheriff of Currituck county. (Allows him until January 1st 1870, to collect arrears of taxes for the year 1866 and 1867.

Resolution extending time given to joint committee on banks. [Extends the time to 60 days instead of 30 days in which to make report.]

Resolution in favor of A J. Murray, sheriff of the county of Haywood [Remits a penalty of $1,000 against him.]

Resolution for the relief of D A Spivey, late tax collector of Greene county. Releases him of a penalty of $1,000 for failing in due time to make returns to the Public Treasurer.

Resolution relative to the mint at Charlotte. Requests the N. C. representation in Congress to use their influence to re-establish the mint, and to have the same put in immediate operation.

Resolution in relation to raising a joint committee to consider the erection of a State's prison.

Resolution in relation to the Public Treasurer. Authorizes the appointment of a committee of six to investigate charges against the Treasurer.

Resolution in favor of A L Parton, late tax collector in Macon county. Authorizes him to collect arrears of taxes for the year 1867.

Resolution in favor of J C Byers, sheriff of Cleveland county. Gives him until January 1st, 1870, to collect the unpaid taxes for the year 1867.]

Joint resolution ratifying the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States, styled article XV.

Resolution raising a joint committee of three on the part of each House, to report a bill for the relief of the people of North Carolina.

Resolution in favor of Wm Thompson, W D Jones, Wm Grimes and R K Ferrell. Directs the Public Treasurer to pay them in the aggregate $457,43.

Resolution vacating the seat of John A. Oates, Senator elect from the 16th Senatorial district.

Senate resolution on absent members. Refuses *per diem* to those Senators having an indefinite leave of absence, also to those absent beyond their time of leave, unless such absence was occasioned by sickness.

Resolution for the relief of Robert B Wood, Jr, and his sureties, D E Bunting, P W Fanning, Samuel R Bunting and John Jones.

Resolution in favor of the reporters of the two Houses of the General Assembly. Appropriates $400, to be paid the four regular reporters of the *Standard* and *Sentinel.*

Resolution instructing our Senators and Representatives in Congress to vote for a repeal of the tenure-of-office law.

Resolution in favor W E. Murrill, sheriff of Onslow county. [Allows him until January, 1870, to collect arrears of taxes for the year 1866 '67; also releases him of a penalty of $1.000.]

Joint resolution in regard to holding two sessions per day.

Resolution declaring vacancy in the 41st Senatorial District: Declares vacant the seat of A C Avery.

Resolution in favor of A C Avery, Senator elect from the 41st District. Authorizes the Public Treasurer to pay Major Avery his per diem and mileage up to the time his seat was declared vacant.

Resolution concerning the mileage and per diem for members banned by the 14th amendment of the Constitution of the United States Allows up to the 16th of July pay of per diem and mileage to those members of the House in actual attendance, who were banned by the 14th amendment.

Joint resolution to allow the Legislature to take a recess. During Christmas.

Resolution in regard to mortgage bonds of the North Carolina Railroad Company.

Resolution on tobacco tax.]Requests the N. C. Representation in Congress to use their endeavors to have the tax reduced 32 cents to 10 cents per pound.]

Resolution for the relief of James Cansler, sheriff of Macon county. Releases him from a penalty of $1000 on account of delinquency in making tax returns, and allows his commissions, and per diem and mileage.

Senate resolutions in regard to Senate Library. Requests the Librarian to procure five copies of the laws of 1866—'67 to be placed in the Senate library.

Senate resolutions in regard to map of the State. Returns thanks to Rev S Pearce for the loan of his map to the Senate.

Joint resolution providing for a committee of investigation. In reference to bribery and corruption charged by rumor and otherwise on members of the General Assembly.

Senate resolution instructing committee. Authorizes the committee on the sale of the State's interest in the public works to call upon the Governor for information as to any proposal make to him to purchase the same, &c.

Resolution in favor of the late county court clerk of Haywood. Remits judgment of $1000 against W W Melford for failure to make returns in due time of the abstract taxable property of Haywood county.

Senate resolution appointing a committee of inquiry. To consist of three Senators to inquire into the facts attending the purchase of the Penitentiary site.

Joint resolution to raise a joint committee to investigate the management &c, of the Bank of North Carolina. Provides for the appointment of a committee of five of the two Houses, with power to employ counsel and to send for books and papers.

Joint resolution in regard to Banks, in which the State is interested as a stockholder. Provides that a committee of five shall be appointed to set during the session, and to enquire the number and names of debtors and creditors, the circulation on May 1st, 1861, the amount redeemed since May 1865, the amount outstanding on 1st and 31st May, 1865, the number of depositors at the date of suspension, and on Nov. 1st, 1868, the number and amount of deposit paid during the war, the property and the value thereof belonging to said banks, the amount of specie on hand at suspension, and on Nov. 1st, 1868, &c.

Resolution of J. W. Fisher. Releases him from a penalty of 1,000 for failure to make return of abstract of the property of Jackson county.

Joint resolution concerning the sheriff of Carteret county. Authorizes him to collect the taxes due for the years 1866—'67.

