

SENATE WANTS TO KNOW

If Bribes Were Offered for Votes for Senator.

A BILL IS PASSED

Providing for Appointment of a Committee of Five to Make Investigation—Givison Unusual Powers to Act.

Rev. Dr. Levi Branson opened the House with prayer at 11 o'clock. Sutton of Cumberland submitted the report of the committee on rules of the house, amended by the rules of 1895 so that on the demand of any member or at the suggestion of the speaker the names of members sufficient to make a quorum in the hall of the House who do not vote be recorded in the journal and reported to the speaker, with the names of the members voting and be counted and announced in determining the presence of a quorum to do business; also that "no amendment to any resolution, bill or other matter pending before the House shall be entertained unless the same shall be in writing and signed by the member offering the same."

A resolution was introduced to pay T. R. Funnell \$300. Person introduced a bill to increase the duties and powers of the railway commission: "That whenever it shall appear that rates or facilities of transportation for passengers and property between points within the State are unreasonable, unjust or otherwise prejudicial to individuals or localities within the State the railway commission shall have authority to bring and maintain proceedings in its own name before the inter State commerce commission."

The bill to repeal the "assignment law" of 1895 was favorably reported and passed all its readings. Hileman, to incorporate the Moore county and Western R. R. Co. Houser, to reduce salaries of clerks of the legislature to \$4 per day.

Sutton, to allow judges to limit the length of the speeches of lawyers save in capital cases. The election of an enrolling clerk was taken up. Person of Wayne placed in nomination Abbot L. Swinson of that county. Creech nominated C. W. Horne, democrat of Johnston, but in a moment withdrew this and a motion was made to make Swinson's election unanimous. The roll was called and Swinson was elected, receiving 77 votes. None were cast against him. Swinson is a populist. It turned out that the house was "too previous" and went into this election before the senate concurred was necessary. The speaker said Sutton was right. So another election was held, all over again. McPeeters nominated Andrew D. Roly, of Swain.

Brown called for the adoption of Sutton's report on rules of the house and amendments, as above given. Sutton moved that 250 copies of the revised rules be printed.

Sutton of New Hanover moved to adjourn until tomorrow (Sunday) This raised a laugh in which he joined.

A motion was made by Cooke to take from the calendar the bill to charter the Moore county and Western R. R. The bill was read and referred to the railway committee.

The senate resolution to print 1,500 copies of Gov. Carr's message came up. The house refused to concur, as the majority seemed to want 250 to be the limit and a committee of conference was appointed.

The Senate bill providing for counting the vote for State officers next Monday and for the inauguration next Tuesday came over and under a suspension of the rules was taken up and passed unanimously. McMary and Blackburn were reelected to the judiciary committee.

Constitution in regard to the right of suffrage.

Senator Anderson to amend the Constitution of North Carolina in regard to qualification of voters.

Senator Grant then reported the following standing committees: Propositions and Grievances—Ashburn, chairman, Dickson, Henderson, McNeil, Anderson, Atwater, Clark, Cannon, Alexander.

Corporations—Maulsby, chairman, Rollins, Sharp, McCarthy, Grant, Moya, Lyon, Butler, Earnhart and Clark.

Railroads and Railway Commission—Butler, McCarthy, Shore, Maulsby, Sharp, of Wilson, Ramsay, Clark, Walker, McCasky and Maxwell.

Judiciary—Smathers, chairman, Whedbee, Anderson, McCarthy, Ramsay, Shore, Clark, Butler, McCasky, Maxwell and Mitchell.

Federal Relations—Mitchell, chairman, Smathers, Grant, Ashburn, Rollins, Shore, Wakefield, Atwater, Newsum and Shaw.

Deaf and Dumb and Blind—Alexander, chairman, Maulsby, Person, Rollins, Sharp, of Wilson, Shore, Atwater, Earnhart, Mitchell, Cannon, Walker, Hardison, Utley, Whedbee and Zeager.

Engrossed Bills—McNeil, chairman, Ashburn, Dickson, Maulsby, Sharp, Zeager, Maxwell, Walker, Geddie, Utley and Barker.

Senator Shaw then introduced a bill to amend acts in regard to pauper suits.

The following resolution introduced by Senator Atwater was passed upon three readings:

Whereas, the election of a United States Senator to represent the State in the U. S. Senate is a matter of the very highest concern to the people and is a duty devolving upon this legislature and whereas it is published and openly charged that bribery and corruption in relation to said election have been and are being made to members to influence said election, now therefore to the end that said charges may be fully investigated.

