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## A LONG BILL.

### THE RAILWAY COMMISSION BILL IN THE PRINTERS' HANDS.

The Election Qualification Bill Not Yet Reported—Names of Townships to Be Chosen—The Eastern Band of Indians—The State Guard Bill—A War Belle.

MEMORIAL BUREAU.  
RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 8, 1889.

The Governor to day consented to an exchange of courts at the spring term, by which Judge Conner will go to the courts in Martin, Pitt, Greene, Franklin and Nash, and Judge Armstrong will hold the courts in Burke, Watauga, Mitchell and Yancey. There were a great many people at the armory of the Governor's Guard last night to see the prize drill. Sixty members of the company were present and the drill was particularly fine. The company's new drum corps attracts much attention.

The bills to provide for a poll tax and for an educational qualification for voters have not yet come up for discussion in the Legislature. There is a variance of view among members. Many eastern men favor an educational qualification, while western members oppose it. The Railway Commission bill was prepared yesterday evening. The committee arranged it and the bill was sent to the printer last night. It is a long bill, but it is only necessary to say that it, well nigh word for word, is the same as the Georgia act. Members of the committee assure your correspondent of this fact, and that it is not worth while to print all the details of the bill. The Committee on Railway Commission had a session this morning.

It is the belief of most persons here that the people of this township will vote for the measure to increase the school tax. This is very comforting. The Legislature will change the names of Holden, Grant and Sherman townships in Pender county; at least the committee report favors such changes. Committee reports are as a rule followed at this session.

Chief Smith, of the Cherokees, (the Eastern Band), is here. He is more like a typical cowboy than anything else. Six feet high, with very erect and powerful figure, and with long, curly hair which falls upon his shoulders. He got in a bill yesterday to charter his band. The latter is composed of about 3,000 people. They are really good Indians. Smith is a very clever fellow, and when properly drawn out talks well. He says there is not a bit of truth in the report, which was telegraphed abroad, that the Eastern Band wishes to go to the Indian Territory. The Indians love their homes in North Carolina and propose to stay here. Chief Smith says that about eight families talked of going to the Territory, and no more, but doubted whether even those would really go. Smith's name in Cherokee is Tsalah-ha-he. In the Cherokee tongue there is a sharp, jerky sound given the last syllable of word.

The Governor sent in a message today transmitting memorials sent him by the Farmers' Alliance, relative to various changes in the laws of the State, such as a reduction of salaries, the abolition of free passes, etc.

R. E. Costner has been commissioned Captain of Company B, Fourth Regiment, at Lincoln, to fill a vacancy caused by the promotion of Charles E. Rinds to the Lieutenant-Colonelcy of that regiment.

It is now the belief of those well informed that the bill to increase the efficiency of the State Guard will pass, and that the encampment is a certainty. Your correspondent was yesterday presented with the overcoat, uniform and arms of P. N. Foushee, a private in the Fifth N. C. Cavalry. All the articles are in admirable preservation, and will be placed in the collection of the War Department. The late Captain Foushee's General has for some time been forming and which he has presented to the State. It is very desirable that all such articles be sent here, to go in this collection. They will be given great care and properly displayed.

This city desires to let its citizens vote on the question of issuing \$100,000 in bonds of \$25,000 for street improvements, and \$75,000 for sewerage and other improvements.

There is a wish on the part of many members of the Legislature to visit Wilmington and take a trip down the river. This will necessitate the running of Sunday boats.

Yesterday \$100 was offered by the Governor as a reward for Chancy Dwyer, a white man, an escaped convict from Cleveland county and \$500 each for the capture of Henry Brooks and Linville Eller, for breaking open and robbing a store in Ashe county.

There were sixty five delegates at the Sanitary Convention. The results of the convention are very satisfactory.

It is a pleasure to know that the late and gallant officer, Col. John W. Stearns, will not resign the Colonelcy of the First Regiment. He is a very noble man and an admirable soldier, and is valued by every member of the State Guard. His regiment, composed of seven companies, now numbers nearly 400 completely equipped men. The Board of Aldermen last night decided to ask the Legislature to change the school age from six to seven years, and also decided that the public schools. There are now at grades, and it was proposed to add a ninth grade. The aldermen in resolution adopted said: "It is the sense of this Board to disapprove of

higher education in the public schools at public expense." That may go now, but later the fallacy of the idea will be seen.

