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RUTHERFORDTON, N. C.

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Ku Klux Investigation.

Both the Editors have been closely engaged all week, in prosecuting for the State, in the investigation of persons charged with Ku Kluxing, &c.

We dislike to make appologies, but we know, that all good law abiding citizens, will look over any deficiency in our paper under such circumstances.

The Legislature.

A resolution to adjourn *sine die* on the 23th inst., has passed both houses.

The election bill has passed the House, and is now being considered in the Senate. It provides that on the first Thursday in August, an election shall be held for members of Congress, members of the Legislature, Attorney General, Sheriff, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Surveyor and five County Commissioners, in each County.

The Revenue Bill is under consideration in the Senate, it having passed the House. Among other provisions it is provided, that the State and County tax, shall not exceede 66⅔ cents on the $100 valuation of property, except in Counties where a special County tax has been authorised.

A bill for the completion of the Wilmington, Charlotte & Rutherford Railroad, has passed both houses providing for the issuing of certain mortgage bonds, which it is thought can be disposed of so as to complete the road at least to Shelby on our end of the road. We hope that the expectations of the Legislature may be realized in this respect.

A Bill has passed appointing Judge Henry and others, Commissioners to make settlements with former officers of the Western North Carolina Railroad, and take any assets which they may be able to get control of.

The Convention bill was defeated in the Senate by a vote of 23 to 10.

The Speaker of the House Hon. Jo. W. Holden, has resigned and W. A. Moore, of Chowan County has been elected in his stead.

The Senate has passed a resolution abolishing the penitentiary Commission, and placing the control of the same in the hands of the Superintendent of Public Works.

The Senate investigation Committee, Messrs. Bragg, Philips & Scott, have reported. See their report on our first page.

Barn Burnt.

We learn that on Thursday night last, the barn of Mr. W. P. Carson, of this county, was destroyed by fire, burning is thought to be the act of an incendiary.

Hon. H. J. Menninger.

The following is the report of the Committee appointed to investigate the condition of the office of Secretary of State. We are glad to see, that the Committee report this all right, Mr. Memminger, the Secretary of State, is a good and efficient Officer, and we are satisfied that this office has never been kept better, than since he has had charge of it:

The Committee appointed under the following resolutions, to-wit:

Resolved, That Messrs. Winstead, Lindsay and Love be a Committee authorized to examine the affairs of the Secretary of State; that they investigate his accounts for stationery, etc., compare his bills with his vouchers, in the office of the Treasurer of the State; compare his charges with the orders from the departments; examine the prices paid for stationery, and compare them with the wholesale prices of other houses dealing in the same articles, and if necessary, one of their number visit New York, to complete this investigation; also, that the Committee have power to send for persons and papers, and administer the oaths. Ratified 3rd day of Feb., 1870: Have performed their duty, and respectfully report that they find nothing in the management of this department, under the existing laws, to disapprove. They find the Secretary of State well informed as to the duties of his office; they find that further legislation is necessary in the management of the department of State, and report a bill with a recommendation that it be passed. All of which is respectfully submitted. C. S. WINSTEAD, J. M. LINDSAY, W. L. LOVE.

W. C. & R. Railroad.

The following is the bill for the completion of the W. C. & R. Railroad, as passed by both branches of the Legislature.

Bill to enable the Wilmington Charlotte and Rutherford Company to complete their road and to authorize the return of bonds to the the State Treasury.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact.

SECTION 1. That the Public Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to deliver to the President and Directors of the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad Company, the five hundred thousand dollars of the first mortgage bonds of said Company, deposited in the State Treasury to indomnity the State in consequence of her endorsement of one million of dollars of the mortgage bonds of said Company, under, and by virtue of an Ordinance of the State Convention ratified the 5th day of February, 1863, entitled "an ordinance reducing the amount of bonds authorized to be issued by the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad Company," and the said President and Directors shall receive the same and apply them to the construction and completion of said road, and to no other purpose whatever; two-thirds of the proceeds of said bonds to be expended on the Eastern Division of the road and one-third on the Western Division.

Sec. 2. That the said Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad Company shall have authority to borrow money by the issue of bonds or evidence of debt, authenticated in such manner as the President and Directors may deem right per cent principle and interest, payable at such time and place as said President and Directors may elect, the bonds so issued not to exceed two millions five hundred thousand dollars.