Resolved, by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that a special committee of 2 senators and 3 representatives be appointed by the president and speaker to investigate and report at the earliest convenience the facts in relation to said charges.

Resolved further, that said special committee be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to administer oaths, compel attendance of witnesses and send for persons and papers.

The bill was introduced by the Butler forces. It will be passed by the House.

The Senator from Pitt introduced a bill in regard to discrimination in regard to legal tender money and for other purposes.

Senator Anderson, a resolution instructing our Senators and Representatives in Congress to vote for the Cameron resolution in regard to Cuba.

Senator Grant thought this was a matter in which the Senate ought to go slow. It was referred.

Senator Wakefield, a bill to restore the office of county treasurer in certain counties. Referred.

The substitute of the committee in regard to the counting of votes for State officers was taken up and passed.

The Senate then proceeded to go into an election of enrolling clerks. The vote being taken Mr. Swinson received forty votes.

The Senate then adjourned till 12 o'clock Monday.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

Organization Perfected—Mr. I. C. Drewry Made President.

The subscribers to the Library Association held a meeting in the Mayor's office Thursday.

Organization was effected by the officers: President, John C. Drewry; Vice President, N. B. Broughton; Treasurer, H. W. Jackson; Secretary, Chas. J. Parker.

Plans are being developed which will soon put this institution in successful operation.

Three Children Burned to Death. In Wayne county William Fort and wife went to a neighbor's to a hog killing, leaving their three little children locked in the house to prevent them from going out in the cold. The house caught fire and the children were burned to death. Only their bones were found in the ashes when the parents returned in the afternoon.

ODD FELLOWS COLUMN.

What the Triple-Link is Doing in North Carolina.

We notice quite a good number of the fraternity in the Legislature.

Installation of officers is now the rage. Wish we had their names.

The Grand Secretary returned to his office on Monday last and is very feeble from an attack of neuralgia.

The orphans at Goldsboro were certainly not forgotten Christmas. Raleigh, Wilmington, Greensboro and numbers of other places sent nice contributions.

If the Grand Secretary did fail to enjoy Christmas, being very ill, his trip to Greensboro or something else, is bearing fruit; there are two new lodges to be organized in that section very soon.

When the Noble Grand or any other officer of your lodge does well his part, it does no harm to shake hands with him and express your appreciation.

The sin of omission is as great as the sin of commission, and the inactive brother who lets the lodge die cannot consistently criticize the "ring" that ruined it.

Put your shoulders to the great wheel of fraternity and push with your whole soul. Call one another brother—and be brothers—and the sunshine of life will be brighter and warmer.

A brother asked his good wife, how it would do to name the baby "Irwin, Douglass." Why? said she, "well in honor of brother Irwin Jones and W. O. Douglass." he replied, "I think you are right" she answered.

What's the matter with this on "The Birth of Charity." "In empyrean skies where Truth's soft light all stains of Sin expunged and Purity chased all shadows of death away, amidst perfumed ether, their affections joined, while rolled the music of spheres their beings to charm, thus their souls they intertwined, and to the grand God Love and mild goddess Virtue the fair form of Charity was in bright effulgence born; sweet face, fair form, thy smiles bestowed shall bless this ephemeral globe." These are our sentiments exactly.

A Pleasant Visit. On last evening the Grand Secretary, accompanied by Grand Representative C. F. Lumsden and J. N. McMary paid a visit to Talula Lodge No. 185 at Cary. The visitors met with a most cordial reception by the Cary brethren. After the routine business of the Lodge was completed the visitors were called out and made some entertaining remarks. Members of Talula Lodge followed these speeches expressing their appreciation of the visit. There was much good feeling and enthusiasm apparent and all felt that it was "for the good of the Order" that the time was spent. Talula lodge is quite young yet, having been instituted July 3rd last, but is coming right up to the front. It speaks well for a lodge to have a regular attendance of seventy-five per cent of its membership, and this is the case with Talula.

Officers of Talula Lodge No. 185, Cary, N. C.: A. S. Crocker, N. G.; J. C. Walker, V. G.; G. E. Carter, Sec.; E. R. Gray, Treas.; W. F. Branch, Warden; T. F. Wilkinson, Conductor; J. R. H. Adams, R. S.; to N. G.; E. D. Yates, L. S. to N. G.; P. D. Gray, R. S. to V. G.; W. B. Knight, L. S. to V. G.; W. H. Atkins, R. S. S.; E. R. Yates, L. S. S.; J. L. Broughton, I. G.; L. R. Hamilton, O. G.; A. V. Yates, Chaplain and A. W. Moya, P. G.