Resolution in regard to the co-operation of the State of North Carolina and the State of Tennessee in certain railroad enterprises. Requests the Tennessee legislature to send to Raleigh a delegation to confer with a committee of seven of the North Carolina Legislature in reference to certain railroad interests in which the two States are interested.

Resolution in favor of J. C. Gullick.—Releases him from an emercement for failure to make return of the enlisted tax of 1868 for Henderson county.

Resolution in favor of the Sheriff and Register of Deeds of Green county. Releases W S Edwards and W J Taylor from the judgments against them for failure to make the returns as required by their respective offices.

Resolution in favor of the sheriff of Tyrrell county.

Senate resolution instructing the committee on corporations. Instructs them to report adversely on all bills, the objects of which could be attained under general laws.

Resolutions instructing Code commissioners to report a compilation of charters, acts, &c.

Resolution asking our representatives in Congress to use their influence to revive and re-open all the mail routes and post offices heretofore existing in North Carolina.

Resolution in relation to improvement of the navigation of the Cape Fear River. Ask the N. C. representatives in Congress to endeavor to secure an appropriation from the general government to improve the navigation of the river.

Resolution in favor of W. H. White.

Joint resolution to provide an office for the State Auditor.

Resolution to provide an office for the State Auditor.

Resolution to provide an office for the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Resolution for the relief of the sheriff of Beaufort county. Releases D T Carrow from penalties incurred for failure to make tax returns in due time for the year 1867.

Resolution in favor of Jesse R. Weaver, late county court clerk in and for the county of Buncombe. Releases him of penalty of $1,000 for failure to send forward in time the abstract return of taxes.

Resolution to annul a portion of a joint resolution in regard to the rooms in the Capitol building.

CORRESPONDENCE.

For the Old North State.

UNIVERSITY OF VA.,
April 20th. 1869.

MR. EDITOR:—While a student at Chapel Hill I learned to love the Old North State—her university—her sons—and (may I not confidentally say) her daughters. Several years have rolled away since those happy days, but Carolina and her *sons* are now and will ever be remembered with affection and regarded with deepest interest.

It is this circumstance that increases the pleasure it always gives me to pay a deserved tribute to merit and add an humble laurel to the wreath that crowns the successful brow. Perhaps others have more promptly informed you of the success of your young statesman, Mr. C F McKesson, as anniversary orator of the Jefferson Society. On the 13th of the present month, the anniversary of the birth of Thos. Jefferson, the large hall of our University was decked with the choicest "pretty things" the inimitable Jaccheri could furnish, and illumined with a good taste that was only equalled by the brilliance of the dazzling lights. Of course the *"the lovely, the fair and the beautiful"* were present in large numbers, looking if possible, more charming then ever, and eager to *see and be seen*—and, principally (of course, though I had almost forgotten to mention it) to allow their own silvery voices to be silent for a short period, while listening to the captivating tones of the handsome young orator. The Jefferson Society first marched to the lawn, to the inspiring music of the Richmond band; having then halted and formed in two ranks facing each other, they remained until their guests, the Washington Society, had marched through and taken the front seats reserved for them. The old Jeff. then went forward to the inspiring notes of "Pat Malloy." Next came the Faculty and the blushing young orator, accompanied by the kind and efficient committee under the supervision of your fellow statesman Mr. Zach. Fulmore.

The exercises of the evening began with prayer from our chaplain. Then the excellant band delighted us with one of their most touching strains. The President, Mr. R. S. Williams of Mobile Ala., then introduced to the audience, Mr. S. P. Tuck of Annapolis, Ind., who read the "Declaration of Independence," in clear and distinct tones. A shower of boquets and another sweet air from the band followed. The President then introduced the orator of the evening—Mr. Charles F. McKessen of Morganton, N. C. Never did "Charley" look better, say his oldest acquaintances, and we think we may safely venture to say—never spoke more sweetly, more eloquently, more successfully. After an appropriate and graceful indtroduction, he announced as his subject, "The influence of surroundings on men." His subject was opened with a tribute to woman's influence, which was manly, sensible and beautiful, and therefore well suited to his division of his subject at heart in the sense of the *third* adjective. But you must not imagine that *this* was the most substantial part of the oration.

The orator treated his subject in a masterly manner, giving universal satisfaction, and causing his friends and his society to feel justly proud of him. He He pointed out gracefully and forcibly, the many instances in which some men bad moved and risen with the tale of circumstances, while others more meritorious met with defeat and hence with condemnation and disgrace. Next he noticed the influence of climate on a people—and in the 3d place—the influence of good and evil governments, both on the people and the literature of a nation. Then followed a few striking examples of men who have risen in spite of surrounding obstacles—and an eloquent appeal to his fellow students to remember these brilliant examples in the world's history, and taking arms from knowledge and experience, to convert every opposing obstacle into fresh fuel for immortal fame.