The Governor to day sent a special officer to Columbia, S. C., with a requisition for Steve Jacobs, Alexander Oxendine, alias Alex Honine. Make Mitchell and Pardie Jacobs. Two are in jail, one at Lumberton, others at Florence, and Jacobs is at large. They are charged with the murder of the venerable Mrs. Earp, near Lumberton, last month. This crime attracted great attention.

The Sanitary Convention has adjourned after a session which must result in much good to the people of North Carolina, especially her cities and towns. Many papers were read and notes compared, prominent among which was that of Prof. Ludlow. This was ordered to be printed and it will be widely distributed.

The Sheriff of Wayne county settled his taxes to day, as did also the Sheriff of Davie, the former paying \$10,034.78 and the latter \$233.45.

The House at its evening session passed thirty-eight private pension bills and at 10 o'clock adjourned.

Charleston Will Lose Nothing.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Feb. 8.—The assignment of the Pacific Guano Company created a sensation in business circles here, although no one in Charleston is affected by the failure. The business of the company here has been good, and the failure is not attributed to local losses. The company kept no account in any Charleston bank for the past seven or eight years. The company has been in litigation with the State for the royalty due on phosphate rock mined in streams at Chisholm's Island, belonging to the State. The State won the suit and obtained a judgment for \$54,000 and the case will come up for rehearing at Beaufort next week. To day counsel for the State attacked the property of the company at Chisholm's Island and the works at Charleston for \$54,000. Attachments were also issued to day on the property of the company in Charleston by Baring Brothers, of London, for \$15,000, Kidder Peabody & Co., of New York for \$25,000 and the Link Belt and Machinery Company, of Chicago, for \$2,000.

The Hotel Sutherland Destroyed.

SUTHERLAND, FLA., Feb. 8.—The new Hotel Sutherland here was destroyed by fire early Friday morning, the guests and help narrowly escaping with their lives in their night clothes. A large excursion party from Omaha are the only guests, and all of them lost their clothing, jewelry, purses, etc., valued at many thousand dollars, and all the hotel help lost their wearing apparel. Nothing was saved. Several of the ladies were severely burned, but it is thought that no lives were lost. All camped out during the remainder of the night in huts built of boards and bushes. The hotel was valued at \$40,000, and \$1,500 worth of provisions had just been received. In the Omaha party were prominent people of that city.

Bomb Explosion.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Stevenson's brewery, corner Tenth Avenue and Fortieth streets is a sunken area between the sidewalk and foundation on Fortieth street. This afternoon a bomb of some sort was exploded in this area, which made a tremendous noise heard for miles around. Some damage was done to the masonry of the area wall and basement wall of the building, and all the glass for many blocks in the vicinity was broken but nobody was hurt so far as is known and no serious damage was done to the building.

Guano Company Makes an Assignment.

WOODS HOLE, Mass., Feb. 8.—The works of the Pacific Guano Company were attached yesterday by the Lynn Institution for Savings, and they have assigned to John C. Ropes, of Boston. The liabilities are about \$1,000,000. The company's headquarters are at Boston, and besides the works here they have mines at Beaufort, S. C., and works at Charleston, S. C. The selling agents of the company are Glidden & Co., of Boston, who are endorsers of their paper to a large amount. The latter will probably assign.

Virginia White Caps at Work.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 8.—A News special says: Several white persons have been whipped by White Caps on Chincoteague Island, Va., but their names are not yet known. Charles J. Dunlan proprietor of the Franklin City hotel, Franklin City, Va., has received a threatening notice, Dunlan has prepared himself and will kill the first man who interferes with him. A few days since notices signed White Caps were posted at the post offices in Franklin City, and on Chincoteague Island.

