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**ROAD BILL PASSED TODAY.**

To Take Possession of Mecklenburg's Road System—Negroes Rebel.

Special to The News.

**RALEIGH, Feb. 24.**—The bill creating a board of control to have charge of the convicts and roads of Mecklenburg county passed today.

**NEGROES IN REVOLT.**

The negro Senators, Person and Henderson, have held up all the bills to change the management of State institutions. They announce that the negro must be recognized or the Democrats will be left in control. They say legislation concerning patronage is blocked until this is settled.

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## TIE IN THE SENATE.

**ON THE N. C. RAILROAD LEASE BILL THIS AFTERNOON.**

Special Order for Next Friday.—To Increase State Grand Appropriation.—To Prohibit Sale of Liquor Outside of Towns.

Special to The News.

**RALEIGH, Feb. 19.**—In the House today a bill was introduced to prohibit the sale of liquor outside of incorporated towns.

Mr. Hancock today introduced a bill to increase the appropriation to the State Guard from \$6,000 to \$17,000 per annum, and the appropriation to individual companies from \$100 to \$200. The appropriation to the Guard was cut down by the former legislature.

**LOCAL TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS.**  
The bill introduced at the request of leading educators to stimulate local taxation for public schools was passed today. It is on the order of the local taxation bill passed by the last General Assembly, and allows communities to tax themselves for the maintenance of public schools.

The bill to take Vance county out of the Eastern Criminal circuit was passed today.

The bill to repeal the appropriation to the State University was unfavorably reported by the committee today.

**LEASE BILL IN THE SENATE.**  
In the Senate bills were introduced by Senator Grant to amend the election law; and to protect newspapers from libel suits if proper apology is made.

The bill taking possession of the Atlantic and N. C. railroad was passed.

The lease bill came over from the House today. A motion to refer it to the committee prevailed; ayes, 26; noes, 24. Opponents of the bill tried to make it a special order for Monday week; this was lost. The advocates of the bill moved to make it a special order for next Monday. The vote was a tie. Governor Reynolds voted against the motion. The bill was made a special order for next Friday.

Opponents of the lease bill happily claim the victory and think it will be defeated. Earnhardt and Baker, Populists, voted to postpone action.

**JUDGE SEYMOUR DEAD.**

**NOTED JURIST PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING.**

Died in New York at Six O'clock.—Judge of the Federal Court for Eastern District.—Was Closely Related to Horatio Seymour.

**RALEIGH, Feb. 19.**—Judge A. W. Seymour died in New York this morning at six o'clock.

**SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.**

Judge Seymour was a native of New York. He came to North Carolina soon after the war and settled near Newbern.

He served in the legislatures of '68, '69, '70, '71, '72, '73 and '74; the legislators then being elected each year.

In the fall of 1874 he was elected to the Superior court bench to succeed the Hon. W. J. Clark. He held this position until February, 1882, when he was appointed by President Arthur judge of the Eastern district of North Carolina to succeed Judge Brooks, resigned. This position he held up to the time of his death.

Judge Seymour was exceedingly popular with the entire bar of the State and even during the perilous times just after the war, while he affiliated with the northern "political immigrants," still he maintained the dignity and integrity which were always characteristic of the man.

**JUDGE BRYAN A CANDIDATE.**

Mr. Shepard Bryan En Route to Washington to Present His Father's Name for the Judgeship.

Mr. Shepard Bryan, the rising young lawyer of Atlanta, passed through Charlotte Tuesday en route to Washington. Mr. Bryan's visit to Washington at this time is interesting to North Carolinians.

He goes in the interest of the candidacy of his father, Judge Henry R. Bryan, of Newbern, who is an applicant for the judgeship of the eastern district left vacant by the death of Judge Seymour. Mr. Bryan has made many staunch friends in his short career as a lawyer among prominent politicians and this will stand him well in hand at this special time.

**DUKE ON THE GRID-IRON.**

Admits That Four-Fifths of Tobacco Trust Stock is Water.

By Telegraph to The News.

**NEW YORK, Feb. 24.**—President Duke of the American Tobacco Company was before the trust investigators today. He admitted that the trust had control of the field, and said that was its object. Also stated that it was more arbitrary than other trusts. He admitted that the trust had control of tobacco dealers.

Mr. Duke admitted that four-fifths of the tobacco trust's stock was water.

