

Legislative Proceedings.

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Yesterday's Proceedings of the Senate

The Fourth day's session of the Senate was opened Saturday with a beautiful prayer from Rev. Dr. Daniel of Raleigh.

Leave of absence was granted Senators Speight, of Edgecombe and James of Pitt.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Senator Justice, of Rutherford—S. B. No. 30. To repeal chapter 216, laws of 1885. Committee on Penal Institutions.

Senator Wilson, of Guilford—S. B. No. 31. Providing for a joint committee to investigate Agricultural Department. Committee on Judiciary.

(Note.—This bill is modeled on the lines of the Penitentiary Investigation Resolution which was published in this Thursday's Post. It is more far-reaching than its title indicates, as it authorizes investigation by a joint committee of two from the Senate and three from the House of the Agricultural Department, the Treasurer's office, and all Charitable Institutions.)

By the same—S. B. No. 32. Repeal section 1907 of the Code. Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Mason, of Gaston—S. B. No. 33. To prevent fast riding and driving over bridges in Gaston county.

Senator Bryan, of Craven—S. B. No. 34. To increase number of county commissioners for Craven county. Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

Senator Jerome, of Union—S. B. No. 35. To amend section 2872 of the Code. Rules suspended and bill passed third reading.

(Note.—This bill provides some mileage for assistants to enrolling clerk, engraving clerk, door-keeper and other chief employes, as the principals receive.)

Senator Fields, of Alleghany—S. B. No. 36. To repeal chapter 594, laws of '97, relating to fish in Alleghany county. Committee on Fisheries.

Senator Collier, of Nash—S. B. No. 37. To change time of holding term of criminal court of Nash county to fifth Monday before first Monday in March. Rules suspended and bill passed third reading.

CALENDAR.

The following bills were taken from the Calendar: S. B. No. 22. To authorize the town of Reidsville to issue bonds. Passed second reading.

S. B. No. 11. Repeal of tax on horse traders and inheritances.

Senator Black said he was in favor of the inheritance tax repeal, but he had learned from the State Treasurer that the horse dealers tax had not been enforced.

Senator Skinner: What right has the Treasurer, sheriff, tax collector or any body to refuse to enforce a law?

Senator Fields: I can't tell you, sir. No man can tell what the crowd who has been running things will do. It may, may, may, shall, will do, right or no right. Enforced or not this law is a menace to my people and a damage to horse raising in at least 20 counties of my section.

Remarks on the bill were made by Senators Lindsay and Smith.

Senator James, of Pitt, moved to refer the bill to the committee on Finance, and the bill was so referred.

On motion of Senator Justice, of Rutherford, seconded by Senator Black of Moore, the list of committees was read, and the assignment of members announced. The report was unanimously adopted.

Senator Fields introduced more evidence in a contested election case. Committee on Elections.

Senator Dancy, of Wayne—S. B. No. 19. Motion to reconsider the vote by which the Insurance tax bill was passed, and place the bill on the Calendar. Adopted.

(Note: The caucus Friday night disapproved of this bill it seems and wish to remedy its defects.)

Senator Fuller, of Warren, at this point arose and addressed the Senate, saying:

Mr. President and Senators: I concede to this honorable Senate the right to pass laws, and to this great majority, the power to enact measures affecting my race. But I am not prepared to believe that you will pass laws prejudicial to that race, without at least a full and free and fair discussion, or the

Now Mr. President, I see in this Morning's Post that a steering committee has been created.

I do not know what that committee is for. I do not know what it is going to do. I hope it is not going to stifle free debate on this floor. Being entirely in the dark concerning this steering committee I arise to notify this honorable Senate that I wish to be heard on the floor and if the steering committee does not allow that privilege I give notice that I desire to appear before the committee on all bills affecting my race, privilege of it.

Lieut.-Gov. Reynolds assured the colored Senator that his rights would be safe with the Senate as no evidence had been shown or indicated by Senators to take advantage of the minority.

On motion the Senate adjourned to meet Monday at 10 o'clock.

LEGISLATIVE POSTSCRIPTS.

Representative Kennett, of Guilford, said: "Fraudulent corporations that were fraudulently chartered and are committing frauds and deprivations on the rights of Representative Leatherwood's people, or any other people are not the kind of enterprises I wish to encourage. I prefer killing all such," and with that, the House hit a corporation on trial, such an ungodly lick, the dull thud resounded through the galleries.

"One phase of this negro question is a bit perplexing to me," said Senator Hairston, last night. "Most of the bills, and almost all of the speeches on the subject, have come from representatives from a section remote from their influence. Our fellows from the West seem to be madder than you all in the East who have suffered so."

