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LAW-MAKERS AT RALEIGH.

Bills General, Local, But All of Some Importance.

ARBITRATION TREATY INDORSED

North Carolina Railroad Directors Protest and Demand an Investigation—Swinson Ousted.

SENATE.

MONDAY.—Senate met at 4 p. m. Among the bills and resolutions introduced were:

McCaskey—To repeal all laws allowing graves on streets and highways.

Clark—To regulate the transportation of bicycles.

Grant—A resolution in favor of the arbitration treaty now pending in the United States Senate. Under suspension of the rules it was taken up and adopted.

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terrupt a public speaker came up and caused a lively debate, and after several amendments were offered the bill passed a third reading.

The calendar was then taken up and among the bills passed were:

Altering times of holding Superior Courts in Mecklenburg, Gaston and State counties, making those in Mecklenburg second Monday after first Monday in March, fourth Monday after first Monday in September (each two weeks); sixth Monday before first Monday in March and thirteenth Monday after first Monday in March (each one week).

The resolution placing in the hands of the Governor \$1,000 to be applied to the erection of a statue of Geo. Peabody in Statuary Hall at Washington was indefinitely postponed.

WEDNESDAY.—House met at 10 o'clock. Among the bills were:

Hartness—To provide that in case of suit for damages brought against a person resident of another State, who has property in this State, it can be attached where there is unliquidated damages.

McCrory—To create a short form of acknowledgment in North Carolina, allowing the creditor to sell enough of the property at public auction, after 20 days notice, to recover the debt and interest.

McCrory—To amend the act of 1897 establishing a criminal circuit to be composed of the counties of Buncombe, Madison, Haywood and Henderson, by striking out the word "criminal," that the judge in relation to his present jurisdiction shall have also as to all civil actions and special pleadings and all civil business originating or pending in any of these counties concurrent equal jurisdiction, power and authority with the Superior Court judges; that the court shall be two extra terms of Buncombe county, of two weeks each, beginning on the third Monday in June and the first Monday in October, these to be civil terms and to be held by the court judge; that in compliance with request of commissioners of any of these counties to hold a special term, the judge to receive \$500 more annually.

Lusk—To restore the rules of evidence in the making of sales of real estate for taxes as they were prior to 1883.

Cook made a report for the special committee on the bill regarding the lease of the North Carolina Railroad, offering a substitute for the original bill, asking that it be adopted for the bill; asking that it be printed, and that it be made a special order for noon next Friday. Blackburn protested that this was too short a time. It was stated that the House would be light Friday, owing to the absence of committees. Cook then moved that the bill be made the special order for noon next Tuesday. It was so ordered.

The bill of Hancock to place the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad in the hands of the Governor passed the House after considerable debate pro and con.

Crumpler introduced a bill to revise the public school system.

Several other bills were introduced by leave, as follows:

McCrory—To create a school district on the line between Davidson and Randolph.

Lyle—To provide for working public roads by tax on the mill.

THURSDAY.—House met at 10 o'clock. Among the bills introduced were:

Currie—To extend the time for the organization of the Lumber River Railroad Company.

Allen—To incorporate Worthville, Randolph county.

The "fellow-servants" bill introduced by Hartness passed second and third readings. It gives any employee of a railroad the right to sue for damages and prevents any waiver of such right to damages.

Bill passed prohibiting bird hunting in Mecklenburg, Carteret, Beaufort, Rockingham, Union and Haywood with owners consent, the penalty being \$500; to allow ex-Sheriff Grant, of Davidson, to collect arrears of taxes; Senate bill to allow pensions to persons who hold over \$500 in property was referred to the pension committee.

Bills passed to incorporate the Levy Bank of Raleigh; to permit the levy to be caught in any manner in Columbus county, Lake Waccamaw excepted.

The bill appropriating \$5,000 to "North Carolina on Wheels" was ordered printed. It was formally reported.

At the night session the Senate resolution to investigate charges of fraud in the matter of the late lease of the North Carolina Railroad came up. Blackburn moved to table and attacked the resolution, but withdrew his motion and the resolution was referred to the special committee on the lease of the road.

The resolution requesting the committee appointed to investigate the charges of bribery in the senatorial contest to report by February 13, came up, but it was shown that the report could not be made on that date, so the resolution was postponed and the date was fixed as the 16th for the report.

FRIDAY.—House met at 10 o'clock. Among the bills and resolutions were:

Pearson—Creating a commission composed of Governor Russell, Julian Carr and W. A. Hoke to procure a suitable design, with all necessary specifications, for a monument in Raleigh, upon a site chosen, in memory of Z. B. Vance; that the commission may cooperate with the Vance Memorial Association; that a report be made to the next legislature; that \$3,000 be appropriated for necessary expenses.

