

ADDRESS BY DR. CURRY

Before the Members of the Legislature.

BILLS INTRODUCED

In regard to the Election of Senator by Direct Vote—Another in regard to the Eastern Asylum at Goldsboro.

The house met at 11, and Rev. J. W. Carter prayed.

Among the bills introduced were the following: By McRary, to regulate assignments; by providing that all conditional sales, assignments, mortgages or deeds of trust which are executed to secure any debt, obligation, note or bond which gives preference to any creditor of the maker shall be absolutely void as to pre-existing creditors. By McRary, to amend the Code so as to allow grandchildren of certain ex-slaves to inherit and become distributors of their estates. By Cook, to prevent affrays; to punish slander and to amend the code in reference to Sunday trains. By Lusk, to authorize clerks of criminal circuit courts to probate deeds and take private examination of females covert. By Cathey (resolution), pledging the present Congress to the election of U. S. Senators by the direct vote of the people. By Dockery, to charter the eastern hospital for the insane at Goldsboro and to provide for the government of the insane. (Both these bills were summarized Friday.) By Freeman, to protect stock-raising and improve the same. By Green to change the line between Mitchell and Yancy. By Bingham, to change the line between Watauga and Mitchell. By Peace, to provide that land owners shall pay for one-fourth of fertilizer used by tenants, unless when the land is rented he tells the tenant he will not pay for any fertilizer. By Brown, providing that the boards of county commissioners shall appoint on the first Monday in April, each year, a township road supervisor to have charge of all the road work, and to be paid for his time. By Ransom, to change the age when road duty shall begin from 18 to 21 years.

The resolution requiring the reform of all appropriation bills to the finance committee failed to pass. The bill to allow a woman a divorce of her husband in the penitentiary was tabled. It seems to have been drawn to cover a special case.

At noon, in compliance with a resolution, Dr. J. L. M. Curry, agent of the Peabody fund, addressed the legislature in the hall of the house, and was brilliantly introduced by Representative McRary, of Davidson, who termed Dr. Curry a "beacon light of education in this generation." Dr. Curry expressed his thanks for the honor shown him and in the assignment of the subject of the address, "education." This was the third time he had been invited to address the legislature. He said he was in part a North Carolinian, as he spent part of each year in Buncombe county. He went on to say that the Americans did not believe in education—a bold proposition; that the test of the matter was the sacrifices the people were willing to make for education. He had a document written by a North Carolinian; this was a bill made out in 1829 by Andrew Johnson, for \$3,500, for making a coat here in Raleigh. This was a powerful place for education. Here was this tailor's bill made out by a man who became president of the United States Universal suffrage has no anchorage save the people's intelligence. He said Gov. Johnson, a North Carolinian, now Governor of Alabama, is the school governor of the North. He has the courage of his convictions. There are more cowardly men in the legislatures than anywhere else. Men brave in battle hid themselves when a school appropriation bill came up, until they could hear the result of a meeting in Mr. Tinkland's precinct. It was a calamitous mistake of reconstruction to impose manhood suffrage without any conditions. There will always be ballot box frauds as long as there is ignorance. Out of 100 children, how many can read and write? he asked the State Superintendent of public instruction. "About 65," replied the superintendent. Then Dr. Curry said that of 100 negro children only 30 could read. He declared that if the legislature did

not elevate the blacks they would drag them down to the uttermost hell of ignorance.

He declared that he would go to his grave with the belief that no man should be allowed to vote who is not able to read his ballot. He read the Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Maine law on this subject. If such a law was needed there, with a homogeneous caucasian population how much more was it needed here in North Carolina, with two races, separated by impossible barriers. And yet there were people who wanted to support Cuba and place the added burden of 750,000 blacks upon the United States. No ignorant people were ever a prosperous people. Wealth in part comes from labor, but material prosperity depends upon the education of the people. The greatest curse of the South was when vessels came here freighted with cargoes of Africans left here in perpetuity as slaves. He spoke of the immense advantages given children in Massachusetts schools and of those in Connecticut. (At this point Governor Russell entered and was given a front seat.) He heard much of the prosperity of the "New South." Where is it? You may find it in mining districts or along some of the railways, but as to agriculture, things are not a whit better than they were in 1845—bad roads, undiversified employments, no improvements in farm methods, idle, shiftless people. He said he was told there were in North Carolina 10,000 hungry mouths waiting for Federal patronage to drop into them.

