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SYNOPSIS OF THE

Captions of the Public and Private Laws and Resolutions adopted by the North Carolina Legislature during its session of 1873 and 1874.

An act in reference to the Public Printing. This act directs the Auditor to allow the accounts of the Printer without any deduction.

An act giving the consent of the General Assembly of North Carolina to the purchase by the United States of a tract of land in Currituck county for the erecting thereon a light house and the building connected therewith

An act to provide for and cure certain irregularities in executions. Makes valid exections, &c., which bore teste after the passage of the act suspending the Code of Civil Procedure.

An act to cede to the United States a certain portion of the lot of land composed in No. 99 of the lots designated in the plan of the City of Raleigh.

An act to amend chapter 121, section 13, Battle's Revisal. Provides for members who are Justices of the Peace, and requires them to turn over such copy of Battle's Revisal to successor.

An act to authorize the Dan River Coalfied Railroad to buy the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio Railroad. Power to consolidate and elect twelve directors, and be known as the Virginia & Carolina Railroad. Assets of A. T. & O. R. R. to go to D. R. C. R. R., may issue bonds not to exceed $25,000 per mile; President to call meeting at Statesville.

An act to defray certain clerical expenses in the office of the Secretary State. Secretary to draw on Treasurer for $50 per month—applied first to copying and indexing mutilated records, surplus appropriated as Secretary may direct.

An act to authorize the Secretary of State to purchase a fire-proof safe for the use of the State.

An act declaring it a misdemeanor for any person who has executed a chattel mortgage, deed in trust or lien to dispose of the property with intent to defeat the mortgage. Punishable by fine or imprisonment—growing crops personal property.

An act to amend the charter of the North Carolina Railroad Company and for other purposes therein mentioned. May construct, make, purchase or complete a railway from Salisbury to Paint Rock and to the Georgia and Tennessee line—may purchase W. N. C. R. R., and complete the same, and appoints W. A. Graham, M. E. Manly and R. F. Armfied Commissioners to dispose of bonds under certain provisions—bonds not to exceed $3,000,000—may purchase A. & N. C. R. R.

An act to add certain sections to Battle's Revisal. Authorizes appointment of Marshal—his pay—provides for the distribution of the reports—transfer of issues, and allowances at each term—takes effect Jan. 2, 1874.

An act to cure defects. All acts from Nov. 17, 1873 to Dec. 22, 1873, inclusive, declared to be in force, according to the ratifying clauses.

An act to authorize the issue of bonds and to provide for the redemption of the same—appoints a Board of Commissioners to provide ways and means for raising funds to aid them in extending Central Railway, &c., and appoint officers, fix by-laws, etc.

An act concerning Battle's Revisal. This makes Battle's Revisal and all previous amendments to same, take effect the 1st day of February, 1874.

An act to make valid the proceedings heretofore had in the courts of this State in cases of divorce and alimony—irregularities made valid and transfer of actions commenced before clerk to the dockets of regular term authorized.

An act concerning corporated towns and villages. Corporate rights not lost by failure to elect officers on the 1st day of May—chapter 9, Battle's Revisal to form part of this act—Wilmington excepted from its provisions.

An act fore the relief of Sheriffs and tax collectors. Allows Sheriffs, tax collectors and legal representatives in the different counties to collect for the years 1869-'70-'71-'72 and '73, this privilege to cease on the 1st Jan. 1875.

An act to provide the necessary appropriation for the Institution of the Deaf and Dumb and Blind, for the year 1874. Appropriates $46,500, paid in quarterly installments, $6,500 for completing colored department.

An act to enable indigent parties in civil actions to appeal to the Supreme Court. Parties unable to give bond allowed to appeal—Judge to make order—party to make affidavit—applies to last term of the Courts.

An act to amend an act to prevent distemper and other infectious diseases among cattle. Persons not allowed to drive cattle into certain counties in this State from South Carolina or Georgia from 1st April to 1st November, he shall be fined $5 for each head of cattle—does not apply to owners of land or residents of this State who keep a lawful fence.

An act to prohibit the sale of cotton within certain hours. Offenders punised by fine and imprisonment.

