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## TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

### THE STATE.

A substitute for the bill amending the charter of New Bern has been drawn and ordered favorably reported; it is on the same plan as the bill just passed by the legislature to amend the charter of Wilmington—Opinions were filed yesterday by the justices of the supreme court—Senator Cannon bolts the bolters; it was in consequence of Senator Grant trying to sneak through an amendment to the election law, Cannon voted to send the bill back to the committee and for this he was hailed up by the bolters' chairman—The bolting populists caucused until late last night and named many of their men for the positions in the state institutions; they have come to terms with the governor and the directors of the institutions will not be named in the bills—The republican caucus decides against The Code commission—Western republicans say that rather than see the Butler faction get hold of the state institutions they will leave them in the hands of the democrats.

### DOMESTIC.

The Laurada left Baltimore Friday, ostensibly for Philadelphia; she has not been seen since she passed out of the Cape;—A filibustering expedition leaves Barre, N. J., for Cuba—President-elect McKinley reaches Washington city and takes up quarters at the Ebbitt house—Richard H. Cabell, of Virginia, internal revenue collector at Salt Lake City, is shown in accounts about \$10,000—The employees in the Globe Shipbuilding Company's yards at Cleveland, Ohio, strike—The Augusta Southern railroad is leased in perpetuity to the South Carolina and Georgia Railroad—Nineteen members of the Idaho legislature file a protest against the seating of Senator Heifield—Secretary Olney in response to a senate resolution, declines to send to that body the correspondence with General Canby and tendered for white the murder of Dr. Ruiz, on the ground that it would not be to the public interest; he sends an abstract of the case, including the statements of the Spanish officials that Ruiz was most humanely and tenderly cared for while in prison and says the Spanish government will make a thorough investigation of General Lee's charges.

### FOREIGN.

Venezuela appoints a minister to Great Britain—A Cana dispatch says that Moslems at Salina have been massacred by Christians; the Moslems at Cana threaten to attack the foreign consulates; the insurgents have captured 1,200 Turkish soldiers at Kandamask; the foreign consuls demand that the Greek vessels be allowed to enter the harbor; the Greek commander answers that he will obey the orders of his own government—In the Greek chamber of deputies the premier, after discussing the Cretan situation, asks for a vote of confidence; the vote was 125 to 2 in favor of the government—A riot occurs among the Turkish troops at Cana and the marines from the foreign men-of-war fire into them and quiet the disturbance; the commander of the Turkish troops was wounded by his own men.

### AFFAIRS IN CRETE.

Two thousand Moslems massacred and twelve hundred Turkish troops captured by Christians—Greek Fleet Ordered From Cretan Waters—Reply of the Commander-in-Chief of Turkish Troops—Paris, March 2.—A dispatch from Cana to The "Eclair" says: It is reported here that 2,000 Moslems in the fortress at Salina have been massacred by the Christian insurgents. The Moslems here are furious over the news and threaten to attack the foreign consulates, to protect which an additional force of marines has been landed by the various warships. Athens, March 2.—The government is informed that the garrison of the town of Kandamask, island of Crete, which has been made prisoners by the insurgents, comprised 1,200 Turkish soldiers. The garrison was wired the Greek vice-consul at Cana, instructing him to start at once for Salina and use his influence in behalf of the Moslems who have been made prisoners there. Advice received here from Cana says that the foreign admirals demanded that the Greek vessels be allowed to enter the harbor and that the Greek commander would only obey the orders of his own government. If his ship were sunk, he would only wait until the foreign flags as she went down. At the conclusion of his speech in the chamber of deputies last evening, in which he denounced the bombardment of the Cretan Christians by the powers in regard to Crete in general, the premier asked for a vote of confidence which was carried 125 to 2. Forty members abstained from voting. London, March 2.—A riot occurred at Cana, Crete, today in which Sultan Bey, colonel of the Mussulman gendarmes, was badly wounded by his own men. Several other Turkish officers were wounded. The outbreak was caused by the gendarmes not receiving their pay. News of the revolt was sent to the various consulates and the foreign marines were dispatched to the scene. Several vessels were fired upon from the windows of the barracks where the gendarmes were quartered. The rioting was caused by the gendarmes not receiving their pay. The disturbance caused a panic in Cana. Cana, March 2.—A complete rupture between the boys and Mussulmans, and the latter has been caused by the fall of Kandamask. The garrison was applied to the Greek vice-consul here to save their compatriots from massacre. The consul has promised to do this and has provided the foreign minister will supply the transportation necessary to get the Moslems to Salina and that the latter will give the report of the alleged South Carolina election frauds. A committee was appointed to investigate the matter that the questions raised are of grave importance, but on account of the infancy of the present house to consider them they recommend that the matter be referred to the Fifty-fifth congress for its consideration.

