

STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE. FRIDAY, Nov. 27, 1868.

The Senate met according to adjournment. The President in the Chair. The Journal of Wednesday was read and approved.

Mr. Long presented the petition of certain citizens of Davidson county, relative to the damming of streams by the owners of mill-races.

Mr. Etheridge presented the petition relative to the formation of the County of Dare. Passed first reading and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Blithe gave notice of the introduction of a bill relative to the right of property; also a bill amending the 22nd Section Revised Code.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Mr. Winstead introduced a bill amending the charter of the Oxford branch of the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad.

On motion of Mr. Winstead referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Etheridge introduced a bill amending chap. 91, Revised Code, which upon motion was referred to a special committee of three.

Mr. White moved to amend by printing Amendment adopted. The President appointed Messrs. Etheridge, White, and Moore of Carteret as the Committee.

A communication was received from Judge W. B. Rodman, of the Code Commission, transmitting a bill to impose a tax on successions to real and personal estate and to provide for its collection.

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee and ordered to be printed. CALENDAR. House bill No. 29, to provide for the appointment of entry takers, was read.

On motion of Mr. Clayton, of Transylvania, the bill was amended so as to provide for the appointment of rangers by the Commissioners of each county.

House bill No. 32, establishing a ferry across the Neuse river, reported favorably from the Judiciary committee.

On motion of Mr. Stilly, the enacting clause was amended to read in conformity with the Constitution; and the bill passed its third reading.

House bill No. 30 to incorporate the Land and Lumber Company of North Carolina. Mr. Bowman referred to the fact that the Code Commission had furnished the House with a bill (No. 40) to impose a tax of \$20 upon each private bill.

On motion of Mr. Proctor, the bill was made a special order for next Friday at 12 o'clock.

The resolution in relation to the Ordinances of the Convention, introduced by Mr. Sinclair, was read. (It provides for the appointment of a committee to examine the Ordinances of the late Convention, and report whether there is anything therein containing demeriting legislative action during the present session.)

Mr. Sinclair called attention to two resolutions of the Convention, and moved to amend his resolution so as to include resolutions. The resolution was adopted.

The Star.

CARPENTER & LOGAN, EDITORS AND PROPRIETORS.



RUTHERFORDTON, N. C. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1868.

Both the Editors are absent this week. This will account for the absence of Editorial matter, and for short comings generally. The senior instructed us (the sub) to tell his patrons that he was summoned to attend the Federal Court at Raleigh, (the place where the Junior has been for some time.) All we can say is, if they will persist in running after their girls do an there, they may frame their own excuse when they get back - we won't.

Confidential.

Reader, do you remember your first attempt at composition, and what came of it? While both the Editors are absent let us give our experience. Of course, boys, that needless source of torment, prompted it. We was as deeply in love with - as any boy of fifteen can be, out alas! our bashfulness prevented our making any sign. We felt that we must tell it, or burst, but how could we?

Just at this critical moment a thought struck us, and, seizing book and pencil we wrote thusly: I love the waving grass of Spring, The blooming flowers which Summer brings, The golden fruits Autumn bestows, And the pure spotless Winter's snows; But for another Joze I sigh - A love for one no longer living, Old distant love, where'er I be, My heart still fondly yearns to thee; If shipwreck'd on life's stormy sea, Or forced in distant climes to rove, One precious boon I ask of thee - Forget not my unchanging love.

This was duly placed in her hand, and for a brief space we were considerably relieved. But the end was not yet. We were horrified, a few days after, by a schoolmate saying to me: "Look here, old - is as mad as - about what you wrote to his daughter."

Visions of Pater-familias coming furiously upon us, with cold and bluegum, floated through our mind, and in our fright we wrote an humble recantation of principles, as set forth in No. 1, and set it in a peace offering, vowing, at the same time, to never again touch a pen, should we escape with our life.

Being afraid to broach the subject, we have never yet ascertained whether the respected gentleman aforesaid was really angry or not. When this meets his eye, he will know, (if he did not then,) why we persisted in keeping out of his way. If he was not angry we will whip that boy yet - we will.

Hon. Schuyler Colfax, our Vice President elect, was married on Wednesday, the 18th ultimo, to Miss Nellie Wade, a niece of Hon. B. F. Wade, President of the United States Senate. May their honeymoon never end.

LATEST NEWS.