What is needed is a six month school in each district, with a trained teacher in charge. He declared a great mistake had been made years ago in abolishing supervision of schools. He ridiculed six year sessions of the schools and the contemptibly small salary paid teachers. "Anybody can teach a school." That is what the people say. He spoke of the Normal and Industrial school at Greensboro, saying its success was unparalleled in the history of educational institutions in the United States. There are so-called colored normal schools at six or seven places in the State. He said these are not normal schools. They are not training schools, and he gave notice that he would introduce a bill to withdraw the Peabody fund from them. He then said to the Governor that if the State would establish 2 real colored normal schools the Peabody fund would aid them liberally and make their establishment an object. It is proposed that each State of the South shall give \$1,000 for the purchase of a statue of Peabody to be placed in statutory hall at Washington, in grateful memory of his services in the South's hour of greatest need, for it was in 1867 that he made his grand gift, when the South was in ruins and desolate.

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The Story of the Spanish Reformation.

A very satisfactory rehearsal for this entertainment was held at Metropolitan Hall on Saturday night, and many who took part in the German reformation last winter expressed the opinion that this would be much more beautiful.

The participants are very proud of Miss Anna Belle Mitchell as Queen Mary.

Owing to the illness of Miss Robins, Miss Mary Lilly Kean has kindly consented to act as one of the court ladies, and will sing "When the Mists Have Cleared A Way."

There is no doubt but that a grand treat is awaiting the friends of the ladies of the Good Shepherd church next Thursday and Friday nights at the Academy of Music.

The chart for reserved seats is now open at W. H. King's drugstore, where tickets are also on sale. The price of tickets has been placed at 75, 50 and 25 cents.

YARBORO TO REOPEN

Mr. L. T. Brown to Surrender His Lease

FEBRUARY THE FIRST

The Hotel will Pass Into the Control of Mr. R. B. Raney, who will Put an Experienced Manager in Charge.

The Yarboro House is to be reopened.

The doors to this famous hotel will be thrown open to the public by the tenth of February, if not earlier, provided Jesse Brown does not reconsider his action of today. Mr. R. B. Raney will take possession of the lease, when Mr. Brown surrenders it, and an experienced and competent hotel manager will be placed in charge. The hotel will be thoroughly equipped, and every improvement made to add to its comfort.

Mr. L. T. Brown today gave notice to the owner of the Yarboro House that on February 1st he would surrender the lease which he has on the property, and which does not expire until Dec. 1st, 1897. Mr. Brown, being seen by a Press-Visitor reporter, said:

"My lease does not expire until Dec. 1st, 1897. It contains a provision that I shall not assign it to anyone without the consent of the owner of the property. I endeavored last fall to obtain an extension of the lease in order that I might either make arrangements to re-furnish the hotel and run it myself, or assign the existing and extended lease to some other party who would be acceptable to the owner, either of which plans I could have carried out if I had been able to obtain an extension. The owner declined to extend the lease to me. I then endeavored to buy my lease, and had three opportunities to do so, provided I could have obtained the consent of the owner to be transferred and an extension could have been obtained by my transferee. Each of these parties desired to re-furnish the hotel from bottom; but negotiations were stopped by the discovery that Mr. Raney had the mortgage of the furniture which is now stored in a warehouse, and that a decree of foreclosure of the mortgage, had some months ago obtained a lease of the hotel, to take effect upon the termination of my lease by expiration, surrender or forfeiture, and that a transfer of my lease could not be made except with the consent of Mr. Raney, and, presumably, he would not consent to any negotiations with any one who would not agree to buy the furniture, which he has a mortgage and which will be sold some time in May, I presume. In other words, I had been placed in a position where I could trade only with Mr. Raney and on his terms. The owner of the property has not lost a cent of rent; he will receive rent up to the day I surrender it, which will be the first of February unless something occurs to change my decision as to giving up the lease."

