



TOWN DIRECTORY.

THE LEGISLATURE

What our Busy Lawmakers are Doing at the Capital City.

SENATE—JANUARY 31ST.

Among the new bills introduced to-day were the following: to establish a dispensary at Smithfield; to amend section 2822 of the Code; to incorporate the Eastern Carolina Fish and Game Association; to provide a sinking fund in Craven county for Bridge debt; to appoint a board of finance for Swain county; to provide for funding the debt of Union county.

A resolution was introduced to pay F. P. Jones the expense of the contest with White.

Only five bills were passed at to-day's session. These are: to repeal chapter 353, laws of 1897 as to stock law in certain counties; to amend chapter 37, private laws of 1897 by putting "Planter's" instead of "Tar River" bank; to prohibit the discharge of fire arms within 1/4 mile of the Court House of Graham county; to confer police powers on deputy sheriffs of Haw River; to amend section 3,806 of the Code by providing that fines shall go to the town treasury for municipal purposes.

HOUSE—JANUARY 31ST.

At to-day's session of the House twelve petitions and thirty eight new bills and resolutions were introduced, twenty three bills passed third reading and twenty-five bills were ratified and became laws.

Of the new bills one was to take charge of the A & M College of Raleigh by repealing the fusion law of 1897, and enact another, one to regulate use of meridian monuments and standard of measures in all counties. To require railway conductors to give passengers checks for excess of fare paid over ticket cost. To amend the school law so that there shall be white and colored committees.

Of the bills passed third readings nearly all were of a local or private character. Among them were: to allow McDowell county to levy a special tax; to authorize the towns of Durham and Lexington to issue bonds; to allow Watauga county to levy a special tax; to protect fish in Mingo Creek; to repeal the dispensary law in Bladen county.

SENATE—FEBRUARY 1ST.

The committee on contested elections reported favorably as to the seating of Messrs. G. G. Eaves and W. L. Lambert contestants against Kerley and Souther on the thirty-first district, and the Senate adopted the report seating Eaves and Lambert, Democrats, by a vote of 34 to 6.

Ten new bills were introduced and two bills passed third reading.

Fourteen bills were ratified and became laws by the signature of the President of the Senate.

The Senate was principally employed to-day in considering, and discussing the insanity law; which was carried over for further consideration.

HOUSE—FEBRUARY 1ST.

The House had a pretty warm discussion to-day over the Senate bill to create the office of treasurer in Surry county and finally defeated it.

Twenty-nine new bills were introduced, among them the following:

To make \$20,000 annual appropriation for the State Guard, and making it of three regiments of 12 companies each; to protect hotels and boarding houses; to amend section 872 of the Code relative to service of process; to promote the dairy interests of the State by appropriating \$500 to pay the expense of an annual meeting of the State Dairy Association.

Among the bills passed are the following:

Act to repeal the charter of the city of Newbern; to confer jurisdiction of probate of deeds in certain cases; to put the election of the keeper of the Capitol in the hands of the Gen-

eral Assembly; to ratify the consolidation of the Atlantic Coast Line Company of South Carolina in North Carolina.

SENATE—FEBRUARY 2ND.

Among the new bills introduced in the Senate at to-day's session were the following:

By Senator Justice to amend the law establishing a dispensary at Rutherfordton. By Senator Jones, of Harnett to repeal chapter 146, laws of 1893, as to printing and distributing of the public laws, also one to define the fees of justices of the peace for writs of claim and delivery and other writs.

By Senator Williams to prohibit stock from running at large in Cross Creek township Cumberland county.

Of the bills passed third reading these are some of them:

To amend the Code as to drainage of low lands; to establish a dispensary at Jackson; to amend the stock law of Henderson county; to provide for the domestication of foreign corporations; to repeal section 1333 of the Code, prohibiting buying and selling of pretended titles.

HOUSE—FEBRUARY 2ND.

Forty new bills were introduced at to-day's session. Among them are these: to amend the Code so as to authorize mayors to enforce the collection of fines and penalties; to prevent distemper and other infectious diseases among cattle; for the protection of prisoners in jail awaiting trial; to fix fees of the Treasurer of Harnett county (by Mr. McLean); to allow Alexander county to levy a special tax and build a Court House; to protect subcontractors and others; to give Cumberland county additional terms of Superior courts.

Of the bills passed these are probably of the most general interest: Act relating to the probate of deeds and the private examination of married women, amending, consolidating and codifying all laws on the subject.

Act to repeal chapter 66, of the Code. This bill amends, collects and codifies the wrecking laws of the State, and divides the counties on the coast into wrecking districts and provides for the appointment of a commissioner of wrecks for each district.

Act regulating the working of convicts and the establishment of county farms. Act to prevent the sale of adulterated misbranded food.

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SENATE—FEBRUARY 3RD.

In the Senate to-day there were eleven new bills introduced and forty bills were passed. Of the new bills was one by Senator Ward to amend chapter 69 laws of 1895 as to usury.