From Richmond. Richmond, Nov. 26. - Ed. A. Pollard, brother of H. R. Pollard who was killed on Saturday, arrived here this afternoon. He publishes a card in the Evening State Journal, alluding to the cheering of the crowd, the verdict of the Coroner's jury, saying "the death was caused by an unknown person," &c. He says: "Let these things stand to the shame of the perpetrators, and write their own commentary on the obituary of Richmond. We shame not you, they shame not the dead, my heart is sufficient to hold him - no man can insult my tears; I come to claim but one thing - justice."

After denouncing the cowardice of the dead, the card concludes: "Let justice be done; let all true people reconsider. I am far from defending the article which has been referred to in my brother's paper. I deeply regret, but my brother did not write it. The murderer never required for the real author. He never asked any word of explanation. He never applied to have the article corrected. He took not one single measure which the brave man, no matter how wronged, always takes before he comes to the last recourse of blood. He went without one alternative to that recourse, and he went there to no one but the cowardly - on the path of the assassin." (Signed) EDWARD A. POLLARD.

Mr. Pollard says that the Southern Opinion shall not be published again. The meeting of the stockholders of the Chesapeake and the Ohio Railroad, commenced this morning in the Capitol. A lively skirmish occurred between the respective friends of Wickham and Fontaine, candidates for the Presidency. Each party chose a temporary chairman and refused to recognize the chairman of the opposite party. A compromise was made on John B. Baldwin for chairman and business committees were appointed.

Foreign. BERLIN, Nov. 27. - Mr. Bancroft gave a thanksgiving dinner at which several Prussian Ministers, literary gentlemen and other distinguished persons were present. LONDON, Nov. 27. - Jefferson Davis, who is stopping at Lexington, delivered a discourse on the importance of exploring Jerusalem, and the peculiar fitness of Englishmen for the honorable task. The military quelled the election riots at Langton and Brampton, Cumberland co.

It is understood the Alabama claims commission will not entertain claims, based on cases adjudicated in American admiralty courts. COPENHAGEN, Nov. 27. - Gen. Roussell, Minister of War, formerly Minister to the United States, goes to America to recruit his health. DUBLIN, Nov. 27. - Immense numbers in Cork and Queenstown attended the requiem mass for the repose of the fenians executed at Manchester. No interference from the authorities, and good order was maintained. PARIS, Nov. 27. - The Moniteur de Soir, in an editorial, believes Grant's policy will be to heal the wounds of the late war by measures of conciliation.

The same paper says: "Lopez is strongly entrenched at Villette, and will continue war after the fall of Assesium." MADRID, Nov. 27. - Constituent Cortes elections occur on the 18th of December. It is positively denied that the Spanish squadron in the Pacific refused to give in its adherence to the government of the revolution. MADRID, Nov. 28. - Obasago has gone to Paris. There have been many Republican demonstrations throughout Spain within the last few days. LONDON, Nov. 28. - Disraeli has declined the Peerage; his wife has been created Viscountess of Beaconsfield. VIENNA, Nov. 28. - An American vessel with arms for Wallachians has passed up Danube lately. BERLIN, Nov. 28. - The Deputies from Schleswig are denied seats in the Diet until they swear allegiance. PARIS, Nov. 28. - The Moniteur loses its official character on New Year's; Moniteur Officiel de L'Empire will then appear. The publisher of Lille Progress has been fined 500 francs and one month's imprisonment for publishing the subscription list to the Bandin Monument.

From Baltimore. BALTIMORE, Nov. 26. - Admiral Semmes lectured at the Maryland Institute last night before a large audience. He was warmly greeted. The lecture season has fully commenced. Dr. J. Gibbon, of North Carolina, delivered a lecture before the Maryland Institute last night. The day has been universally observed. Wm. Price, an old citizen and member of the bar is dead. From New York. NEW YORK, Nov. 26. - In the fight resulting fatally to Felix Larkin, four persons were badly injured. Pistols, knives and clubs were used. James Grant Bailed. RICHMOND, Nov. 27. - James Grant who shot H. Rives Pollard was examined this morning and bailed in bond of ten thousand dollars to answer at February Court. From New York. NEW YORK, Nov. 5. - The Herald's Cuba dispatch reports the insurrectionists infesting Santiago De Cuba and are demanding its surrender, but the Governor of the District has a large force. A report is current in Havana and Santiago that the opposing parties had compromised. From Maine. PORTLAND, Me. Nov. 27. - A dispatch from Bentonville, Ark., states that Capt. Edward W. Thompson, acting District Attorney, has been shot and mortally wounded on account of politics. He was a son of Hon. A. B. Thompson, of Brunswick.

From Tennessee.