Sec. 3. That to secure the payment of the said bonds or other evidences of debt, the said Company shall execute and deliver mortgage deeds, signed by the President, conveying all the franchise and property of the Company of whatever nature, which deed so executed and delivered and registered in he counties of Mecklenburg or New Hanover, shall have any lien or claim held by the State in the property so conveyed.

Sec. 4. That upon the acceptance of this act by the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad Company within ninety days after its ratification, it shall become a part of the charter of said Company. *Provided*, that nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the Public Treasurer upon the surrender to him of five hundred thousand dollars of State bonds, from delivering the bonds of the Company now in the Treasury, as is provided in section one of this act, and he is herdby instructed and required to make said delivery immediately after the ratification of this act.

Sec 5. That all laws and parts of laws coming in conflict with this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall be in force from the date of its ratification.

Gold Decline.

It does not appear to be true, as stated, that any delegations from New York have applied to the Secretary of the Treasury to stay the downward tendency of the gold premium. It is pretty evident that the decline is a little more rapid than he had anticipated, but just so long as there is no general panic and the public credit is not injured he has seen no reason to change his public programme for March one way or the other. He feels that the decline in gold has assured the success of the funding scheme pending in Congress.—*Wil. Star.*

Affairs in Tennessee.

The condition of Tennessee is growing worse and worse under democratic rule, so much so, that Gov. Senter has found it necessary to make a requisition on President Grant for troops, to aid the civil authorities in keeping peace, and preventing murder and bloodshed.

We have before called the attention of our readers, to the results of democratic rule, in Tennessee and Georgia, and as the election in this State is not far off, it is time they were preparing to keep control from falling into their hands. If they should be successful in this State in August next, our condition would be intolerable, and murders by the Ku Klux and midnight assassins, would be nightly occurances. Let our people take warning in time, and *never* trust the reins of Government to such a party.

Washinton News

WASHINGTON, March 18.—In the House the Pacific Railroad Committee resolved to report a bill incorporating the Kansas, Missouri & Texas Railroad. The Reconstruction Committee had a prolonged session over Tennessee. Result not transpired. Judiciary Committee except Rice are unanimous against seating Ames as Senator from Mississippi. In the Senate Kellogg introduced a joint resolution directing the Secretary of the Treasury within six months to transfer the mint, lan s and buildings to the city of New Orleans.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Gen. Bennett, ex-Revenue Supervisor of North Carolina, has been arrested and will be taken to Raleigh charged with conspiracy to defraud the government. The President is preparing a message about troops for Tennessee. Norton's amendment to the Georgia bill, authorizing the enrolment of the militia, was adopte !. The bill for the improvement of the Cape Fear river was discussed. The Georgia bill is being discussed. Ne son offered an amendment making the term date from Jan. 1st, 1870. Schraz favored Bingham's amendment and spoke severely against the proposition to extend the term of the Legisl ture beyond the legal term.

High Time in Richmond.

RICHMOND, March, 18.—A contest of authority between the newly appointed city authorities and the old incumbents has arisen. Cahoon refuses to give up the office to Mayor Ellison, elected Wednesday night by the City Council. Both officers have sworn in a number of special police—Cahoon including in his number, twenty colored men. The old police force is divided equally. Ellison has posession of all the public buildings except the station house.

Cahoon appealed to Gov. Walker who refused to acknowledge his claims, as his competitor was legally elected and he (Cahoon] is ineligible. Ex-Gov. Wise, Judge Hughes and E. J. Chandler are counsel for Cahoon Cahoon, with 30 of his men, are besieged at the State House by the Ellison party, who have cut off the gas and refused any sort of supplies of provisions or water.

A crowd of colored men bought out a bakers shop and endeavored to throw the bread to the besieged through the windows, but were driven off by special police.

Gen. Canby ordered the release of Cahoon.—Judge Underwood was selected to settle the matter. Great excitement, and little or no business going on in the city.

LATER.

RICHMOND, VA., March 18.—This afternoon, Gen. Canby interferred in municipal troubles by sending a guard of Soldiers and raising the siege at lower station house, and giving free egress and ingress to all having business there. This action, he says, has no reference to the question of the Mayoralty, but is taken purely as a precaution against any act of discord or violence.—This action is applauded by the friends of Cahoon, and was protested against by Ellison as an unwarrantable interference with the civil law of the State. When the military took possession of the station house, Mayor Ellison's police left, and being rocked by the crowd of colored men, charged them.