An act to amend section 1, chapter 70, acts of 1870-'71, entitled an act in relation to the Public Library. Inserts $750 in place of $500

An act to provide for the election of Trustees of the University of North Carolina. Sixty-four Trustees and term of office—to meet in 30 days—to be divided into four classes—General Assembly to fill vacancies.

An act to provide for the relinquishment to the United States in certain cases, of title to and jurisdiction over lands for sites of light houses, beacons and other aids to navigation in the waters of this State. Application to be made by a duly authorized agent—describing site—Governor to make title for not over ten acres to be exempt from taxation—to begin in two and to be complete in ten years.

An act to prohibit the sale of ardent spirits to minors. Sale unlawful—father, mother or guardian shall have right of action in civil suits and recover damages not less $25, to be fined not less than $10 nor more than $50 and imprisoned not more than one month—takes effect 1st May, 1874.

An act to prevent frauds in the sale of commercial manures. Requires manufacturers to fix trade mark, &c—liable to attach for fraudulent stamps—Sheriff to seize when offered for sale, and $5 fine on each bag—persons may join suit—Geologist to make certificate, &c.—chapter 203, laws of 1871-'62 repealed.

An act concerning commissioners of affidavits and probates of deeds in other States, Territories and the District of Columbia. Terminate two years after appointment—may be reappointed.

An act in reference to the stockholders and directors of the Carolina Central Railway Company. May meet in New York, and makes valid other meetings there held, and provides that at least four directors shall be residents of this State.

An act to make the entry takers of certain counties *ex officio* county agents. Pay fixed by Commissioners and to give bond.

An act to amend chapter 162, section 27, laws of 1868-'69, in regard to proceedings by party committed in case of basterdy. Fixes imprisonment at twenty days instead of sixty.

An act to amend the charter of the North Carolina Railroad Company and for other purposes therein mentioned. May purchase certain roads under same provisions, &c., as contained in No. 54 Governor to appoint directors under certain restrictions—fixes time for work to commence between Old Fort and Paint Rock—to commence on Georgia and Tennessee lines, and reserves $50-000 for that purpose.

An act to authorize the town of Hickory, in the county of Catawba, to issue bonds for the purpose of aiding Carolina Central Railway in extending their road and for other purposes. Commissioners and organization—elections—officers to take oath—bonds to run 25 years.

An act to provide for, and furnish arms to Military Schools. Adjutant General to draw, if practicable, 240 breech-loading rifles—arms to be kept in arsenal and furnished to military schools,

An act to repeal section 19, chapter 112, Battle's Revisal, and to amend said chapter. Board of Trustees have no power to lay and collect taxes to defray township expenses, and provides for pay.

An act to amend chap. 27, Battle's Revisal, entitled counties and county commissioners. Allows compensation not exceeding $2 per day.

An act to amend chap. 90, laws of 1872-73, rules, &c., relating to free public schools repealed, and provides that the county Treasurer be furnished with the amounts apportioned.

An act to authorize the commissioners of Polk county to levy a special tax. Tax to be applied to indebtedness of county.

An act to prescribe the duties of the Clerks of the Superior courts and Justices of the Peace in relation to bills of costs. clerks and Justices of the Peace to make out detailed accounts of costs, &c—fines to be entered in a book.

An act concerning elections of certain officers. Provides for electing Superintendent of Public Instruction and Solicitors 2nd and 8th Judicial Districts.

An act in relation to the Western Division of the Western North carolina Railroad. Repeals so much of chapter 108, laws of 1869-'70, as appoints certain commissioners and requires them to account for moneys, &c., may institute suits in any of the courts of this or of the United States, &c., and may unite and merge with North Carolina Railroad.

An act in favor of the contractors on the Marion & Asheville Turnpike. Provides for paying one-half of the amount now due for contracts, &c., under certain provisions, amount not to exceed $8,500.

An act concerning elections in this State. Provides for an election 1st Thursday in August, 1874 and every two years thereafter; for members of General Assembly and county officers except clerks, representatives to the United States Congress; at the same time and every four years thereafter clerks and solicitors; at same time and eight years thereafter six Superior court Judges; in 1876 State officers, 1878 Supreme court Judges.