Railroad Meeting.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 8.—At a meeting of the Western and Atlanta Railroad Company to-day, the following officers were elected: Joseph E. Brown, President; R. A. Anderson, General Manager; Joseph M. Brown, Traffic Manager; C. Watson, Secretary and Treasurer; J. C. Courtney, Auditor. Executive Committee—Jos. E. Brown, W. F. Walters, H. B. Plant, E. W. Cole, H. I. Kimball and W. D. Grant. The President appointed J. S. Dickey General Freight Agent, and Charles Beardsley Master of Transportation.

Herz Steinitz Wins Again.

HAVANA, Feb. 8.—The ninth game of the chess tournament here—Evans gambit—was played to-day. Mr. Steinitz won.

## BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

### R. G. DUNN & CO.'S REVIEW OF TRADE FOR THE WEEK.

Change for the Better in the Price of Commodities—Cotton Higher Notwithstanding the Large Crop—The Iron Trade Thought to Have Touched Bottom.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The average price of commodities, which had been gradually declining since January 1 and for some weeks previous to that date, has taken a turn upward during the past week. The advance has been about 1 per cent. in the aggregate, and is shared about equally by speculative and non-speculative articles. A change for the better in this respect after so long a period of declining prices, with the large business in progress is usually a favorable indication for the future, but in this increase the temporary influence of a change of weather and of certain speculative movements must be remembered. It has been a matter of surprise, however, that the volume of legitimate business has continued larger than in any previous year, notwithstanding the unseasonable weather in January, and the deterring influence of falling prices. Outside of New York payments through clearing houses in January cover about 15 per cent. larger than last year, and colder weather tends to remove an important cause of depression.

Speculative markets are mixed, some weaker and others stronger. Pork has declined half a dollar per barrel, lard a fraction, and hogs fifteen cents per cwt., and these movements are in accord with a decline of a half cent in corn and cereals; but wheat has risen 2½ cents, with reports that a powerful combination at Chicago has commenced May deliveries, and the margin between New York and Chicago prices has grown wider, Chicago being higher by the artificial nature of western prices, needs no other proof than the fact that in spite of this difference wheat is still shipped from the West and from Chicago to New York.

Export demand has increased a little, but is still insignificant. Oil has advanced one-half a cent, and cotton a quarter in spite of the heavy increase of last year, and a considerable decrease in exports. The weather in the South has been especially favorable for saving the large crop, and higher estimates of last year's yield are current. Iron trade is thought by some to have touched bottom. The Thomas Iron Company has named \$15.30 as its contract price for grey forge, which is called equal to \$15 for Southern iron at tide water, but has not yet decided upon its opening price for foundry grades. Some Southern sellers have withdrawn from the market and except Bessemer pig no further depression in price appears, but of that grade considerable sales are reported at \$15, by manufacturers who had taken larger stocks than they are able to use without profit.

No change appears in rails, and it is claimed that the only sales below \$27 have been made under exceptional circumstances. Coal is phenomenally dull and many collieries are stopping. The mines at Pittsburgh have resumed and the coke strike has been abandoned. A noteworthy feature in the reports from interior towns is that all records some complaint as to collections. One city reports "no improvement," another "rather poor," and others somewhat dull, or decidedly "stew," but no uneasiness is expressed and slackness at this season is not unusual, though it is rare that the complaint is so general. Business is almost everywhere called quiet, but when comparisons are made some excess over last year is usually observed. There is nowhere complaint as to the supply of money, but it is generally collected with moderate or slack demand.

Foreign trade continues large and for five weeks imports show a gain over last year of \$2 per cent. and exports a gain of 19 per cent. Business failures occurring throughout the country during last week number for the United States 273, Canada 30. Total 303, against 332 last week.

Barred Allies.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 8.—A News, Onancock special says: J. T. Fletcher, of Jenkins Bridge, was almost buried alive Sunday. Funeral services had been held, the coffin interred and the grave nearly bricked when some one heard a groan issue from the coffin. The coffin was at once disinterred and Fletcher examined, his blood was found to be circulating and his pulse beating. He was at once carried home and put in bed. He rapidly improved, but never regained consciousness. On Tuesday the 5th inst., he died and was again buried. It is not known what was his disease.

A Prisoner on His Way to America.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Kuhn, the Swiss, who is charged with having murdered a man in Wisconsin, and who was arrested on the steamer Lord Gough at Queenstown some weeks ago, has been handed over to the United States Government, and in custody of an officer he sailed from Queenstown for New York on the steamer Britannic to-day.