Women in Odd Fellowship. When the women connect themselves with the Rebekah Lodge, they become enthusiastic supporters of Odd Fellowship and its sublime teachings. The Order opens up a great field where women's influence can be exercised to great advantage. The last at the cross and the first at the sepulchre of a crucified Redeemer, she has, throughout the long and weary years which have since intervened, ever been found battling for the amelioration and relief of human suffering, and the improvement and elevation of human character. She lights up the sick room with her bright and sunny smiles, and offers words of sympathy and consolation. Women plant at the grave the flowers of love and affection. Women enter upon her duties as a Rebekah because it is a part of her nature. No good woman can be out of place in an Odd Fellows Lodge.—Texas Odd Fellow.

"WILL BE A BIGGER BOLT

Unless Minority is Invited to Return,"

SAYS WHITENER.

Butler Claims that all the Bolters are not for Pritchard—What Representative Hodges Said to the Populist Senator.

Senator Pritchard's stock, which has been the favorite among the plungers during the week, took an upward bound today, after it had become known generally that nineteen members of the Populist caucus had "bodaciously" walked out. To the man on the ground as well as the man up a tree it looked like Pritchard in an easy-walk.

But Senator Butler, with characteristic persistence and tenacity, tells us that Pritchard is no nearer the goal today than he has been since the Senatorial fight began. Senator Butler said late this evening that he was satisfied with the situation.

The Populist caucus, that is of the majority, will be held this evening. Butler has a scheme on hand which he intends to explode when the caucus convenes and which it is predicted, will topple over several Pritchard men.

Senator Butler, it is said, thinks the caucus last night was badly managed. He is not in favor of gagging any of the members. The Butler people express confidence that Pritchard cannot be elected. They base their hopes and statements upon facts which the public has not the advantage of. They say that of the nineteen bolters, a number of them will not support Senator Pritchard; that they went out of the caucus not because of the resolution in opposition to Senator Pritchard, but because they understood and thought that an attempt was being made to gag them.

The idea is also advanced that had it been a Pritchard movement, the members would have endorsed him for Senator, but, on the contrary, they did nothing to commit themselves. One well known politician said this was an evidence of weakening for Pritchard.

The minority members will not caucus until Monday night. All of members who went out stated today that had not bolted the caucus. They say that they simply entered their protest against gag rule and cannot be called bolters.

The tip was given out this evening that a very influential populist who has taken no hand in the fight will come out against Pritchard. Some say that Cy Thompson is the man.

It was said today that a committee of Populists had waited on O. E. Dockery and assured him of their support.

Lee R. Whitener, a populist and one of those who did not bolt said today:

Unless the members of our caucus who went out last night are invited backed at the meeting this evening and given assurance that the gag rule will not be applied to them in the future, there will be bigger bolt than ever. I am for Pritchard."

The Bolting Last Night. Senator Butler and Harry Skinner were having a quiet little chat last evening with a couple of quail on toast before them, when the Populist caucus was going to pieces.

Some one told Senator Butler and he came up to the rotunda, where he spent half an hour talking to the herd. Representative Hodges, one of the bolters, came out of the hall of the House of Representatives when the minority caucus was in session. He passed directly in front of Butler. The Senator, as soon as he caught sight of Mr. Hodges, said, "There is a backslider."

"What was that you said," the representative spoke up.

"I remarked that there went a backslider," the Senator said with an innocent kind of an expression.

This fired the Populist representative. Pointing his finger at Butler Hodges said:

"When I was a boy I did as a boy, but now that I am a man I think and act for myself and you nor any other man shall boss me."

Col. Hodges threw out, what the boys term, an artillery fire.

But about the bolt. Nineteen members of the Populist caucus,

which was in session in the Senate Chamber last night, left the hall bodily. The following is the resolution introduced by Senator Moya of Pitt. that brought about the bolt.

"Whereas, Great anxiety exists abroad among the Populists who shall be Senator and the republicans are asking us to endorse Senator Pritchard for that position,

Resolved, That it is the determination of this caucus never to endorse Senator Pritchard for the United States Senate.

A hundred motions followed up the introduction of this resolution and great disorder prevailed. The Pritchard Populists said they could not get a hearing and left the hall going over to the house whither they met and counselled for more than an hour.