Memphis, Nov. 27. - N. B. Forrest has been arrested on a charge of abducting a person known in a row at the race course. NASHVILLE, Nov. 27. - Oshangnessy & Co.'s cotton compressing establishment burned with 160 bales of cotton. The cotton was insured. The Spanish revolutionary leaders now seem to be making pretty radical religious reforms. Among other things, the Jesuits have been suppressed and their property confiscated; and all convents and monasteries, and other religious establishments instituted since July 29, 1837, are to be suppressed and their property transferred to the State; while the other convents are to be reduced in number about one half, and those who remain are forbidden to receive novices.

From Washington. WASHINGTON, Nov. 26. - The impression increases that Gen. Grant will be subjected to all restrictions which have crumpled John Bull. The admission of the Louisiana Congressmen, chosen at the recent election, is highly improbable. Opposition in their admission is strengthened by the official statement of Col. Kever, to the effect that Gen. Rousseau concurred with the Radical leaders in the opinion that negroes could not safely vote. All the departments are closed. Messrs. Seward and Rensselaer visited President Johnson. This morning's New York Tribune says Gen. Rousseau's staff officer tells the Associated Press and the Associated Press tells us that Gen. Rousseau has left the military in New Orleans. Rousseau may or may not be considered a goal, for this particular statement but for another made in the same connection it cannot be questioned. The staff officer informs us that the Louisiana Republicans did not vote at the late election because they believed that the rebels would make it unsafe for them to do so, and that Gen. Rousseau concurred in their views.

The Pollard Tragedy. The Richmond papers of yesterday bring us full particulars of the killing of H. Rives Pollard in that city on Tuesday morning last. It appears that he resided a short distance outside the city, and on Tuesday morning rode in on a light wagon, alighted and was in the act of entering his office when he was shot dead. At first it was supposed that he had been shot accidentally by his own pistol, but upon examination it was found that he had a Derringer in each pocket of his pants and a revolver in his belt, and all were loaded. The assistant editor of the Opinion, J. M. Hanna, who was but a few feet from Pollard's rear when he was shot, was taken in charge by the police, but upon examination it was found that his pistol was also loaded. Policemen then proceeded across the street to a building opposite the Opinion office and in the third story they found Mr. James Grant, armed with a pistol and with a double barrel shot gun, one barrel of which had been recently discharged, and marks of gun powder on the window sill towards where Pollard was shot, and the window slightly raised. Mr. Grant immediately surrendered to the police and was taken to the station house.

The supposed cause of the killing was the publication in the Opinion of Saturday last of a scandalous account of the alleged elopement of Grant's sister, which was stated to be an improper institution had existed between her and a gay Lothario named Horace Ford, that he had attempted to leave her but that she had followed him and now claimed to be married to him and that upon the whole there is a very sorry family history connected with the case. Miss Grant's friends assert there was no elopement and no gentleman in the case whatever. That she went to Philadelphia to visit a friend, was taken sick, telegraphed for her mother and brother who went to see her and as soon as she had sufficiently recovered returned with her to Richmond. Pollard was a nephew of the Hon. Wm. C. Rives, and was about 35 years of age. He commenced his career as an editor on a paper in Kansas. Was afterwards connected with the Baltimore Sun. Richmond Examiner and other Baltimore papers. He was a man of violent passions, "sudden and quick in quarrel," and held by general sentiment as a "bold, bad man." We agree with the Petersburg Index that "the retribution was swift - of its justice we may not judge - but from its manner every hint of fratricide revolts. When the stronger descends to the level of the assassin his cease loses its righteousness and his deed its justification. The coward shot cannot extinguish shame, nor mend a wounded honor. And those who would have most condemned the dead man's wrong to a woman, will be the first to stigmatize this deed as base and dastardly."

James Grant is generally known in Richmond and is universally popular. He made no confessions, "was in good spirits and passed his time in smoking and lively conversation. The Coroner summoned a jury and after remaining in session until Wednesday morning returned a verdict "that the deceased came to his death at the hands of some person unknown." - Standard.

AN EQUIVOCAL ANSWER. - A certain literary gentleman, wishing to be understood one day, instructed his Irish servant to admit no one, and if any one inquired for him to give him an "equivocal answer." Night came, and the gentleman proceeded to interrogate Pat as to his callers. "Did any one call?" "Yes, sur, wun gentleman." "What did he say?" "He axed was yer honor in." "Well, what did you tell him?" "Sure, I give him a quivvle answer just." "How was that?" "I asked him was his grand mother a monkey?"

