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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Doings of the Lawmakers at Raleigh.

TO SELL THE A. & N. C. R. R.

Bill introduced in the House authorizing sale of State's interest in the A. & N. C. Railroad. Bill to take charge A. & N. C. College and consolidate it with Experiment Station. Kinston Graded School Bill passed second reading in Senate.

Raleigh, Feb. 10.—The anti-trust bill, as amended, after some discussion, passed second reading.

The committee report recommending the impeachment of Judge Norwood was made a special order for tomorrow.

Bills introduced: To incorporate N. C. Trust Co.; to incorporate Wilmington Underwriters Ins. Co.; to appropriate \$100,000 to the public schools—distributed per capita; to transfer Craven county from 3d to 2d congressional district; to amend charter of Enfield; to incorporate Wallace, Duplin county.

Mr. Boushall, of Wake, introduced a bill to authorize the sale of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad. The bill authorizes and empowers "the board of internal improvement, in their discretion, to negotiate a sale and to sell the stock in the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad company, belonging to the State of North Carolina: Provided, the same shall not be sold for less than the minimum price of \$300,000. That the holders of the private stock shall have the privilege of disposing of their stock at the same price per share as is paid for the State's stock."

Mr. Winston, of Bertie, introduced a bill to establish a department of agriculture and mechanic arts. The department, according to the bill, is to be managed by twenty-one trustees, nine of whom (one from each congressional district), shall be practical agriculturists. These trustees shall be chosen by the general assembly and shall control and manage the A. and M. College, all the property of the experiment station, and the fertilizer station. It is further provided "that as far as practicable the work of the college and of the experiment station shall be one and the same, and the experiments in seeds, soils, dairying, farming and agriculture shall be conducted in connection with the college work and be a part thereof, it being the purpose of this act to consolidate and cheapen the work of the college and station as far as the same shall be practicable."

Bills passed: To create the county of Scotland; to establish the Vance Textile School as dept. of A. & M. College; to establish a dispensary at Smithfield; to authorize Rockingham county to issue bonds; to make lease of turpentine orchards expire Feb. 1st instead of April 1st; to appropriate between \$80,000 and \$85,000 annually for deaf, dumb and blind institution.

SENATE.

Bills introduced: To establish a dispensary at Clinton; (Senator Jackson, by request) to build a public road from Newbern to Averett, also to prevent use of stationary nets in certain parts of Neuse river; to protect bona fide creditors; to authorize Youngsville to hold election as to a dispensary; to establish a dispensary at Madison; to pay A. L. Swinson balance of salary as enrolling clerk; for protection of miners and to raise revenue; to compel supreme court to decide all points of law arising in cases brought up to it on appeal; to amend code as to time of holding municipal elections; to appropriate \$100,000 to public schools in North Carolina; to establish a dispensary at Clayton; to incorporate Red Men.

Bills passed: To allow McDowell and

Watauga counties to levy special tax; resolution calling on governor for report of penitentiary for 1897 and 1898; to allow chairmen boards county commissioners and of education to administer oaths; to ratify consolidation of Atlantic Coast Line of South Carolina; to allow Tyrrell county to levy a special tax; to incorporate Golden Rule Benevolent association, whose motto shall be "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you;" to amend code as to telephone companies; to reclaim swamp lands; to amend charter Wilkesboro.

The bill to establish graded schools in Kinston passed second reading.

DAY'S LEGAL ADVISORS

Set forth to their client the course to pursue toward the new Directorate.

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—Following is the substance of a letter which the attorneys of Penitentiary Superintendent Day, James C. McRae, Thomas N. Hill and Thomas M. Argo, addressed to him today:

In the matter of contest over the penitentiary, our opinion is that Capt. Day, superintendent of the penitentiary, should offer no resistance to the entering of the newly appointed directors upon the premises, or to their organization with the present directors of the penitentiary board, but he should say to them:

"Gentlemen—I have been appointed as superintendent of the North Carolina penitentiary by the governor of the State. I have been required to give, and have given bond, and have in my possession as superintendent the property, for which I am responsible. I do not recognize the constitutionality of that part of the recent act of the assembly which abolishes the office of superintendent and attempts to authorize you to take charge of the property now in my hands. I therefore decline to surrender the same into your custody and shall continue to exercise the duties of office of superintendent of the penitentiary until the question is settled by a judgment of court."

