

GETTING DOWN TO WORK

Legislature Transacts Business Today.

THE ELECTION LAW

To be Revised—So the County Government Law—Joint Committee to be Roused—Dr. Curry a Cause of Much Jest.

At 11 o'clock the house met and prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Glenn. The attendance of members was quite light.

Many bills were introduced, nearly all of local importance. Among those worthy of mention were these: By Harris of Halifax to repeal the act allowing 2 additional county commissioners; by Hancock to amend the charter of Newbern; by Hare, to make it a felony to steal any election book or other official record of election; by White of Alamance to protect birds in Randolph and Davidson; by Hare (resolution) instruction Senators and Representatives in Congress to work for the repeal of the tax on fruit brandy; by Hauser to incorporate the bank of Kingston; by Melbyrd, to amend the Robeson county stock law; by Ferguson, to amend the divorce law, so if a man in jail his wife can remarry; by Cook to incorporate the bank of Littleton.

A resolution came over from Senate inviting Dr. "McCurry" to address the legislature on education at noon Tuesday. (The clerk meant Dr. J. L. M. Curry.) Lusk wanted to know who "McCurry" was. Such is fame. McRary had to explain who this distinguished man was. It was one of the most absurd scenes of the session and raised a laugh among well informed people. Hauser moved that the matter be referred to the committee on propositions and grievances. It was finally settled that the date of the address be next Monday at noon.

About 20 members were granted leave of absence, mainly by reason of sickness.

Bill to allow clerks of superior courts to appoint deputies who can probate deeds, etc., was taken up, applying to Columbus, Craven, Henderson, Cabarrus, Buncombe, Davidson, Harnett, Stokes, Davie, Chatham, Dare, Surry, Robeson, Tyrrel, Person, Wilson, Richmond, Madison, Perquimans, Edgecombe, Randolph, Vance, Granville, Polk, Caswell and Halifax. It was recommitted in order that a general bill might be prepared. Cook said when certified copies of the records of probate were wanted for transmission to other counties and states it would be found to be great trouble. Lusk said the committee had amended the bill so the clerk would have to make a record. Cook said this would be all right in the county where the probate was made, but that as to cases where copies were to be sent away no end of trouble and danger to titles would arise.

Bill to regulate appeals was taken up and passed, providing that in appeals to the higher court the evidence shall be sent up at the request of either party to the action. It does not apply to magistrate's courts, city court or mayor's courts.

Bill to provide that guardians, administrators and executors who misappropriate funds are liable to indictment for embezzlement, passed after Lusk had explained it and stated that it was eminently just and greatly needed.

Bill to protect furnishers of material or contracts, by amending the laborers lien law, was discussed. It provides that notice of lien, shall be sufficient for such lien if the owner or agent of such house or real estate may have paid the contractor thereof in advance of the work done or material furnished at the time said notice is given. Alexander asked if the bill did not make the owner pay twice. McRary said it made the owner liable if he paid the contractor in advance. McKenzie moved to table. It went to the table.

Bill passed to allow Robeson county commissioners to hire or farm out the chain gang; no females to be employed on the roads. It was shown that the public law forbade such employment of females.

Bill passed allowing the Wadesboro cotton mill company to issue \$40,000 in bonds.

Bill to pay per diem to persons summoned by court as a special venire in capital cases the same as other jurors also was taken up. Cantler said that at present these

JUST FOR FUN.

Two Boys Wrecked a Train to See the Engine Jump.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. MEMPHIS, Pa., Jan. 21.—On Saturday last a passenger train on the Pennsylvania railroad was derailed near here, and the engine and tender hurled down the embankment, by a shoveling handle, which had been placed on the track. No passengers were hurt, but the engineer and fireman were seriously injured.

The company's detectives have been working on the case since, and yesterday they arrested Lewis Gable, aged thirteen years, and Robert Gray, aged nine years. Young Gray admitted that they placed the shovel on the track, with no intention of wrecking the train, but "just for fun, to see the engine jump."