THE EDITOR OF THE SOLDIERS' FRIENDS newspaper says he has had a conference with General Grant, and has an assurance that the cabinet of the President-elect will be constituted as follows: Secretary of State, General Intelligence; Secretary of the Treasury, General Confidence; Secretary of War, General Security; Secretary of the Navy, Admiral Stillwater; Postmaster General, General Dispatch; Secretary of the Interior, General Activity; and General of the Army, General Order.

Marshall county, Iowa, claims to have a vein of marble equal to the finest Italian. John Surratt rode in a recent Maryland "tournament" as "the Knight of Rome," wearing his Papal Zouave uniform.

From Tennessee.

A young man began visiting a young woman who appeared to be well pleased. One evening he called when it was quite late, which led the girl to enquire where he had been. "I had to work to-night." "What do you work for a living?" She inquired in astonishment. "Certainly," replied the young man, "I am a mechanic," and she turned up her pretty nose.

That was the last time the young man visited that young lady. He is now a wealthy man, and has one of the best women in the country for his wife. The woman who disliked the name of mechanic is now the wife of a miserable fool, a regular vagrant about grung-shops, and the said verdant and miserable girl is obliged to take in washing in order to support herself and children. You dislike the name of a mechanic, eh? You, whose brothers are but well dressed butlers.

We pity any girl who has so little brains, who is so verdant, so soft, as to think less of a young man for being a mechanic - one of God's noblemen - the most dignified and honorable personage of Heaven's creatures. Beware, young lady, how you treat young men that work for a living, for you may one day be mental to one of them.

A Beautiful Prospect. When the summer day of youth is slowly wasting away into the twilight of age, and the shadows of the past year grow deeper and deeper as life wears to a close, it is pleasant to look back through the vista of time upon the joys and sorrows of early years. If we have a home to shelter, or hearth rejoices with us, and friends who have been gathering round our fireside, then the rough places of our wayfaring will be worn and smoothed away in the twilight of life, while the bright sunny spots we have passed through will grow brighter and more beautiful. Happy, indeed, are those whose intercourse with the world has not changed the course of their higher feeling, or broken those musical chords of the heart whose vibrations are so melodious, so tender and so touching in the evening of age.

WHIRLWIND NEAR NASHVILLE, TENN. - On Sunday a brisk eldred near Nashville, Tenn., was entirely destroyed by a whirlwind. During the morning a violent gale had been blowing, and many trees were prostrated. At half past five of the wind swept over the road catching up in its progress every detached object in the way, and whirling them round like so many tops. Fence rails, branches of trees, clumps of earth, and even stones were taken carried aloft. It struck the church about four feet above the ground, ripped off the bricks and mortar, and swept the whole upper part away quite clean. A few bricks were dropped along the road for two or three hundred yards, but the main portion was taken nearly half a mile, and finally dropped by detachments in the bend of a creek.

CHANGES OF THE EARTH'S SURFACE. - The accounts of the effect of the great earthquake in Peru are interesting, because they show something of the agencies by which the face of the earth has been frequently, in past times, have been altered. How islands which were mountains have been raised in the sea, and how they sank down again we have read in the cosmological treatises, but we have in the Peruvian earthquake very remarkable confirmation of the theory that the great changes upon the globe have been the result of subterranean commotions. In Peru the face of the country has been changed. Hills have been sunk down, lakes have been made where there were high and dry lands, rivers have dried up in their courses, and new streams run where there were none before. The incidents of this calamity shows on a small scale what might have been done over a great scale before the era of man's occupation of the earth. In the Sandwich Islands it has been noted that the earth has subsided a subsidence of a portion of the shore, varying from eight inches to seven feet, the change commencing immediately after the great disaster in Peru. To philosophers these matters are of very great interest.

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SHOCKING TRAGEDY. - On the 16th instant, Mr. Rhea, son of Jas. Rhea, living two miles and a half from Blountville, shot his wife and himself whilst under a fit of mania potu. These are the facts, as far as we have been able to gather them. Whilst Mrs. Rhea was sitting on the porch Sabbath morning, apprehending no danger, her husband deliberately fired at her with a six shooter, the shot taking effect in the side of the head. She fled in terror out of the end of the porch, falling in the yard. Rhea then got his gun and pursued, and in the act of firing a second time, he fell from the porch, the hammer of the gun striking upon the floor it went off, the ball entering Rhea's body and killing him instantly. Mrs. Rhea is still alive, but her condition is considered very precarious. We understand Rhea for some time has been very intemperate, and the cause of this inhuman act can only be attributed to the maddening influence of drink. The family is of the highest respectability and such a horrible deed occasions sorrow in the whole community. - Jonesboro' (Ten.) Flag.

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