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TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

THE STATE.

The house judiciary committee yesterday took up the resolution of impeachment of Judge Norwood; the committee was strongly urged to indefinitely postpone action under pledge of sobriety from the judge and a promise to put his resignation in the hands of the lieutenant governor, to be made effective should he again take to drink the committee will dispose of the matter today——Some persons say the offer of the Seaboard Air Line to lease the North Carolina railroad is not bona fide——Governor Russell declines to give out at present the offer of the president of the Seaboard Air Line to lease the North Carolina railroad; party lines are broken on the question of the lease of this road to the Southern —Several leading majority populists inform their caucus that if the quarrels are not stopped they will join the bolters——The spoils committees of the bolters and republicans meet and send representatives to see the governor——It is said the populist bolt came sooner than Skinner wanted it——Mr. Fred Walters and Miss Laura Falson, of Raleigh, were married last night——Lieutenant Governor Reynolds and Speaker Hileman put representatives in the enrolling clerk's office; he declines to certify their pay vouchers; a lively time is expected over this matter——The conference committees of the populist bolters and republicans last night agreed upon the division of the offices to be given out by the legislature——The populist caucus voted solidly to vote for the repeal of the lease of the North Carolina railroad to the Southern.

DOMESTIC.

The Georgia legislature meets in extra session to receive the report of the committee investigating the charges against the two judges; the report is adopted which opposes impeachment ——There is still hope for the men imprisoned by fire in the mine in Michigan——Senator Tillman's bill to amend the interstate commerce law as to liquors imported into a state is ordered favorably reported by the senate committee to which it was referred——There is no truth in the rumor that federal officials will interfere in the Fitzsimmons-Corbett prize fight in Nevada——There is no foundation to the rumor that Ambassador Bayard has been sent letter of recall——The house committee favorably reports the bill to pension the survivors of the organization existing during the late war, known as the "East Tennessee Bridge Burners"——The cadets from West Point and the naval academy will not attend the inauguration of President elect McKinley——A suit is begun in the chancery court to oust Pingree as mayor of Detroit——In Missouri a family feud results in a pitched battle; one is killed and two wounded——The North Carolina Pine Association is chartered at Norfolk——The New York board of police commissioners dismiss the complaint against Captain Chapman for breaking up the Seeley dinner——James B. Young, of Petersburg, Va., dies from the effect of a protracted spree——The dispatch boat Vamoose is at Miami, Fla., Captain McIntosh is indicted for assaulting the Captain of the launch Azone——William T. Stason, of Washington City, dies from burns received in saving the life of an uncle, in danger from an exploded lamp——Mark Hanna's friends concede that Governor Bushnell will not appoint him Senator Sherman's successor——The United States Rubber Company's factory at Millville, Mass., will close down indefinitely——Hamilton F. Coleman, of Washington, is arrested in New York charged with stealing "periodical" stamps; he had $5,000 worth on his person——The Utah legislature elects J. L. Rawlins United States senator.

FOREIGN.

The riot in Aranjez, Spain grew out of the placing of a tax on flour——The Indian government will use M. Yersin's anti-plague serum——In Piner del Rio Cubans wreck an armored train with dynamite——Weyler is said to be at the head of 12,000 troops in search of Gomez——Cuban soldiers are determined to accept no proposals of reform; they are determined on absolute independence——Ambassador Bayard last evening gave a dining to the prince of Wales and a number of other distinguished men of England.

A Trust Company in Financial Trouble

West Chester, Pa., February 3.—The Chester County Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company is in financial straits, and unless a proposition which has been submitted to the certificate holders and depositors of the company is accepted, it will go into the hands of a receiver. A considerable amount of the company's funds is locked up in western mortgages and investments of like character, and the impossibility of at once realizing upon these securities was discussed at a meeting yesterday of the directors of the company. It was decided to submit a proposition to the depositors that they accept bonds for their deposits for a certain number of years and the company to pay 3 per cent. interest on these bonds. By this extension of time, the company hopes to pay its liabilities in full. The liabilities of the company are estimated at $600,000, and the nominal assets at $1,000,000. It is expected that the depositors will accept the proposition by the company and receive the bonds offered.