The company is determined to push the case against the boys, as a lesson to any others who may feel an inclination to indulge in such "fun." Both boys' fathers are guards in the house of refuge near here, and if convicted the boys will be confined in the institution.

SENAATE.

The senate met at 12 o'clock. There was prayer by Rev. Dr. Pittinger.

Mr. Mitchell, of Franklin introduced a petition asking for a dispensary law for Louisburg and township of Louisburg.

After the reports of the standing committees, bills and resolutions were introduced and referred as follows: By Whedbee, to incorporate the Greenville bank; by Ashburn, resolution to investigate the sale of the several histories in North Carolina public schools; by McCarthy, to incorporate the lodge of Faith Hope and Charity of Craven county; by Alexander, to prevent forfeiture of goods sold on the installment plan; by Ray, in regard to competition in the sale of certain articles. Mr. Ray moved to have 500 copies printed. Mr. McCaskey moved to amend by having the reformatory bill for young criminals also printed, adopted. Mr. Clark, by request, introduced a bill in regard to catching fish in Columbus county; also bill in regard to the trapping and killing of deer in Columbus county; also to amend the private laws of 1895 in relation to the Roanoke Water Power Company; also for the relief of A. H. Green of Halifax county tax collector.

By Abell, that senators and representatives in Congress be instructed to vote for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, independent of all nations.

By Butler, to prevent discrimination in the currency of the country; by Anderson, to reorganize all standing committees.

The calendar was then taken up and the following bills and resolutions were disposed of: Bill to reconstruct committees informally passed over; bill to pay J. M. Early expenses as contesting Senator in 1895, passed 2 and 3 readings; bill to amend chapter 57 private laws 1885 in regard to the Roanoke Navigation Company, passed 2 and 3 readings; the bill instructing Senators and Representatives to vote for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1 on motion of Grant was made special order for Tuesday next at 12 o'clock.

Bill to incorporate the Tar River Bank of Rocky Mount, amended and passed 2nd and 3rd readings, bill to amend the charter of the Drummer's Deposit Bank of Wilkesboro, and change its name to the Wilkes County Bank. There was much discussion of this bill and it was re-referred to the judiciary committee.

Mr. Grant, by unanimous consent, introduced resolutions that the president of the Senate appoint five senators and the speaker of the House appoint eight representatives to consider the election law and the subject of county government. The bill passed 2nd and 3rd readings.

Anderson moved to take up the bill to charter the Stony Mountain Railway company. Upon objection, the bill went over.

James Young.

James Young, the tragedian, will play "Hamlet" at Metropolitan Opera House on Tuesday evening. In again presenting Mr. Young to the lovers of good acting in this city, it is not the intention of his managers to extol his ability, but simply to give assurance as to the high order of the performance.

We think Mr. Young worthy of striving for this honor, but let the audience and dramatic critics decide upon his merits. He is modest, ambitious and conscientious.

SEVERAL MEMBERS MAD

At the Action Taken by the Majority Caucus.

HILEMAN IS ONE.

McCaskey Done With the Majority for ever "Little Billie" Bryan Speaks Out Plainly—The Minority Will Establish An Organization.

The majority caucus did not act in harmony last night in expelling the minority and forbidding them further co-operation with them in any matters. Senator Butler, who fathered the resolution which was adopted denunciating of the bolters, is not meeting with complete success in prescribing the course of the populist majority. Six of the members who were present at the meeting last night are on the verge of revolt. They do not subscribe to the resolution adopted and just what action they will take it is hardly possible to say. McCaskey and Fagan are riled and they have finally severed all connection with the caucus. Speaker Hileman, Dr. Person and Whitener are violently opposed to the resolution and they will ask for a modification. If their views are not observed by the majority, they may pull out.

Speaker Hileman said this morning: "I was not present at the caucus last evening, but I do not think the caucus should have taken the action it did. I am not in favor of black-listing any one." Mr. Hileman said he thought the resolutions should be modified, but he declined to say what action he would take in the event they were not. Mr. Hileman said he had not made up his mind as to what policy he should pursue.