By Senator Glenn to protect employes, and travellers on railroads. By Senator Justice, by request, to establish a dispensary at Greensboro.

Of the bills passed third reading were the following: to establish a dispensary at Jackson; to remove the disabilities of married women; to prohibit the spread of disease among hogs and fowls in Gates and Edgecombe counties; to establish a dispensary at Smithfield; to abolish county boards of education; to pay F. P. Jones expenses incurred in contest to the amount of \$200.

HOUSE—FEBRUARY 3RD.

Of the forty-two new bills and resolutions presented at to-day's session of the House few were of more than local importance. Of those were the following:

To improve the State employment grounds at Wrightsville. This bill provides for an appropriation of \$3,000.

To regulate and reduce fees of county officers. This bill is the first measure introduced looking to a general reduction of fees. Those fees that are

paid by the people of the ordinary course of business are cut most. Among the reduction is the lien bond fee which failed in the House Thursday. It put the recording of such papers at 40 cents, and the probate at 15 cents. All copies are reduced to five cents per copy sheet. County orders are reduced to 10 cents.

To require the purchaser of a railway sold under judicial sale to organize a new corporation.

To give a lien to persons feeding and storing animals to hire. To regulate sale of patent and proprietary medicines. This bill provides that "it shall be unlawful for any merchant, druggist or other person or persons to sell or offer for sale any patent or proprietary medicines or other like nostrums which do not have printed on the label in plain Roman letters and in the English language the name and exact amount of each ingredient from which the compound is made."

To amend the law regarding taxation of bank stock. This bill provides that the stockholders of every bank located in this State, whether State or National, shall be assigned and taxed on the value of the shares therein in the county, town, precinct village or city where such bank or banking association is located and not elsewhere whether such stockholder resides in such place or not.

Of the bills passed few were of general importance.

Architect of the Capitol.

Our State capitol is at all times an object of admiration to all those who see it, and this is especially so at sessions of the Legislature, when so many strangers come to our city. We venture to assert that not more than a half dozen members of the present General Assembly know the name of the architect who planned this building.

The cornerstone was laid in 1833. David Peyton, a young Scotch architect, planned this beautiful building. He came over to New York and soon after reaching that city he saw a notice asking for plans for the State capitol. He submitted his plans and was notified that the same were adopted. He spent, of course, a long time in the State and married in Washington, N. C. Miss Agnes Gates Foy, of Newbern, a granddaughter of Mr. Peyton is now in the city and her presence is naturally interesting. With her is Miss Marie Mohler, of Portland, Oregon. They are at the Yarboro. Miss Mohler is the daughter of Mr. Mohler, president of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company, one of the great transportation companies of the Pacific coast. His family is spending their third winter in Newbern.

---News & Observer of 4th.

Grip's Ravages Doomed.

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Mr. William M. Boylan, of Raleigh, died suddenly at Johns Hopkins Hospital Baltimore, last Friday from a stroke of paralysis. He had gone there to have an operation performed which was successfully done and was doing well. He was 76 years of age and owned a valuable estate.

BEST DEMOCRAT IN NORTH CAROLINA.

He Attended the Meeting of Confederate Veterans.

He is a Patriot Right.

Willing to Surrender the Right to Vote to Secure Good Government.

THE DAY OF PATRIOTS NOT PLAYED OUT.

The Noble Words Uttered by Mr. Gaston I. Holt, an Andrew Jackson Democrat of Harnett County.

Who is the best Democrat in the State?

It is not any of the well known and highly respectful faithful leaders of the party, though they are true and tried and have first place in the affections of the party.

It is not any of the faithful and able men who were elected to high position by the last General Assembly, as high places as they deservedly hold in the esteem of their party.

The best Democrat in North Carolina is an humble, industrious, prudent, honorable Harnett county farmer who is in Raleigh attending the meeting of the Confederate veterans. He was taken into the House yesterday by his member, Mr. D. H. McLean, of Harnett, who gave him a seat on the floor, and introduced him to some of the members as the "high priest of Democracy in Harnett county."

His name is Gaston I. Holt, of Bradley's Store, Harnett county, and he is much above three-score years and ten. For sixty years he has voted the Democratic ticket, loving his party with a passion that is as pure as ever animated the heart of man.

In his youth Mr. Holt did not enjoy the advantages of an education, and is unable to read his ballot or to write his name, but he is better posted upon the



great issues that divide parties than many men who have rubbed their heads against college walls, and in his neighborhood this patriarch of Democracy is looked up to and honored by the younger Democracy as if he were the most accomplished scholar in the community.

I met the true old disciple of Andrew Jackson after he had visited the Legislature. He said, "It is an old-fashioned body of old-fashioned Democrats, and they will do right." He asked about the constitutional amendment. I said, "It will be something after the Louisiana plan."

"What is that?" Mr. Holt asked.