LA GRIPPE.

Johnson's Chill and Fever Tonic cures colds and la grippe in one day—24 hours.

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Governor Bushnell Not to Appoint Hanna

Columbus, Ohio, February 3.—The friends of Chairman M. A. Hanna here admit today that he will not be appointed by Governor Bushnell to the senate to succeed Senator Sherman. It is reliably reported here that Governor Bushnell has decided to appoint Lieutenant Governor Asa W. Jones, of Youngstown, to the vacancy, and that this action is in accordance with the wishes of the Foraker leaders. The agreement is said to be that General Jones will not be a candidate for election to the full term. This will give opportunity for a battle royal between Governor Bushnell and Chairman Hanna this winter for election to the full term.

The Miners Rescued

Houghton, Mich, February 3.—The fire in No. 3 shaft of the Tamarack mine was extinguished at noon. The four imprisoned miners were at the surface by 1 o'clock, uninjured. They had tapped the air pipe and escaped suffocation by the liberal use of compressed air.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE PASSES ANTI-RAILROAD CONSOLIDATING BILL.

The Senate Passes the Anti-Gold Note Bill. The House Votes in Favor of Repeal of the Civil Service Law—The Assignment Bill Recommitted, As Was the Sutton Anti-Lynching Bill—The Vote Against Female Notaries Public—Cumberland Added to the Eastern Criminal Circuit.

(Special to The Messenger.)

SENATE.

Raleigh, N. C., February 3.—Bills and resolutions were introduced as follows:

By Senator Alexander, to provide for the erection of a building for the deaf and dumb at Morganton.

By Senator Maultsby, for relief of David W. Powell, treasurer of Columbus county, and his sureties.

By Senator Early, to appoint cotton weighers for Garysburg and Seaboard, Northampton county.

By Senator Person (colored), to prevent discrimination in passenger accommodations; also to regulate official bonds of Edgecombe county.

By Senator Moye, to make walter courses eight feet deep and twenty feet wide lawful fence.

By Senator Parker, of Alamance, to amend the charter of Rocky Mount.

By Senator Maxwell, to provide for divorces in certain cases of females under 18 years of age.

For the bill regarding the Alamance and Chatham boundary line, Senator Parker, of Alamance, offered a substitute, which was adopted, that the act do not go into effect until it is ratified by one-fourth of the qualified votes cast at an election.

The following bills passed:

Fixing the time for the qualification of justices of the peace, providing the term of office shall begin as soon as they qualify.

To authorize the commissioners of Robeson county to levy a special tax to pay the present floating debt.

To make guardians, administrators and executors indictable for misappropriation of funds.

To pay registers of deeds 10 cents for each copy sheet of 100 words for recording election returns.

To extend the stock law in Wayne county.

To provide that any note, bond, bill, mortgage or any private obligation may be paid and discharged in any kind of money at its face value at the time of maturity.

Senator Wakefield, who supported this bill, said he was a true populist, notwithstanding the fact that the newspapers had stated he had voted for McKinley. He declared he voted for Bryan, and when he came to the state ticket he had voted it fusion down to constable. He said he had voted for Senator Pritchard because he thought that was carrying out co-operation.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Bills were introduced as follows:

By Mr. Chapman, to incorporate Winterville, Pitt county.

By Mr. Parker, of Perquimans, to prohibit sale of liquor in Hertford township, Pamlico county.

By Mr. Rawls, to work Northampton county's roads by taxation.

By Mr. Price, to amend the law as to election of county superintendents of education so as to restore the same.

By Mr. Bryan, of Edgecome, to fix the bond of register of deeds of Edgecombe county.

