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NO CONTRACTS IN GOLD

House Refused to Table a Bill Forbidding Them

TO TAX DOGS

For the Protection of Sheep—Gold Coin Trust—Lusk Made the Special Order Friday—Lusk Says the Bill is a Very Important One.

The House met at 10 o'clock and Rev. Dr. Simms offered prayer.

The following bills and resolutions were introduced: By James, to make the fee for weighing cattle 15 cents, by Duffy to amend sec. 349, subdivision 2 of the code so as to add after line 2 the words "or a domestic corporation none of whose officers can be found in the State, after due diligence," by Young to repeal chapter 351 acts 1895; by Wren to repeal sec. 2835 of the code; by Currie to give this State the Illinois law for the protection of inebriates; by Craven to make it a misdemeanor to fall to remove obstructions to the passage of fish in streams, within 30 days notice from the State board of agriculture; by Young to amend sec. 2223 the code so that the number of trustees shall be 11 instead of 7, the 4 additional ones to be of the 1st class; by Barker to protect sheep, by taxing male dogs 50 cents and female dogs \$1; no dogs to be allowed to live unless licensed, making it a misdemeanor to fail to list said dogs.

By Sutton of New Hanover, to amend the charter of the Chamber of Commerce of Wilmington, by giving it a perpetual charter and the right to borrow money; by Lusk, to amend the code, section 1285, by adding as an additional cause for divorce "If either the husband or wife shall be indicted and convicted of a felony and imprisoned therefor for life," this act to apply to cases now pending in the courts of the state; by Lusk, to amend section 2482 of the code, so as to add after word "misdemeanor," the words "and upon conviction shall be fined not exceeding \$50 or imprisoned not more than 30 days;" by Lusk, to amend chapter 130, public laws 1885, by inserting the words "and all felonies and slanders;" by Lusk, to provide that whenever any person is declared to be insane or an inebriate the husband or wife of such shall be first entitled to the guardianship of his or her property.

The calendar was taken up. Friday in a rush, a small bill forbidding "gold contracts" was tabled. Saturday a motion was lodged to reconsider the vote on it. The bill came up today. Hauser favored the bill. Lusk opposed it, saying of all the many radical measures brought before this legislature this was the most radical, and he wanted to know how Hauser expected to get money here by thus legislating against it; that capital would not come here, because if this bill were adopted the state would be saying to the people "you must take any sort of money we offer you." He declared that the 6 per cent interest bill passed 2 years ago was outrageous and had drawn millions of dollars out of the state; that the adoption of the bill now under consideration would actually close the banks and drive the rest of the money out of the state. He did not oppose the free coinage of silver where the silver dollar was equal to any other dollar, but in the free coinage countries the silver dollar was not equal to the gold dollar. He demanded that in the interests of North Carolina the bill do not pass and declared it impaired the obligation for contract, that the very idea was horrible, that he had published the result of the outrageous 6 per cent interest law. Person, of Wayne, favored the bill and said only a few days ago he had heard Lusk say he had to pinch himself to ascertain whether he was a populist or republican, but that Lusk was no populist and not on the side of the toilers of his country. He said capital had not fled from his section. He saw nothing in the resolution to prevent people from taking legal tender for debts, that Lusk wanted to get down to gold payments.

Cunningham in explaining his vote said he thought it unwise to have shut off this debate so quickly, after Lusk had spoken so fully for the gold side. He thought it the duty of all here to vote against tabling this bill, so as to avoid putting the gag law in force.

Dookery expressed regret at the cutting off of debate. He did not believe in the single gold standard or in the free coinage of silver under present conditions, but favored international agreement; he had desired to offer an amendment to make a tender of a legal tender worth as much as the money in which the debt was contracted a legal payment.

Ferrell said that North Carolina had by 19,000 majority declared against any discrimination, that this showed what the people here want; that here in Wake people are demanding payments in gold.

On a motion to table the vote was ayes 40, noes 48. There was applause at the result. The question then came up on the passage of the resolution on its 2nd reading. Lusk said this was the most important matter before the legislature at this time, and as the house was rather light he thought it ought to be postponed and made a special order for Wednesday.

