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LEGISLATURE.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Cowles asked leave of absence for Mr. Harris of Rutherford. Granted.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

The bills granting aid to the Coalfield & Cheraw R. R. Co. Mr. Jones moved that the bill be laid on the table temporarily. Agreed to.

Mr. Gash moved that the bill establishing a penitentiary, be postponed for the present and under the special order for Tuesday next at 12 o'clock. Agreed to.

A bill to authorize certain counties to subscribe capital stock to the Coalfield & Cheraw R. R. Co. Passed its second reading.

Mr. Leach, by permission, a bill to incorporate the North Carolina Dental Association, prohibiting persons from practicing dentistry who are not members of the organization. Referred to committee on corporations.

Mr. Covington moved that the rules be suspended and the bill authorizing certain counties to subscribe capital stock to the Coalfield and Cheraw Railroad, be put upon its third and last reading.

The rules were suspended and the bill passed its third and last reading.

Mr. McKee moved that the bill regulating the appointment of magistrates and justices of the peace, be taken up and considered. Agreed to.

Mr. McRae offered a resolution for the same, giving the county courts the power of recommending persons suitable to fill the places of justices of the peace.

Mr. Moore moved the reference of the substitute to committee on judiciary.

Mr. Paschal moved to lay the substitute on the table.

Upon this question the yeas and nays were demanded and the substitute was tabled by yeas 24 and nays 14.

A bill to amend an act for the relief of persons as may have suffered from the destruction of records and for other purposes, passed its second reading. On motion of Mr. Cowles, the rules were suspended and the bill passed its third and last reading.

A message was received from the House proposing to go into an election for five Councillors of State.

Mr. Wilson added to the nominations the name of Hon. Thos. S. Ashe.

Mr. Clark, by leave, a bill to enable a board to establish times for holding superior courts and other purposes. Referred to the judiciary committee.

Mr. Robbins asked leave of absence for Mr. Paschal. Granted.

Mr. Wilson asked leave for Mr. Harris, of Franklin.

A bill to amend the law of evidence, did not pass its second reading.

A bill authorizing several justices of the peace to fix the rates of jailors' fees. Passed its second reading.

The rules were suspended and the bill passed its third and final reading.

A bill to authorize the justices of the county court of Cumberland to fund the interest due on bonds of the Western North Carolina Railroad company.

The amendment proposed by the committee was agreed to.

Mr. McLean moved to strike out "7" in the committee amendment and insert "10." Agreed to.

The bill as amended passed its second reading.

Mr. Love moved to take up the House engrossed bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the 2nd congressional district and certain other counties.

The rules were suspended and the bill considered.

Mr. Koonce moved that the county of Beaufort be included. Carried by yeas 21, nays 18.

The bill then passed its second reading. The rules were suspended and the bill put upon its third and final reading.

Leave of absence were granted Messrs. Wiggins and Hall.

Leave of absence was granted Major Englehard.

On motion of Mr. Paschal the Senate adjourned until 11 1/2 o'clock tomorrow.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, Dec. 7th, 1866.

The use of the Hall was granted to Ex Gov. Vance to deliver a lecture Saturday evening.

A memorial was presented by Mr. Moore of Hertford, from Jno. H. Wheeler, and was referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Davis, a resolution instructing committee on Agriculture to inquire whether any changes are necessary in laws to prevent vagrancy. Adopted.

Mr. Jenkins, a bill to charter the Henderson and Western R. R. Co. Referred.

Mr. Roundtree, a bill placing Physicians accounts on equality with bonds. Referred.

Mr. Everett, a bill to change and reg-

ulate the fees of county solicitors. Referred.

Mr. Moore of Hertford, a bill is aid of the Literary Fund. Referred.

The joint committee to wait on the Governor, reported that he has fixed on Saturday the 15th of December for his inauguration.

Mr. Jordan, a bill in relation to Surveyors. Referred.

Mr. McKay from judiciary committee reported favorably to bill to amend charter of Washington Toll Bridge Company, which was passed its several readings under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Jenkins of Gaston moved to send a message to the Senate proposing to go into an election for five Councillors of State. The House agreed, the Senate concurred, and a ballot was had.

Mr. Moore of Hertford moved to reconsider the bill, defeated yesterday on its 3d reading to enable the Western N. C. R. R. Co., to complete its road to some point on the N. C. R. R.

Mr. Cowan addressed the House in favor of the motion, and was seconded by Mr. Stone of Nash.