**WALKER'S ATTACK ON REED.**

Representative Walker, of Mass., couldn't upset the Reed rules, but he could and did express himself very vigorously on the subject, saying in part: "Under the rules of this

## BRYAN COMING

**TO DELIVER ADDRESSES IN THE EAST.**

Kyle and the Control of the Senate.—That Queer Perrine Land Grant.—What Use is the Civil Service Commission?

Correspondence of The News.

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.**—Hon. W. J. Bryan will visit Washington this week, but he will not probably stay until Inauguration day. He will be the guest of Mr. John R. McLean, who will give a dinner to about one hundred guests in his honor. This dinner will not be a political event, as the guests will include a number of personal friends of Mr. Bryan in all the parties. But during Mr. Bryan's stay there will be a conference, perhaps several, to discuss the immediate future of the Democratic party.

Senator Daniel, of Va., is one of the best electioneers in the Senate; consequently Washington's farewell address, which, in accordance with the usual resolution was read immediately after the Senate convened, in honor of Washington's birthday, was much better rendered than usual, and was listened to by an unusually large number of Senators, in addition to the crowded galleries.

**THAT PERRINE LAND GRANT.**  
It is unfortunate in more senses than one that there should be an investigation at this time into an act of the administration by which the step-father of the President's wife will be largely benefited. And everybody sincerely wishes that the Senate Committee on Public Lands will find everything straight about the Florida land patent for 23,000 acres, which was recently issued to Mr. Perrine, the husband of Mrs. Cleveland's mother, and which the committee is now investigating.

Senator Brookshire of Indiana, is counsel for the settlers on this land, who claim that the grant was forfeited many years ago.

**WHAT IS IT FOR?**  
The Civil Service Commission has made answer to Senator Allen's resolution, adopted by the Senate last week, as to the alleged dismissal of two women from a branch of the Agricultural Department, at South Omaha, Neb., for displaying pictures of Mr. Bryan in the late campaign. The answer says the Commission investigated the complaint when first made and that Secretary Morton denied that the discharges were made for the cause specified, or that he knew the politics of those discharged. The most significant portion of the answer especially to those in office who regard themselves as being protected by the Civil Service Commission, is the following: "The Commission is not an appointing, or reinstating, or removing body."

**NO FAITH IN IT.**  
Representative McTea, of Ark., who was one of the Democratic members of the coinage committee who voted for the favorable report, with amendments, of the Senate bill authorizing the President to appoint delegates for any international conference, called by any nation or by himself, took occasion to briefly state the attitude of the Democrats toward the bill. He said the Democrats had no faith whatever in such a method of bringing about the free coinage of silver, but that they had no desire to place any obstacle in the way of the Republicans trying to carry out the promise made by their national platform; on the contrary, that they were anxious for the next administration to demonstrate to the country what could be done along that line.

**KYLE AND SENATE CONTROL.**  
Notwithstanding Senator Kyle's assertion that he did not get the republican vote which re-elected him by making promises, the republicans in Washington are now counting upon his voting with them to obtain control of the Senate organization and to fill Committee vacancies that will exist March 4th. This confidence of the republicans is not based upon any vague expectation or hope; they do not say Senator Kyle will vote with us, but that Senator Kyle will vote with us. In voting with the republicans in this particular case, should his vote settle the question, Senator Kyle will betray the principles he has professed ever since he entered the Senate. As most people know, the Senate finance committee, as at present made up, is controlled by silver, although seven of its thirteen members, including the Chairman, are republicans. There will be two vacancies in this committee on March 4th. Senator Sherman will enter the Cabinet and Senator Voorhees will retire to private life. The republican leaders consider it necessary, as this is the Committee that will handle the tariff bill, that both of these vacancies shall be filled by men who can be counted upon to support the new tariff bill and to oppose any silver legislation that may be proposed; and they are saying that Senator Kyle, whose advocacy of silver and of free trade is widely known, will vote with them. If he does, what will be the natural inference?

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## PROHIBIT CIGARETTES

**THE BILL PASSED THE HOUSE TODAY.**

Ransom May Succeed Judge Seymour.—Charter for Charlotte's New Bank.—Another Arrington Investigating Committee.

Special to The News.

