

A MONUMENT TO VANCE

Bill Capturing the Agricultural Department.

PASSES SENATE.

Vote 24 to 13—Crews Awarded Seat—Free Pass Bill Gets a Black Eye—Alexander Wants to Prohibit Members Accepting Any Privilege.

The house met at 10 o'clock and Rev. J. L. Foster offered prayer.

The following bills and resolutions were introduced: By Harris, of Hyde, to provide for the taking of depositions, etc., in the contests for seats in the legislature, and that no member shall vote until the matter as to title to seat has been decided; by McBryde, to provide that in all cases of the marriage of women under 21 years of age, the marriage shall have the same force and effect in law as if the woman so marrying was 21 years of age; by Aiken, to reduce the tonnage tax on fertilizers to 20 cents per ton. By Ward, to reduce the salaries and fees of all public officers, save those fixed by law, 25 per cent; by Alexander, of Tyrrell, to protect game in that county.

By Babbitt, to so amend section 758 of the code that the commissioners and not the board of justices of the counties shall elect the finance committee; by Pearson, creating a commission composed of Gov. Russell, Julian S. Carr and W. A. Hoke to procure a suitable design, with all necessary specifications for a monument in Raleigh, upon a site chosen, in memory of Z. B. Vance; that proposals shall be advertised for; that the commission named co-operate with the Vance monument association; that a report be made to the next legislature; that \$1,000 be appropriated for necessary expenses; Sutton of Cumberland introduced the following resolution which was adopted: "That the calendar from this time be in the speaker's hands, to be disposed of as he deems best and the speaker shall have power to limit or cut off discussion for debate from any source when in his judgment he shall think that the public time is being unnecessarily consumed or wasted;" Duffy made the point that 61 votes were necessary to pass this resolution, claiming that it changed the house rules. The speaker ruled that Duffy was in error, and that a mere majority was sufficient. Against this there was a protest.

The special order was taken up, being the election contest of Field vs. Crews, from Granville. Majority and minority reports were submitted by the committee, the minority report signed by two democrats being in Field's favor. Each side was given an hour. Cook opened for Crews.

The minority report (seating Field) was voted on first, and Hartness demanded the yeas and nays. The vote was yeas 31, noes 63. The majority report was then adopted without a roll call.

Bill passed to protect fish in Neuse river, and the house took up the report of the committee on insane asylums, made by Sutton of Cumberland, the report being attached to a bill to provide for the maintenance of the three asylums. The report says that Morganton cottages are needed but are not recommended just now; that there are 26 criminal insane; a department for the criminal insane is recommended at the penitentiary; it is recommended that Durham and Robeson be transferred to the Raleigh asylum; for the Morganton asylum \$100,000 is recommended; for the Raleigh asylum \$63,450, and \$4,000 for the purchase of 100 acres of land; that \$43,000 be allowed the Goldsboro asylum; \$1,250 for purchase of 100 acres of land and \$2,600 for the electric light plant; that at each asylum a person be given police power to arrest tramps or persons who violate the rules. The bill covers these recommendations.

The senate resolution providing for the visit of a special committee to Mecklenburg, to see the roads, was adopted.

SENATE.

The Senate was called to order at 11 o'clock by Lieut. Governor Reynolds, prayer by Senator McNeil.

Alexander presented a joint resolution for the encouragement of fine arts, saying that the ladies of Mecklenburg county proposed to have a collection of the fine arts of the Car-

olinas on exhibition in Charlotte; also a museum of colonial and war relics. On motion of McCaskey the rules were suspended.

Bill to incorporate the Winston-Salem Southbound railroad was taken up. This is a continuation of the Norfolk and Western railroad south, passed; to prohibit the use of free passes by public officers.

Anderson made the following amendment, "Provided that any person who shall haul any member of the general assembly or any state officer in any wagon, buggy, cart, wheelbarrow or any conveyance of whatever kind, or any person who shall invite to dinner any such officer or member of the general assembly or give a drink, cigar or show any courtesy to any such officer or member of the General Assembly shall be deemed a suspicious character and guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined and imprisoned at the discretion of the court, and any member of the General Assembly or state officer who shall accept any such favor shall forfeit his office and shall be subject to indictment and upon conviction shall be fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the court."

Moye favored the passage of the bill because if any person rode on a free pass the railroads certainly expected something in return, and he did not think any honest public officer would ride on a free pass, because it would place him under obligation to the railroad that issued the pass.

Anderson favored the adoption of his amendment, saying he opposed the bill and if it was going to pass he wanted to tack on his amendment.