The bill was reconsidered, and passed its 3d reading.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

A bill to repeal the 6th section, 48th chapter of the Revised Code, read and passed.

A bill providing for working public roads read and passed.

A resolution by Mr. Russ that, whereas, certain persons are interested to misrepresent the sentiments of the people of this State, this Legislature representing the people, accord in solemn form as the sense of this Assembly that the representations aforesaid are false.

Mr. Davis said that he knew of no disloyalty. That persecution of Union men was untrue. That partisan contests would always arise and men differ. That no one could blame the people for their preferences. That if there was a man in this State so base as to say he people were disloyal, he would brand him as a double traitor. That no person interested in misrepresenting North Carolina at present, formerly pretended to be good Confederates. How could the people trust them? If any were disloyal, such men were.

Mr. Davis called for yeas and nays.

Mr. Williams of Yancey asked to be excused from voting. He said that he did not know the truth about these things.

The House refused to excuse him.

Mr. Crawford of Rowan, said that if the gentleman did not know the truth he could tell him and call names. There was disloyalty in this State and he was willing to say so. W. W. Holden and his colleagues were disloyal. He was willing to tax the people, if there was no hell here in North Carolina for these men, to build a hell.

Mr. Lyon called him to order, and he took his seat under the ruling of the speaker.

Mr. Blair moved to lay the resolutions on the table. The House refused.

Mr. Blair offered an amendment that those who inflamed the Southern mind to the late war were not worthy of confidence.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Lyon moved to postpone indefinitely. Lost.

Mr. Russ said that he presented this resolution and endorsed it. He held that any man who misrepresented North Carolina was unworthy of respect. He would vouch for the loyalty of our people. The men who were attempting to prejudice the Northern people against us, and overturn existing affairs, were like midnight assassins attempting to rob your house. He went on in that strain for some time.

Messrs. Lyon, Freeman and others explained the reason of their vote, when the ballot was had as follows:

Yeas—85. Nays—14.

SENATE.

SATURDAY, December 8th.

The Senate was called to order at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Smedes of the Episcopal Church.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS.

Mr. Avery, a bill to incorporate the North Carolina Land Emigration Company. Ordered to be printed and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Speed, a bill to authorize the Dismal Swamp Canal Company to issue coupon bonds bearing 8 per cent interest. On motion of Mr. Leach the rules were suspended and the bill passed its several readings, ordered to be engrossed and sent immediately to the House.

A message was received from the House transmitting an engrossed bill to amend the charter of the Washington Toll Bridge. On motion of Mr. Russ the rules were suspended and the bill passed its several readings; also a resolution in favor of the Hon. A. S. Merrimon. Referred to the committee on Claims.

The following resolutions and bills came up and passed under the suspension of the rules: A bill to incorporate Pasquotank Lodge No. 103. A bill to in-

corporate the Hibernian Benevolent Society in the city of Wilmington. A bill to incorporate the McLean Fire Engine Company in the town of Fayetteville. A resolution in favor of W. S. Mason for the services rendered the State by the direction of the Governor.

A message was received from the House transmitting the report of the committee on joint ballot for Councillors of State, which resulted in the election of Mr. Edwin W. Jones, of Caldwell.

Mr. Clark, from the committee on Corporations, to whom was referred, a bill to incorporate the Union Camp ground in the county of Cleveland. Referred back the same with an amendment recommending its passage.

A resolution in favor of the Hon. D. A. Barnes came up and passed its second reading.

A message was received from the House transmitting the House resolutions relating to the loyalty of the State. On motion of Mr. Love, they were made the special order for Friday next and ordered to be printed. A bill to amend 6th section of the 48th chapter of the Revised Code. A bill to repeal an act to provide hands to work on public roads.

The bill to repeal an ordinance to exchange the stock of the State for bonds, came up on its third reading, and on motion of Mr. Berry it was passed over informally.

A message was received from the House proposing to go forthwith into the appointment of Justices of the Peace which was concurred in. A number of changes and additional names were offered from nearly all the counties in the State. A list of the magistrates will be published at some future time.

On motion of Mr. Clark the Senate adjourned until Monday at 10 1/2 o'clock.

[The Reporter should have said on yesterday that the motion of Mr. Russ to amend, by including the county of Beaufort, was concurred in, instead of being rejected.]

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

SATURDAY, Dec. 8.

The House was called to order at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Smedes of the Episcopal Church.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Waugh, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, reported a bill to supply artificial arms to disabled soldiers of this State as a substitute for resolutions referred.