By Mr. Hare, to prevent destruction of live trees by lumbermen; to protect owners of timber trees.

By Mr. Chapin, to make Cape Fear and lower Little rivers, in Harnett county, lawful fences.

By Mr. Sutton, of Cumberland, to repeal the law as to the ferry at Elizabethtown.

By Mr. Schulken, to incorporate the "Supreme Ruling of the Fraternal Mystic Circle," and to incorporate the "Woodmen of the World" in North Carolina.

By Mr. Cunningham, to amend sections of the code so that where issues of fact arise in an action of which the courts of equity of the state had jurisdiction prior to the constitution of 1868, or in a commin law action upon equitable rights, involving equitable relief, compulsory references shall not deprive either party of his constitutional right to trial of issues of fact arising in the pleadings.

By Mr. Dixon, of Cleveland, to repeal the $10 annual license tax on physicians.

Bills passed third reading as follows:

To allow Craven county to levy a tax to build bridges.

To allow Pamlico county to levy a special tax.

To allow Harnett county to issue bonds and levy a special tax.

The assignment bill, which was tabled yesterday, was recommitted to the judiciary committee, which will consider it, and if it is not in accord with the supreme court's decision, will make it so.

The bill of Mr. Sutton, of Cumberland, to prevent lynching, by empowering the governor to convene special courts instanter in extraordinary cases of emergency, was recommitted to the judiciary committee. It gives the governor power to convene supreme court, when not in session, in his judgment, and this court shall give precedence to all such cases upon the governor's suggestion, and the attorney general shall prosecute all such cases.

The bill to allow the governor to appoint female notaries public, which was favorably reported, failed to pass—44 to 55.

The bill to add Cumberland county to the Eastern criminal circuit and to change the latter's name to the First criminal circuit, came up. It provides for a stenographer for the court.

Mr. Sutton said the provision as to a stenographer was new, and cited the case at the trial of the express robbers, which it was thought would last two weeks, but, thanks to the use of a stenographer, was disposed of in four days.

The bill passed its second and third readings.

A resolution was adopted raising a committee to ascertain when any alterations or improvements were needed at the executive mansion and report the same.

The following very important bill passed.

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any railroad company to purchase or lease any line of competing railway or to enter into any contract with a competing line of railway calculated to defeat or lessen competition in this state, or to enter into any contract, combine, pool or assiciation organized in or out of the state, operating directly or indirectly, by lease or otherwise, any competing line of railway calculated to defeat or lessen competition in this state, and no railway chartered by this state or operating, by lease or contract or otherwise, any line of railway, steamboat or other transportation company in this state shall purchase, own or control, either directly or indirectly, any stock of any railway company operating a competing line in this state, and any person or corporation violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than $500 or more than $1,000 for each day's violation of the same, in discretion of the court.

Sec. 2. That any citizen of North Carolina who will provide for securing costs as prescribed in other civil actions shall be authorized, on behalf of himself and other taxpayers, to institute action to have declared null and void any agreements entered into by any railway companies in violation of the foregoing section, or when the state is interested as stockholder in either of the corporations which are parties to such agreement, whether heretofore made or hereafter to be made, either any citizn who will provide for securing costs as aforesaid, or the governor shall be authorized to prosecute on behalf of the people any action for the purpose of having such agreement declared void, and the governor is hereby authorized to pay out of any money not otherwise expressly appropriated, costs incurred in the prosecution on behalf of the state of any such action.

The bill passed chartering the bank of Greenville.

The bill passed providing that in case a person who makes a deed refuses to acknowledge its validity, witnesses may be subpoenaed to prove the grantor's handwriting.

By leave, Mr. Hancock introduced a bill to abrogate and repeal the charter of the Goldsboro and Morehead Railway Company, to which letters patent were issued by the secretary of state and filed in Wayne county October 30th last.

NIGHT SESSION.

The house met at 7:30 p. m.

A resolution was adopted, urging our senators and representatives in congress to secure the repeal of the civil service law.