Edlins—To extend the time for the organization of the North Carolina Slate Company, in Stanly county.

Aiken—To reduce the tonnage tax on fertilizers to 20 cents per ton.

Ward—To reduce the salaries and fees of all public officers, save those fixed by the Constitution.

Harris of Hyde—To provide for the taking of depositions, etc., in the contests for seats in the legislature, and that no member shall vote until the matter as to the contest is decided.

McBride—To provide that in all cases of the marriage of women under 21 the marriage shall have the same force and effect in law as if the woman so marrying were 21 years of age.

Crowe, contestee, from Granville, retains his seat in the House.

Bill passed to protect fish in Neuse river, and the House took up the report of the committee on insane asylums, made by Sutton, of Cumberland, the report being attached to a bill to provide for the maintenance of the three asylums. The report says that at Morganton cottages are needed, but they are not recommended just now; that there are 26 criminal insane, a depart-

ment for the criminal insane is recommended at the penitentiary; it is recommended that Durbin and Robeson transferred to the Raleigh asylum; for the Morganton asylum \$100,000 is recommended; for the Raleigh asylum \$93,450 and \$40,000 for the purchase of 100 acres of land; that \$43,000 be allocated for the purchase of 100 acres of land; that \$2,000 for electric light plant; that at each asylum a person be given police power to arrest tramps or persons who violate the rules. The bill covers these recommendations.

At the night session the bill to require the vaccination of all children over two years old was tabled; the bill to put the election of county physicians in the hands of the commissioners passed; the anti-foot wall bill was tabled; a bill passed making it unlawful to remove any minerals from the lands of another without the permission of the owner; resolution instructing the Senators and Representatives in Congress to endeavor to secure the repeal of the civil service law; a bill to incorporate the Columbus shoe company; Concord and to employ colored labor passed.

SATURDAY.—House met at 10 o'clock. Among the bills introduced were:

James—To protect deer and turkeys in the State.

Ward—To declare ordained ministers and justices of the peace public officers.

McBride—To amend the charter of Lumberton.

The bill to provide for and promote the oyster industry of the State passed second and third readings.

Jones, Miller, Maxwell, Byrd, Lehman, Wimbish, Spruill and Carroll were appointed and confirmed as assistant enrolling clerks.

The bill to repeal chapter 297, acts 1895, so far as Peuder is concerned; this being the act allowing a county to vote a tax of 20 cents on the \$100 for public schools; providing that in all actions brought by heirs-at-law or minor children defendants in action to plead any defence which might have been pleaded by an executor, or in other words, to plead the statute of limitations, the executor or administrator failed to make that plea for them; to allow Sunday trains to carry express matter of all kinds; to allow all justices of the peace, notaries, clerks of Superior Court, and all other public officers, and to certify acknowledgment of all grants and the private examination of married women (Oswlow and Irrell excepted); creating a new township in McDowell; to give the judge of the court Criminal Court the same power as a civil judge and striking out the word "criminal" in the designation of said court and allowing the judge to hold special terms.

By leave, Sutton's Bill to protect public water supplies by requiring all companies selling water to take precautions to protect the supply from contamination and that in cases where the supply is not taken or strung not over fifteen miles long, a sanitary inspection shall be made weekly or oftener if the board of health advises, failures to do this being punishable by \$25 fine.

LIST OF NEW LAWS

Made by the Law-Makers at Raleigh, Up to February 10th.

Up to February 10th the following bills were enrolled and ratified, and are now laws:

To allow Edgecombe to levy a special tax; to amend the charter of the Wakefield Cotton Mill in Wake County; to incorporate Hamlet, Richmond county; to allow McDowell to levy a special tax; to allow Richmond county to levy a special tax; to allow Montgomery to levy a special tax; to repeal act of 1895 establishing dividing line between Alamance and Chatham counties; to extend time of holding February term of Guilford county; to protect iron bridges in Macon county; to make land grants valid even when not registered in newly formed counties; resolution to raise a committee to look into reduction of salaries; to remove obstructions in Big Dutch creek, Cabarrus county; to establish a special court; to amend the charter of McDowell a county treasurer; to amend the charter of the Southern Stock Mutual Insurance Company; to require persons fishing with nets and seines to be registered in newly formed counties; resolution to investigate charges of bribery in the senatorial contest; to repeal act of 1895 relating to assignments; resolution to adjourn in members of H. 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