Mr. Roseboro, from the same committee, reported a bill for the relief of disabled soldiers. (Providing for the payment of commutation in certain cases in lieu of artificial limbs.)

A resolution in favor of Hon. A. S. Merrimon, reported back favorably from the Committee on Claims, passed its several readings under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. McClammy, from the joint committee on adjournment, reported a resolution that the General Assembly adjourn on 24th of December to re-assemble on Tuesday the 8th of January next.

Mr. Patton moved to amend the resolution by substituting the 28th of December as the time for re-assembling.

Mr. P. said that the resolution as reported was unjust to Western members. It did not give them time to go home and return. The amendment would give time to other members to visit their homes and not force members from the extreme West to remain here on expenses.

Mr. McClammy stated that it was not the intention of the committee to compel members from the West to remain here on expenses. They contemplated the introduction of a resolution to allow those remaining here during the recess upon their usual *per diem*.

Divers amendments were offered and discussed, and the resolution was finally recommitted on motion of Mr. Bryson.

The committee that superintended the election on yesterday for five councillors of State reported the election of E. W. Jones of Caldwell county. No other election.

At 12 o'clock M. the House proceeded to execute the Joint order for the appointment of Justices of the Peace.

The counties were called alphabetically and a number of nominations were made. The name of John C. Hill was stricken from the list recommended for Randolph county on motion of Mr. Waugh, after discussion.

Mr. Clark introduced a resolution requiring the committee on adjournment, to report on Monday next.—Adopted.

Mr. Russ a Joint resolution requiring the printing of the Comptroller's Report hereafter, before the meeting of the General Assembly. Adopted.

By Mr. Latham of Washington; a bill to amend sec. 7th chap. 62 Revised Code entitled Justices of the Peace.

By Mr. Harper; a resolution to authorize the Public Treasurer to employ counsel in certain cases. Passed its several readings under a suspension of the rules.

By Mr. Cowan; a bill to amend the 3rd section of the 95th chapter of the Revised Code, entitled Religious Societies.

Mr. Whitfield was allowed to record

his vote in favor of the resolutions introduced by Mr. Russ on yesterday, asserting the loyalty of the State.

A message was received from the Governor transmitting the report of the Board of Internal Improvements. Sent to the Senate with a proposition to print.

A bill concerning the sale of the old Jail lot in the County of Edgecombe, passed its second and third readings under a suspension of the rules.

Sundry engrossed Bills from the Senate had their first reading.

One of these authorizing a majority of the justices in the several counties, to regulate the fees of Jailors, was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Latham, of Washington, a law of like purport having been passed by the last General Assembly.

An engrossed bill to authorize the Dismal Swamp Canal Company to issue 8 per cent bonds, had its first reading.

On motion of Mr. Cowan, the rules were suspended, and the bill passed its 2nd and 3rd readings and was ordered to be enrolled.

A message was received from the Senate refusing to appoint certain persons recommended by the House as magistrates for Randolph county and recommending others for appointment.

Mr. Blair protested against the Senate's action and moved to lay the message on the table. Not agreed to. The House concurred in the message, and then adjourned.

SENATE.

MONDAY, December 10.

The Senate was called to order at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Mr. Cunningham, from the committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relate to weights and measures, reported several resolutions on the subject, recommending their passage.

Mr. McCorkle, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred, a resolution instructing them to inquire into and report what power this body has to change the jurisdiction of the courts, asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

Mr. Avery, from the committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred, a bill to declare valid an act amending the charter of the Chatham Railroad Company recommending its passage.

Mr. Wilson moved the bill be recommitted to the committee. Mr. Avery moved to amend by substituting the Judiciary, which motion was lost, and the bill was recommitted to the committee on Internal Improvements.

A message was received from the House transmitting the following: A resolution to amend a resolution passed at this session of the General Assembly relative to the printing all the lengthy reports prior to the meeting of the General Assembly. Adopted. A resolution authorizing the Public Treasurer to employ counsel in certain cases; a bill to make valid the sales of the old jail lot in the county of Edgecombe. On motion of Mr. Moore the rules were suspended and the bill passed its several readings.

Mr. Leach asked leave of absence until Wednesday next for Mr. Jones, Senator from Wake. Granted.