The bill to reduce the salary of the state librarian from $1,000 to $800 came up with favorable report. Mr. Currie was the author. Mr. Lusk moved to table, and on this Mr. McKenzie demanded the yeas and nays. The vote was—yeas, 46; nays, 44.

The bill to repeal chapter 490, public laws of 1893, was supported by Mr. Chapin, who said the purpose was to make a land grant color of title.

Mr. Lusk said there was a hot discussion on the bill in the judiciary committee, which reported it favorably. He opposed the bill, saying it was unfair.

Mr. Sutton, of Cumberland, said it was far reaching, and moved to recommit to the judiciary committee, which course was taken.

The bill passed to make the fee for impounding stock in stock law districts 10 cents, instead of 50 cents, in Tyrrell, Cumberland and Halifax counties.

The bill passed providing for graded schools at Whiteville.

CUBANS USE DYNAMITE.

A Train Blown Up—Weyler in Search of Gomez—Cubans Determined on Independence—They Will Accept No Proposals of Reforms

Key West, Fla., February 3.—Another incident contradicts Weyler's assurance that Pinar del Rio province is virtually pacified. Monday morning a pilot engine with armored car, and steering a passenger train, left San Cristobal. Arriving at the culvert at Bacunaga, near Faco Taco, two dynamite bombs exploded, wrecking the engine and car completely. Four civilians were killed, and also the captain of the volunteers and five soldiers. The engineer, fireman and eight soldiers were wounded. The culvert was destroyed entirely. Traffic is still interrupted with Pinar del Rio.

It is reported that Weyler, with 12,000, and 25 pieces of artillery, has started from headquarters at Cruces, in the direction of the Siguanea hill, west of Cienfugos, with the intention of attacking and dislodging Gomez, who, it is rumored, is encamped in said hill. No encounter is expected, unless Gomez, aided by a naturally strong position and sufficient force, thinks it advisable to meet the foe, in which case a fierce engagement will certainly occur.

The proposed Cuban reforms are the topic of all conversations. All here agree—Spaniards and Cubans alike—that the reforms are a humbug. They will surely make no impression on the rebels. It is known on good authority that a person, arriving from Castillo's rebel camp on a commission to Havana and now returned to the field, described the feeling amongst the Cubans in arms as intense. The dominant spirit is to resist to the end and accept no compromise with Spain unless in case of absolute independence. Castillo has 600 men, well armed and fairly supplied with munitions, and 600 more unarmed.

It appears that Marcos Garcia, commissioned by the government to make overtures to Gomez, fears that his life would be endangered if he personally presents the proposals, and has written a letter to Marquis Ahumada directing the committee.

Trains now running into the suburbs of the town of Guanabacoa carry armored cars and large armed escorts.

Death From Attempt to Save Anothers Life

Washington, February 3.—William T. Stason, 25 years of age, died at the Emergency hospital today from burns received in an endeavor to save the life of his uncle, Charles B. Tilden, a lawyer. A kerosene lamp exploded in Mr. Tilden's room at 2 o'clock this morning and the lawyer's clothing was ignited. Young Stason rushed to his uncle's rescue clad in his undergarments, and, in dragging the latter out of the apartment and in extinguishing the flames, he was badly burned. He ran out into the street and was rolling over in the mud and slush in an attempt to extinguish the flames when a policeman came to his assistance. Mr. Tilden was seriously burned.

A Small But Far-Reaching Strike

Butte, Mont., February 3.—A strike inaugurated on the Butte, Anaconda and Pacific road by thirty members of the freight crew, last night, because one of their number was discharged, threatens to result in a closing down of all the Anaconda properties, which are dependent on the road for supplies. The company will not take back the strikers, and so far no new men have been found to take their places. The Anaconda properties employ over 6,000 men and the supplies on hand soon will be exhausted. The labor unions are opposed to the strike.

