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## BILL PASSES THE HOUSE

**Vote 60 to 54 Against the Lease.**

## CRYED HOWE DOWN

**When He Attempted to Relate his Conversation with Gov. Russell—The Minority Report Failed of Adoption.**

The house met at 10 o'clock and Rev Dr W C Norman offered prayer.

Amongst the bills introduced was the following: By Roberts, to prohibit the sale of liquor within two miles of political speakings; this not applying to cities and towns where there is a police force; by Hancock, to amend the charter of Newbern, giving it 6 wards, with a councilman to be elected every 4 years from each, the first election taking place May next; 5 councilmen to be appointed by the governor within 5 days after the election of the 6; the 11 councilmen to elect a mayor to serve 4 years, also a chief of police; also 2 sergeants of police who in the mayor's absence from the city shall have power to take bond or collateral for appearance before the mayor; by White, to provide that if any person shall perform the marriage service who is not authorized he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined or imprisoned; by Price, to allow any justice of the peace to provide himself with a seal and to attest the same his official signature; and making any official act so attested by seal valid in any county, and to be received and acted on without further attestation of its genuineness; the fee for said seal to be 10 cents for each attestation, in addition to the fees now allowed; by Cardler, to allow preachers to vote without 90 days residence in county and 30 days in township; by Mears, to establish a dispensary in Bladen county.

The bill to provide for the government of the penitentiary came up as unfinished business but at the request of Dockery, its introducer, was informally passed over.

The House took up a bill to amend the code regarding costs in Justice Peace Courts so that no county shall be liable for any costs in a trial exclusively in the jurisdiction of a Justice of the Peace. Alexander moved to table, and this motion prevailed.

At noon the special order, the bill to amend the lease of the N. C. R. R. came up. There was a majority report favoring the bill signed by 6 of the 7 members of the special committee, and a minority report signed by E. R. Aiken (republican) of the committee. The committee presented a substitute for the original bill as its report. Both reports were read, and the proceedings were witnessed by a large and deeply interested number of people in the lobby and galleries. The majority report was first read; then the minority report. The latter declares the bill to be the deadliest blow ever struck at the interests of Western N. C.

Cook said the discussion ought to be arranged before it began; that there was to be three hours discussion, and at the expiration of that time he would hear the previous question. This was all decided upon.

At 3:30, after a great deal of speaking, a vote was taken on the minority report. It was lost, ayes 53; nays 62.

In explaining his vote Howe, colored, of New Hanover, caused a great sensation. He said that "this very day Gov. Russell, the promotor of this bill, sent for me to come to his office, and there in his dictatorial and tyrannical manner, for I presume he is perhaps in the employ of the Seaboard Air-Line."

At this instant Hancock raised a great shout of "order," and others joined in it. Lowe moved that Howe be allowed to speak longer. Others said his time was out. But he said no more as there were cries of "object!" "object!"

The vote on the 3rd reading was ayes 60, nays 54. Hancock moved to put the "clincher on it." This was done.

**SENATE.**

Senate was called to order at 11 o'clock by Lieut. Gov. Reynolds. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Foster of this city.

By Alexander: A petition that the appropriation to the firemen's association of \$2,500 be continued;

by McCaskey: A petition from Hamilton township, of Martin, to place T. S. Cherry on pension roll; also to establish a board of steam locomotive and boiler inspection for each county of the State, by Ramsey, a bill to amend 1276 Sec. of code relating to foreclosure of trust.

## TOMORROW NIGHT.

**Mr. Nat. C. Goodwin Will be Seen at the Academy of Music.**

Nat C. Goodwin's new play, which will present tomorrow night at the Academy of Music, was produced by the comedian for the first time on any stage at Sydney, N. S. W. The Australians pronounced it the most successful of all Mr. Goodwin's efforts during his tour of Australia.