"I will sell the furniture was taken from me offered what I considered a fair deal for its use until after the adjournment of the General Assembly in March, so that the house could be reopened during the session, but it is declined."

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James Young's Snow Night.

James Young, a gifted young tragedian, will appear here in Hamlet tomorrow night at the Rochester, N. Y. He says of Mr. Young: "He appears there recently, before a large and responsive audience at Cooper's Opera House last evening, giving the most youthful and brilliant performance of Hamlet in the city."

The audience manifested a pleasure by frequent applause and several recalls, and after a call at the end of the third act, made a brief speech, acknowledging the cordiality of his reception by both press and public, and giving sincere assurances that he would ever hold Rochester in remembrance for its kind and generous complete a successful season."

Young men meeting every Monday night at the Baptist Tabernacle School rooms. All are invited.

DEATH OF J. W. B. WATSON

An Old and Well Known Citizen of Raleigh Passed Away.

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But "Little Billie" Bryan, one of

"A Pair of Jacks" at the Academy of Music, tonight. The comedy received the highest endorsement of Lynchburg people. Raleigh people have never seen anything like it.

The wintry winds of the past two days made all who had to get about bug their overcoats closer and double on their flannel underwear. Messrs. Whiting Bros. are prepared to furnish those in need of anything in this line.

Capt. A. S. Peace, a member of the populist state executive committee, who came here to take a hand in the senatorial fight, is hopelessly ill at the hospital with pneumonia. Mr. Peace is from Oxford. Mrs. Peace is here attending her husband. It is not thought that he will be able to live throughout the day.

James D. Gilliam, Jr., who, for the past three years, has been messenger in the Internal Revenue office in this city has resigned his position, much to the regret of all the force, and will go to New York in a day or two to accept a better position with the American Tobacco Company. He will be succeeded by James A. Mitchell, of Bertie county.

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adversers of the minority, assures us that no such agreement was ever entered into and furthermore that no agreement of any kind exists, either written or unwritten. Perhaps Mr. Bryan may not be, strictly speaking, riding on the band wagon. Certainly he does not hold such a desirable seat as does Dr. D. Reid Parker, who, from all accounts, is pressing down the commissioner of agriculture's button and beating the symbols with both feet.

"Little Billie" Bryan said: "If we (the minority) get any offices from the republicans they will come unsolicited and not by our own efforts. We have obtained no pledge or promise from them. There is only an implied understanding of honor."

SEE THE JACKS TONIGHT

Leo Wheat Telegraphs that the Show is a Great One.

The "Pair of Jacks" company arrived in the city yesterday from Lynchburg, where it appeared before a large and well pleased audience Saturday night. The company will present the celebrated comedy, "A Pair of Jacks" at the Academy tonight.

"Tell everybody to see 'A Pair of Jacks,' if they want to beat troubles and taxes. It is simply out of sight." (signed) "Leo. Wheat."

The attraction is one that we can recommend and it deserves the hearty patronage of the people of Raleigh. Go to the Academy tonight and you will see one of the funniest shows on the road. It is a high toned comedy and there is nothing that the most refined can take objection to."

MAY RUN A SPECIAL

To Chapel Hill for the Inaugural. Many Raleigh Persons Going.

Raleigh will be well represented at the University on the occasion of the inauguration of President Edwin A. Alderman. A large number of our citizens, in addition to the members of the legislature and State officers, will be present.

It is very likely that the Southern will run a special train from Raleigh to accommodate those who may desire to attend, if not a special will bring the Raleighites back who go up on the morning train. Members of the legislature can secure passes at Col. Andrew's office.

Prof. Howell, superintendent of the city schools, and others left this afternoon for the University. Special railroad rates have been secured for the occasion. The round trip rate from Raleigh is \$2 25, Durham .95, and Goldsboro \$4 45. Tickets are on sale the 25th and 27th, with final limit January 29th.

IN HER FAVOR

Mrs. Kate Keogh Conrad Fuller Gets Her Dower.