To Die at Sunrise.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 8.—At Brandenburg, Ky., to-morrow at sunrise, James Ross, colored, will hang for the murder of Benjamin Rhodes, an old farmer. The murder was committed April 6, 1888. Ross confessed the crime.

## CONGRESSIONAL.

### THE NAVAL AND FORTIFICATION BILLS REPORTED.

The House Making Arrangements for the Count of the Electoral Vote—The Army and Agricultural Appropriation Bill After Being Amended Passed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—[SENATE].—The Naval Appropriation bill and Fortification Appropriation bill were reported with amendments, and placed on the Calendar.

Senator Everts gave notice that he would next Monday call up the resolution reported from the Committee on Privileges and Elections relating to Texas outrages.

Bill appropriating \$225 to pay the expenses of the special messenger to Florida to obtain the certificate of the Presidential election was introduced by Senator Pasco, and passed.

Senator Chandler's resolution of inquiry as naval officers claims was agreed to.

The Senate then took up and after a brief debate, passed without division or amendment, the bill to quit the title of settlers on Des Moines river lands in Iowa.

Senator Paddock introduced a bill (which was laid on the table for the present) declaring that the provisions of the civil service act shall not be construed as embracing within the scope of its provisions, officers and employees of the railway mail service.

The Senate then resumed consideration of the Legislative Appropriation bill. The amendment to increase the clerical force of the Civil Service Commission was rejected (without division) and the bill passed. The Pension Appropriation bill (as to which there was a motion to reconsider pending) was amended on motion of Senators Harris and Plumb, in relation to checks for pensions, and to payments for portions of the quarter up to date, of the pensioner, and the bill was again passed.

The Senate then resumed consideration of the Union Pacific Funding bill, the pending question being on Senator Mitchell's motion to recommit the bill, with instructions to include within its provisions the Central Pacific Railroad Company. After speaking some time Senator Mitchell yielded to have the conference report on the South Dakota bill presented. The report was that "after full and free conference committee has failed to agree."

The Senate insisted upon its disagreement to the House amendment, and the conferees, Senators Platt, Cullom and Butler were reappointed. Senator Mitchell then concluded his arguments and the bill went over without action.

The President's two messages, in relation to Samoa and to the ship Bridgewater were presented, read and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The Senate then took up the Private Pension bills on the calendar and passed fifty-two of them in twenty-three minutes, and then at 5:30 adjourned till tomorrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

On motion of Mr. Ermentrout, of Pennsylvania, a resolution was adopted reserving certain of the House galleries for the use of families of Senators and members on the occasion of the counting of the electoral vote.

On motion of Mr. Barnes, of Georgia, the Senate amendment, in the nature of a substitute, was concurred in to the House bill relative to the Judicial Districts of Georgia. (As agreed to the bill creates the Northern Division of the Southern Judicial District of Georgia, and provides for the holding of the court at Augusta, Ga.)

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the Army Appropriation bill. The pending question was on the point of order raised by Mr. Randall, of Pennsylvania, against the clause appropriating \$500,000 for the purchase of movable submarine torpedoes.

After debate the Chair sustained the point of order on the ground that the item for torpedoes belonged to the Fortifications bill. The clause was therefore stricken out. After a few unimportant amendments adding sundry small items of appropriation, the committee rose and the bill was passed.

The Agricultural Appropriation bill was then taken up for consideration, and it met no opposition until the clause relative to the distribution of seed was reached, when Mr. Euloe, of Tennessee, made an attack upon the system. His remarks, however, had no effect, a motion made by him to strike out the clause being voted down. The bill was passed.

The Speaker laid before the House a message from the President transmitting further correspondence in regard to Samoa. Ordered printed in the Record, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The House then at 5 o'clock took a recess until 7:30, the evening session to be for the consideration of private pension bills.

Railroad Cashier Gone to Canada.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—C. A. G. Gookin, cashier of the Manhattan Elevated Railroad Company, deserted his post Monday or Tuesday of this week, and it is thought that he has sought a quiet home in Canada. The company loses about \$70,000 by Mr. Gookin's departure it is said, but the officials profess ignorance of positive knowledge on this point.