The first presentation of the play in this country was in San Francisco, where it made an immediate and unqualified success. In Chicago, where it was lately produced, it made the greatest hit of the season. It was written for the come-



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dian by Madeline Lucette Ryley. Mr. Goodwin, in the part of the young American lawyer, Boreford Cruger, of the firm of Barbury, Brown and Cruger, has a role in which all his best comedy and dramatic abilities are shown.

The first act in New York and the others at Nice where during one of the acts, is introduced a scene entirely new to the stage. It is that of a reproduction of the annual Confetti and floral festival. The leading female role, which will be played by the talented Maxine Elliott, is that of Beatrice Carew, a young English girl, disinherited by her father, an Englishman with strong ideas towards Americans in general, for accepting the attentions of an American suitor, who happens to be the absconding Brown of the law firm. There are some side plots, and the characters introduced are all well drawn by the author. Mr. Goodwin's engagement will undoubtedly be the dramatic event of the season.

**Red Cross Ready to Go to Cuba.**

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Known from authentic sources of the destination existing in Cuba, the American National Red Cross offered its service as an organization. Some international law presented itself, and Miss Barton immediately offered herself and her officers for individual service in Cuba, provided Spain acceded and the American people desired to place their contributions of money or materials in the hands of Miss Barton and her officers. Miss Barton and her officers now announce that they are ready to go to Cuba, provided the people desire to place in Miss Barton's hands a sum sufficient to relieve the necessities of the people of that island.

**Greensboro All Right on the Lease.**

No trouble was experienced in getting the pulse of Greensboro on the matter of the lease.

The Industrial Association took favorable action the other day, but in order to afford every one an opportunity to come up a petition was circulated and a very long list of names was soon obtained and forwarded to our representatives at Raleigh.

Only a few men declined to sign it and of these only one or two were opposed out and out to the lease, the others being men who seldom sign petitions of any kind.—Greensboro Record.

**Kentucky Killing.**

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

BOWLING GREEN, Ky., Feb. 16.—Bill Alford shot and instantly killed Dave Meredith at the former's home ten miles south of here in the Richland neighborhood this afternoon. Alford will surrender to the authorities and claim self-defense. More trouble is expected.

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## THE STATE PRINTING

### Employment of Incompetent Men Costs the State More.

## UNION vs SCABLABOR

The Lowest Bidder Contract a Farce-Cheapskiness in this Instance proves Costly—The Legislature Should Consider Its Mechanics in Letting the Printing.

The State printing is one of the interesting questions which will very soon come before the legislature.

The Raleigh Typographical Union has memorialized the legislature in favor of the employment of organized labor for this work, and in this connection we take pleasure in publishing the following communication on the subject from Mr. R. C. Rivers,

President of Raleigh Typographical Union, which we believe will commend itself to our intelligent lawmakers and which we heartily endorse:

Editor Press-Visitor.

I see there is an advertisement in the Raleigh papers for bids for the state printing for the next two years. Is the farce of letting the public printing to the lowest bidder to continue?

For the past two years the work has been done under contract given to the lowest bidder. The auditor's report shows that for the twenty months it has cost the state \$3,718 more than for the twenty months preceding, besides over \$3,000 additional for paper. Stewart Bros., the contractors, claim that they have done more work. They have also issued a statement to the legislature that they have lost several thousands of dollars because some work has been withheld from them that they should have gotten. The question arises—whence this increase of printing and is it legitimate?

While there has been more work done than in previous years, yet the increase, so far as the writer can ascertain, has not, by a great deal, been sufficient to cover the additional cost of printing done.

But a question of much importance in the matter of letting out this work to the "lowest bidder" is the blow at skilled and organized labor.

Stewart Brothers' price is 27 cents per 1,000 ems, while the scale of prices for skilled labor is 33 cents.

Union labor means good work, and when the legislature lets out its public printing at a lower figure than the scale of prices asked by competent labor it forces the contractor to employ cheaper labor and this results in inferior work.

The writer does not believe that the representatives that the people elect should legislate to impoverish its mechanics, but on the contrary, encourage and bring the conditions of its artisans to a higher plane.