Smathers moved that the matter be deferred and made special order for Saturday Feb. 27. On this Clark demanded the roll call, which was ordered. Carried, yeas 21, noes 19. Ray offered a resolution that a committee of 3 be appointed by the president to investigate the free pass matter and ascertain if it would be to the interest of railroads to pass such a bill or not. Adopted.

The following bills were disposed of on second reading: To amend chapter 320, acts 1891 to provide for the general supervision of railroads, steamboat, express, telegraph and telephone companies in the state. This is Butler's bill and provides for the reduction of passenger rates, as amended, to be 2 cents for first class and 2 cents for second class per mile. On motion of Butler, the above bill was made special order for Tuesday, February 16th; to amend chapter 320, laws 1891, that railroads, street railway and steamboat companies shall furnish free transportation over all their lines in this state to the members and clerks of the railroad commission when on business connected with the commission. Passed 2nd and 3rd readings. The bill to take the department of agriculture, and college of agricultural and mechanical arts out of the hands of the present trustees and officers and to constitute a new board of 16 commissioners was taken up. Ray opposed the bill, saying that he did not see why they wanted to abolish the department of agriculture or of the A. & M. college. He said he wanted to have time to examine the bill. McCaskey stated that the bill was introduced several days ago and the Senator (Ray) should have examined it. Ray asked the Senator (McCaskey) why he wanted to abolish the department. McCaskey replied so that the co-operation party could take charge of it.

"So then it is only a political scheme, is it?" asked Ray. "Yes," answered McCaskey. Ray moved to make it the special order next Wednesday Feb. 17. McCaskey opposed this and asked the Senate to vote down the motion of Ray. The motion was lost. The bill passed 2nd and 3rd readings, yeas 24 noes 13; bill to license foreign corporations, companies or associations was taken up; this bill requires that all such corporations, companies or associations shall have an attorney, upon whom all process of law shall be served; such attorney shall reside in this State; that he shall have a written contract or agreement from the corporation he represents; that they will not remove or attempt to remove any suit or legal proceeding for trial in the state courts of this State from said State courts. The bill was passed over. At 2 o'clock p. m. the Senate adjourned.

The following members have been added to the telephone exchange: Democratic headquarters, No. 54; F. L. Bailey, No. 271; B. Hicks & Rogers, No. 37, B.

BAD OFF IN CLAY COUNTY

A Magistrate Wanted who Can Read and Write—Who is not Related all Around.

A state officer received the following letter a few days since with the request that it be placed in the proper legislative channels.

"We the undersigned residents and land owners of Shooting Creek, Clay county, N. C., respectfully ask the honorable, the legislature of North Carolina to appoint Col. Chas. H. Eaton, who has been a landowner and resident among us for the past two years, a justice of the peace for Shooting Creek township."

This petition was signed by Chas. H. Eaton and a number of others. A few days later the same state officer received a very urgent letter setting forth the necessity of appointing the said Chas. H. Eaton. Among other things in the letter was the following:

"We need a magistrate in this neighborhood who can read and write and who is not related to everybody else."

The author of the letter was none other than the Hon. Chas. H. Eaton.

"Farmer Hopkins" Coming.

The next attraction at Metropolitan Opera House will be "Farmer Hopkins," which will appear here February 18.

Four full sets of scenery, all on a magnificent scale, are used in "Old Farmer Hopkins." Act first: An exterior of a millionaire's summer residence at Long Branch. Act second: An interior of a newsboys' lodging cellar, Mott street, N. Y. Act 3rd: In East River Dock, N. Y. City, Brooklyn and her famous bridge illuminated in the distance. Act fourth: Exterior of Farmer Hopkins' home in Vermont. Two different sized sets are carried and the company guarantees the management of our Opera House that one or the other will positively be used.

Reception to Gov. Reynolds.

The Jr. O. U. A. M. will give a reception in honor of Lieutenant Governor Reynolds. The following invitations have been issued for the occasion.

A reception at which the presence of your company is desired, will be given Friday evening, February 19, 1897, at eight o'clock by the Jr. O. U. A. M. at their hall in the Pullen building, in honor of Lieutenant Governor C. A. Reynolds.

Governor Reynolds is the National representative from North Carolina.

The committee in charge is T. P. Sale, E. S. Cheek, W. E. Faison, M. R. Haynes.

Cloudy and Threatening.

The weather continues cloudy and threatening over the central valley and east, with rain at many points. The largest amounts of rain were, 2.66 inches at Charleston, 1.22 at Augusta, 1.86 at Jacksonville and 1.16 at Mobile. In the north it is snowing, from Boston to Chicago.