Those of the majority caucus continued in session and quite a number spoke. The sentiment was in favor of a republican for Senator, but no names were mentioned. There were 38 members left in the majority caucus. Before adjournment the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That we inform the Republican caucus of the action taken by the caucus tonight and that Senator Mitchell and Representative Johnson inform them.

Senator Newsome, one of the bolters, said: "It was not so much my opposition to the resolution against Senator Pritchard as it was to the gag rule that made me leave the caucus."

Several Populist members were absent from the caucus on account of sickness. The minority claim that more than two of these will act with them.

The statement prepared by the minority caucus for publication is presented herewith:

"The following members of the Senate and House of Representatives in conference assembled desire to say by resolution that we enter our solemn protest against the high-handed method of gag rule perpetrated upon us by a majority of the populist caucus Friday night, the 8th instant, and after having listened on out part with great patience to the views of the majority faction, according them one and two hours for each speaker without protest or murmuring, when we asked to have time to discuss our side of the question, we were unceremoniously told by the majority that we could not have but ten minutes each, that after we had appealed to the leaders and members of the majority faction to give us time for a free and fair discussion of the Senatorial question and time to hear from our constituents upon this important question, they absolutely refused to consider the question at any other time and so cut off the discussion by unfair filibustering tactics. Therefore

"Resolved, That we inform our brethren who compose the other faction, that when they discuss the co-operation of this faction, they must assure us by resolution, that they are willing to accord to us a free and fair discussion at some future time, to be agreed upon by both factions. Then and not until then will we consent to sit together."

T. E. McCasky, chairman; J. H. Parker, of Perquimans; H. F. Brown, L. A. Abernethy, John G. Harris, C. J. Yarbrough, T. H. Rountree, E. F. Wakefield, R. H. W. Barker, J. J. White, H. E. Hodges, George H. Cannon, C. M. Babbitt, J. E. Bryan, J. M. Early, D. Reid Parker, Jno F. Newsome, C. C. Fagan, G. L. Hardison.

STATE DISPENSARY BILL.

Measure to be introduced in the Legislature.

Josh Wibbee of Hertford county has in preparation a bill for a dispensary in this state similar to that in South Carolina, with the objectionable features of the South Carolina plan eliminated. There are strong advocates here of the dispensary. In case the above bill fails, a county bill will be introduced. Franklin county has a special committee to advocate such a bill.

Just what the objectionable features of the South Carolina law are is not stated. It will be more than likely that this legislature will regard the entire law as objectionable.

Haywood county has tried a dispensary for the past two years and the people are said to have found it very satisfactory.

Dead. This afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the infant son of Charles L. Lumsden and wife. Burial services and funeral from the residence at three o'clock tomorrow evening.

INAUGURAL RECEPTION.

The Arrangements Completed—Legislative Committee Named.

The reception which will be tendered Governor Russell and party Tuesday night will be most brilliant function. The governing committee of the club has completed the arrangements which will be closely observed.

The reception will begin at nine o'clock and will continue until twelve. The receiving party will include Governor Russell, Mrs. Russell and friends from Wilmington, Dr. McKee, President of the club, and Mrs. McKee, Col. A. B. Andrews, and Mrs. Andrews.

Music will be dispensed in the hallway until ten o'clock when the musicians will be transferred to the ball room on the upper floor, where the young people will trip lightly until the reception is over. Then dainty refreshments and other necessary accompaniments will form a part of the evening's pleasure.

Committees from the club will introduce visitors and guests and the individual members of the club will look after the entertainment of strangers.

The following legislative committees which is to have special charge of the inaugural ceremonies has been appointed by the populist and republican caucuses: Republicans—Senators Grant and Cook and representatives Hancock and Smathers; Populists—Senator McCasky and representative Schulkin and Krumpel.

This committee will go to Wilmington tomorrow and will accompany the Governor-elect to the city Monday.

Maj. J. B. Hill succeeds Mr. C. T. Bailey as chairman of the citizens' committee. Mr. Bailey was called away from the city and resigned.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9. Market quotations furnished by E. B. Cuthbert & Co., 30 Broad street, New York, and 305 Wilmington street, Raleigh, N. C., over their special wire:

Table with columns: MONTHS, OPENING, HIGH, LOW, CLOSING. Rows for January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, Sept./Oct., October, November, December.

Closed steady, sales 102,700 bales.

The following were the closing quotations on the New York Stock Exchange today:

Table with columns: New York Stock Market, Sugar, American Tobacco, Burlington and Quincy, Chicago Gas, Dec. and Oct. Feed, General Electric, Louisville and Nashville, Manhattan, Rock Island, Southern Preferred, St. Paul, Tennessee Coal and Iron, Western Union.