I have of course, given you a very condensed and imperfect description of the oration. It was characterized not only by sound argument, but by a richness of imagination, and a musical sweetnes of expression, which held his audience enchained with delight and admiratoin. The speaker was frequently greeted with applause and, when he bowed his graceful adieu, cheer after cheer filled the large and brilliant hall. The music which followed, was almost drowned by the numerous and hearty congratulations of a host of friends and admirers—and then came the fairy scene on the lawn, on each side of which there is a row of students rooms and Professors houses, having in their front a continuous arcade, which was illuminated for the occasion by beautiful lanterns of many colors. In the centre of the lawn sat the band, in a stand prepared for the purpose hung with lanterns of the same brilliant hues. And then—such promenading, &c., it seemed that the days (or nights rather) of the fairies was returned. As for myself, the music then was *sweetest* to my ears.—But if I may Judge from appearances the fair ones found *sweeter music* as they hung on the arms of their respective escorts—and "the boys" *perchance*, were under the influence of a similar delusion

With their usual hospitality, the professors threw open their houses to welcome visitors, who lingered till the *"wee sma hours"* around the festive board—the social circle—and the merry dance. Carolinas may well be proud of their representive at our noble University. I share their pride—having only one cause for regret and complaint, which is, that *not one* of their fair daughters came to make our hearts even gladder and prouder than they already were. But from necessity rather than choice we forgive them—heaven bless them—"with all their faults we love them still." Mr. McKesson will we sincerely hope, be with us another session. He will then complete his preparation for his profession—*the Law.* May he always meet with success such as he has gained with us. His return to his State will be no unenviable accession to the ranks of our young men. In the name of his numerous friends here, we congratulate those of his own State, on the laurels he has won. And now farewell. Yours truly,

"A. VIRGINIAN."

"Talk about bedbugs!" said Bill Jones who had been across the Plains. "You should have seen some of the critters I met in Idaho last spring. I stopped one night with some settlers who lived in a log cabin, containing only one room and a loft. When it came time to go to bed they strung a blanket across the middle of the room, and the settler's family slept on one side of it and give me the other. I laid down to go to sleep, and the bedbugs began to gather like lunch eaters around a free 'lay-out.' I tried to kiver up and keep away from'em, but the pesky varmints would catch hold of the bedclothes and pull them from me. They didn't think nothin' of draggin' me around the room if held on. I fit 'em till about midnight, and then I looked around for some way of escape. There was a ladder reachin' up into the loft, and I thought the best way to get away from the blood-suckers was to get up thar, so I did. There wasn't any bugs in the loft, so I laid down, congratulatin' myself on my escape. Pretty quick. I heard the ladder squeakin' as if somebody was comin' up. Bimeby I saw a bedbug raise himself up through the hole made in the floor and looked carefully around the loft, Soon's he saw me motioned to his chums below—the bloodthirsty cuss—and cried exultan'ly, "Come up, boys; he's here!"

That was a smart girl who consoled herself with the thought that the same wind which disturbed crinoline blew dust into the eyes of wicked young men who were standing on the corner to observe the effect.

Comodore Cornelius Vanderbilt recently had a narrow escape from death by drinking, in mistake, from a bottle containing a deadly bed-bug poison. The fluid burning his mouth, he speedily spit it out, and fortunately received no material injury.

The wife a retired soldier, living at Nun's Hill, near Palparaiso, has recently brought forth twins at a birth, four boys and two girls and is suckling her children herself.

Among those who desire to show their patriotism by serving in public office is one of the ladies from the Revolution office in New York, who is an aspiant for a position as Indiana agent.

A PROCLAMATION,

BY HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR HOLDEN.

WHEREAS, It is provided by section 18th of "An Act amendatory of the Act to incorporate the Western North Carolina Railroad Company, ratified the 15th day of February, 1855, and of all other acts amendatory thereof," ratified by the General Assembly of North Carolina on the 29th day of January, 1869, that "in the event the amendments proposed herein to the charter of the Western N. C. R. R. Company shall be accepted by the stockholders, as hereinbefore provided, it shall be the duty of the Presidents of the Eastern and Western Divisions of said Road to notify the Governor of the State of said acceptance forthwith; and the Governor shall then immediately make proclamation thereof in three newspapers within the State, whereupon this act shall be in full force and effect:"—

AND WHEREAS, James J. Mott, President of the Eastern Division of the Western North Carolina Railroad Company, and Geo. W. Swepson, President of the Western Division of said Company, have certified to me that at a joint meeting of the Stockholders of both Divisions of said Company, held in the town of Morganton, Burke county, North Carolina, on the 7th day of April 1869, a majority of the stock being represented either in person or by proxy, the question of the acceptance of the amendments to the original charter of the Western North Carolina Railroad Company, and of the acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, was submitted to the Stockholders in joint meeting assembled, and that they voted unanimously for the acceptance of the same:—

Now therefore I, WM. W. HOLDEN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim and declare that the aforesaid "Act amendatory of the Act to incorporate the Western North Carolina Railroad Company, ratified the 15th day of February, 1855, and of all other acts amendatory thereof," IS IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Done at our city of Raleigh this the 8th day of April, one thousand [L. S.] eight hundred and sixty-nine, and in the year of the independence of the United States the 93d.

W. W. HOLDEN, Governor.

By the Governor:
W. R. RICHARDSON, Act. Priv. Sec'y.
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