Favoring International Arbitration

Tampa, Fla., February 3.—At the annual meeting of the Tampa board of trade held today, a strong resolution was unanimously passed endorsing the principle of international arbitration, and requesting the Florida senators to do all in their power in favor of its adoption by this country. The boards of trade and chambers of commerce throughout the United States are also requested to take similar action.

NORWOOD IMPEACHMENT.

THE RESOLUTION DISCUSSED BY THE COMMITTEE.

Strong Plea to Give the Judge Another Chance—The Seaboard System's Proposition to Lease the North Carolina Railroad—The New Fusionists Agree Upon Division of the Offices—Enrolling Clerk Swinson to Cause a Stir—Butler and Other Politicians Interviewed.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., February 3.—There was quite a dramatic scene in the supreme court room this afternoon at a session of the judiciary committee, the occasion being the discussion of the impeachment of Judge Norwood. The latter was present, but made no remark and did not remain long.

James M. Moody made remarks in his favor and stated that Norwood would give a pledge that he would keep sober and that his wife would accompany him and keep him so. Moody also said that Norwood would place his written resignation in the hands of Lieutenant Governor Reynolds, it to take effect the moment he again became intoxicated. Speaker Blackburn made a strong plea for mercy for the judge.

Ex-Judge Boykin made an eloquent and touching speech, saying he spoke simply as a friend of Norwood, of whom he spoke of in the highest terms, saying he was an able judge, a good lawyer and an upright man, and that if at any time he violated the relations between himself and the committee his resignation became operative; that this was a guarantee by Norwood's wife and friends; that Norwood ought to be given a chance to restore himself to the confidence of the people of his state. In conclusion Boykin said: "Be merciful to him, for he stands sorely in need of mercy. Give him opportunity to reassert himself."

Chairman Lusk, of the committee said he thought the arrangement proposed was entirely beyond the jurisdiction of the committee.

Mr. Moody urged that the resolutions of impeachment be indefinitely postponed, that is, not to be acted upon if Norwood remained sober.

Mr. Sutton of Cumberland, of the committee, said there was no power to thus postpone and said he wanted Boykin, Moody and Reynolds to go at once and see Governor Russell and consult with the latter as to the plan to be followed.

Reynolds spoke for Norwood and he urged the committee to hold off until Saturday week.

It was finally decided by the committee to dispose of the matter tomorrow afternoon. Many prominent persons heard the argument before the committee.

The directors of the North Carolina railway met today and decided that as stockholders they would attend the committee meeting next Saturday, which takes up the bill to annul the lease of the North Carolina railway.

Some people say they do not think the offer of the Seaboard Air Line to lease the North Carolina railway is bona fide. Before the new lease to the Southern was made President Hoffman, of the Seaboard told President S. B. Alexander, of the North Carolina railway that he couldn't bid for the lease of the latter road because under the terms of the old lease the Southern would run the road down on him; that is, surrender it in the same condition it was in 1871.

Governor Russell tonight declined to give out for publication at present President Hoffman's letter making a proposition to lease the North Carolina railway. The governor said there were other matters in the letter besides this proposition. It may be he will give it out sometime tomorrow.

The populist majority caucused in the senate chamber tonight and Senator Butler addressed it. He came here in response to a telegram. The matter which was first taken up was the lease of the North Carolina railway. It is no secret here that party lines are broken on the matter. Populists admit as much. Pritchard republicans favor the lease. Several populists favor it. It is said tonight the vote will be close, perhaps not over five majority either way.

It is learned tonight from populist bolters that Hileman, Maxwell, Person of Wayne, and Whitener have informed the populist majority that if the quarrels in the party are not speedily adjusted they will openly join the bolters.

The bolters and republicans' pie dividing committees met tonight and then their representatives, Grant and McCaskey, went to the executive mansion to see Governor Russell.

