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#### To the State Constitution Adopted by a Good Sized Majority .- Mr. Rountree Opens the Debate -- He Argues the Constitutionality of the Measure .- Mr. Winston's Appeal to the Democrats,

THE FRANCHISE AMENDMENT

WHITE SUPREMACY

Record for This Principle.

Democrats of the House Put Themselves on

House Passes the Bill for Funding Certain Bonds of Wilmington-Senate Passes the Scotland County Bill.

#### (Special to The Messenger.) SENATE.

Raleigh, N. C., February 17 .- The senate's session was 'tedious and uninteresting. Many purely local bills were passed. Bills were passed: Giving Columbus county a dispensary. Creating the county of Scotland. Incorporating the Atlantic and Yadkin railway. The Judge Norwood matter was indefinitely postponed, as he has resigned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Bill were introduced as follows: By Mr. Rountree, to give livery men a lien sonable one and is confined entirely on horses and mules. To make it a to present conditions, Negroes have misdemeanor, punishable by \$50 fine, not voted individually, have not exto work on Sunday. By Mr. Gilliam, to ercised the faculty of right of voting amend the charter of Rocky Mount. To | for themselves, as Crosby, one of the regulate accident insurance companies. ablest negroes in the state, informed Bills passed as follows: To incorpor- the committee. ate Gibson, Richmond county. To allow Greene county to levy a special amendment was entirely compatible

mittee on education, made a report white people have been and will be nominating trustees of the university just to the negroes; have been liberal as follows: K. P. Battle, C. M. Sted- in education and will continue to be so. man, F. H. Busbee, H. C. Wall, Ben- Mr. Rountree, on concluding, was ehan Cameron, J. S. Manning, J. W. greeted by loud applause.

Fries, R. M. Furman, W. A. Guthrie, Smith, of Craven, colored, spoke T. S. Kenan, R. H. Lewis, J. A. Lock- against the amendment, saying negroes hart, J. D. Murphy, J. L. Patterson, regarded the right of suffrage as their Fred Philips, J. A. Robeling, Henry dearest right. He begged the white

voted "aye." (This was greeted with applause.) Currie, of Moore, voted "no," to keep the pledge to his people, and so did Curtis. Davis, of Franklin said he voted "aye" because the people founders of this state are not affected by this amendment. The amendment does not seem to be at all different from the present law in Massachusetts, the latter state having an amendment to exclude foreign illiterate vote (1875) being named were in the amendment under discussion in 1867 is named. At Mr. Rountree's request, Mr. Al len, of Wayne, read the Massachusetts law, and he contended: The supreme word. court of Massachusetts, than which none is abler, has decided this is constitutional. This exception is a rea-In conclusion Mr. Rountree said the with the federal constitution and Mr. Winston, on behalf of the com- founded upon fact and principle. The

"aye" on the third. 81 to 27.

township, Cumberland county. To incorporate the Bank of Cumberland at mercial and Savings bank at Goldsboro. To incorporate the Raleigh Bankig and Trust Company. To incorpor not to pass the bill, as negroes will in ate the North Carolina Emancipation such case never believe the whites are Proclamation Association. To prohibit the sale of liquor at Bryson City and years the white people would desire to establish a dispensary there. To better undo what they were doing today. He drain low lands in Lincoln and Gasdid not think the amendment would ton. To amend the charter of Red Springs seminary. To amend the charclared it was for the sole purpose of ter of Huntersville, Mecklenburg coundisfranchising negroes; said it was disty. To amend the charter of the Piedcrimination: gives the white people mont Toll Bridge Company. To fund nine years of grace as to reading and certain bonds of Wilmingto. To reguwriting, but did not give the negro late cotton weighters' fees at Statesany grace at all. He said all noticed ville. To establish a public ferry across that white republicans were not makthe Yadkin river in Yadkin and Foring any fight against the amendment syth. To regulate liquor licenses at Negroes had always been true to the Wilkesboro so as to require the matter whites. He added that while the whites to be left to the popular vote. To prohibit hunting in Rowan, save by conwere arranging to eliminate the negro voters, here came a bill from Washingsent of land owners: To prevent rang-

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY SPECIAL of French President. tested in the name of his people. (One NAVAL PERSONNEL BILL PROPOSED AMENDMENT Fefore the joint committee on appro-hiss came from the gallery.) Council

> Adopted by the Senate-Three Notable Paintings of Revolutionary War Scenes Presented to the Senate-The House Refuses to Recommit the Sundry Civil Bill So as to Attach to it the Nicaragua Canal Bill-House Takes Up the Naval Appropriation Bill SENATÉ.