An act to provide for the collection of taxes by the State and the several counties in the State on property polls and income, known as the Machinery Act. Section 9, sub. div. 6, takes stock in National, State and private banks; section 9, sub. 7, exempts $100 worth of property listed in this section—prescribes form of order in section 21, also form in section 28, section 33 allows parties whose lands have been sold heretofore for taxes to redeem the same, section 40 provides that the amount allowed Sheriffs shall not be more than $2 per day—section 44 allow Sheriffs one year to settle and no longer; section 45 peddlers to exhibit licenses when required, in other respects this act is about like the one of last year.

An act to raise revenue. This act has about the same provisions as contained in chap. 144, laws of 1872-'73.

An act to establish a Bureau of Immigration, Statistics and Agriculture. Provides a Board of Immigration—Secretary of State President of board by virtue of his office—Secretary to print and distribute as deemed necessary, provided such expense does not exceed two hundred dollars.

An act to prohibit the sale of spirituous liquors in townships where the people so determine. Upon petition of one-fourth of voters, commissioners to order an election in the township on 1st Monday in May, 1874 to determine whether liquors shall be sold or not—Sheriff to hold election—violations punished by fine and imprisonment, and does not effect localities in which its sale is now prohibited by law—takes effect April 1, 1874.

An act to prohibit the sale of intoxicating drinks within two miles of the court house in the town of Shelby. Provides for an election on the 2d day of April to determine whether intoxicating drinks shall be sold in the corporate limits—violations punished by fine and imprisonment.

An act in relation to certain insane persons In case the insane cannot be accommodated for want of room—upon certificate, the Auditor to draw warrant not to exceed $100 per annum.

An act for the government of the Penitentiary. Directors to issue warrants, approved by Governor, for sum not to exceed $8.-000 per month—original plan to be followed in the erection, &c. Steward to consult with Board when purchasing supplies and material.

An act to authorize the Governor to employ counsel in certain cases. Governor to employ counsel in all cases where State is interested.

An act for the relief of such counties as have not received the compensation allowed for the support of lunatics. Chapters 40 and 41 Battle's Revisal not to apply to existing claims made since 28th of March, 1870—Commissioners of county sustaining expense between 28th of March, 1870, and 16th of February, 1874, to make out account and Treasurer of State is directed to pay the same.

An act to allow county Commissioners to contract for building turnpike roads. Provisions of section 27; chapter 104 Battle's Revisal, touching toll bridges, extended to the Commissioners of McDowell, Henderson and Transylvania counties.

An act to provide for the better collection of fines, forfeitures and penalties. Requires the Public Treasurer to send copy of this act to Legislature with his report, also to Commissioners—Commissioners to investigate accounts of Clerks and report to Public Treasurer—Commissioners to examine returns of magistrates, &c. Treasurer to report delinquent boards.

An act to authorize the Governor to appoint Commissioners of Deeds, &c., in foreign countries.

An act for the better security of human life. Punishes with five years imprisonment in penitentiary, and fine at discretion of Court, any person who manufactures, sells or deals in spirituous liquors as a drink, of any name or kind, containing foreign properties or ingredients poisonous to the system, and it is competent for any citizen to have the same analyzed by competent chemist, whose certificate shall be *prima facia* evidence against such offender.

An act to be entitled an act to allow the transfer of certain causes pending in the late courts of equity in this State. Allows until February 6th, 1875, to make transfers.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolution concerning the report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Provide for annually for distribution.

Resolution of instruction to our Senators and Representatives in Congress. Requested to use influence to have revenue laws rendered less oppressive.

Resolution concerning the flag presented by the ladies of Raleigh to the Mexican Volunteers from North Carolina. Adjutant General required to deliver flag to Mexican War Veterans.

Joint resolution concerning the Federal tax on cotton in the years 1865-'66-'67-'68. Requesting members to urge the refunding of tax.

Resolution authorizing the Governor to withdraw the suit now pending in the Supreme Court of the United States. This is the suit of Sibley vs Western North Carolina Railroad, and take such action as will relieve the sureties on the appeal bond.