Senator McCaskey, who has been a member of the minority all the while rejoined the majority caucus last night. He remained till 9 o'clock and was forced to leave to meet another engagement. Mr. McCaskey said today: "I remained in the caucus as long as I could last evening, but the resolutions were not passed while I was there. I think they are revolutionary and I do not subscribe to them. Unless they are modified my relations are forever severed with the caucus. I shall not go back in the caucus anymore. The action taken last night is simply boy-cotting men who would have stultified themselves had they voted differently from what they did."

Representative Fagan, who has been one of the minority and who went back in the caucus last night endorsed what Senator McCaskey said.

Representatives Whitener and Dr. Person, members of the majority voted against the resolution expelling the minority. Mr. Whitener said today: "I voted against the resolutions last night. I did not endorse them. I want to take the other members back in our caucus. I hope the resolutions will be modified. I cannot tell what I shall do if they are not."

Representative Hodges one of the original 19 who walked out of the caucus said this morning of the action of the majority last night: "There is not one of the 19 members of the minority, who will resent the action of the majority last night. I am not in favor of being trampled upon and if there is no other alternative I am in favor of reorganizing the party and appointing an executive committee. We will probably caucus tonight, I am one of those who walked out of the populist caucus, because I did not propose to be led into the democratic party."

Harris, of Hyde, another of the bolters who returned to the majority caucus last night for a short while said today, speaking of the action of the majority caucus: "I think they must be fools. I am an independent factor and not to be led. I don't see any way for we fellows except to organize. I don't want to do that, but then we are forced to."

Bryan, of Chatham, better known as "Little Billie" said this evening "I think the caucus acted in the heat of passion. It is the most indiscreet thing any set of men ever attempted. It is not only tyrannical, but it is selfish. The action last night is purely the outgrowth of one man ruling in politics. Everybody knows Butler is the man. I am in favor of having a caucus tonight and making a state-

SKINNER LEAVES ALSO.

Will Make Reply to the Majority Caucus—Leaves for Greenville.

Senator Pritchard left for his home at Marshall this morning. Congressman Harry Skinner, who has been active in the arena of politics in this city for the past two weeks left today for his home in Greenville. He will return to Raleigh next week before going to Washington. Mr. Skinner said today before leaving, when asked for an expression as to the action of the majority populist caucus last evening: "Whom the god's will destroy, they first make mad. To wit: Butler and the majority faction of the Populist caucus."

"In due time and in a decent manner I will review the situation and will furnish to the Press-Visitor a statement in justification of myself, my followers and the great majority of populists in the State who are behind me. I am sorry to see a man of so much ability as Mr. Butler destroy himself."

There was a general exodus of the politicians today who have been here watching the senatorial fight. Mr. W. S. Hyams returned to Washington this morning. It is always a regret to see Mr. Hyams leave Raleigh. His work for Senator Pritchard in his re-election has been most effective and no one is more cognizant of the fact than the Senator.

Senator Pritchard's brother, George, the sheriff of Mitchell county, returned home today.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

New York, Jan. 21. Market quotations furnished by E. B. Cuthbert & Co., 30 Broad street, New York, and 305 Wilmington street, Raleigh, N. C., over their special wire:

MONTHS.	OPEN-ING.	HIGH-EST.	LOW-EST.	CLOS-ING.
January	7 05	7 08	7 01	7 00
February	7 12	7 16	7 08	7 09
March	7 20	7 24	7 15	7 15
April	7 28	7 30	7 22	7 22
May	7 32	7 35	7 27	7 27
June	7 37	7 39	7 32	7 32
July	7 39	7 40	7 33	7 33
August	7 45	7 45	7 37	7 37
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October				
November				
December				

Closed quiet and steady; sales 129,200 bales.

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

New York Stock Market.	
Sugar	116 1/2
American Tobacco	70 1/2
Burlington and Quincy	75 1/2
Chicago Gas	78 1/2
Des. and Cst. Food	34 1/2
General Electric	34 1/2
Louisville and Nashville	51 1/2
Manhattan	91 1/2
Rock Island	68 1/2
Southern Preferred	29
St. Paul	76 1/2
Tennessee Coal and Iron	29 1/2
Western Union	84 1/2

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

The following were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market today:	
Wheat—May	79 1/2; July 75 1/2
Corn—May 24; July 24 1/2	
Oats—May 17 1/2; July 18 1/2	
Lard—January 3.95; May 3.95	
Pork—January 3.95; May 4.05	
Clear Rib Sides—January 4.05	
May 4.10	

Liverpool Cotton Market.