Lusk demanded the yeas and nays on his motion to postpone the bill until Friday. The vote was ayes 44, noes 43.

Hauser submitted a lengthy minority report on his three bills—providing for election of railway commissioners by the people, reduction of railway, telegraph and telephone rates, and forbidding franks and free passes. The majority report is unfavorable to all these bills.

The calendar was taken up and the following bills passed: To renew the charter of the bank of Louisiana and extend the time for its incorporation, to amend section 7, private acts 1893, by striking out the word "railway" in line 6.

The speaker announced the following as the committee (special) on redistricting the state into congressional districts: Brower, Dockery, Alexander, Whitener, McCrary, Abernethy, Bryan of Chatham.

The house at 2 o'clock took a recess until 7:30 p. m.

EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Extended Persons During the First Month of the Governor's Administration.

Governor Russell has granted four pardons and two commutations of sentence during the first month of his administration. The following are the persons who were recipients of executive clemency.

Edward Davis of Wake, who was serving a five years term of imprisonment for robbery; J. W. Wollard of Beaufort county serving two years in the jail for abandonment.

W. D. Solmon of Cumberland who was serving a three years term, imprisonment for larceny.

George Dudley of Pitt who was sentenced to be hanged and subsequently given fifteen years in the penitentiary.

O. M. Kelly of Moore sentenced to four months imprisonment and fine \$50 for retailing liquor without license.

S. D. Delinger of Yancey, who was fined \$100 for contempt of court.

A Tribute to Mr. Riddle.

Editor Press-Visitor.

Wishing to pay a tribute to the memory of Caswell A. Riddle, I would thank you to publish a few words from one who has worked with him in the service of the North Carolina Car Company ever since it was organized. He was always ready to serve the company's interests. Many a night after working hard all day, has he come down to the office to help others in the service of the company to determine which was the best way to carry on such contracts or other work as the company was then engaged in. He possessed in a very high degree the rare spirit of loyalty to organization, and was always ready to carry out instructions cheerfully, even if he did not agree with them, believing that all were working for the best and that those who gave the orders had good reasons for doing so. We wish it were possible for every one in this town who works for another, to learn just that one lesson from his life; that the products of Raleigh's handiwork, her shops and factories would be sought for on all sides, because the purchasers would say, "I know these are true goods; this is good work made by men and women who are loyal, honest and true."

Trusting that this one lesson of his life will not be lost on those of us who are left, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

WM. E. ASHLEY.

The concert at Peace Institute, which was to have taken place Friday night, Feb. 12th, and was postponed on account of the bad weather will be given Thursday evening, Feb. 18. The tickets that were formerly issued are good for Feb. 18th.

MORE LIGHT NEEDED

President Williamson Gives Some Information on the Light Question.

Error Press-visitor: Referring to an article in the News and Observer, entitled "No More Gas Lights," we beg to call attention to the Mayor's report for the year ending February, 1896, which says under the head of "Light Department": "This department, during the year, cost \$3,728.30. There will, in all probability, be an increase in its cost for 1896 of from 5 to 7 per cent. The lights recently put in the east end of the market must necessarily entail an additional cost of not less than \$100, while each street lamp, put in by the Board, will average \$12.00 more. At a glance, the cost of this department seems exorbitant, but it grows more reasonable as we investigate it. The 16 arc lights at \$80.00 per year each come, 'tis true, at a good premium, for they are costing us thirty-three and one-third per cent more than they should, but the gas, at \$1.50 per 1,000 feet, is pretty close to the absolute cost of production by a plant of the size of the Raleigh Gas Light Company's. The year's account was distributed as follows:

Electric arc lights (street and mayor's office)	\$1,280.00
Gas in Metropolitan hall	67.95
Gas in market	330.15
Gas in station house	120.90
Gas in fire department	113.70
136 street lamps	1,815.60