The barometer is quite low over the entire country, except New England and the Gulf of Mexico, with two centers of low pressure—one over the east Lake region, the other in the extreme northwest.

The weather is fair west of the Mississippi and south of Nebraska.

A New Trial Denied.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 12.—A second motion for a new trial of Thomas Bram, mate of the quarantine vessel, Herbert Fuller, convicted of the murder of Capt. Nash, based upon alleged discovery of new evidence of the case, was denied by Judges Holt, and Wasbie this morning.

Southern Offers Reduced Rates.

The Southern railway offers the following reduced rates on account of the appearance of Mr. Nat Goodwin, at the Academy of Music, Feb. 17. To Raleigh, and return, from Greensboro \$4.05; Burlington, 3.00; Graham, 3.00; Haw River, 2.75; Hillsboro, 2.00; Durham 1.50; Cary, 50c; Oxford, 3.00.

The Fog Lifting.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. SOUTHAMPTON, Feb. 12.—The dense fog which prevailed in the channel about the needles 36 hours, is lifting this afternoon. Some delayed steamers are coming in.

Fire Bugs do Damage.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 12.—The parliament buildings were ruined by fire this morning. The loss is over \$300,000. It is supposed to be the work of firebugs.

BUTLER ON THE SCENE

The Senator Arrives From Washington City.

WHERE IS SWINSON?

Looked His Office and Left—Bills Changing Management of Institutions to be Rushed Through—Successful Pie Chasers.

Senator Butler arrived in the city today from Washington. He will be here several days.

Has ex-enrolling clerk Swinson disappeared?

That was the question that fitted through the Capitol building this evening. Swinson's name was on every one's lips. A crowd of anxious clerks stood at the enrolling clerk's office seeking admission. Swinson had the key and had been absent all the evening.

It has been determined by the Republican managers to put through the legislature immediately the bills which sweep the State's institutions clear of the present officials.

There are many good Republicans and minority Populists who wish to partake of the pie recently apportioned. The petition fund is now keeping close on the members of the Assembly.

As it has never been published, it will be interesting to know which party drove the better bargain in parceling the pie, according to the standard of dollar-and-cents.

The Republican offices yield the following amounts: Penitentiary, \$2,500; railway commission, \$2,000; Morganton asylum, \$2,800; Goldsboro asylum, \$2,000; A and N C railway, \$1,200.

Bills have already been introduced to make the salary of the superintendent of the Goldsboro asylum, \$2,800 and the president of the N C road \$2,000.

The Populist offices set: Agricultural department; \$1,500; judge of criminal court, about \$1,800; Raleigh asylum, \$2,800; labor statistician, \$1,500; librarian, \$1,000; shall fish commission, \$840; keeper of capitol, \$350.

The Populists got \$90 more than the republicans. The republican offices give a total of \$10,500, while the populist give \$10,590. Of course the subordinate offices are divided alternately, the populists taking next best, where the republicans took first choice. "Next best" is not an honorary term, but refers most especially to the financial measurement.

The following gentlemen seem to have the call for the offices before their names:

Penitentiary—John R. Smith, of Wayne.

Atlantic and N. C. Road—Robert Hancock, of Craven.

Agricultural Department—J. N. Mewborne, of Lenoir.

Judge of the eastern court—Walter Henry, of Mecklenburg.

Labor Statistician—J. Y. Hamrick, of Cleveland.

Shell fish commission—Theo White.

Raleigh Asylum—Dr. Wood. Dr. Freeman, of Wilson, has strong following.

Senator Pritchard Worse.

Advices received here today from Washington were to the effect that Senator Pritchard was worse. His condition, however, is not alarming, so Mr. H. A. Gudger informs us.

The Senator is not allowed to see any telegrams or correspondence whatever. He is being kept entirely quiet and will not be able to take up his correspondence for some days. The Senator's numerous friends in Raleigh hope for his early recovery.

Help for the Hungry.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor. CALCUTTA, Feb. 12.—It is officially stated that two and three quarter millions of persons have been employed by the famine relief work association.

Turkey Will not Assist.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor. CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 12.—The Porte has given assurance to the powers that Turkey will not send reinforcements to Crete.

Dugli filled an order of fancy ice-cream, etc., for a reception at Statesville last evening. Dugli says it was the finest order he ever filled.

Capt W H Kitchen is here today.

THE OLD LEASE

The Row It Raised and the Trouble Col. Buford Had.

The Greensboro Record of yesterday contains the following interesting bit of history.

The fight now going on in the legislature of this State recalls the tumult raised at the time of the lease of the same property in 1870.