A queer little rumor went the rounds tonight that, perhaps, the bolt of populists took place sooner than Harry Skinner intended it should. It will be remembered that Skinner said Butler offered him the senatorship. Butler denies this. Suppose the bolt had not occurred, what would have happened?

It is learned that the committee will favorably report the reformatory bill.

Among today's arrivals are A. H. Slocomb, Fayetteville; T. L. Emry, Weldon; H. L. Fentress, P. B. Manning, Charles E. Borden, William Gilchrist and Walker Taylor, Wilmington; W. M. Bond, Edenton; H. F. Seawell, Carthage; John F. Bruton, Wilson, and A. J. Galloway, Goldsboro.

At the First Baptist church this evening Miss Laura Faison, daughter of Assistant Physician Faison of the asylum was married to Fred Walters, of Raleigh. A banquet was given at the Park hotel, covers being laid for sixty. A dance followed in the assembly room of the hotel.

Today Lieutenant Governor Reynolds and Speaker Hileman went to the office of Enrolling Clerk Swinson and took charge, Hileman naming as his representative a brother of Reynolds, while Reynolds named James M. Mewborne. Swinson asked if he was expected to certify to the pay vouchers of these men and when told yes, swore he would not do it. Then Reynolds and Hileman said he need not do it. He, Swinson, may bring this matter before the legislature, and if he does fur will certainly fly.

The bolters and republicans' conference committees on division of offices agreed tonight to recommend the following division: Republicans—Penitentiary, railway commission, insane asylum at Raleigh, judge of Eastern criminal circuit and Atlantic and North Carolina railroad. Populists—Agricultural department, bureau of labor statistics, insane asylum at Morganton, insane asylum at Goldsboro, state librarian, shell fish commissioner and keeper of the capitol.

Grant says that he made argument that the republicans must have the penitentiary, as they must take care of their people, and this argument moved the populists to tears. He also says the populists were given two places, state librarian and keeper of capital, as an offset to the penitentiary. "In fact,' said Grant, "we give our good friends, the populists, everything they ask for." He then added: "I insisted and carried my point that the educational institutions, including the deaf-mute and blind institutions, be eliminated from the division and placed entirely in the governor's hands, and you know they will not suffer there."

Senator Butler was interviewed at the close of the populist majority caucus and said: "The North Carolina railway lease was discussed by the caucus. We decided unanimously to cast every vote to set aside the lease. We adopted a resolution to this effect and had the roll call. The world knows how many votes we have. Now let them fish for the rest. A. B. Andrews need not bother with that territory. Our action was that each member casts his vote against the lease and that the caucus cast its vote as a unit. Thirty-eight were present. Those absent were vouched for."

The senator was asked if any of the majority had joined the bolters, and replied: "The republicans have caught all the suckers they can get. They are welcome to them." He then went on to say: "Strange thing it is that some men elected to the legislature imagine that they own the people, or at least their own counties. When a bone is in sight it is good enough. There are only sixty populists in the legislature, and if every one of these were to barter their principles and betray their constituents for their own selfish and personal gains, the people's party would lose but sixty votes, for the whole sixty would be condemned by their constituents at home. I will give $5 each for all such populists in the state over 200. I tell you, this action by those who have sold out brings us votes. We have purified the party by casting them out."

As to the total value of offices divided by committee tonight, Major Grant says the difference between those given republicans and populists is less than $100.

Captain Chapman Exonerated

New York, February 3.—The board of police commissioners today voted to dismiss the complaint against Police Captain George Chapman, commander of the Tenderloin precinct, who was recently tried for having raided the Vaudeville dinner given by Herbert B. Seeley to his brother on December 19th last.

Colonel James, who represented the prosecution, filed a brief in which he asked the commissioners to rebuke or reprimand Captain Chapman for his invasion of private rights without first obtaining a warrant. Lawyer Hart, for the defense, asked that the board publicly commend Captain Chapman for doing his duty. The commissioners simply dismissed the charges and thus upheld Captain Chapman. Commissioner Roosevelt said: "There may be two or three points in which I would prefer that Captain Chapman had exercised more discretion, but they are so trivial in comparison to the real issue in the case that I don't want to dwell on them."