were to pass on it. Leatherwood said Washington, February 17 .- At its seshe was always willing to leave these sion today the senate adopted a resoluquestions to the people. McIntosh's tion instructing the vice president of vote was applauded. McNeill said he the United States, as president of the was pledged not to vote for any dissenate, to express to the governmnt and franchisement. Redding said he was the people of France, the sympathy of pledged not to support any measure the senate in the bereavement that has of the kind. Reinhardt said in Lincoln fallen upon the French republic in the

death of President Faure. county all democratic speakers had de-The naval personnel bill, for which clared they would not vote for disthe navy department has been confranchisement. He would keep his tending for so many years, was passed

by the senate this afternoon. It was The vote stood-ayes, 79, noes, 29 The populists voting with the demo crats were Crumpler, Johnson of Sampson and Tarkenton., The followommittee ing democrats voted no: Barnhill, Cur-The remanider of the day's session rie of Moore, Curtis, McNeill and Reinwas devoted to the passage of bills on hardt. Patterson, of Caldwell, did not

vote on the second reading, but voted four in number and to the reading of the Alaska code bill. The bill passed its third reading-

Carolina who want peace, and who de

sire that virtue, intelligence and tru manhood shall rule for all time

Closing amid prolonged applause, Mr. Winston called the previous question.

lesired to explain their votes. Mr. Car-

raway, of Lenoir, in stentorian tones,

said: "I don't want to apologize for

my vote." Barnhill voted "no" to keep

hiss came from the gallery.) Council-

said in voting for the amendment he

white and black. Crumpler, populist,

said as the amendment was to be ac-

cepted or rejected by the people, he

did so in the interest of all people,

his word to the people. Burrows pro-

should be transacted. The house took a recess. The house met at 4 o'clock. Bills passed third reading as follows: To allow voters of Union county to vote on three notable paintings of revolutionary a dispensary. To prohibit live stock from running at large in Cross Creek matter to the committee on library of Fayetteville. To incorporate the Com-, really works of art.

SCHOOL Some members gave notice that they By Our Senate on Death Separate Taxation of the Races.

To the State Constitution Allowing Fayorable to Dispensary Bills-Leave Obtained to Bring Suit Against Superintendent Day - Otho Wilson's Resignation, Messenger Bureau,

Raleigh, N. C., February 17. The legislature is now working with great rapidity. Most of the great work is, however, done in the demo-

cratic caucus. The fights over dispensary bills coninues, but it is significant that nearly all such bills are being passed.

The executives committee of the nententiary has obtained 'leave to bring suit against W. H. Day to try his title tendent. The case comes up in the su- equiptional committee.

under discussion for several hours, but perior court here and will be advanced was passed practically in the form in in the supreme court. which it was reported by the senate

> before this legis ature, the limitation of the right of negoes to vote.

> > "That at the next general election in

mense numbers of robbins are in this

section. Yesterday a man killed 480,

The great weight of the snow crushed

the roof of Egerton & Wood's tobacco

factory at Louisburg and wrecked the

railway commissioner has for three

weeks been in the hands of Speaker

Cennor. It is as to date in blank, so

that the date can be inserted as spon

as the bill is passed restoring Wilson

immediately relieved and quickly cured

by De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. Be-

ware of worthless imitations. R. R.

UNRAVELING THE MYSTERY

The resignation of Otho Wilson

building. The doss is \$10,000.

and another killed 310

to office.

Bellamy.

Adams

The committee on constitutional amendments makes a favorable report the private pension calendar, seventyon Stubbs' amendment to section article 9, of the constitution by striking The agreement under which the Alasout the words but there shall, be no ka 'bill was' read provided that no other business than the formal reading discrimination in favor of or to the prejudice of either race," and inserting in lieu thereof the following words Senator Tillman presented to the sen-

'And the general assembly shall pro ate a letter from Octavius A. White, of New York city, offering to the senate vide for an equitable distribution of the school fund between the races and in war scenes by Mr. White's father. Senaddition to the fund raised under the general law for school purposes, th ator Tillman said he had referred the people of any race living in any coun ty, city, town, stownship, or territor the senate, which had considered the may, upon being first authorized by th subject.' The paintings had been sent general assembly levy for educational purposes of that race an additional tax. to this city and were pronounced to be upon the property of that race if a majority of the qualified voters of said Senator Hansbrough, acting chairman of the library committee, offered a resolution accepting the paintings and race shall at any election held for that providing for suitably hanging them in