**RALEIGH, Feb. 20.**—A bill was introduced in the House today to provide for a dispensary at Asheville.

The bill making it unlawful to sell or give away cigarettes in this State elicited a lively discussion today. The clause in the bill prohibiting the manufacture of cigarettes in the State was withdrawn.

Mr. Lusk, of Buncombe, offered an amendment to make the act apply only to minors. The vote on the amendment was: Yeas, 46; nays, 34.

The cigarette bill, as amended, passed its third reading.

**MRS. P. D. B.'S COMMITTEE.**  
A "clinger" put on the protest signed by the Democratic members of the House against the ruling of the Speaker last night was presented today.

The bill to give Mrs. P. D. B. Arrington a committee to investigate her wrongs; with McCaskey as chairman, passed the Senate by a close vote, ayes, 20; noes, 19.

**RANSOM FOR JUDGE.**  
It is reported here today on excellent authority that President Cleveland will at once appoint Hon. Matt W. Ransom, minister to Mexico to succeed the late Judge A. W. Seymour as Judge of the Eastern District. Republicans here say the Senate will confirm the appointment.

The "Fellow Servants" bill was passed by the Senate unanimously today.

**CHARLOTTE'S NEW BANK.**  
The bill to incorporate the American Trust and Savings bank, to be located at Charlotte was passed by the Senate today.

**WILL IT BE HENRY?**  
The Press-Visitor says: "Mr. Walter R. Henry of Charlotte was last night nominated for the office of Judge of the eastern criminal court by the minority caucus. There was no opposition to Mr. Henry. Governor Russell may announce Mr. Henry's appointment tomorrow. It will be given out in a few days. The office is vacant, as Judge Meares' term expired when the legislature assembled."

**MURDER OF RUIZ.**

**LEADS TO DECISIVE ACTION BY THE GOVERNMENT.**

Admiral Bunce's Fleet Held Ready to Go to Havana—Consul Lee Makes a Personal Investigation.

By Telegraph to The News.

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.**—The foul murder of Dr. Ruiz may force decisive measures by the administration relative to Cuba.

The administration has wired Consul General Fitzhugh Lee for additional information about the outrage.

A peremptory demand will be made made upon the Spanish Government for reparation.

Simultaneously, Admiral Bunce will be ordered to hold the fleet in readiness for immediate departure for Havana.

**CONSUL LEE INVESTIGATES.**  
KEY WEST, Fla., Feb. 22.—Gen. Fitzhugh Lee attended autopsy on the body of Gen. Ruiz and personally investigated the wounds. He found the reports in no way exaggerated.

**SLICED UP LUCKY.**

Serious Cutting Scrape in "Greenville" Last Night.

In the negro settlement known as Greenville, a serious cutting scrape occurred Monday night.

Dan McCann, a negro boy about eighteen years old, became involved in a dispute with Ed Lucky, over a woman. Lucky bit his ear, and came near biting it off.

McCann told a News reporter this morning that Lucky threatened his life, and came at him with a piece of board fence; he pulled out his knife, and cut Lucky in the back and face. He claims the cutting was done in self defense. Meanwhile Lucky came near bleeding to death.

That night at eleven o'clock when Chief Orr went to Lucky's house, Lucky's wife said she would send for a doctor. The doctor didn't arrive, and Dr. H. M. Wilder was summoned at two o'clock.

Lucky's injuries are serious, but will not be fatal.

**THREW OVER A \$50,000 FEE.**  
CITY OF MEXICO, Feb. 22.—United States Minister Matt W. Ransom was selected some time ago as referee in the Guatemala-Mexico boundary dispute. Owing to the illness of his wife and the improbability of his staying much longer there, he has resigned the position and the two governments will select his successor at an early date. He was to receive a fee of \$50,000 in gold for his labors.

## BILL TO REPEAL

**CITY'S CHARTER.**

Will be Introduced in the House Tomorrow.

POLICE COMMISSION CREATED.

Power Taken Out of the Hands of the Mayor and Aldermen and Vested in a Partisan Board—Walter R. Henry the Author of the Bill.

Special to The News.

**RALEIGH, Feb. 24.**—The bill to change the charter of the city of Charlotte will be introduced in the House tomorrow by Representative Williamson.

Walter R. Henry, the author of the bill, was seen by the NEWS correspondent and he stated that he was opposed to the first police bill drafted by others for the city of Charlotte, for the reason that he considered it entirely too sweeping. He says he was opposed absolutely to any interfering with the schools, the cemetery, the fire department or the finances of the city of Charlotte.