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## THE LEGISLATURE.

### ACT TO AMEND WILMINGTON'S CHARTER BECOMES A LAW.

The bill amending the Charter of Fayetteville and Charlotte Defeated—The Tentative Reorganization Bill Passed in the Senate—The Lie Given in the Senate—Report on Frauds in the Senatorial Election—Senator Grant Caught in Trying to Sneak a Bill Through. (Special to The Messenger.)

Bills were introduced in the senate as follows: To incorporate the Underwriters of Goldsboro (passed its readings under suspension of the rules).

By Senator Atwater to incorporate the Atlantic Development Company (rules suspended and passed readings).

By Senator Patterson, to incorporate Red Springs seminary.

By Senator Cannon, to prevent livestock from running at large on Wrightsville Beach (rules suspended and passed readings).

By Senator Grant, to amend the charter of Goldsboro.

By Senator Smithers, to regulate rate of interest in counties west of the Blue Ridge; also to protect real estate under mortgage or deed of trust.

The bill was taken up to amend the charter of the city of Wilmington. Senator Justice demanded the roll—roll was sustained and the bill passed its third reading—yeas, 24; noes, 18.

Bills passed as follows: To repair certain stock law fences in Robeson county.

To amend the charter of Elizabeth City.

To provide for working public roads in Nash county.

To incorporate Winterville, in Pitt county.

To allow Sampson county to borrow money, issue bonds and levy a special tax.

To incorporate Harnett Central railway.

Amending the charter of the chamber of commerce of Wilmington.

To change the time for holding courts in the Seventh judicial district.

To incorporate the Mutual Aid Banking Company.

To allow the clerk of the superior court of Bladen county to be absent from office on Mondays.

The bill was taken up to amend the charter of Fayetteville, by providing for a police commission.

Senator Justice demanded to table the bill; the motion prevailed and the "clinch" was added.

The bill to establish a colored state normal school carrying an appropriation of \$5,000 passed.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.** The senate reassembled at 2 o'clock and bills were disposed of as follows: Granting additional cause for divorce and to provide for divorce in certain cases where the female is under 18 years of age—both tabled.

The penitentiary bill was taken up. It takes control of the penitentiary out of the hands of the present officers and gives the governor power to appoint nine directors and to name the chief officer by consent of the senate and to name the wardens etc., by consent of the directors.

Senator Person moved to pass the bill over indefinitely.

Senator McCaskey opposed postponing the matter, saying it should be settled at once.

Senator Grant said to defer the matter affected the inmates of the penitentiary and the integrity of the governor. "If it is the purpose to take charge of the prison there is no better time than now to settle it; if there is any republican or populist here who opposes it let us put him on record as being against the wishes of co-operation."

Senator Whedbee opposed consideration of the bill, saying it gave the governor extraordinary power, such as no one man in North Carolina should be vested with. When he (Whedbee) came here it was not his intention to be driven by "razz" but he was going to submit to be ruled by a "czar."

There has been too much internal cowardice shown here in this legislature by trying to give one man all the power. This bill gives Governor Russell power to appoint whoever he desired to rule this penitentiary. Senator Whedbee said he was perfectly willing and glad to go on record as opposing such a measure. Let the people have a voice in the matter and say who shall govern the penitentiary and not Governor Russell.

Senator Moore rose to ask a question. Before he could do so Senator Whedbee asked him what he wanted as his part—a postoffice? If so, Governor Russell could not give him that.

### SMATHERS NOT TRUE AND HE KNEW THEY WERE NOT WHEN HE MADE THEM.

Senator Ray said the statements of Smathers were not true and he knew they were not when he made them.