"Oh, well," responded Senator James, of Greenville, "We all who live among and know the negro character, pity him, but detest the low down white gang that have ruined him. You fellows are barking up the wrong tree."

"Don't call me Senator Butler," remarked the handsome Senator from Iredell. "Just put plain Mister. The sound of 'Senator Butler' is not, never has been and never will be opprobrious to me. Now there is Senator Daniels who just delights in his enemies, he dreams about it at nights, but just now my name is unfortunate. Yes, don't call me Senator Butler. It will prejudice my case." And Senator Butler accepted a light from Senator Skinner, and Senator Daniels smiled for some smiles.

"I'll tell you what's a fact," said the splendid Senator Williams, of Cum-

berland, "the red shirts are coming just so sure as that block isn't taken out of that corner stone. Jim Young's name shall not stay there." "Say," said Senator Whitaker, of Wake, "you just tell them that George Tonoffski's name's there, too. If they know him like we all do, that will fetch 'em."

Senator Skinner, of Perquimans, knows a great many things well. He is the excellent and able old Congressman from the First district, and unlike his impetuous brother Harry is as safe and reliable and sure as Father Time himself. The only complaint about Senator Justice's committee was heard from this great authority on oysters, fish and such. A shell fish committee was made, and the chairman of the committee, as first constituted, lived on top of the blue ridge, and had never seen an oyster in the shell. Senator Justice admitted he was thinking about high land terrapins, and his ignorance of oysters being shell fish. The necessary change was made with understanding that the incident should be kept out of the papers.

Speaking of fish, Representative Troutman, of Gates, who has taken more about herrings than trout, in a dissertation on fish laws, made some most interesting piscatorial disclosures. "The posts that are driven in the water to hang the set nets on, can be counted by thousands. Instead of removing these stakes, which is very difficult, they are sawed off a foot under water. The herring shad in place of going to some quiet nook under the banks to spawn, as nature intended, run against one of these stakes and deposit their eggs on top of the stake, with the result that the other fish have free lunch offered to them very publicly from the Post," as it were. In this way, all spawn being devoured, fish are getting scarcer all the time and will soon be extinct. Some law must be devised that will force these stake drivers to pull them up instead of sawing them off," said Mr. Troutman. And it does look reasonable, and besides, he knows. The study of nature's laws, even in a fish, is alluring.

"The darky may be the dark but these things you call steers are known by him doubtless, to be dangerous with or without horns. That steering committee he evidently suspects of having horns, hoofs and a tail, but fuller information will show him there is no cause for alarm. They won't hurt anybody," quoth Capt. Swift Galloway.

OUR CONFEDERATE DEAD.

Correspondence of The Morning Post. Durham, N. C., Jan. 6, 1899.

It is uppermost in our mind that the tender care and loving attention to the graves of the Boys in Gray is, and should be, a work of Southern magnanimity that should not be delegated to the execution of other hands.

As the love of a mother, the devotion of a wife, the affection of a sister is so far above all other sentiments of devotion that no substitute has ever been offered, just so high and holy is the innate love of the South for her heroes of the lost cause, that any offer to share her untiring attention to the memory of her beloved dead can but be regarded as an insult to her highest honor.

With the loss of the Confederacy the South lost "all save honor." In the darkest hour of her humiliation her thoughts have never for a moment been diverted from the line of self-imposed duty to her defenders. And today this is the only sorrow from which she will accept no divorce. Her heart has been broken, but she is brave enough, brave enough, uncompromising enough to bear every misfortune growing out of the interstate war, and she never will consent for any hands, however friendly, save those of Southern womanhood, to share with them the holy duty of keeping alive the fond memories that cluster around the hallowed graves of her defeated but so many heroes. The South will ever claim this as her rightful heritage.

Second to the cause of Christianity—and we write it with reverence—to the women of the South is their devotion to the Confederate dead, in their hands this trust is safe, for it is to them sacred.

We are told that away down in the deep mines of Norway there is a perpetual fire. No one heaps fuel on that fire, yet it has burned for ages, and still burns. So will the hearts of loyal Southern daughters glow with patriotic remembrance in her heroism ever displayed in a cause that terminated in "misfortune without guilt."

"Friends and comrades, you should see that our hero dead are honored as such hero dead should be."

It is fit that Southern women should tell this story of heroism and devotion, stream of time to the latest generation. Tell it by keeping green their graves and watering the flowers that spring up on their graves with their tears. History and song have linked their names together as Spartans.

It is the Southern woman's self-imposed guardianship of the graves of the Confederate dead that has invested her solitude with a tender and gentle custodianship that she would never willingly surrender, and with her we thank our God for such a blessing as the blessing of our dead.