A message was received from the House transmitting additional names for Justices of the Peace for the county of Martin. On motion of Mr. Moore they were laid on the table; also a resolution on the subject of adjournment, providing that this body adjourn on the 24th of December next. Mr. Paschal offered to amend by substituting the 17th of December for the 24th. Mr. Matthews offered an amendment to the amendment by striking out all after the 24th of December and insert *sine die*, the yeas and nays were called and the amendment to the amendment was adopted by a vote of 20 yeas to 16 nays, the question arising on the adoption of the resolution as amended, the yeas and nays were called and the resolution was adopted by a vote of 16 yeas to 10 nays. Subsequently a message was received from the House refusing to concur in the Senate amendment.

A message was received from the House proposing to go forthwith into the election of four Councillors of State.—Concurred in. Messrs. McCorkle and Hand were appointed to superintend the election, and the Senate voted as follows: Messrs. J. W. 85, Mcbane 97, Ashe 39, Stephens 25, Phillips 3 and Hodge 1.

A message was received from the House transmitting a communication from the Governor concerning reports from the different works of the State in which she owns stock; also a report from the President of the Literary fund with a proposition to print the enclosed documents. Concurred in.

The bill to prevent fraud upon the revenue of the State came up and was discussed at some length, pending its discussion.

On motion of Mr. Leach, the Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 10 1/2 o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MONDAY, Dec. 10, 1866.

The House was called to order at 10 1/2

o'clock A. M. Mr. Kenan of Duplin in the chair.

Mr. Waugh introduced the following resolution: Whereas in the discussion of the resolutions which passed this House on the 7th inst., declaring among other things, that the charges of disloyalty of persecution against those styling themselves the original Union men, and of the partial administration of Justice, are false, and known by those who make them to be without a shadow of foundation, the member from Henderson (Mr. Byler) declared he could not conscientiously vote for the resolutions, because they were untrue in that they asserted that the Union men of this State had not been persecuted. This allegation that Union men had been persecuted, (which allegation is understood to refer to persecution since the re-establishment of civil Government) coming from a member of this House, requires investigation to the end therefore, that the person or persons guilty of such persecution, be duly punished; Resolved, that the Committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to request said member to appear, before them, and furnish the facts on which he rested said allegation, and that said Committee in order that a fair and full investigation may be made, have power to send for persons and papers, and that they report to this House at an early day, by bill, resolution or otherwise. Adopted.

Mr. Cowan, for the committee on Internal Improvements, reported back a bill to incorporate the Yanceyville and Milton Railroad Company, favorably, with amendments.

Also a bill to re-enact and confirm the charter of the Williamston and Tarboro Railroad Company, as a substitute for a bill referred; also resolutions for the relief of the Mayor and Commissioners of the city of Raleigh in response to their memorial concerning the city's subscription to the Chatham R. R. Company.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. Boyd; a bill to regulate assignments and protect creditors.

By Mr. Waugh; a bill to amend the second section of chapter 63 of the Revised Code.

By Mr. Trull; a bill to pay taxes. Jurors for their services on capital felonies.

By Mr. Simpson; a bill to incorporate Centre Hill Lodge in the county of Chowan.

By Mr. Perry of Wake; a bill for the relief of Wards.

By Mr. Dargan; a bill for the relief of the estate of the late Lawrence C. B. Branch.

The following engrossed bills had their first reading, viz:

A bill to incorporate Pasquotank Lodge, No. 103, of Free and Accepted Masons; a bill to incorporate the Hibernian Benevolent Society of the City of Wilmington; a bill to incorporate the McLean Fire Engine Company No. 1, in the town of Fayetteville; and a resolution in favor of W. S. Mason.

The resolution for the relief of the City of Raleigh passed its several readings under a suspension of the rules. (Virtually releases the city from its subscription to the Chatham R. R. Company.)

A bill to authorize the County Court of Mecklenburg to extend its sessions, also passed its several readings.

Mr. Morehead, (by leave) introduced a resolution that the Finance Committee inquire as to the expediency of issuing Treasury notes for the payment of the non funded interest on the debt of the State, also the exchange of Treasury notes for State bonds. Adopted.

Mr. Holderby, (by leave) a resolution that the Judiciary Committee inquire as to the expediency, propriety and Constitutionality of enacting a law suspending the sale of property under execution, or *venditioni exponas* for a limited time. Adopted.

(Mr. Holderby said that information just from the country satisfied him of the great necessity of enacting a law, without delay, suspending the sale of property, under execution, for a given time,—that he heard of the sale of a tract of land a few days since, at six hundred dollars, that it was sold the next day by the purchaser for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars. He regarded such sacrifices as ruinous both to the honest debtor, as well as to the better and more lenient creditors of the country, and hoped that the Committee would send in a bill at an early day, embracing the objects of the resolution which had just been read by the Clerk.)