The A. & M. college and the Greensboro Normal and Industrial school are maintained at a great expense to the state for the higher and better education in the respective choosing of its students, thereby uplifting them and upbuilding the state.

Yet the legislature will have its public work done at a lower price than skilled labor and graduates of these schools can compete with.

Is this not a farce?

All private firms in Raleigh employ skilled labor and pay fair wages in return for good work. Should the State seek to degrade and lower the standard? The State should not squeeze its mechanics down to starvation prices; but it is right and proper to limit the cost of public printing consistent with good work and a fair profit to the contractor.

It has come to my knowledge that the present contractors entirely ignored union labor and forced its employees to accept such wages as they may have seen fit to pay. In addition to that many of the men who have been employed on the State printing were men who were training from place to place, the residents of the State, thereby robbing North Carolina's mechanics of support and what justly belonged to them.

We pay taxes, we vote, we endeavor to be good citizens of our grand commonwealth and justice demands that our legislatures give due consideration to its mechanics.

Some of the work has also been sent out of the State. Why should this be when here in Raleigh and perhaps in other places in the State the work could have been performed.

Let the Legislature think over these facts and carefully weigh them when making its arrangements for its printing for the coming two years. Remember its mechanics and that the LOWEST BID IS NOT ALWAYS THE BEST AND CHEAPEST FOR THE STATE.

R. C. RIVERS.

## WOMEN SOLD AT AUCTION

Spanish Soldiers Buy Beautiful Girls at Public Sales in Artemisa.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

KEY WEST, Fla., Feb. 16.—According to La Lucha, a copy of which was received here by the last Payana steamer, young Cuban girls are taken prisoners by the Spaniards and auctioned off in various towns throughout the island.

On February 8 Spaniards commanded by Col. Estruch returned to Artemisa after raiding a Cuban settlement near Cayajobos. The settlement was destroyed and eighteen men and five women killed. Eight women and sixteen children were captured and were taken by the troops to Artemisa.

Ten of the children were girls ranging in age from 10 to 14 years, and well developed, as Cuban girls usually are at that age.

When the troops reached Artemisa it was announced that the girls would be sold at auction on the next day. The sale took place as advertised in the main plaza of Artemisa, and a great crowd was present. One of Col. Estruch's officers acted as auctioneer, and he described the good points of the girls as glibly as any erier in the slave market of Constantinople could have done. The trading was of the liveliest character, the women of ill repute and notorious debauchees contesting for possession of the girls. Nine of the girls were sold to these characters as to whom they had been sold.

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## GOV. RUSSELL RAGED

WILL BE Warmer Tomorrow Afternoon—Local Rainfall.

Ordered Representative Howe Out of His Office.

## SAID HE SOLD OUT

Howe Says North Carolina Will Have Another Governor, If Russell Repents the Conversation on the Streets.

Governor Russell let his temper get the best of him in the executive office this morning and flew into a fit of rage. He cursed and denounced the colored representative from his own county, J. T. Howe of New Hanover and finally ordered him to leave his office in a very dictatorial manner.

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**BRIEFS.**

Birds are becoming scarce. The law expires at an early date.

Every Odd Fellow is expected to be at Manteo Lodge tonight.

Do not fail to hear Dr. Talmage at Metropolitan Opera House tonight.

Dr. Shinn will preach at Metropolitan Hall Sunday afternoon and night. Those who hear him will be interested.

All the members of the Willing Hand Society are requested to be present at their meeting Friday evening at 4 o'clock at Chapel Hill.

The darkey was brought to Chapel Hill by the posse and his trial occurred Saturday before Squire Alexander Barber. The justice of the peace bound him over to court. This is the third time that Atwater has been charged with rape, so it is said, two of the three times being upon the same girl.

Atwater was carried to Hillsboro and placed in jail to await his trial in the Superior Court of Orange County.

He is reported to be a bad character and a nuisance to any community and it is hoped that he will be placed where he cannot bother people.

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