

IS PROHIBITION

House Passes Cumberland County Bill

PRISON BILL PASSES

Revenue Act Considered and the Inheritance Tax Causes a Great Deal of Talk—A Busy Day

The House yesterday passed the bill providing for the government of the penitentiary. The measure was amended so as to be effective until March 15th, and so that its provisions shall not be applicable to existing suits. The bill has already passed the Senate, but must be sent back so that the House amendment can be concurred in.

The bill places the penitentiary under the control of the Governor, who has the appointment of a board of directors of five and who may be removed for cause.

Quite an effort was made to amend the measure. Mr. Daughtridge of Edgecombe, wanted to provide for one director from each Congressional district, three of whom should be practical farmers. This amendment was defeated by a vote of 7 to 63.

Mr. Simms' motion that the act should not apply to existing suits was adopted. A motion of Mr. Austin providing that two of the board should be of a different political party from that of the Governor was lost, as was a motion by Mr. Ebbts that the Governor should not appoint a member of the Legislature on the board. The anti-trust bill was made the special order for Thursday at 11 o'clock.

Revenue Bill

At 12 o'clock the House resolved itself into the committee of the whole for the further consideration of the act to raise revenue. Sections 15 to 20 inclusive, relating to inheritance tax, which was under consideration when the committee adjourned, were taken up. Mr. Wright's motion to strike out all these sections was first considered. The roll call showed Mr. Wright's amendment defeated by a vote of 33 against, and 11 for.

On motion sections 15 to 20 were adopted without further debate. Section 18 was recited for the purpose of correcting some typographical errors.

Sections 21 and 22 relating to income tax were next considered. Some discussion arose as to what was income, and how to reach it by taxation. Considerable debate followed the reading of this section.

Mr. Boutree objected to its passage. He said the great objection was the persons who really have an income don't pay anything for it. I am willing to commence at a point of decent and comfortable living and tax all over this, but in our State we have little or no income tax. This section would reach the constituents and lawyers all about the only persons who ever pay this tax. The constitution is in the way here, and it seems to me that we are about to tax property that is already taxed. There is some people who have an income that ought to pay on them, but they don't do it. I don't think there is a dozen cases outside of those mentioned where anybody pays income tax in bonds or anything else. This section is not broad enough to reach them.

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BLOCKS BURNED

High Point Has a Very disastrous Fire

MANY STORES GO UP

Individual Losses Were Most-ly Small, but the Aggregate Was Large—Insurance Light

High Point, N. C., March 6.—Special.—The biggest fire in the history of the town began here this afternoon at 2:15 from a gas tank on a peanut roaster in the store of Air Frayley, in the basement of the Edwards House, corner South Main and Hamilton streets. The burning house was owned by Mr. Dougan, and was leased by Mrs. Edwards.

The fire then spread out down Main street, among a lot of wooden buildings, carrying before it John Suits' building, the barber shop of Jesse Edmondson, the restaurant of Thomas Best, the store building of J. Elwood Cox occupied by R. T. Chappell, Grocer J. C. Welch's large livery and sales stables, including buggy houses and sheds; Mrs. P. E. Jarrell's three store buildings occupied by Younts & Campbell, a barber shop and Kennedy Bros' grocery establishment.

Here the fire reached the brick block of Ragan & Mills, which, by hard work, was saved, with some damage. In the rear of the block were the warehouses of W. T. Kirkman & Co., merchants, and the High Point Hardware Company, which were destroyed. The fire made a clean sweep from the railroad to the above-named block, a distance of about one-tenth of a mile. The following is a list of losers and insurance carried, as far as can be ascertained:

Mr. Dougan (Edwards House), insurance \$1,300; John Suits' store-house, insurance \$300; Mrs. Edwards, insurance \$250; Steel & York, grocers, \$300; Thomas Best, restaurant, no insurance; Air Frayley, fruit stand, partly insured; Albertson, shoe shop; Morris & Co., fruit store; no insurance; Jesse Edmondson, barber shop \$200; R. T. Chappell, groceries, \$300; J. C. Welch's livery and sales stables, no insurance; Campbell & Younts, \$250; Barber No. 2, no insurance; Kennedy Bros., grocers, \$400; W. T. Kirkman & Co., furniture department, loss about \$500; J. W. Harris & Co., grocers, insurance \$2,000; High Point Hardware Company, insurance \$5,000; W. H. Ragan, office furniture, Mrs. Frazier, no insurance; Mammey's grocery store, goods damaged in being moved; Tomlinson & Co., goods damaged in removal; Davis & Burns, goods damaged in removal; W. G. Bradshaw, furniture in residence damaged by removal; Bert Field, read, badly damaged. His wife had pneumonia and had to be carried out.

The fire section was uncontrollable, and many residences and stores had the effects removed. South Main street is literally packed with goods of every description for a quarter of a mile. A favorable draft kept the flames from jumping a distance away caught from sparks, but were extinguished. The wind was strong and blowing towards the factory district, and caused considerable anxiety in that part of town. The buildings, being all wooden, burned rapidly, and by 6 o'clock the fire had spent itself when it came in contact with brick walls. The net loss cannot be correctly estimated at present, but a rough estimate places it at \$30,000—probably more. The insurance carried is comparatively small. The burnt block will no doubt be replaced with brick work.

SENATORIAL DISTRICTS

Two Changes Made at a Meeting of the Committee

The bill apportioning the Senatorial districts was considered for a second time yesterday by the joint committee on Senatorial Districts.

The 23d and 24th districts were changed. The 23d district as changed now consists of Montgomery and Randolph counties and are entitled to one Senator. The 24th district is composed of Anson, Davidson, Stanly and Union counties with two senators.

AFTERNOON SESSION

For better drainage of Thunder swamp. To extend the time of construction of the Atlantic & Western Railway Company.

IN THE SENATE PROPER

Business Transacted by the "Upper House" Yesterday

Although the Senate was deprived of nearly two hours of its usual session yesterday, by the Court of Impeachment, it succeeded in doing considerable business.

A Dog Tax—School Book Bill

A bill by Senator Aycock is to provide a fund to purchase books for the use of certain public-school pupils.

Section 1 levies a tax of 25 cents on every male dog and \$2 on every female dog, to be collected annually.

Marconi Coming

Liverpool, March 6.—The White Star Line steamer Majestic, which sailed from this port today for New York, has among her passengers Signor Marconi.

WELCOME TO HIS GRACE

Liverpool, March 6.—The Duke of Manchester and his bride, formerly Miss Zimmerman of Cincinnati, arrived here from New York today.

The duke was welcomed on his arrival with a writ in a breach of promise suit brought by Miss Portia Knight of Manchester, Westminister.