Mr. McClammy, for the Joint Committee on adjournment, reported a resolution that the Legislature adjourn on the 24th of December instant, and meet again on the 24th of January. This resolution was adopted, after some discussion.

SPECIAL ORDER.

At 12 o'clock, M., the House proceeded to consider the bill to enhance the value of the bonds to be issued for the completion of the Western N. C. Railroad and for other purposes, on its second reading.

Mr. Patton addressed the House in support of the bill, explaining its provisions, and enumerating the advantages which would accrue to the people of the West, and to the State at large, from the completion of the road to the Tonn-

essec line, as originally contemplated.

Mr. Hutcheson opposed the bill. He was opposed to increasing the State's indebtedness, directly or indirectly. It was true the bill did not ask a direct appropriation from the Treasury, but he feared that indirectly the credit of the State would be impaired by changes of these securities now held by the State for others of doubtful validity.

Mr. Kenan supported the bill. It had been recommended unanimously by the committee on Internal Improvements.—It would not increase the State debt one iota. It was emphatically a bill for the relief of the people, would enhance the value of State stocks, and contribute materially to the payment of State debts.

Messrs. Dargan and McKay also addressed the House, urging the passage of the bill.

The question recurring the bill passed its 2nd reading.—Yeas 57. Nays 25.

A bill to empower the county courts to levy taxes for repairing public roads, was laid on the table, on second reading, on motion of Mr. Holderby.

A message was received from the Governor transmitting a communication from the President and Directors of the Literary Fund, and the reports of sundry Railroads. Sent to the Senate with a proposition to print.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, a message was sent to the Senate proposing that the two houses proceed to ballot for four Councillors of State. The Senate concurred, and the House voted, a number of nominations having been withdrawn.

A message was received from the Senate announcing the passage in that body of the resolution in relation to adjournment, with an amendment, to the effect, that the adjournment on the 24th inst., shall be *sine die*. In this amendment the concurrence of the House was asked.

Mr. Black moved to lay the message on the table. Not agreed to. Yeas 38. Nays 61.

Messrs. Dargan and McKay opposed concurrence in the Senate amendment for the reason that much necessary legislation would be left unfinished and no material relief would be offered the people.

Mr. Russ, deeming the Senate's action an indication that that body was unwilling to do anything for the relief of the people, thought an early adjournment advisable, the sooner the better.

Mr. McKay said that an indisposition on the part of the Senate to mature measures of relief and perfect necessary legislation, was an additional reason why the House should adhere to its position, and evince a determination to do their duty.

The question recurring, the House refused to concur in the Senate amendment.

The House then adjourned.

The most astounding fish story yet told is the statement by Professor Agassiz, that in Brazil they have a species of fish that can climb trees.

Mexican advices inform us that the Liberalists are progressing steadily. They occupied Mazatlan on November 14th. There appear to be great complications in the Liberalist camp upon the rival claims of Juarez and Ortega. No intelligence of the whereabouts of Maximilian has been sent to the United States for some time.

The graves of the Federal dead in the National Cemeteries are hereafter to be marked by cast iron head-blocks weighing not less than twenty pounds, covered with a solution of zinc, to prevent rust, with the name of the soldier, his rank, regiment, company and date of burial, in raised letters, cast on the top, and the number of the grave on the side.

A funeral was prohibited from entering the Catholic cemetery at Newark, N. J., recently, because more than six carriages accompanied it. And as Bishop Barry has forbidden the entrance of more than that number at one time, the party returned home again without interring the deceased.

A novel law case has just been decided at Chicago. A British subject there interested, the British Consul claimed the right to administer upon his property. Judge Bradwell has decided that a Consul has no authority in the matter, and dismissed the suit at his costs. The property, by this decision, goes into the hands of the Public Administrator.

In Boston, recently, a man named Mar- ray entered a still for the purpose of cleaning it, and was suffocated by the gas before assistance could be rendered.

The crime of embezzlement appears to be fearfully on the increase in St. Louis, Mo., Clerks, bookkeepers, porters, female clerks and servant girls are daily arrested.

A silver mine in Greece, which suspended operations 2,294 years ago, has been purchased, and is now being worked by a French company.

On Thanksgiving Eve a ball was given to the lunatics at the Flatbush Asylum, when the crazy ones danced with considerable method.