Thereupon Senator Smathers gave the lie to Ray.

Senator Anthony said he hardly indorsed all Senator Ray had said.

Senator Ray rose to a question of personal privilege and replied to Senator Smathers saying: "I have this to say; that any man who would take advantage of me on this floor (the gallery was full of ladies) as he (Smathers) has done, is a coward and guilty of a cowardly trick."

Senator Smathers said he had not said any harder things about Senator Ray than the latter had said about him, but he was willing to leave it to the committee to say who should apologize and as for being a coward that could be settled outside.

The question recurring on the passage of the bill, Senator Ray demanded the roll call, which was sustained and the bill passed—yeas, 25; noes, 19.

Senator Mays said he thought it was due Senator Ray and the senate that Senator Smathers should apologize and that the senate should adjourn until he did.

Senator McCaskey said he thought they should both apologize.

Senator Abell thought the matter should go over until tomorrow and the senate took a recess until 8 o'clock.

### NIGHT SESSION.

Senator Ranney, of Rowan, introduced a bill to amend the charter of Charlotte and to provide for the just distribution of the police force and other offices among the parties.

Senator Grant sent forward the report from the special committee on election laws. The report was a bill to amend the election law introduced by Senator Grant, but there was no report from the committee on the bill.

Senator Scales objected to the bill received and moved that it be re-committed to the committee to make a report.

Senator Mitchell demanded the roll call which was sustained, and Senator Scales' motion was lost—yeas, 22; noes, 25, the populists bolting voting with the republicans.

Senator Scales made a statement in regard to the bill, saying he was one of the committee and attended the meetings and the bill was ordered to be reported unfavorably by a vote of 5 to 4 and he thought the report would be made to appear on the bill, but it did not appear. He had since learned that the republican caucus with the bolters had decided in favor of the bill and that is the reason it "bobs up so suddenly." He did not know by what authority Senator Grant reported the bill favorably and would like to ask the senator why it was.

Senator Grant said the caucus passed on it favorably.

Senator Scales—Do you not know that the committee voted to report the bill unfavorably?

Senator Grant—I do not remember.

Senator Scales—Did you not know the vote stood 5 to 4 and that you were ordered to report unfavorably.

After pinning Senator Grant to the wall the latter had to admit that that was the decision of the committee.

Senator Scales then said: "I want the report to speak the truth, so I may move to change it from favorable to unfavorable."

This was ordered to be done.

Senator Atwater stated he was a member of the committee and he attended the meeting; that the statement of Senator Scales was true in all details.

Senator Scales made it altogether too warm for Senator Grant. The latter squirmed and twisted. It was warmer for him than it has been this session.

Senator Maulsby moved to reconsider the vote by which the senate refused to recommit it back to the committee and to recommit the same. He said the measure was too radical to pass. He did not want to give the democrats such a good chance for political capital. It was a bill that would not suit the people.

Senator Odum moved to table the motion, which the senate refused to do and Senator Maulsby's motion was carried and the bill was re-committed.

The co-operationists were hot and did not mind being heated. They were in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No bills were introduced today and only one report was made by committee, this being (without prejudice) to appoint E. S. Simmons, a blind democrat, justice of the peace.

The North Carolina railway lease bill was made a special order for next Friday at noon.

Bills passed as follows: To allow Craven county to levy a special tax.

To allow Raleigh township school committee to issue \$50,000 of bonds for school houses.

### PARTY CAUCUSES.

A Lively Time Among the Bolters—Western Republicans Fighting the Butler Faction in a Worse Manner Than Ever. (Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., March 2.—A meeting of bolting populists caucused tonight until 12:30 o'clock. There were twenty present. Speaker Hileman was among them. They chose R. A. Cobb for state treasurer and E. B. Parker for commissioner of agriculture. Dr. Williams, R. Wood, superintendent of the insane asylum at Raleigh; J. R. Hamrick, commissioner of labor statistics. They made some changes in their lists of directors of the insane asylums and of the agriculture department. Representative Abernethy is one of the directors of the Western asylum. All those named are of the bolting populist faction. They declined to give out the names of the directors, saying there must be some changes before tomorrow night.