Counsel for Herbert Barnum Seeley, Theodore Rich and James H. Phipps, who are now under indictment for maintaining a public nuisance on the occasion of the now notorious dinner, filed a demurrer in Part 1 general session today. The demurrer was in the usual stereotyped form, alleging that the indictment did not state facts constituting a crime.

No Federal Interference in the Big Prize Fight.

Carson, Nev., February 3.—There appears to be absolutely no foundation whatever for the report telegraphed from this city yesterday to the effect that the federal authorities would be asked to stop the proposed Corbett-Fitzsimmon's glove contest. All federal officers having jurisdiction in this state were communicated with on the subject last night, and each denied having received any instructions regarding the matter.

United States Circuit Judge McKenna, of San Francisco, in an interview last evening, stated that he knew of no law that would warrant federal interference.

A bill has just been introduced in the senate providing that the admission to the big fight shall be limited to $1. The bill will probably be vetoed, if it passes, as such an act would bring an undesirable class to the ring side, and the moneyed sports, who are wanted most as visitors to the state, might stay away.

No Letter of Recall Sent Amdassador Bayard.

Washington, February 3.—The report cabled from London that Ambassador Bayard would present his letters of recall on February 20th is clearly an error, as the state department has sent no letter of recall to Mr. Bayard, and will not do so during this administration; consequently, he will have none to present. It is understood that the department of state has uniformly declined to grant even any leaves of absence to any diplomatic and consular officers for the past and current month, so that when the administration changes on March 4th, all officials will be at their posts.

A Suit to Oust Mayor Pingree

Detroit, Mich., February 3.—The fight to oust Governor Pingree from his office as mayor of this city was transferred to the local courts today. D. W. M. Moreland, a member of the board of public works, today applied for and obtained a mandamus from the chancery court for the common council to show why it has not recognized that by accepting the office of governor, Hon. Hazen S. Pingree vacated the office of mayor, and directing that the vacancy be filled at the charter election in April. The order is returnable February 13th.

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RALLY FOR SUPREME EFFORT TO CRUSH THE SENATOR.

Butler Arrives to Lead the Majority Faction—Favorable Report on Vance County Dispensary Bill—Many Deaths From Pneumonia—Important Insurance Bills Before the Legislature—Enrolling Clerk Swinson Stands Firm Against Negro Assistants.

Messenger Bureau, Park Hotel,
Raleigh, N. C., February 3.

Senator Butelr arrived this morning. He is here to take charge of the majority populists, and see that there is no more warring. Congressman Skinner boasted last night that Butler was destroyed and his party "gutted." Every element in the state antagonistic to Butler is now being rallied here in a supreme effort to crush him. It is the purpose to get a majority of the populist legislators against Butler so as to prevent the minority from being called bolters. They hate this word, and say it puts them in the public pillory.

The legislative committees last night heard at great length argument for and against the establishment of a liquor dispensary in Vance county, and agreed unanimously to report it favorably.

During January there were ten deaths in this city from pneumonia. There are yet a number of cases of this disease. The number of cases of grip is now diminishing.

Father Field, of the American branch of the Cowley Brotherhood, will conduct a mission for the colored Episcopalians in St. Ambrose church here, beginning the 21st. This is a new line of work in this state.

The mean temperature here during January was 37.7 degrees, or 3 degrees below the average for the past fifteen years. The highest was 68, the lowest 9 degrees.

Rev. Henry Davis is on trial in Iredell county for murdering his son-in-law last Christmas day. The chances are favorable to acquittal.

The railway and telegraph and telephone reduction bill comes up for hearing tomorrow.

The insurance bills before the legislature are attracting a number of agents here. There will be pressure for a valued policy bill and also for one requiring companies to make a deposit with the state treasurer. One bill makes this sum $25,000.