Committees of investigation were appointed, and they investigated, but no fraud was ever discovered. But the greatest trouble came to Col. A. S. Buford, then president of the R. & D. His own stockholders thought it was a bad move and threats were made to oust him from his position, the charge being that he was squandering the money of the road, but at the first annual meeting Mr. Buford met the stockholders and explained to them the lease, why it was made, etc.

This put an end to the discussion so far as the lease was concerned, but Col. Buford was a far seeing official and after getting things running smoothly to Charlotte, which was the end of the line of the R. & D., he perceived that it would never do to stop there—that if his company did not build the road on to Atlanta some other company would, but the moment he made the proposition another howl, longer and louder than ever, was raised by his people.

Nothing daunted, however, he went to work to secure a line through to Atlanta. His company had no money and the ablest men in the directorate could not see how it was to be done. Col. Buford was a man of resources, however, and once possessed of the idea he soon evolved a plan to build it. Not a great many people now living know how he accomplished it and the difficulties he encountered in doing so, but build it he did, and it remains a lasting monument to his wisdom.

To accomplish his object he made a deal with the Pennsylvania railroad and that company furnished most if not all of the money, and built the road, the entire R. & D. system being placed in the hands of the former road for many years, though this fact was not generally known. During all these years Col. Buford was the subject of attack by his own stockholders, who charged that he was concerned in a deal to turn the R. & D. over to Pennsylvania. It was a trying time for the president, but he fought it through. Many a time it was thought he would be deposed from his position, but he always met his accusers face to face, explained his every move, showing to them his great earnestness in the work and the vast benefit certain to accrue from the step. Yet there were many who thought he was visionary and were sure his plans would never mature, but a look back over the field now shows his foresight.

Yet there are people right here in North Carolina as short sighted as they were 30 years ago. The past furnishes them with no information for the future.

"Is Marriage a Failure?"

The Flora Staniford Company will tonight present "Is marriage a failure" at Metropolitan Hall. This company is certainly one of the best and thoroughly up-to-date popular price troupes that ever visited the city, and the Raleigh public has been highly pleased with their performances. Messrs. McDonald and Harden did some particularly good comedy work last night and Miss Myrtle was the life of the performance as she has been throughout the week. The audience is always delighted when she makes her appearance. The company is a good one throughout and the performances they give are well worth the time and money of all who desire to while away an evening pleasantly.

Christians killed.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. ATHENS, Feb. 12.—Advices received here from Crete say that a fight occurred at Kastelli, in the province of Kissamo, yesterday, in which thirty Christians and 100 Moslems were killed. Crowds continue to surround the Palace, cheering the King in commendation of his Majesty's action in sending warships to Crete. The royal yacht Spakteria accompanies the Greek torpedo flotilla to Crete.

Disastrous Fire in Chicago.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Early this morning fire broke out in the four story brick building of George F. Foster Sons & Co., 172 Madison st., dealers in regalia and uniforms. The loss was a hundred thousand dollars.

MR. BRADLEY RETAINED

Supreme Court Declares that Marshal's Office is Not Vacant.

There were a number of applicants for Mr. R. H. Bradley's position as Marshal of the Supreme Court.

These applications were formally presented to the court a few days since and the justices held that no vacancy existed in the office of Marshal. This action by the Supreme Court is indeed a high compliment to Mr. Bradley. The leading members of the bar, both Democrats and Republicans had expressed the desire that Mr. Bradley be not disturbed.

Mr. Bradley has been uniformly courteous to the bar of the state and he is held in high esteem by the members. His acquaintance with the library is the result of years of work and experience and few men could successfully fill the position.

EVENT OF THE SEASON.

Mr. Nat Goodwin's Appearance Here Wednesday—Curtain Goes Up at 8 o'clock.

The curtain at the Academy of Music will go up at eight o'clock instead of eight-thirty next Wednesday night on the appearance of Mr. Nat C. Goodwin in this city. It takes more than three hours to present "An American Citizen," and on account of the length of the play, Mr. Goodwin has been forced to appear half an hour earlier than usual in all the large cities.

The advance representative was in the city yesterday and all arrangements made for the appearance of the great comedian here. Mr. Goodwin travels in his own private car, which is a very handsome one. An extra large car is required to carry the scenery, which is the handsomest that can be had.

The Australian press seem to have given in raptures over Mr. Nat C. Goodwin's new play "An American Citizen," of which he gave a few trial performances just before leaving for this country at the conclusion of his tour of the Antipodes. But they were no more enthusiastic than were the theatre goers and the press of San Francisco when he produced it before the critical audience of that city. The play was credited with being the best of its order of comedies that has been brought out in the city of the Golden Gate, and not too much could be said in praise of the work done by Mr. Goodwin as Beresford Gruger and Miss Maxine Elliott as Beatrice Carew as well as the remainder of the excellent cast.