Total \$3,728.30

To get at the real cost of the 136 street lamps we must deduct the lamp-lighter's salary of \$300. This leaves \$1,515.60. These lamps burn on an average five hours per night, fifteen nights in the month. A simple calculation gives the result:

The average cost per lamp per year is	\$11.14
The average cost per lamp per month is	.93
The average cost per lamp per night is	.0615
The average cost per lamp per hour is	.0114

I have investigated the matter pretty thoroughly, and am satisfied the cost in this bill is reasonable; I go into details for the benefit of those who may not have had the time to investigate for themselves. If Metropolitan Hall was opened to the public and properly managed, its earnings would easily pay the cost of lighting the market, the station house and fire department buildings, thus leaving \$632.70 to be expended in improving the street system, which would add fifty-six more street lamps. I trust this suggestion may be utilized.

You will see from the above report that the average cost of street gas lamps is \$12.00 per year, or \$1.00 per lamp per month, instead of \$20.00 per year as per your statement.

If the city wants better light it can get it by having plenty of gas lamps. The cost of one electric arc light is more than six times that of a gas lamp. If the city will put in five hundred (500) gas lamps instead of ninety (90) arc lights it will be the best lighted city in the state, and the cost will be less with gas than with electricity.

It is no fault of the gas company that the city is not better lighted. The lights are good enough, but the city does not use enough of them.

B. P. WILLIAMSON, President Raleigh Gas Co.

In the above connection it may be observed that we had better let well enough alone and turn on more lights.

Talmage Tomorrow Night.

Dr. Talmage, who comes to Metropolitan Opera House tomorrow night comes filled with the information gathered during his late journey around the world, at which time he preached and lectured in every capital on the globe. His lecture will be the greatest event of the season here. There were twelve applications from other cities for his date here, but his managers gave it to us. Our people will show their appreciation of this by packing the house.

The Washington Post says: He is without a peer, and the people of the nation are to be congratulated on his removal to the Capital.

Masonic.

Hiram Lodge No. 40A F & A M will meet in regular communication Monday evening February 15th, 1897, at 7 o'clock. A full attendance of the membership is requested to attend. Brethren of other lodges cordially invited to be present.

By order of S. W. Walker, W. M., E. B. Thomas, Secretary.

HATS OFF AT THEATRES

Bill to be Introduced in the Legislature.

ARBORVITA SWINSON

Of Enrolling Clerk Fame, Arrives—Governor's Staff Going to Washington.

Gov. Russell Likely to Go—Talk of Special Session.

Arborvitae L. Swinson returned to the city this morning from Goldsboro with a fresh sprig of the ever green plant pinned on the lapel of his coat. He took his stand in the lobby of the House soon after his arrival, where he will continue to do his best towards adding to the gaiety of the world at large.

Arborvitae has lost none of his gameness by his absence from the city.

It was thought that Governor Russell and his entire staff would attend the inauguration at Washington next month, but the Chief Executive has about come to the conclusion that he can not leave the capitol at that time.

His decision is not final, however, and there is a possibility of his attending the inaugural ceremonies, but if he does not, Adjutant General Cowles, Maj. Hayes and the governor's staff will represent the State.

The talk of Governor Russell going to Canton is twaddle. The governor has never contemplated a trip to the President's home. He is an earnest supporter of Col. Boyd for a cabinet portfolio and has given him his hearty support.

Senator Pritchard is much better, so advises from Washington yesterday state.

Representative Morton, of Richmond county, who introduced the bill to tax cigarettes fifteen cents per package, has been solicited by representatives of the cigarette trust to withdraw the bill. It would seem that the manufacturers are afraid for the bill to come before the legislature.

A bill is being prepared to prevent ladies from wearing hats while occupying seats in a theatre. The noble representative who introduces this bill will receive the plaudits of his countrymen.

Already talk is heard of an extra session of the legislature. Several members think it impossible to transact necessary business and act upon the bills that require attention during the remaining days. The legislature is authorized to continue in session sixty days and the members draw pay for that length of time. The present term will expire March sixth. If the session is prolonged, and its dollars to cents that it will not be, the patriots will serve their State without pay.

Tea by the Ministering Circle.