The Greensboro Record says: Mrs. Kathryn Keogh Fuller, for several years past a resident of New York city, has been successful in her litigation with the administrator of Conrad's estate, which has been pending several years. Mrs. Fuller is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Keogh. She was married to Mr. Charles T. Conrad, of Danville, Va., in 1891. He died in June, 1893, leaving a very large estate in both real and personal property.

The Richmond, Va., Times of Thursday, in its report of opinions handed down by the Supreme Court of Appeals, gives the following: "Kathryn Fuller vs. Conrad's Administrator. Reversed. Opinion by Judge Harrison.

"Held: While the lower court has large discretion as to the assignment of dower, and the report of its commissioners to assign, and the confirmation of their report by that court, are accorded great consideration, its judgment is not conclusive, but subject to review.

"The object of dower is to afford the widow a sure and competent support, and it should be so assigned that she may enjoy one-third of the income arising from the estate, the probable rents and profits being the chief subject of consideration.

"When commissioners have ascertained the annual income of the whole estate, they ought to set off to the widow such a part as will yield her one-third part of such income, in parcels best calculated for the convenience of herself and the heirs—a rule adopted equally to protect widows from having an unproductive part of estates assigned them, and to guard heirs from being left during her life without the means of support. Leonard vs. Leonard, 4 Mass., 633."

The most severe cold wave of the season occupies the central valley. The lowest temperature reported was 24 degrees below zero at St. Paul; and it is below zero as far east as Cincinnati (-8) and Pittsburgh (-6).

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By order of the President, Mrs. F. A. Olds, Sec.

TWO IMPORTANT BILLS

One to Create an Insurance Commission.

PERSON, THE AUTHOR

Salary to be \$2,000 With all Clerks Necessary—Bill to Take Control of the Penitentiary to be Introduced in the House.

The Hon. Lee Person, the colored Senator from Edgecombe, who wears a black silk handkerchief around his "hilly white" neck, has prepared the most exhaustive bill known to the oldest inhabitant. The bill is one "to establish and maintain an insurance department and to consolidate the insurance laws of the State. Mr. Person today turned the bill over to the printers and as soon as it is in type he will introduce it in the Senate.

The bill covers 132 pages of legal cap paper, written in an ordinary hand. It is two inches in height, and would be taken at first glance for a Cuban petition. Senator Person says he has given much study to the insurance business in the State, and that he has been at work on the bill since the 15th of December. "As soon as I saw that Dr. Thompson opposed such a measure, I began to frame this bill," the Senator said. "I do not think any member will oppose it after carefully reading it." Mr. Person's bill provides for the establishment of an Insurance Commission and the creation of the office of Insurance Commissioner with a salary of \$2,000 per annum. It also provides for a chief clerk, whose salary shall be \$1,800, and as many additional clerks as may be needed at a salary of \$1,200; but the appointment of these latter shall be discretionary with the Governor. The author of the bill says he proposes to increase the tax on insurance companies, and that the bill will secure a revenue twice as large as that derived from the same source.

The bill introduced in the house today by Mr. Dockery providing for a change in the management of the penitentiary is the same that the Press-Visitor for several weeks ago, restores to the governor the power of controlling the institution. Two years ago this legislature took the prerogative of appointment from Governor Carr.

The bill provides that there shall be a board of directors appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, composed of nine persons, whose terms of office shall begin after appointment and continue four years and whose compensation shall be \$4 per day and five cents per mile for travelling expenses; that the governor shall, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint a chief officer of the penitentiary, who shall be known as the "Superintendent of the State's prison" and whose term of office shall be four years and whose salary shall be \$2,500. The superintendent is to have entire charge of the management of the penitentiary. All conflicting laws are repealed, and the act goes into effect immediately after ratification.

HIT WITH HOT IRON

Mr. Mosetz, of Ashe County, loses an Eye Here to Have It Removed.

Mr. A. J. Mosetz, a well known citizen of Ashe county, arrived in the city today to undergo an operation at Rex Hospital.

Saturday Mr. Mosetz was standing in a blacksmith shop when a piece of hot iron, which was being shaped on an anvil, flew into his eye, bursting the lens. Since then he has undergone great suffering and came here today to have the eye removed. Doctors Battle and Lewis will perform the operation this evening.

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