Fire | Fire! Fire! Mi tiers Before Them Yesterday-Figh C/er Amendment of the Pilotage (Special to The Messenger.) Laleigh, N. C., February 17 .- The ate committee on propositions and greevances deferred decision on the Greensboro dispensary until tomorrow. The vote is likely to be unanimous and for the bill.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

ed that the appropriation be increased from \$90,000 to \$110,000. Dr. Kirby. of the Central asylum; Goodwin, of the Each Race to Tax Itself for Increased Marganton deaf and dumb school, and School Facilities-The Legislature Raw superintendent of the school for white blind, wanted appropriations of \$67,150, \$47,000 and \$93,000 respectively. Vinston's bill to combine the Agri-curural and Mechanical college experiggent station and Agricultural departmeye under one board of management

withdrawn today. S nator Osborne gained the assent of the senate judiciary committee to postone consideration of the Stevens antitru a bill till Monday. He said he had letters from a number of Charlotte merchants, requesting a hearing in opposition to the bill.

Schator Daniels' bill to increase the per manent school fund by giving conro to the board of education of \$136. to the position of penitentiary superin- 50 1 per cent. bonds, is favored by the

Your correspondent hears that Represontative Rountree desires Thomas The special order in the house today D. Meares, James S. Worth and John was that most important of all matters Galford put in police commission bill for Wilmington.

A fight is to be made by some member? of the house on the revenue bill, on the ground that it is too much like the fusion revenue act of 1897. H untree's bill to abolish' compulsory plic age for Cape Fear river and bar wai before the committee this afternoo i. dell Meares also appeared for the pilots. P. 3. Manning appeared for the Navas a Guano Company, which wishes the pilotage law amended. Manning said he did not advocate Rountree's bill but favored the Georgia pilotage

Several pilots appeared. Irelaws which fixes an annual license tax of 14 cents per registered ton on coastwish vessels, after such dessels have THE C.W. POLVOGT CO'S



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Weil, W. T. Whitsitt, E. J. Hale, C. M. Cooke, T. J. Jerome, H. E. Faison, T. B. Peirce, James Sprunt, L. J. Picot, their friends. He predicted that in four H. A. London, Frank Wilkinson and E. R. Outlaw. Next Tuesday is fixed as the time of election.

Mr. Holman, chairman of the finance, stand the test of the courts. He decommittee, introduced the revenue bill, and Mr. Craig a bill to incorporate the Asheville Savings bank; also one giving deputy clerks power to probate deeds.

Public printing bills were made the special order tomorrow. Mr. Rountree introduced a bill to appoint justices of the peace for the city

of Wilmington. The bill passed to allow Fayetteville to establish an electric light plant. ' Mr. Rountree called attention to the fact that it was time for taking up the

special order-the bill to amend the -constitution as to suffrage. Mr. Winston read the report of the

committee with the substitute, which is the bill. The galleries and lobby were filled

and all manifested deep interest, as was to be expected concerning, the most important business of the entire session, a radical change of the organic law of the state, as the speaker an-

nounced. Mr. Rountree said the bill was the result of most anxious and painful consideration by the committees; also the result of mutual concessions on the part of members, but such as it is, it has the unqualified approval of committeemen and all lawyers in the legislature. It is a measure to secure to North Carolina, for many years at least, good government. It is a just and. constitutional measure. He spoke of the experiment of universal suffrage in the earlier years of this country. It was found to be impracticable; in late years this faeling has deepened; as to Hawaii and Cuba, there is qualified suffrage. If the people of North Carolina had had any doubts about the future of universal suffrage, fusion rule of the past four years and particularly of the past two years had swept away these doubts. The committees had set to work to solve the question in a just, humane and legal way. There were to be looked after white men who, though unlettered, are fully capable of the full duties of citizenship. The committee felt that no, one should take part in control of the state unless

cided there must be sufficient intelligence to perform the duties of citizens. Some leading negroes before the committee admitted candidly that the negroes voted en masse at the crack of the whip. The committee considered

inheritance: that this right to franchise might be handed down from fath-

there should be exception from the rule as to being able to read and write

for long years governed this country. He read from Hare's American consti-

ing of live stock in Graham county by ton to reduce the representation of the states in which suffrage was limited non-residents. To amend the charter and that this would cost North Caroof Elizabethtown.

lina four congressmen. He added that most of the democrats here today were fireatest influence. DeWitt's Little Earhere by reason of capital which "negro ly Risers are unequalled for overcomdomination" furnished in the last caming constipation and liver troubles. Small. pill, best pill, safe pill. R. B paign. He declared property ought to Bellamy.