Tomorrow, Tuesday afternoon between the hours of four and six o'clock the Ministering Circle of Kings Daughters will give a tea, at the home of Mrs. Charles M. Busbee. Light refreshments will be served, and voluntary contributions received. The following ladies who compose the circle. Mrs. A. A. Thompson, Mrs. H. W. Jackson, Mrs. Van B. Moore, Mrs. O. H. Foster, Mrs. George W. Thompson, Mrs. Julian Timberlake, Mrs. Charles M. Busbee, Mrs. Lottie McAden, Mrs. Hebert Battle, Miss Daisy Deason, Miss Jennie Coffin, assisted by this charming bevy of young ladies, Misses Lucy McAden, Amelia Pearce, Anne Busbee, Ethel Bagley, Louise Busbee, Sophie Busbee, Roberta Smith, Katharine Haywood will receive the guests and insure all a pleasant afternoon. All the friends of the ladies will be gladly welcomed, and though an afternoon tea, gentlemen are not only included, but cordially invited.

A Living Curiosity.

The Charlotte News says: Westlake's Carnival of Novelties now showing in the large store opposite Morris hotel is one of the most interesting exhibitions that has ever been in our city. Big Bob, the large serpent, is indeed a monster. The Royal Marionettes, the Funny Magician, the lady with her pet snakes, "Millie" Laurie the fortune teller, the Mystic Crew, the living pictures, go to make an exhibition that is first class and interesting to all. The large store was packed all day Saturday and every one was pleased, so if you want to enjoy yourself, go to the Museum. The Carnival is now giving exhibitions at 305, Fayetteville street, Raleigh, N. C.

WEDNESDAY NEXT.

Mr. Nat. C. Goodwin and His Company of Actors Will Appear at the Academy.

Mr. Nat. C. Goodwin, the eminent comedian, comes to the Academy of Music Wednesday night for a brief season, presenting his new play, "An American Citizen." Mr. Goodwin concluded his engagement in Washington Saturday and the Sunday papers of that city say that he did an immense business there last week.

The pivotal point of the story of "An American Citizen" is the hatred of Americans in general by one Carow, who, previous to the opening of the play has been dead a year and whose will has disinherited an only daughter, Beatrice Carow, for the reason that she has been accepting the attentions of a young American contrary to her father's wishes. The story then goes on to tell of the fortune falling into the hands of an American lawyer, Beresford Gruger, (Mr. Goodwin) who secures it by complying with the request that he marry an Englishwoman before his thirtieth birthday and change his name to Carow. His compliance is only a sham, done in order to secure the money for the disinherited daughter, when he marries with the understanding that they separate immediately. A second motive for his wishing to secure the money, is on account of one of the partners of his firm disappearing with a large amount of trust money which must be made good. There are a number of side plots to the piece, and they are well brought out in the play which is carried on both sides of the water. The first act takes place in New York at the office of the law firm of Barbury, Brown & Gruger, and the subsequent ones at London and Nice.

In this play the popular comedian is said to have made the most prominent success of his brilliant career. Everywhere he has presented the piece the theatres have been crowded.

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greatest battle of its existence. For the first time it has arrayed against it a combination of men, learned in its methods, taught by its history and backed by invincible capital. Michael, John and Edward Cudahy, who form the Chicago meat packing firm known as Cudahy Brothers, a strong branch of the never defeated Big Four, have entered the field as competitors of the oil monopolists. They began two years ago, and although they confined their attention principally to the production and sale of fuel oil, they have established their ability to compete with the Standard, if not to overthrow it.

DR. MARSHALL BETTER

ABLE TO SIT UP AND HAS WRITTEN LETTERS TO HIS FAMILY.

It will be very gratifying and assuring to the people of Raleigh to know that Rev. Dr. Marshall is improving rapidly and is now able to be up.

He has written two letters to his family in the past few days and his physicians write most encouragingly of his condition.

The news will be gladly received wherever Dr. Marshall is known. No minister in North Carolina is held in higher esteem by all the people than is Dr. Marshall.

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