January-February	3.62
February-March	3.62
March-April	3.62 1/2
April-May	3.62
May-June	3.61 1/2
June-July	3.63 1/2
July-August	3.63 1/2

Sales 10,000 bales.

HABEAS CORPUS

Proceedings Instituted by Augustus Pounds—He is Now in Jail.

Augustus Pounds, the young white man of Marks Creek township who is charged with the killing of A. B. Marshburn and who is confined in jail has instituted habeas corpus proceedings, returnable before Justice Walter A. Montgomery next Tuesday, January 26th, at the supreme court room.

Young Pounds has retained Messrs Argo and Snow as counsel. He believes that if he can get a hearing before a Judge, he will be liberated at once.

A South Carolina Railway Bill.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 21.—A bill was introduced to place railroads and telegraphs under the control of state railroad commissioners who will regulate charges.

SHORT STATEMENTS.

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND THE CITY.

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

Col J. M. Leach, of Littleton, left for Littleton today.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bailey returned to Louisburg today.

Col. T. M. Argo went to Louisburg this morning on legal business.

Mr. Robt. Sims, who has been here visiting parents returned to Wake Forest today.

It is feared that Rev. D. M. M. Marshall, rector of Christ church, has meningitis.

A rapid fire Hotchkiss gun was received at the arsenal today from the War department.

Miss Bertha Rosenthal has gone to New York and Philadelphia on a visit to relatives and friends.

Miss Venie Wilson, of Louisburg, is in the city visiting Miss Louise Hodge on East Hargett street.

The Hickory Press gives us the following information, new but interesting: "Hal Ayer, having been elected auditor, has resigned as chairman of the grand lodge of Masons at the meeting of that body in Raleigh last week."

Mr. J. H. Cutlar, the principal stockholder in the Raleigh street railway, left for his home in Boston yesterday. While here he consulted with contractors in regard to the building of a new power house. He believes that the patronage of the electric light plant will be sufficient to enable the company to start the cars at an early date.

Flagg's Female Minstrels gave a variety performance at Metropolitan Hall last night to a large audience, which seemed to be unusually pleased. The performance was not vulgar as had been anticipated and there were several good features. The singing was execrable and every member did his best to inflict the audience with several selections. The Irish comedian was far above the average and the dancing was enthusiastically received.

The Work of Friends.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. On City, Pa., Jan. 21.—After a chase of twenty miles, "Wes" and Sam Stamford, Ard Strahl and Harry Carnahan were arrested yesterday on a charge of attempted robbery at Chapmanville this county. About midnight four men effected an entrance to the house of Miss Jane Richardson, an aged woman, and demanded her money.

She refused to tell where she kept her money and valuables, and the robbers proceeded to torture her by applying a lighted candle to her feet. Her screams of agony awakened a 14-year-old boy, who attempted her rescue.

He was shot in the arm. Then he rushed out and awakened R. M. Billings and George Grove, two young farmers, who lived some distance away. They chased the robbers, following the trail in the snow, and finally came up with them at 8 o'clock.

Miss Richardson will recover.

International Exhibition of Gastronomy.

The international exhibition of gastronomy and of culinary art is to take place at Vienna in 1898, in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the reign of the emperor of Austria-Hungary, who, as is well known, is the most abstemious monarch in Christendom in all matters relating to food and drink.

Senator Gibson recently gave notice of his intention of offering an amendment to the sundry civil bill, which, says the Washington Post, shall authorize the joint committee on library to purchase a painting by Victor Neblig, entitled "Pocahontas Saving the Life of Captain John Smith." He would have the picture hung in the capitol or the new library building. The amendment, which was referred to the committee on library, carries an appropriation of \$5,000.