The bill in all its sections has the following provisions:

The bill is to amend the charter of the city passed in 1866 and amended in 1881.

**THE BOARD OF THREE.**  
Sec. I. There is hereby created a Board to consist of three qualified voters of the city of Charlotte in the county of Mecklenburg and State aforesaid, to be known as the Police Board of the city of Charlotte. The said Board shall consist of a member of each of the political parties of the State, namely, the Democratic, the Republican, and the Populist or People's parties. That each of said members shall be appointed by the Governor of the State of North Carolina, as soon after the ratification of this Act as possible, upon the recommendation of a majority of the Chairmen of the respective Executive Committees of the political parties, provided that in case there be a tie in said recommendations by reason of the death of either of the Chairmen of said political parties, or for any reason, then the Governor shall appoint the members of said Police Board as nearly in accordance with the spirit of this Act as possible.

Sec. II. That the members of the Police Board hereby created shall receive for their services the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum to be paid to them out of the city treasury on the order of the Chairman of the said Police Board. The office of the board is to be in the city hall, and it is authorized to pay for all necessary expenses by order of the city treasurer, signed by the chairman of the board.

**VACANCIES FILLED BY GOVERNOR.**  
Sec. 3. In case of a vacancy by death, resignation or otherwise in the membership of the said Police Board, the same shall be filled by the Governor in the same way as is provided for the appointment of the members of the board in the first instance.

Sec. 4. The terms of office shall begin at the same time as the term of the mayor in 1897. "The members thus appointed shall continue in office for the period of two years, and until their successors are appointed. These appointments shall be made by the Governor as aforesaid, every two years during the month of April preceding the time for the election of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the said city of Charlotte."

**QUEER PROVISION FOR REMOVALS.**  
Any member of said Board may be removed by the Governor of North Carolina upon the written recommendation of a majority of the chairmen of the executive committees of the political parties as aforesaid, and said written recommendation shall constitute prima facie evidence of misconduct.

Sec. 5. Provides that the chairman shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie.

**ELECTION OF THE POLICE.**  
Sec. 6. After repealing section 15 of the charter provides: "The entire police force of the city of Charlotte not fewer in number than at present shall hereafter be appointed by the Police Board hereby created, or by a majority thereof, provided, that the police force shall be apportioned equally among the three parties.

No man shall be eligible to appointment on said police force until he shall have first filed with the said Board, the affidavits of three disinterested free holders of the county of Mecklenburg satisfactory to the Board, owning land in said county, stating that he is a man of sufficient ability and worthy the confidence of the citizens of Charlotte. Provided, further, that the Chief of Police shall be elected by a majority of the Police Board.

Sec. VIII. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the city of Charlotte shall have no power to remove any of the officers, policemen, or employees elected or in any way appointed by the said Police Board.

Section IX repeals the law regarding the police force.

Sec. X makes a verbal change in section 7.

Section II provides for the appointment of attorney to the police board at a salary of \$250 a year.

**APPOINTMENT OF CITY LABORERS.**  
Section XI provides that the

## SLAP AT RUSSELL.

**HIS WILMINGTON BILL DEFEATED TODAY.**

An Exciting Session—Hotting Populists See the Governor Regarding Appointments—Thirty Vacancies in University Trustees.

Special to The News.

**RALEIGH, Feb. 23.**—Today witnessed the most exciting scene of the session. The bill to change the charter of Wilmington was defeated amid the most intense excitement. The bill was Russell's own measure, and its defeat is taken as a direct slap at the Governor. A number of Western Republicans voted against the bill. This shows the bitterness of the opposition to Russell.

A bill was introduced in the House today to establish another criminal court for the western part of the State.

It has been decided that no bills shall be introduced after March 1st. A bill was introduced today to reduce the bonds of sheriffs fifty per cent.

Governor Russell today sent a message to the Legislature announcing thirty vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the State University.

A committee of bolters, headed by Senator Cannon, called on Governor Russell at noon. They conferred with him regarding appointments.

The Governor said he would be pleased to appoint Theo. White, State Fish Commissioner. Mr. Walter Henry's name was not mentioned.

**HENRY MAY BE LEFT.**  
The bill providing for the regular appropriation, with an additional \$5,000, to the University passed all its readings today. The bill increasing the appropriation to the State Normal school to \$12,500 passed unanimously.