The House Committee on Commerce to-day ordered a favorable report on the bill appropriating \$500,000 for light-house off Diamond shoal, Cape Hatteras.

## NORTH CAROLINA.

A Daily Presentation of Thoughts, Progress and Events in the State.

The Swannanoa Sanitarium. Asheville Citizen.

Land has been purchased upon which to establish the largest and best equipped sanitarium in the South, at a point between Asheville and the Swannanoa river. Men of scientific attainments in the city of New York, and physicians who have made a special study of the question of climate in relation to pulmonary troubles, after careful consideration of the United States, have decided that Western North Carolina is more admirably adapted to the establishment of such an institution than any other locality.

Gold Mining in Nash. The Argonaut.

A very valuable strike has been made near Nashville, on the Woodward plantation. A very large and strong vein of good free milling gold ore has been opened up for over a mile in length.—At the Mann-Arrington gold mine a new vein has been opened, showing a very rich and continuous body of ore. All the openings are showing well, and the mill is running steadily on a very fair grade of ore.

New Eastern County. Weldon News.

A meeting was held in Scotland Neck to advance the new county project at which a number of citizens of Martin were present. The first proposition was to take in the upper portion of Martin and that part of Halifax below Conecunara Run. It is now desired to leave out Martin and run the line nearer Halifax, say about Marsh Swamp bridges.

Truck Farmers Convention. Clinton Caucasian.

The Sampson Truckers' Association met Monday night, adopted a constitution and by-laws and received new members. There was also prepared an address to the truckers of the State calling on them to send delegates to a general convention to be held in Clinton the 4th and 5th of April.

The State of Buncombe. Asheville Citizen.

When the early settlers of the "Old North State" from the Albemarle colony first viewed the fertile valleys of the Swannanoa and the French Broad rivers, their exclamation was, "This is Buncombe!" Buncombe is now one of the richest counties in the State.

Fitt County Progressing. Greenville Reflector.

The railroad hands are putting in good work now.

Fresh fish are becoming plentiful, a fact which makes the people rejoice.

Messrs. A. A. Forbes and P. G. Moye recently went from this county to Henderson to sell tobacco.

North Carolina to the Fore. Washington Letter.

The semi-annual examinations at the Naval Academy have just closed, and a fifteen-year-old North Carolina boy, Homer Ferguson, of Haywood, promises to win the honors of the present fourth class.

Durham Wants Everything in Sight. Durham Plant.

Raleigh proposes to offer twenty-five thousand dollars for the removal of Trinity College to that city. Greensboro and Winston are also moving to get the College. Durham must not be left.

Indicative of Good Spring Trade. Wadesboro Intelligencer.

Wadesboro has been full of drummers for some time, and our merchants are giving them a liberal patronage. This indicates a bright outlook for the spring trade.

The Beddingfield Railway Commission Bill. Asheville Citizen.

This bill is evidently the product of a crude hand. It is full of objectionable features. It is radically wrong in its structure; and imperfect in nearly all its details.

Chatham Looks Ahead. The Record.

It is possible that a very important enterprise or industry may soon be established at this place, which will bring a large amount of money into circulation in this community.

Trials of the Truck Farmer. Goldsboro Argus.

Already some of our truck farmers are complaining, while yet others are in high satisfaction over their prospects for a good crop of peas.

Improve the Public Schools. Harnett Courier.

We hope the Legislature will make some amendments to the public school law that will increase the usefulness of our public school system.

Dockery for London. Spirit of the South.

It is believed that Col. Dockery will receive the appointment which he seeks of United States Consul-General to London.

Boycotting Fertilizers. Nash Alliance Resolution.

That we will use no commercial fertilizer on corn or cotton, if the price is higher than it was in 1888.

Early Marriage on the Increase. Nashville Argonaut.

Seventy-five marriage licenses issued in Nash county during December and January.

## RIOT IN ROME.

A NUMBER OF PERSONS WOUNDED IN THE DISTURBANCES.

Several Thousand Unemployed Workmen Smash Windows and Wreck Buildings—Portions of the Military Hospital at Madrid Destroyed by Fire.