In Chicago the play scored such a pronounced success that Mr. Goodwin played it there for a number of weeks and could have continued with the comedy there indefinitely to crowded houses.

Mr. Goodwin comes to the Academy of Music Wednesday, February 17th, with "An American Citizen."

Dr. Talmage Coming.

The Chicago Inter Ocean has said of Dr. Talmage in one of his lectures: "There was a tremendous audience at the auditorium last night. The galleries were packed. The parquet was full and gently overflowed around the edges. Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage is a drawing card of large dimensions. Age does not seem to affect him, nor his custom of addressing 10,000 people every week state his infinite variety. He is apparently as virile and as vigorous as ten years ago, and he still has that indefinable knack of putting the house in a roar."

This same lecture, which set Chicago in such a furor, will be delivered by the Doctor in this city on the 16th.

Mr. Ed Card Dead.

Mr. Ed Card, died this morning at 3:40 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. L. W. Perry, on North Salisbury street. Mr. Card was an employee of the S. A. L., and has been suffering for a long time with consumption. He was well known in railroad circles and had numerous friends who extend their heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved wife and little child. The funeral will occur tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock from the residence. The remains will be taken to Franklinton tomorrow for interment.

Church Entertainment.

The ladies of Central M. E. church will give an entertainment for the benefit of their church at the residence of Mrs. J. D. Riggan's, 217 East Hargett street, next Monday night. Some of the best musical talent of the State has been secured and a pleasant evening is promised. After the entertainment refreshments will be served at a small cost.

Liverpool Cotton Market. Liverpool opened quiet, but steady. Practically unchanged, became steadier, but towards the close eased off again closing barely steady 2 to 3-64 lower than yesterday. The New York and Chicago markets are closed today, owing to Lincoln's birthday.

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.

Maj W A Guthrie was among to-days arrivals.

The Governor appoints E. K. Bryan, of Wilmington, a notary public.

A reward of \$150 has been offered for Henry Burgin, of Buncombe, who is wanted for murder.

Special meeting of Wm. G. Hill Lodge No. 218 A. F. & A. M. to-night at 7 o'clock sharp for work in the third degree.

The council of State met for the first time yesterday since the present administration took possession of the government.

The concert which was to have occurred this evening at 8 o'clock at Peace Institute, has been postponed until some future evening on account of the bad weather.

The Rev. E. C. Glenn, who has been quite sick for over two weeks, is still confined to his bed. Hopes are entertained by his congregation and many friends of the city that he may soon be restored to his usual health.

The Democratic caucus meets again Monday night. A meeting was called Wednesday night by the steering committee, but the attendance was not very large. An effort was made to put the caucus on record as to the revocation of the North Carolina lease. There was a strong sentiment in opposition to any movement to bind the caucus.

Dick Giersch's attractive cafe, next door to the Oak City Steam Laundry is a popular resort for visitors to the city and members of the legislature. He is prepared to serve an elegant meal and all the dainties and delicacies of the season at all hours. Those who enjoy a nice bird or oysters served in any manner should call on him.

The News at Washington.

Special to the Press-Visitor.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12. Representative Grosvenor, of Ohio, has alarmed those who are interested in his welfare by stating on the floor of the house that he was not McKinley's representative and could not speak for him. As modesty has never been a part of Grosvenor's make up it is feared that his mental faculties are getting disordered.

Senators Hill and Turpie were the only Senators present who did not take part in the joint session to count the electoral vote. When the Senate, headed by vice-President Stevenson, marched over to the House chamber, those two gentlemen remained at their desks writing letters. They escaped a very dull three-quarters an hour thereby.

The latest estimate is that the number of gold democratic postmasters, whose nominations will be left unacted upon by the Senate will exceed 200. Some of these were recess appointments and are now filling the offices to which they were nominated, but they will have to step out as soon as McKinley nominates their successors and the senate confirms them, and the silver senators will do their part towards preventing delay in such cases.

The governor of Arkansas evidently loses no opportunity to let the world know where that State stands on the financial question. The credentials of Senator Jones for his new term beginning March 4th, this week presented to the Senate, have the name of the State conspicuously printed across the top in silver letters and the great seal of the state is also silver. And Senator Jones is proud of his connection with a state which is so thoroughly devoted to silver, just as the state has shown its pride in keeping such a champion in the senate.

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