It is learned authoritatively that Russell has promised the eastern judgeship to Sutton, of Cumberland. Unless Henry is appointed, the bolters will break faith with the Republicans.

**BUILDING WRECKED.**

**EXPLOSION IN NEWSPAPER ROW, CHICAGO.**

Seven Men Badly Injured—Occurred in the Chicago Chronicle Office at Seven O'clock this Morning.

By Telegraph to The News.

**CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 20.**—"Newspaper Row" was badly shaken up by a terrific explosion this morning.

The explosion occurred at seven o'clock this morning in the press rooms of the Chicago Chronicle, the Democratic morning newspaper.

Seven men were severely injured. They were all employed in the press rooms.

The entire building was wrecked, and caught fire.

**THE FIRE SPREADS.**  
The branch office of the Western Union telegraph company is next door; and this caught fire from the Chronicle building.

The men working in the press rooms of the other newspaper buildings in the "Row" were thrown from their feet by the force of the explosion.

The amount of the damage is not yet known.

**NAMES OF THE INJURED.**  
The injured are John McMillan, foreman of the press room, blown through the sidewalk, his arm torn away; he is probably fatally injured.

John Stenger, the pressman, is seriously burned about the face, and several ribs are broken. He is probably fatally injured.

John Wheeler, driver of a pie wagon, was blown across the street, and severely injured internally.

Charles Williams is badly hurt internally.

**WAS JOHNSON'S BODY STOLEN?**

Croft Negroes Think So—Newsp Notes and Personal.

Correspondence of The News.

**CROFT, Feb. 23.**—The young ladies of Huntersville high school gave a concert last night in honor of Washington's birthday.

Tonight Mr. Wideman lectures in behalf of some charitable cause. A treat is anticipated, for Huntersville had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Wideman several years ago. Doubtless he will be greeted by a large audience.

Mr. Alex McAuley has been very sick for the past week.

Mr. Burwell Cashion is suffering from an attack of grippe. Mr. Cashion and Mr. McAuley are two of our oldest citizens, having resided in this community for more than a quarter of a century.

It is rumored among the colored people here that Monroe Johnson's body has been exhumed and stolen.

**Jabs From Other Pans.**  
Nashville Sun: Prosperity is said to be dawning. But what a protracted, tedious dawn it is!

St. Louis Republic: The hardest task confronting the Republican Party is to find out what it believes on the money question.

## SENATIONAL CLAUSE.

Section XIII. It shall be the duty of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the city of Charlotte to provide sufficient funds for the payment of the members of the Police Board, officers, police, laborers or employees, appointed as aforesaid by the Police Board established hereby, and to keep the same in the hands of the city Treasurer, and in case they fail to do so, they shall be personally liable for, and shall pay the sum of ten dollars, for each day this duty is neglected, one half of which amount shall go to the party injured by their neglect, and the other shall be paid by them into the city Treasury.

And if the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the city of Charlotte shall willfully fail to provide funds for the payment of the sums due officers, police and employees of said city, appointed by said Board, they shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined, or imprisoned, or both, in the discretion of the Court.

Section XIV declares all offices to be filled by the board vacant at the expiration of the term of the present mayor.

Sec. XV. That section two of the amended charter of the city of Charlotte, Acts of 1887, be, and the same is hereby repealed, and the following substituted: Section 907 of the Code shall apply to trials for violation of city ordinances by the mayor of the city of Charlotte, provided, however, that when a case is removed from the mayor, under the conditions therein stated, the defendant shall have the right to demand that two Justices of the Peace of said city, each a member of a political party different from that of the justice named by the mayor to try the case shall be called in to sit with said justice on the hearing of the same, who shall have all the powers of the justice so named by the Mayor, and the three Justices of the Peace shall have all the powers of the Mayor under the charter of the city of Charlotte and laws of the State, in said case, and a majority of said Justices of the Peace shall decide the case in said Justices' court. Provided that the defendant shall, in the case goes against him, pay the additional Justices the legal fee for trying the case, together with the costs; otherwise, the prosecutor shall pay the costs under existing provisions of the Code in such case.

**SPELLING SCHOOL IN CONCORD.**

Toe the Mark on the Good Old Plan—Webster's "Blue-Back."