"Our advice to Capt. Day is to offer any facility for settlement of the question in the courts by controversy without action or otherwise."

The Louise Brehany Concert.

This week's Concord Times says of the Louise Brehany company, which will be in Kinston next Friday night:

"It is seldom that Concord has a visit from a first-class concert and opera company, and when on last Monday night she had such a visit her people turned out in large numbers to hear it. Every reserved seat in the hall was sold. The Louise Brehany company consists of six persons, every one an artist. Miss Brehany is probably the peer of any singer on the American stage today. She has made tours with Remenyi and Sousa, and all her tours were wonderfully successful. She possesses a voice of remarkable volume and compass, and withal of wonderful purity and sweetness. She possesses one virtue too often lacking in singers, that of perfect enunciation. Her rendition of "The Last Rose of Summer" was alone worth the price of admission to the concert. Prof. Sauviet, the pianist, is of world-wide reputation, and has accompanied Remenyi, Patti and other celebrities in their musical tours. His touch is that of a master. Miss Pringle, violinist, charmed the audience with her refined and artistic touch. Miss Jessie Walter's voice was one of a high order, and of rich harmony and sweetness. Mess. Wheatly and Dethlefs, the other singers, fully sustained their reputation as singers of the first rank. All the singers and performers were heartily scored, and every person enjoyed to the full measure this rare opportunity of hearing such an aggregation of the highest musical talent."

No Cure—No Pay.

That in the way all druggists sell Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic for Chills and Malaria. It is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. Children love it. Adults prefer it to bitter, nauseating Tonics. Price, 50c.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

CLIPPINGS FROM EXCHANGES

Of Items That Will Interest North Carolinians. Some News, Some Politics—All of Some Interest to True "Tar Heels."

The thermometer was down to zero in Asheville Friday morning.

The committee on salaries and fees cut the fee bill down about 20 per cent. to clerks and registers but not to sheriffs. Solicitor's fee in capital cases is cut to \$15.

The statement by Mr. Moses Cone before a legislative committee Wednesday of the plan to build a \$280,000 factory in this State to manufacture canton flannel is interesting. There has never been a canton flannel factory in the south.

The evidence against Judge Norwood as to drunkenness appears to be direct. The legislative committee will gather more evidence. It is also shown that Norwood has within the past twenty days signed restraining orders. His impeachment is nearly certain.

The final substitute bill for separate cars has been completed by the committee. It provides one first-class car for whites, one first-class car for colored, and one second-class car with a partition between for white and colored. This law does not apply to roads earning less than \$2,000 per mile gross.

The fight on the question of school text books is a lively one. Some of the ablest attorneys in the State represent various companies. B. F. Johnson & Co., of Richmond; the American Book Co., and the University Publishing Co. lead in the fight. There will be State adoption of books and not county adoption.

Raleigh cor. Messenger, Feb. 9: The Democrats will take charge of the penitentiary tomorrow. There will no doubt be quite a shaking up of employees. The latter have not been paid off for nearly three months. The bill to provide for paying them has never gotten any further than the committee, though introduced very early in the session of the legislature. Superintendent Day, therefore, has ousted none of the employees and put in Democrats, as he had no way of paying them. It seems that the penitentiary question will go into the courts.

AT THE CHURCHES.

The public is cordially invited by the pastors to attend any and all these services Sunday.

Presbyterian Church. Preaching both morning and evening. Sunday school, 3 p. m.

Episcopal Church. There will be no preaching tomorrow. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.

Methodist Church. Preaching both morning and evening. Sunday school, 3 p. m.

Christian Church. Morning service: Subject—"The World Religion."

Evening service: Subject—"The Central Principle of Character."

Christian Woman's Board of Missions at 2 p. m.

Sunday school, 3 p. m.

Baptist Church. Morning service: Subject—"The Atonement as Related to God's Holiness."

Evening service: Subject—"The Atonement as related to Christ's Humanity." Sunday school, 2 p. m. B. Y. P. U. every Monday evening. Christian Science. Services every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, at the opera house.

THE STORMING OF CALOCCAN.

Americans Make a Combined Attack on Filipinos' Position, Driving Them Back. Aguineldo at Malabon.

Manila, Feb. 10.—7:40 p. m.—The American forces at 3:40 this afternoon, made a combined attack upon Caloccan and reduced it in short order.