The republicans in their caucus first took up the code commission bill and decided by yeas and noes of 41 to 20 to defer it on the ground of expense.

The committee of conference appointed to see the governor and to ascertain what he proposed to do in regard to maintaining appointments submitted its report. Everything, it said, was adjusted and the governor does the appointing, and that as assured of the committee his appointments would be for the best interest of the party and be made after consultation. So the caucus did not name anybody.

A member who told me said the governor was in the saddle. One was frank enough to say he would let the governor ahead and pick his own men.

The members were said to be very quiet tonight, while last night some were very angry. The caucus worked hard to get unity. Sharp of Fredrick, declared he stood with the governor who had been so much attacked in Monday night's caucus when there was strong sentiment in favor of putting the names in all the bills and giving the governor no power in the matter.

A caucus member said "You saw the bills passing tonight. This is what made the bills pass. You saw bolting populists all voting with us tonight on the asylum bill. Today's work caused this."

Two negro members from Edgecombe bolted against the asylum bill. They still want to be free of Russell's hands.

Some republicans are angry with Sharp. He bolted the republican caucus tonight on account of the proposed action to stand by the new election law as drafted by Holt and Grant. Sharp said "You men can vote as you wish but I don't vote as you wish. I stand with the majority."

Maulsby stands with Sharp. The governor, it is understood, is opposed to the proposed election law because its provisions are such as to shut out the majority portion in the election machinery. Russell is determined on standing in with the majority populists and ignoring the minority.

The cat was let out of the bag by Sharp and Sutton, of New Hanover, a speech before the caucus. Western republicans say that rather than see Butler's faction have control of the state institutions they will leave them in democratic hands. They assert that Butler and his followers in the next election will bitterly antagonize every republican who voted for Pritchard and against the governor's railway lease bill. It is their endeavor to build up a republican party by acting so as to attract sound money democrats and build up the minority populist bolting faction. All this news was given by caucusmen.

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Senator Cannon joins the Governor's Forces—The Grant Election Law Amendment Causes Another Split. (Special to The Messenger.)

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Mr. Parker said the report was a fraud.

Mr. Sutton, of Cumberland, called the previous question. A division was called. The speaker announced that 65 voted in the affirmative and did not put the negative side.

On the second reading of the bill Mr. Johnson demanded the yeas and nays. The vote was—yeas, 61; nays, 41.

The speaker never answered the question whether Blackburn was on the committee.

Mr. Duffy, explaining his vote, said the bill was simply a grab of the asylums; that it was unprecedented; that democrats had taken such a vote.

Mr. Johnson said that in the committee room that he and others were denied the liberty of looking into the merits of the bill, but were gagged by persons not members of the committee; that the same influence had used the same power here tonight and the report on the bill was a fraud on its face.

Mr. Parker, of Wayne, said the majority should change its name from party of patriots to party of plunderers.

The bill passed its third reading, the yeas being 65 and the nays 41. On motion of Mr. Hancock the clinchers were put on the negative side.

**Supreme Court Decisions.** Raleigh, N. C., March 2.—The supreme court this evening filed the following opinions: Beach vs. Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, from Pitt; affirmed; Sherrod vs. Dixon, from Edgecombe, affirmed; McKay vs. Chapin, from Harnett, affirmed; State vs. Moore, from Franklin, affirmed; State vs. Journagan, from Franklin, affirmed; Warren vs. Boyd, from Edgecombe, error; Pipkin vs. Pipkin, from Harnett, error; Cutchin vs. Johnson, from Edgecombe, affirmed; State vs. Holmes, from Wake, no error; In re Young, from Wilson, error; Jeffries vs. Aaron, from Wayne, error; McGowan vs. Harris, from Pitt, new trial; Barrett vs. Barrett, from Pitt, error; Spivey vs. Ross, from Johnson, new trial.

**A Substitute for the New Bern Bill.** (Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., March 2.—Senator McCaskey said tonight that the New Bern charter bill could not be passed in its present state and so a substitute had been prepared which is practically like the Wilmington bill; that is allowing the governor to appoint one alderman from each ward. The senate committee on cities reports the substitute favorably having acted on it this evening.

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