Chicago Grain and Provision Market. The following were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market today:

Table with columns: Wheat—May, 84; July, 77; Corn—May, 24; July, 25; Oats—May 18; July 15; Pork—January, 7.52; May, 7.35; Lard—January, 9.90-92; May, 4.07; Clear Rib Sides—January, 4.00; May, 4.00.

Liverpool Cotton Market. January-February, 3.63-64d; February-March, 3.63-64d; March-April, 3.63-64d; April-May, 3.63-64d; May-June, 3.63-64d; June-July, 3.63-64d; July-August, 3.63-64d. Closed steady, sales 10,000 bales.

DEATH OF MRS. A. G. BAUER.

Passed Away this Morning—Leaves a Husband and Two Children.

Mrs. Rachel Blythe Bauer, wife of Mr. A. G. Bauer died at her home on North Wilmington street, this morning at 4 o'clock. She leaves a devoted husband, and two little children, the youngest about fifteen days old. The funeral services will be held at the First Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Bauer had many warm friends in the city and State who extended heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved ones. Her death is a peculiarly sad one, and the heart-stricken husband has the sympathy of the entire community.

SHORT STATEMENTS.

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND THE CITY.

Port-Parri of the News Pictured on Paper—Points and People Perpetually Picked and Pithily Put in Print.

Miss McAden, of Charlotte, is visiting in the city.

Mr. E. H. Follows left today for Smithfield in quest of the festive quail.

Miss Emily Love, of Memphis, Tenn., is here visiting Prof. and Mrs. W. A. Withers.

Stonewall J. Adams has returned to Chapel Hill, after spending Christmas holidays with his parents.

Mrs. H. S. Sedberry and Miss Annie Gaster, of Fayetteville, are in the city, visiting Mrs. Henry T. Hicks.

Dr. Scruggs, general secretary and business manager of the negro sanitarian, has made application to the general assembly for a charter.

Our new contemporary, The Tribune, will appear tomorrow. Mr. Martin, of Winston, is reporting the House and Mr. Aldrich the Senate for the Tribune. Success to you, neighbor.

Mr. John E. Garrell, residing near Wilmington, is reputed to be the most extensive sigle grower of lettuce in the south. He expects to ship north this season from 8,000 to 10,000 barrels of lettuce.

Mr. R. A. White has purchased the grocery store lately run by Mr. N. Deby, No. 13, Exchange Place, and will conduct a first-class grocery. Watch out for his announcement in Monday's paper.

Rev. E. A. Yates, D. D., will preach in Central Church tomorrow evening 7:30 and hold Quarterly Conference immediately after service. All official members are urged to be present.

Attention is called to the announcement of the sale of valuable city real estate on our third page today. The property advertised is the most desirable in the city. Information desired can be obtained of C. M. Busbee.

The paper for "Our Flat" is the most attractive and best seen in this city for some time. The company is an exceptionally strong one including the famous Ryley and the beautiful Marie Dantes. The box sheet is on sale at King's.

The Grand Lodge of Masons will meet in this city on the twelfth. It is hardly likely that the hotels can accommodate the many delegates. Desirable boarding houses and citizens who can accommodate some of the delegates will do well to communicate with Mr. R. H. Bradley.

The Funniest Comedy of the Season. The delightful musical comedy "Our Flat," which is to be presented at the Academy of Music next Tuesday evening, January twelfth, the day of the inauguration, is one of the best attractions that has been booked this season. Certainly it is the funniest, merriest production that has been offered to the public.

In the cast is the well known actress, Marie Dantes, who has attained a national reputation. Ryley, one of the greatest of comedians will be seen to splendid advantage. "Our Flat" is a clean, high-toned, legitimate comedy, and one of the most laughable ever written. It had a run of 700 nights in London and 100 in New York. Tickets can be had at King's drug store. There will be a big rush Tuesday among all the strangers in the city.

Planets Against Pritchard. Mr. John J. Thornton tells the Greensboro Record that if he has been correctly informed as to the date of birth of Senator Pritchard, that that gentleman has no show of being re-elected than Bry had. He says he found in the horoscope an "evil aspect of the sun to Uranus," and that his election is out of the question, that is if he has the date of his birth correct. To make a prediction of this kind in the face of the outlook for Mr. Pritchard's re-election, which right now is almost conceded by the public, requires considerable nerve. Mr. Thornton is banking on plan and has no fears.