control, but democrats were fixing to get ruled out themselves. Such things THE COURT OF ENQUIRY re-act. He declared that the amendment is squarely violative of the four-To Investigate General Miles' Charges Convenes-The Scope of its Work teenth amendment of the constitution

and that the courts will so hold. In continuing he said: 'Roses are red, violets are blue-If you disfranchise the nigger, he won't love you."

juiring education by enacting a law

making it a crime to teach them to

more signs than ever before of the dis-

ntegration of the negro vote. He de-

lared the amendment would not dis-

franchise young negroes, who were dis-

liked, but would strike old negroes,

who were so faithful to the white peo-

ple. He called attention to what old

army in respect to the quality of the beef furnished the army during the war with Spain met today at the rooms This brought down the house, Smith formerly occupied by the war investimade the greatest speech of his life.

tion commission in the Lemon build-Eaton, of Vance, colored, also spoke against the adoption of the amending. A full membership was present and ment, contending it was unconstituthe court went into secret session to tional, as negroes not only were citi discuss the preliminaries of the prozens of the state, but of the United ceedings and to endeavor to sketch out States. He said in 1831 the legislature the line of inquiry to be pursued. out off the negroes' chances for ac

At 1 o'clock Colonel Davis, the recorder, gave out a statement as to thecourt and its work. Today and probead and write. He said there were ably all of tomorrow, he said, will be occupied with an examination of reports of regimental and other commanders who participated in the Cuban andPorto Rico campaigns, the object being to select witnesses to be summoned. In addition to these reports the proceedings of the war investigation commission will be looked to for suggestions of witnesses

negroes had done in peace and war for The taking of testimony hardly will the white people, and declared that to adopt the amendment would show the begin before Monday. The sessions then will be open. General Miles is greatest ingratitude. He wanted to expected to testify first, presenting his know if the negro was the real cause charges and their foundations. The investigation will be limited strictly to investigated.

Speaking further of the investigation and probable testimony, Colonel Davis said the court was not limited in its

the senate wing of the capitol. The resolution was adopted Senator Hawley, chairman of the nilitary affairs committee, gave notice that on Monday at the close of routine business he would move to take up the taxes are levied and collected. In levyarmy reorganization bill. ing said tax the same equation between property and poll shall be observed.

The senate adjourned at 6:15 o'clock,

this state this amendment shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. In the house today a bill was passed whole state. Those in favor of it shall cast a ballot "For school fund amendauthorizing the president to appoint five additional cadets at large to the ment," those opposed shall cast a balnaval academy. ot "Against school fund amendment. During the course of the brief de-

ate, upon the bill it developed that one of these cadetships was to go to a son of the constitution of the state.' of Captain Gridley, who commanded Admiral Dewey's flagship at the battle of Manila, and another to a brother of Ensign Worth Bagley, of North Carolina, the hero of the torpedo boat Winsople come in except on trains. low's encounter with the masked bat-The slaughter of game continues. teries in Cardenas harbor. Cuba The "regular order" was then dethe partridges have perished by reason manded. This was the vote upon the of the intense cold and deep snow.

motion made just prior to adjournment yesterday to lay upon the table he appeal from the decision of the chair wherein the speaker ruled that The smallest things may exert the Mr. Hepburn's motion to recommit the sundry civil bill with instructions to incorporate in it the Nicaragua canal bill amendment was not in order. No quorum having developed upon the motion yesterday the vote was again

taken by ayes and noes. The chair was sustained and the appeal laid upon the table-155 to 96-and the sundry civil bill was then passed. The house then went into committee of the whole and took up the naval appropriation bill. The bill as reported Washington, February ' 17 .- The carried \$44,168,605, exceeding by \$8,485,court of inquiry to investigate the alle-546 the largest bill ever reported by th naval committee, but being \$3,765,300 gations of the major general of the less than the estimates. No general debate was demanded upon the bill and its reading for amendment under the

five minute rule was immediately commenced. An attempt to defeat the provision

for a joint arrangement between the government and the Fitchburg Railroad ompany at the Boston naval yard failed. A point of order against the provision in the bill relative to the rearrangement and re-construction of the ildings at the naval academy went over until tomorrow.

At 5 o'clock the house took a recess until 8 o'clock, p. m., the evening session being devoted to private pensior legislation.

