

THE N. C. LEASE BILL

Made Special Order Friday in the Senate.

A TIE VOTE.

To Make it the Special Order for Monday, but Governor Reynolds Voted "No"—Unfavorable Report on Bryan's Anti University Bill.

At 10 o'clock the house met, and representative Lawton prayed. Among the committee reports was one, unfavorable, on the bill to reduce salaries and fees; by Dockery to amend article 10, section 1,281, chapter 28 of the code, "so that" in case the mother be dead then the said inheritance shall rest in her issue and there representatives of such as may be dead; by Dockery to amend section 1,487, chapter 33 of the code by adding that in case of the death of such child without issue his personal estate shall be distributed among the issue of such mother or the representatives of such issue as may be dead; this act to apply to existing unsettled estates; by Chapman, to prohibit sale of liquor, beer or wine outside the limits of incorporated towns or cities.

By Sutton of Cumberland, to amend sect. 698 the code, so that in the sale of railroads by foreclosure of a mortgage or deed of trust, whether under a decree of court or otherwise, the corporation created by or in consequence of such sale shall succeed to all the franchises, rights and privileges of said original corporation only when such sale is of all the railroad owned by company and described in the mortgage or deed of trust, and when said railway is sold as an entirety, and said new corporation shall have the right from time to time to issue bonds secured by mortgage notes, on its property and franchises to an aggregate amount equal to those which could have been issued by the original company, maturing at date such as shall be specified in said mortgage bonds, and bearing interest not exceeding 6 per cent annum, and said successor corporation shall have the right to issue part of its capital stock as preferred stock, the same bear interest not exceeding 6 per cent. Bill by Hancock, to increase the appropriation to the State Guard from \$6,000 to \$16,000 annually and the annual allowance to each company from \$100 to \$200. The calendar was taken up. Bills passed to chapter the Stone Mountain railway (this bill passed both House and Senate without a roll call, while a roll call was necessary) (Resolution) in favor of Sylvester Souville, an American newspaper correspondent in prison in Cuba. For the relief of sheriffs and tax collectors, allowing them to collect arrears of taxes since 1891. Hancock endeavored to obtain consent to take up and put on third reading his resolution to attend the Newbern fair, but Young objected. The Senate bill to stimulate local taxation for schools by allowing the State board of education to use as much as \$20,000 to rural districts which for three successive years vote to tax themselves, the gifts to be in sums of \$50, \$75 and \$100 a year. Dixon of Cleveland said this was an excellent bill and it passed its readings. Bills passed to take Vance county out of the eastern criminal circuit. To give the local boards of trustees of colored State normal schools entire charge of such schools, said boards to be appointed by the State board of education. The bill by Bryan of Chatham, to repeal the appropriation to the State University, was favorably reported. The House refused, upon a vote, to take up on the third reading the resolution to attend the Newbern fair.

SENATE.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock. Lt. Governor Reynolds presiding. Bills and resolutions were introduced as follows: By Mr. Grant, a bill to amend the election law of North Carolina; also to prescribe the time and manner of choosing certain officers of municipal corporations. By Clark, a bill to regulate the challenges as to jurors. By Parker, (of Alamance) a bill for the protection of newspapers and for the publication of news in good faith. Sec. 1. Whenever the publisher of a newspaper in the conduct of his

business as a publisher of news, shall in such newspaper make a false publication injurious to the reputation of any person, which if true would be of such public interest as would justify its publication in such newspaper as public news, it shall be the duty of the person thereby injured, before instituting an action for damage because of such publication, by himself or agent, to notify said publisher, or his agent, that said publication is untrue, and demand the publication of a correction; and if said publisher shall upon such demand, in good faith publish without delay, a suitable and ample correction, calculated and intended to repair the wrong, and shall on demand state the name of his informers or the source of his information, the same being a credible person or a credible source, then and in that case no action shall be maintained against the publisher of said newspaper for damages because of said injurious publication. Provided, that nothing in this act shall apply to statements published in any newspaper over the signature of any persons as card or an advertisement. Sec. 2. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. The bill prescribing terms upon which railroads shall operate in this State, which is known as the bill to annul the lease of the N. C. road, came over from the Senate. McCaskey moved to place the bill upon immediate passage. Anderson opposed it, as also did Messrs Person, Whedbee, Ashburn, McNeill, Grant and Scales who desired that the bill be referred to the special committee on the memorial of the Pres. N. C. R. R. Messrs. McCaskey, Moye, Butler and Atwater spoke favoring immediate consideration. Person moved to refer to the special committee and moved the previous question which was ordered. McCaskey demanded the roll call. The bill was referred. The vote was ayes 26 noes 24. McCaskey moved that the committee be instructed to report the bill on Monday the 22nd and to make it special order for that day. Whedbee amended to allow the committee, until Monday March 1st to report. The amendment was lost, ayes 24 noes 25. McCaskey's motion was next voted on and it was lost. The vote was ayes 25 noes 25. There being a tie vote Lieut. Gov. Reynolds voted against McCaskey's motion. Scales moved that the committee be instructed to report in time, so that the lease bill be made a special order for Friday Feb. 26, immediately after the morning hour. The motion prevailed.