About fifty shots were fired and two or three colored men wounded. Affairs have since quieted down. To-morrow both Mayors will have a police force on the streets, and hold independent courts. Trouble is apprehended. The Council is in session to-night considering what is to be done.

Later—The city council to-night passed an ordinance abolishing the station houses, now in the hands of Cahoon's police an authorizing Mayor Ellison to call out the fire brigade as police, pledgeing the city to pay all special police sworn in by Ellison, and authorizing the city court to be held in the city hall, and pledging Mayor Ellison earnest support of the council in his efforts to maintain the peace of the city against the lawless men of conspiring against it. The city is quiet this evening. The casualities of the day have been one man killed and three wounded. Cahoon has his headquarters at Cover station house, where the military guard is.—Ellison's headquarters are at City Hall. Ellison's police patrol the city to-night.—*Standard.*

Causes of the Decline in Gold.

The problem of the resumption of specie payments, over which the financial heads of the country have so long ached and puzzled in vain, seems at last to be about to be solved, in a very different manner from what was expected. The tide of capital, as well as population from Europe, has taken a westerly direction, and it is to the influx of gold for investment in Government bonds and the cotton crop that the result is mainly to be ascribed. This result, so unlooked for, shows how closely the commercial relations of the two countries are becoming interwoven, and how impossible it will be to predict the future course of broad and comprehensive to embrace the causes influencing it upon both sides of the Atlantic. So great has been the accumulation of capital in the moneyed centres of Europe, that after expending millions of dollars upon each gigantic enterprises as the Suez canal and the Mount Cenis tunnel, and innumerable smaller enterprises, large sums have been invested in permanent securities yielding only two or three per cent interest per annum, a rate which has been frequently paid per month in this country during the past few years.

Capital, whatever may be the form it assumes, whether of buildings, merchandise, money, of anything else which represents it, is the result of labor. Whenever obtained without labor, as by fraud, gambling, or gift, it is simply a transference, one party losing what the other gains.

When to the effective force of a dense laboring population in Europe, through many years of comparative peace, we add the incalculable power of the mechanical industries, the mystery disappears and we can readily see how the increase in capital far outstrips the increase in population, and after exhausting the different modes of investment in that country flows in to relieve the necessities of ours.—*Richmond Whig.*

Cotton Farming in Cumberland has increased until it is thought 3500 acres will be cultivated in the county this year. Several farmers are preparing to plant 100 acres each or more, and with ordinary season and management, the 3500 acres will yield at least 1500 bales of 400 lbs. each. Cotton farming will be new business to many who are engaging in it here, and we hope they will not calculate extravagantly, and incur imprudent expense.—*Eagle.*

Oscar Alson, well and favorable known by all the citizens of Warren county, says the *Gazette*, has returned to his old home to spend the remnant of his well spent life. Oscar was emancipated by his master, Dr. Alston, in 1831, according to the State law at that date was required to dwell in a free State. He went to Ohio, where he has since lived, and by thrift and economy, he amassed a fortune, or enough to make him comfortable.

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The Commissioners of the Town of Rutherfordton do ordain:

1. That all persons living within the incorporate limits of said town, liable by Law to work on the public roads, Be and they are hereby required to work on the streets and roads in said Town six days in each year, or forfeit and pay to the Mayor 75 cents for each day that they may fail so to work, to be sued for and recovered as other taxes and fines are: Provided, that in the discretion of the Mayor, such work may be rendered by substitute.
2. That any person or persons who shall engage in any fight, riot, or unlawful assemblys, or who shall be guilty of unbecoming conduct or make use of unbecoming language or shall curse or swear, or loud talk to the annoyance of the citizens of said Town, shall be fined at the discretion of the Mayor not to exceed twenty five dollars.
3. That if any person shall discharge any fire arms, except in cases of actual necessity, or by permission of the Mayor within the following boundries, viz commencing, at the Blacksmith shop on the Hickory nut road, then a straight line to the west side of A. M. Roberts' lot, then a straight line to the Twitty's ford road, 100 yards west of Mrs. Corbett's, then a straight line to the Bridge south of J. M. Justices' residence, then with said branch 50 yards east, then a straight line to the ford of Gingborns Creek, near the Mineral Spring, then with said creek to a point opposite the Male Academy, then to the beginning, shall pay a fine of $1 for each offence.
4. That any person or persons, who shall engage in driving, racing or running horses through the streets, at such speed as to endanger life or property, shall be at the discretion of the Mayor not to exceed five dollars.
5. That if any person or persons shall allow his or their horses, mules or other dangerous animals to run at large through the streets, drivers exempted, shall be fined one dollar for each such offence.
6. That any person or persons who shall obstruct any public street or sidewalk by placing thereon any wood, timber or other thing, and allowing the same to remain more than twenty-four hours shall pay a fine of one dollar for each day such obstruction shall remain.
7. That any grocer, bar keeper, or other person engaged in the sale of spirituous liquors, shall sell or give away any spirituous or malt liquors on the Sabbath day shall pay a fine of one dollar for each such offence.
8. That any person who shall ride or hitch any horse, or other animal upon any sidewalk in said Town or any shade tree on the public square shall pay for each offence one dollar.
9. That all persons residing within the limits of said town be and they are hereby required to return to the Mayor, on or before the 1st day of April, a full and complete list of all subjects of taxation under the ordinances, and upon failure to list the same shall be liable to pay a double tax.
10. That in default of the payment of any fine due for the violation of any of the Town Ordinances, the person or persons so delinquent may be imprisoned not more than thirty days, at the discretion of of the Mayor. Provided, that they may be released at any time upon payment of the fine and costs
11. That any person or persons, who shall retail spirituous liquors within said incorporation, except those who obtain a regular license shall pay a fine of twenty five dollars for each offence, one half recovered to go to the informer.
12. That these ordinances shall go into effect, ten days from day of publication.
14. That all persons having claims due them from the Town of Rutherfordton, be and they are hereby required, to present the same duly authenticated, before the Commissioners of said Town to be audited and passed upon, before such claim shall be paid.
14. That the regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Town of Rutherfordton, shall be on the first Thursday in each month.
15. That for the purpose of raising sufficient revenue to defray the necessary expenses and for making repairs in said Town, the the following tax be levied, and collected on the subjects of taxation mentioned below, viz:

Real and Personal Property (subject to exemption of two hundred dollars of household and kitchen furniture)—25 cents on the $100.

Lawyers	$5 00
Physicians	5.00
Circus and Menagerie	25.00
Side Shows	10.00
Slight of hand Performers	10.00
Magic Lantern, Lecturers, or other exhibitions for pay	5.00
Itinerant Auctioneers	5 00
Silversmiths and Jewelers	2 50
Itenerant, " "	5.00
Dentists	5.00
Retailers of Spiritous Liquors	15.00
Dry Good Stores	6.00
Daguerrean or Photographic Artist	5.00
Tailor Shops	2.00
Blacksmith Shops	2.00
Wagon and Carriage Shops	3.00
Cabinet Shops	3 00
Printing Offices	5.00
Insurance Agents, Life or Fire	5.00
Tan Yards	3.00
Hotels	5.00
Private Boardin Houses	3.00
Boot and Shoe Shops	2.00
Harness and Saddle Shops	2.00
Tin Shops	2.50
Every Dog, over 6 months old	25
Every Hog over 3 months old	10
Every Itenerent retail dealer in Carriages, Buggies, Wagons, Guns, Tobacco, or Tin Ware, not the growth or manufacture of Rutherford County	3.00
Clerk of Superior Court	2.00
Register of Deeds	2.00
County Treasurer	2.00

16. All persons liable for Special Tax, shall only be required to pay a proportion equal to the whole amount for the year, from the time of the commencement thereof.
17. That these ordinances are published and declared this 15 day of February 1870.

J. B. CARPENTER, Mayor.

The Bee-Keepers' Journal

and National Agriculturist for January, contains many interesting and valuable articles illustrated with appropriate engravings, in its five departments of "Bee-Keeping," "Agriculture," "Home and Fireside," "Ladies' and Youth's Department." The articles "The New Honey Extractor," "The New York Poultry Show," "The Australian Bee-Hunter," each illustrated by a beautiful engraving, and the method of fertilizing Italian Queen in confinement by any drone desired, are especially interesting. On the front page is a fine portrait of Mrs. Edna S. Tupper, America's most distinguished lady writer on bee culture, and one of the editors of this Journal. The February number will contain the portrait of Francis Huber, the celebrated, blind bee keeper of Europe, to be followed by the portraits of Dzierzon, Berlepsch, and all the leading apiarians of Europe and America. This is a new feature following other improvements made since the removal and consolidation, and yet the publishers furnish the Journal at $1,00 a year One sample copy sent Free. Address

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