"It provides," I answered, "that no man can vote in North Carolina who cannot read and write, or who does not own \$300 worth of property, provided--"

"Why," said Mr. D. E. Green, of Harnett, who was present, "that educational qualification would not permit our old friend, Mr. Holt, to vote."

I started to go on with "provided," when Mr. Holt stopped me. I could see that in the brief moment a great conflict had been going on within him, and with the suggestion of tears in his eyes, he said in tones that showed his sincerity, "that is all right. If my party finds it necessary to take the ballot from me in order to give the State good government, I am willing to be disfranchised."

I looked at Mr. Green and he

looked at me. If there wasn't a tear in the eyes of both it was not because our hearts had not been touched by the high exhibition of patriotism on the part of this father in Democracy. I laid my hand on his arm and said in substance to him, "There are fifty thousand strong armed young men in North Carolina who would surrender their arms before they would permit a law to pass that would take the ballot from you. There has been no suggestion on the part of anybody that the ballot should be taken from any citizen like you, Mr. Holt. The Louisiana law goes on to say 'provided that this shall not apply to any man who was a voter on the first of January, 1867, or whose father or grandfather was a voter at that date.' In addition to this, when you have once registered under that roll, you are on the poll books for all time and your right to vote can never again be questioned."

The old gentleman saw the point at once, his mind was relieved, but he said: "I am glad that the law will be like that, but I would be willing to lose the right to vote if by so doing it would give us good government."

Some people say that the day of heroes, martyrs and patriots has passed. Not so. It was easier for the soldier to stand at Thermopylae than for this veteran Democrat to make the sacrifice his patriotism made him willing to make. And Mr. Holt is not the only aged patriot in North Carolina who would welcome this self-sacrifice if it were necessary for the good of their party or country. It will never be necessary, it will never be permitted, but it shows the sterling material out of which the Old Guard of Democracy is made.

[The above is taken from the Raleigh News & Observer of January 27th. The cut herewith is said to be a fair sketch of the features of Mr. Holt and was made from his picture hastily sketched by Representative Leigh, of Perquimans county, while Mr. Holt sat in Mr. McLean's chair in the House. The News & Observer's cartoonist made a cut from the picture drawn by Mr. Leigh, and Mr. C. E. Pope, a typo on THE UNION, made this cut from the picture as it appeared in that paper.—Editor.]

Robbed The Grave. A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cts. a bottle, at McKay Bros. & Skinner's drug store.

"The Belle of Rye."

Miss Letty Purdy, the "oldest woman in Connecticut," is dead, aged 102. Miss Purdy had her romance. She was born at Rye, N. Y., and in her youth was known as "the Belle of Rye." Her beauty then was marked. She was engaged to be married to Dr. Seaton, a young Englishman. Seaton took a flying trip home. He was to return on the day before the marriage. On the way over he treated a seaman for ship fever, caught the disease himself and in two days died. His body had been buried at sea. Miss Purdy had many offers of marriage, but she remained true to her first love.—Ex.

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Harnett--As Others see It.

YES, GOOD OLD HARNETT.

The editor of The Commonwealth maintains all the while true affection and high admiration for the people of the people of Harnett, his native county.

The Dunn Union tells how Mr. J. G. Johnson, of Buckhorn township, (our birth-place) speaks of it as a model place. He says: "It is a model township in morals. In it there are only three men who use profane language and none who drink strong liquors to excess. And Rev. J. A. Campbell, principal of Buie's Creek Academy, perhaps the most wonderful school in North Carolina or South, writes the News and Observer that the good people of the county are happy over the fact that the county commissioners have refused to grant liquor license to any one.—The Scotland Neck Commonwealth.

NO SALOONS IN HARNETT.

Buie's Creek Academy Presiding—Mr. McLean Commended.

In a private letter Rev. J. A. Campbell, of Buie's Creek Academy, says that his school has a fine opening, twenty new boarding pupils representing 7 or 8 counties having been enrolled since Christmas. There are 23 counties represented at the school, one of the very best in the State.

Prof. Campbell adds this piece of news: "I rejoice to say that our county commissioners refused to grant license to sell whiskey. Hurrah for Harnett. I rejoice to see Harnett's member of the Legislature honoring himself and his county so well. May great wisdom be given those at the helm."—News and Observer.

January 2, 1887, a college boy who had not been able to stay and take a graduate's course opened school at Buie's Creek, Harnett county. The only prospect was the helplessness of the people; the only encouragement was their need; the only hope the faith of a man of God. January 2, 1899, the spring term of that school opened and twenty new students were registered from Harnett, Burke, Caldwell, Cumberland, Halifax, Johnston, Nash, Randolph, Richmond, Wake and Wayne counties, making a total enrollment for the year of 200 students, representing 22 counties. No greater work has ever been done in North Carolina. We move that Wake Forest College honor herself by giving brother Campbell the degree of Master of Arts next June.—Biblical Recorder.

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