ROME, Feb. 8.—The fears recently entertained by the authorities that an outbreak would occur among the thousands of unemployed persons in this city were realized to-day. This morning a great crowd of unemployed workmen assembled and marched through the Via Condotta and other streets of the city, blackening shop fronts as they went, and in some cases entering stores and carrying off whatever plunder they could secure. Street lamps and windows were smashed by the mob and on Via Frattina a number of buildings were partly wrecked. Several collisions occurred between the police and the rioters and a number of persons were wounded. Several of the ring leaders among the mob were arrested. Troops are forming a cordon around the disturbed district.

MADRID, Feb. 8.—Fire broke out last night in the military hospital in this city. There were 430 patients in the building and they became panic stricken. Many of the patients were unable to help themselves in any way, but the nurses and doctors bravely and successfully devoted themselves to the task of removing them from the burning structure. The Governor of Madrid himself carried several men who were suffering from contagious diseases to the barracks situated near the hospital. One wing of the hospital was totally destroyed. No deaths resulted from the fire.

VIENNA, Feb. 8.—The following is another account of the circumstances attending the death of the Crown Prince Rudolph:—Rudolph had courted the Baroness Marie Vetsera for four months. The liaison, it is stated, was encouraged by Countess Wallersee-Larich, a niece of the Empress. Marie who was of romantic disposition and nervous temperament, was devoted to Rudolph.

On January 28 the pair started in a two horse closed carriage for Meyring, where they passed the next day together. On the morning of January 30 the two were found dead in bed. Marie had been shot through the forehead. Rudolph had also been shot as already described.

It was evident that the two had resolved to die together. The coverlet was strewn with flowers. The body of Marie was secretly taken to a cottage and thence removed for interment. The Vetsera family left Vienna on Saturday for Venice.

Washington Notes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—A full caucus of Republican Senators was held this morning, at which was discussed the election investigation resolution, and the admission of territories. As to the former it was decided that the Committee on Privileges and Elections should examine into the several propositions now pending, and determine which of them, if any, shall be adopted. The report of Senator Everts on the Texas outrage recently reported to the Senate will be discussed as opportunity offers. Upon the territorial question it was decided to sustain the Senatorial conferees in their disagreement upon the Omnibus bill, which proposes to admit the two Dakotas, Montana and New Mexico.

The Treasurer to-day accepted four-and-a-half per cent. bonds aggregating \$3,178,600 at rates ranging from 1.05 to 1.09½. Embraced in the total was one lot of \$500,000, at 1.09, and another of \$2,600,000 at 1.09½.

The computations made by Treasury experts upon the probable effect of the Senate amendments to the Tariff bill reached the Committee on Ways and Means to-day, and were immediately sent to the printer. A Democratic member of the committee says tables show that one-half of the reduction of \$25,000,000 effected by changes in sugar schedule is wiped out by changes in other tariff schedules, which in themselves would result in a considerable increase in the revenue. This would leave net reduction of revenue about \$12,000,000 or \$13,000,000, leaving the internal revenue sections out of the calculation.

Cotton Mill Burned.

WORCESTER, Mass., Feb. 8.—The Riverdale Cotton Mill at North Bridge was burned this morning. The fire was discovered at 6 o'clock. The mill was owned and operated by the Paul Whiting Manufacturing Company. The fire was first discovered in the west end of the second story. The sprinklers were started after which the watchman gave alarm. As soon as help arrived force pumps at each end of the mill were started. In a short time the entire upper floor was on fire, and the flames for a time were kept on that floor. As soon as Superintendent Martin arrived he took charge. For a time the advance of the fire appeared to be checked, but at 9:30 o'clock it took a fresh start at the west end and was making a slow advance upon first floor, and the firemen were obliged to retreat. At the present writing it is feared the remainder of the mill will have to go. The fire is not yet under control. It is now stated that the loss will amount to about \$40,000.

The fire in the mill at North Bridge was under control at 1 p. m. The lower part of the mill was saved. It contained 21,000 looms and cards, which are damaged by water. The adjoining buildings are not seriously damaged. The loss is now placed at \$50,000.