The enrolling clerk, Swinson, a populist, who refused to take negroes as assistant clerks, sticks out stoutly. As yet the republican caucus, despite threats to discipline him, has taken no further action than to make a demand on him. He will not accept the negroes save by order of the legislature. The republican machine has put his office under watch, so to speak.

The populist bolters are making much of a claim that W. A. Guthrie has joined them. They expected him to attend their caucus last night. He did not do so.

MR. BAYARD'S BANQUET.

The Prince of Wales the Guest of the Evening—Many Distinguished Britishers Present—Toasts to the Queen and President Cleveland

London, February 3.—Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, United States ambassador, gave a dinner in honor of the Prince of Wales this evening at his residence, No. 83 Eaton Square. Besides the guest of the occasion, the list of those present include Cardinal Vaughan, Lord Salisbury, the Marquis of Lansdowne, Lord Halsbury, lord high chancellor of England; the Earl of Leven and Melville, Earl Stanhope, the Earl of Caperdown, the Earl of Northbrook, Earl Carrington, Lord Esher, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Hon. Thomas B. Ferguson, United States minister to Sweden; Lord Playfair, Lord Russell of Killowen, lord chief justice of England; Sir William Colville, Sir William Russell, Sir Charles Hall, Sir Robert Clements Markham, Sir Evlyn Wood, General Clarke, Mr. J. P. Carter, secretary of the United States embassy, and Lieutenant Commander W. S. Cowles, naval attachee to the American embassy.

The occurrence of the official dinner of the speaker of the house of commons this evening prevented the ministers, who are members of the house of commons, from attending Mr. Bayard's banquet.

In the course of the evening, Ambassador Bayard, in a few well-chosen words, offered a toast to her gracious majesty, Queen Victoria, and the Prince of Wales proposed the health of President Cleveland, speaking in generous terms of America's chief magistrate. The guests took their departure at 11 o'clock.

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Favorable Report on the Tillman Liquor Bill

Washington, Feruary 3.—Senator Tillman's bill to meet the supreme court decision on the South Carolina dispensary law was amended this morning in committee and ordered reported to the senate. This bill gives the state absolute police power in inspecting all liquors (intoxicating) imported into a state, as if they had been produced in such state and stipulates that they shall not be exempt by reason of being introduced into a state in original or other packages, for private use or otherwise. One the more important amendments agreed to gives the state control of such liquors within its borders, by whomsover produced and for whatever use imported and without regard to the manner of sale provided by a state or territory. The act does not interfere with the revenue laws or liquors or liquids in transit through a state or territory.

To Pension the Tennessee "Bridge Burners."

Washington, February 3.—The house committee on invalid pensions today reported favorably the bill pensioning at $12 per month the surviving members and the widows of members of the organization known during the late war as the "East Tennessee Bridge Burners." This was a secret military company, organized in 1861 for the purpose of burning bridges to aid General Thomas in occupying certain portions of Tennessee. Their undertaking was perilous, for, if captured, they were not treated as prisoners of war, but summarily executed. On this account, the special rating of $12 per month is recommended, regardless of length of service.

Died From Excessive Drinking

Petersburg, Va., February 3.—James B. Young, a young man highly connected here, was found last night on Sycamore street opposite Central park, in an unconscious condition. He was carried to a neighboring house, but later was taken in a wagon to the city jail, where he could receive proper treatment. He had convulsions after convulsion, and remained in this condition until this morning about 1:15 o'clock when he died. A coroner's inquest was held at the jail this afternoon and after hearing the testimony the jury rendered a verdict that the deceased died from congestion of the lungs and brain. The deceased had been drinking for some time.

The Vamoose Safe

Jacksonville, Fla., February 3.—The New York Journal's dispatch boat Vamoose, which has been reported lost, is at Miami, where her captain (McIntosh) is held under bond for assaulting Captain Denny, of the launch Azone.

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