Mr. S. A. Fackler, Editor of the Micanopy (Fla.) Hustler, with his wife and children, suffered terribly from La Grippe. One Minute Cough Cure was the only remedy that helped them. If acted quickly. Thousands of others use this remedy as a specific for La Grippe and its exhausting after effects. Never fails. R. R. Bellamy.

Injunction Against Granting a Railway Charter

Atlanta, Ga., February 17 .- A petition was today presented to Judge John S Candler, asking the court to restrain Secretary of State Cook from granting a charter to a railroad, which the duties of his office require him to do when

ruary 22nd. The attorney general laughs at the petition, but has advised Secretary Cook not to issue the charter, although he says he has a perfect right to do so.

purpose, under such rules and regula- par pilotage inward. tions as the general assembly may The house committee on propositions provide decide to levy said tax. That the same shall be levied upon the propancigrievances unanimously endorsed erty and poll of the citizens of that race the bill to provide a dispensary at alone in the same manner as other Chi alotte.

> Only forty-seven were present at the joint caucus tonight, eighty-six being necessary for a quorum. Discussion

was general and no action taken.

#### DAY RESIGNS

"That if a majority of the votes" As Superintendent of the Penitentiary cast be in favor it shall become a part To Take Effect February 20th This bill is not a democratic caucus (Special to The Messenger.) neasure, but it is said it will pass. Ryleigh, N. C., February 17.-Bill Day A great thaw set in today. The coun-

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esigned this afternoon as penitentiary try roads are impassible. No country superintendent. He was out of the city, and when he got here went before s believed that a large proportion of the judiciary committee.

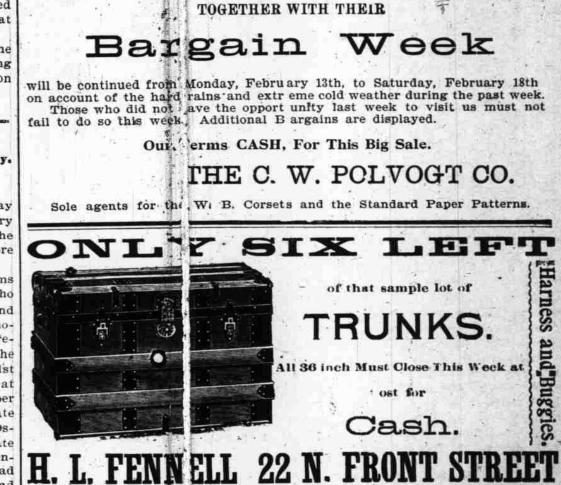
There was quite a passage at arms between him and Senator Glenn who saif Day had promised to resign and that he (Glenn) had told the demorapic caucus. He said Day had not resighed. Day said he had promised the conmittee he would resign March 1st and he would keep his word. He at one, signed the resignation, the paper bel g ready. He at first made the date Meach 1st, and then at Senator Osbot ie's suggestion to make the date Fe guary 20th, made that change. Sen-

Horrible agory is caused by Piles, ate Osborne announced that Day had Burns and Skin Diseases. These are coi plied with all his promises and had evi gone further in changing the date to february 20th.

I pre is the paper he signed: "Raleigh, N. C., February 14, 1899. hereby promise and agree to surender to the executive board of the Monday's Investigation Expected to oard of directors of the state's prison Disclose the Poisoner of Mrs. Kate of North Carolina as constituted under the act of the general assembly rati-New York, February 17 .- Without fied-January 26th, 1899, on the 20th day making very great progress toward the of February, 1899, all and any of the solution of the mysterious Adams property, real and personal, belonging poisoning case, the coroner's inquest to said state's prison of North Carolina and all convicts therein confined. expressly reserving, however, all and every, my legal rights to the office of superintendent of the state's prison, as the secretary of the Knickerbocker clarged by me and to the salary and emiliments thereof, and to institute anotprosecute any and all actions and proceedings for the purpose of asserting and inforcing the same, and also for the pursose of testing the constitutionality W. H. DAY."

THE REVENUE BILL

the Legislature Yesterday (Special to the Messenger.)



### REMEMBER

## **OUR GROUND HOG**

AND ORDER

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this afternoon adjourned over until Monday. The most important developments connected with today's session were the testimony of John D. Adams, Athletic Club, who went upon the witness stand and told how he happened

the request of Cornish to again go Chief Features of the Bill Introduced in upon the stand, and the statement of

similarity in the handwriting of Molineux and the person who sent the bottle containing the poison to Cornish;

to mention Roland B. Molineux in connection with the sending of the bromo seltzer to Cornish by recognizing a of faid act.