Resolution allowing R. P. Creecy and Stephen D. Pool access to the public records for certain purposes. To continue the history of North Carolina, and to compile a compendium for use of public schools.

Resolution in relation to expenses of Sheriffs. Provides for actual expenses incurred in conveying convicts to Penitentiary.

PRIVATE ACTS.

An act concerning Sharon Camp Ground, in Cleaveland county, and to incorporate a Board of Trustees therefor. Number not less than five, and prohibits sale of liquors within half mile under penalty of fine and imprisonment.

An act concerning Clover Hill camp Ground, in Cleaveland county, and to incorporate a Board of Trustees therefor. Not less than five Trustees, and prohibits sale of spirituous liquors within one mile, under penalty of fine and imprisonment.

An act to incorporate the North Carolina Immigration Society. Capital stock $5,000 with usual powers, &c.

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Trustees of Davidson College. Strikes out "in the State of North Carolina" in 5th section, and "to the students of said college" in 9th section, and insert therefor "to any person."

An act to incorporate the Weaverville college, in Buncombe county. commissioners forbid to grant license to sell liquors within two miles, &c.

An act to incorporate Blue Lodge, No. 287, Free and Accepted Masons.

An act to establish a toll bridge on the French Broad river in Buncombe county. commissioners to erect toll gate, provided no citizen of Buncombe be required to pay toll—receipts for toll to be applied to keeping up bridge.

An act to amend the charter of the Fair of the Carolinas, at Charlotte. Authorized to issue bonds and to sell stock during their Fairs—amendment to be submitted to stockholders.

An act to incorporate the town of Leicester, Buncombe county. Provides for officers and their election.

An act to incorporate Nebo camp ground, in the county of McDowell. Provides for officers, &c., and forbids the sale of spirituous liquors on the ground or within one mile thereof.

An act to incorporate Ramsey Town Baptist church in the county of Yancey. Appoints commissioners with power to make by-laws, and forbids the sale of spirituous liquors.

An act to incorporate the village of King's Mountain in the county of cleaveland. With power to elect officers, and make by-laws—majority of voters to determine whether liquor be sold or not

An act empowering the Board of Education for Davidson county to establish a Teachers' Institute or Normal School. Teachers representing different colors to be instructed in different departments—Board of Examiners to

An act to incorporate the Union camp Ground, in crooked creek, in the county of McDowell. Appoints commissioners with power to make rules and regulations—unlawful to sell or dispose of spirituous liquors during services, under penalty.

An act to incorporate the Western North carolina Land company With power to possess and hold real estate, make by-laws, &c., for the government of the same.

An act to amend the charter of Trinity college. Gives chief magistrate in the township jurisdiction—violations punished with fine and imprisonment.

The way She Cured Him.

"What brings you here, Mary?" said Tuesdall to his wife, as she entered the liquor shop.

"It is very lonesome at home, and your business seldom allows you to be there," replied the meek but resolute wife. "To me there is no company like yours, and as you cannot come home to me, I come here to you. I have a right to share your pleasures as well as your sorrows."

"But to come to such a place as this?" expostulated Tom.

"No place can be improper where my husband is," said poor Mary.—"Whom God has joined together let no man put asunder."

Surely you are not going to drink that stuff?" cried Tom, as she was taking up a glass of liquor.

"Why not? You say that you drink to forget sorrow, and surely I have sorrow to forget."

"Woman! woman! you are not going to give that stuff to the children!" cried Tom, as she was passing the glass of liquor to them.

"Why not? Can children have a better example set them than their father's? Is not what is good for him good for them also? It will put them to sleep, and they will forget they are cold and hungry. Drink, my children—this is fire, and bed, and food and clothing. Drink; see how much good it does your father."

With some reluctance Mary suffered her husband to lead her home, and that night he prayed long and earnest that God would help him to break an evil habit, and keep a newly formed but firm resolution.

His reformation was thorough, and Mrs. Tuesdall is now one of the happiest of women, and remembers with a melancholy pleasure her first and last visit to the dram shop.