At a signal from the tower of the De La Lome church, the United States double tarretted monitor Monadnock opened from the bay with the big guns of her fore turret on the earthworks, with great effect.

Soon afterward the Utah battery bombarded the place from the land side.

The rebels reserved their fire until the bombardment ceased, when they fired volleys of musketry as the Montana regiment advanced on the jungle.

The Kansas regiment, on the extreme left, with the third artillery deploying to the right, charged across the open and carried the earthworks, cheering under a heavy fire. Supported by the artillery at the church, the troops further advanced, driving the enemy, fighting every foot, right into the town line, and penetrated to the Presidencia, and lowered the Filipino flag at 5:30 p. m.

The enemy's sharpshooters, in the jungle, on the right, fired at long range on the Pennsylvania regiment, but the rebels were soon silenced by shrapnel shells and the Pennsylvania remained in the trenches.

As the Americans advanced they burned the native huts.

The rebels were mowed down like grass, but the American loss was slight.

Manila, Feb. 10.—10:10 a. m.—The rebels at this hour seem to have selected Malabon as the base of operations for their next encounter with the Americans, as they are concentrating a considerable force there and at Caloccan. Many small bodies of scattered rebel troops are straggling in from the right, and others are undoubtedly arriving from the north and the interior provinces.

Aguineldo is reported to have established his headquarters at Malabon for the purpose of rallying his forces for a decisive blow.

Prominent lawyers met in [Raleigh] Friday night and organized the Bar Association of North Carolina. Hon. Platt D. Walker was elected president.

The Best of Proof.

"And you say you gave me no encouragement?"

"That is what I said."

"No encouragement? Why even your father thought it all settled."

"My father? What proof have you of your extraordinary statement?"

"Proof? The best of proof. He borrows money from me."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

A LITTLE ABOUT MANY THINGS

The Pith of the World's News That Might Interest Our Readers. Some of It Fresh. Some May Be "Salty," But Not Spilt.

President McKinley on Friday sent a message to congress urging immediate action for the construction of a Pacific cable.

Cotton mill operatives at Fall River, Mass., make demand for higher wages and declare they will strike if they are refused.

Gen. Otis has notified Secretary Alger that he has sent reinforcements to Gen. Miller at Iloilo with instruction to bombard the city if it is not surrendered on demand.

Bob Fitzsimmons and Jim Jeffries have signed articles for a fight some time between April 24th and May 26th, before the club offering the largest purse. The fight is to be for 25 rounds or for a finish, if that can be arranged.

A dispatch from Manila says: It is understood that Gen. Otis will refuse to receive any communication from Aguineldo, save that as coming from a rebel ready to surrender unconditionally. Under no circumstances will the Philippine republic be recognized.

Congress on Thursday passed a bill to remove the prohibition against persons who engaged in the civil war in the Confederate service from serving on grand and petit juries. This was the last discrimination against ex-Confederates, and it has been on the statute books, it is said, by mistake, ever since 1878.

At Harrisburg, Pa., Thursday Quay's champions were defeated when the house voted, 93 to 92, to postpone to March 21st further consideration of the McCarrall jury bill, which was framed to aid Quay in his forthcoming trial. Twenty Democrats voted with the Quayites, but the latter admit that there is little show now for enactment of the bill. The anti claim that the vote today shows beyond doubt that Quay cannot be elected.

THE FAIR RACES.

Fullest Entries for Speed Contests on Record. Special Races.

Newbern Journal.

Secretary Green, of Newbern's mid-winter fair, reports that the entries for the trials of speed at the fair are the fullest on record in the history of the fair.

This assures some fine racing contests and lovers of horse racing are promised good sport.

Entries for the several races are from Baltimore, Richmond, Va., Florida, Norfolk, Va., Greenville, N. C., Garysburg, N. C., and Hertford, N. C.

In addition to the races already announced, the following special races have just been announced, February 9th, by the fair association:

Trotting to harness—2:24 class—purse \$200. Mile heats; best three in five.

Trotting or pacing to harness—2:27 class—purse \$200. Mile heats; best three in five.

Season tickets for the fair are now on sale. These tickets will be good for the fair week and sale at prices named will only continue up to the night of Saturday, February 18th. After that date the price will be raised. Adults, \$1.50; children 75 cents.

Those who wish to secure these low rates should not forget date limit and it will be the wise thing to buy at once.

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