J. B. HUNTER.

DOLLARS AND CENTS.

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REFORM IN WILMINGTON

The Old Town to Be Made a Sunday School.

SPECIAL POLICE SWORN OUT

Negro School Committeemen Lifted Out of Office—Proposed New Charter Commands General Approval. Court Proceedings Reformed Under Judge Battle.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 7.—Special.—The reform movement, started by the city authorities caused quite an undercurrent elsewhere in the past week. The most doubtless meets the approval of all. The trouble with the reform is that it was started wrong.

At a recent meeting of the board of aldermen the mayor was instructed to enforce the law against houses of ill fame and do all in his power to rid the community of them. The matter remained quiet for a week or more until the annual applications for licenses to retail liquor were presented, and then the board announced that no licenses would be granted to sell liquor within three blocks of a house of ill fame. Here is where the kick came. The special police liquor licenses, the sale of liquor is therefore a legitimate business, and the saloon-keepers question the justice of depriving them if the right to conduct a legitimate business because somebody sets up an illegitimate business within three blocks of them. The saloon-keepers have many adherents, and the political river was not without a ripple for some days. Thursday, however, the authorities equalized matters by raising three dens of vice, thus at last getting down to the root of the evil. The inmates of the houses have been escorted to the depot and ordered never to return. The free ticket business is quite the fad here.

The mayor has announced his intention of continuing the crusade against evil-doers of every calibre until Wilmington becomes a Sunday-school. Parkhurst has suggested sending for Dr. Parkhurst, but if he doesn't come soon he will not be sent. The applicants were required to pass a rigid physical examination and prove good characters. When properly informed, no city in the South can produce a more looking body of men. There are thirty-one, including a chief, captain, lieutenant and three sergeants.

The County Board of Education is at last organized for work after many vicissitudes. A majority of the school committeemen were negroes, and these, as well as the white Republicans, refused to resign. The Board met a few days ago, organized and just shortly removed the whole thing-matter and appointed white men in their steads. Considering the experience they have had along this line, the negro committeemen were very obtuse.

The Bill to repeal the charter of the city of Wilmington which was introduced in the House this week by Representative Dancy, has been the subject of conversation just now. The amendments, which are included, take away the appointive power of the aldermen and place it with a board of police and body of men. There are four members away with and preventing the accustomed wire-pulling. With the exception of a few disgruntled politicians, the new charter meets the approval of everybody. A majority of the school committeemen were negroes, and these, as well as the white Republicans, refused to resign. The Board met a few days ago, organized and just shortly removed the whole thing-matter and appointed white men in their steads. Considering the experience they have had along this line, the negro committeemen were very obtuse.

Judge Dossey Battle made his debut here Tuesday on the occasion being the January term of the Circuit Criminal Court. It is needless to add that he made a fine impression. He has clearly shown in his ability to handle knotty questions, and to dispense justice impartially.

The new solicitor, Rudolph Duffy, Esq., was also a debutante. He is a scholarly lawyer and the State is well represented.

None but the old residents can appreciate the change around the court-room. Under the former judicial administration it was no uncommon sight to see eleven negroes and one white man on a jury, but the past week has produced as intelligent a set of jurors as ever deliberated in the wide expanse of the old North State.

Another example of the former loose methods practiced by fusionists cropped out the first day. Of the first thirty or forty cases called, at least twenty-five defendants turned up missing. No bonds had been taken, the fusion judges simply allowing the accused to go, leaving it to their pleasure as to whether or not they should return.

Judge Battle remarked that all on his docket that didn't go to the penitentiary would be accounted for or he would know the reason why.

The annual meeting of the East Carolina Truck and Fruit Growers' Association was held this week at the Orton Hotel. The Association elected W. L. Hill, president, and C. M. Steinmetz, secretary. The time for the annual meeting was changed to the third Wednesday in June.

Yesterday two negro wenchers shoved violently from the sidewalk an elderly lady, the wife of a prominent clergyman. After pushing her off, they abused and cursed her. This sort of outrages were of daily occurrence before the recent election, and it was thought that the lesson taught the

negroes November 19th was sufficient. The affair is becoming generally known, much indignation is expressed, and another similar spark may start a blaze of great proportions than that of last November.

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TIME TABLE 6, To Take Effect Wednesday, August 10, 1898, at 9 O'clock p. m.

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Table with columns for Eastbound Trains, Stations, and Westbound Trains. Includes times for various stations like Goldsboro, LaGrange, Falling Creek, Caswell, Dover, Core Creek, Tuncora, Clark, Newbern, Riverdale, Croatan, Havelock, Wildwood, Atlantic, and M. City.

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