JUDGE SEYMOUR DEAD

Passed Away this Morning in New York—A Splendid Gentleman.

Judge Augustus W. Seymour, of the eastern circuit of the Federal court of North Carolina, died in New York this morning at 6 o'clock. The announcement of Judge Seymour's death occasioned profound regret in Raleigh. He was to have held court here next week. It was little known that Judge Seymour was in bad health. At the time of his death he was in New York for treatment of cancer of the stomach, which caused his death. Judge Seymour was a splendid gentleman, an able lawyer and a true North Carolinian. The members of the bar, without exception, praise his career on the bench. Judge Seymour was about 60 years of age and a native of New York. He came to this State in '63, settling in New Bern, where he has since resided. Judge Seymour was appointed judge of this district in 1882 by President Arthur Governor Russell was a formidable applicant for the position and Judge Seymour's appointment was brought about largely by Judge Russell withdrawing in his favor. The appointment of a successor to Judge Seymour will in all probability devolve upon President McKinley. President Cleveland retired in thirteen days and should he make an appointment, Senator Pritchard would most likely have it held up in the Senate.

G. F. College Commencement. The Baccalaureate sermon at the commencement exercises of Greensboro Female College will be preached on Thursday, May 25th, 1897, by Bishop C. B. Galloway. The literary address will be delivered by Rev. W. C. Norman, at Raleigh, on Wednesday, May 26. The address to the Society of Alumni will be delivered by Mrs. R. R. Cotton, of Falkland, N. C.

EUCHRE AND HEARTS.

The Two Meet and Cupid Reigns Over the Card Tables.

There was a happy and brilliant gathering of the young people of Raleigh society last evening at the hospitable and historic home of Capt. S. A. Ashe on Hillsboro street. It was the occasion of the regular meeting of the Raleigh Euchre Club and there were the guests of Miss Lizzie Ashe, who entertained them delightfully. The evening was an ideal one. The air was balmy as a night in May and the moon at its full smiled softly upon the assemblage, while the stately drawing rooms of Captain Ashe were radiant with light as the flower and gallantry of Raleigh were ushered in. Capt. Ashe with his rare and delightful courtesy, so familiar to all who know him, received the guests. There were 11 tables and the game, which was up-to-date progressive uohre, was full of animation. The following composed the party: Misses Lillie Hicks, Florrie Jones, Lillie Hoke, Mary Turner, Pearce, Haywood, Hinsdale, Nannie Jones, Annie Busbee, L. Busbee, S. Busbee, Simmons, Bagley, Blake, Dorch, Grimes, Cunningham, Carter, Tomlinson, of Durham and the hostess and the following gentlemen: Messrs Marshall Haywood, James Busbee, Roberts, Frank Graywood, Battle, King, Snow, MacRae, Henry E. Litchford, Boyden, Hinsdale, James Litchford, McKee, Holladay, Myers, Denson, Sherwood, Coward, Pritchett, Howell, Dr. Carroll, Dr. Royter, Greek O. Andrews.

The ladies' prize, which was a beautiful silver mounted autograph album, was won by Miss Lillie Hicks after a spirited contest, in which a combination of the skill of the winner and the popularity which enlisted for her the co-operation of her friends made her the champion of the evening among the lady players. The gentleman's prize was a draw and was awarded to Mr. Logan D. Howell. It was a handsome silver-mounted pocket pencil. Delightful fragments were served and it was past the midnight hour before the happy party, after a very happy evening, dispersed.

MR. TURNER'S RETURN

To the Seaboard—Messrs. Busbee and Renn to take their Old Runs.

Announcement was made in yesterday afternoon's paper that Mr. J. M. Turner had returned to the Seaboard Air Line and would make his home in our city. Mr. Turner will be general trainmaster of the first and second divisions of the Seaboard Air Line. The position of trainmaster of the first and second divisions heretofore held by Capt. L. W. Renn, of Portsmouth and Mr. Johnston T. Busbee, of this city, have been consolidated. Messrs Busbee and Renn will take their former positions as conductors on the vestibule. Both gentlemen are held in the highest estimation by the officers of the company. Mr. Turner was until a year ago trainmaster of the Seaboard with offices in this city, but he was offered a more desirable position by the New Orleans and Western railway and accepted the position of general manager of that road. The Seaboard officials recognized the fact that they lost one of the best railway men in the country in Mr. Turner and they were not slow in inducing him to return to the system. Mr. Turner is well known in Raleigh. Few railway officials hold the confidence of superordinates as does Mr. Turner. He is a general favorite among railway men. Raleigh is glad to welcome Mr. Turner and his charming wife back to the city.

Recent Legislative Bill.

The Greenville Register remarks: George Fleming says the latest news from Raleigh via tobacco town, is that a bill was introduced in the legislature to make little possums climb little trees, and vice versa, requiring an expenditure of two much labor to cut down a big tree and find nothing but a little possum when a big one is expected. Also that founders be compelled to swim with their white side up so that it will be easier to see and gig them at night.

Editor Tipton Goes to Lincoln. Editor John C. Tipton at one time editor of the Salisbury Press, but more recently of the Oxford Democrat, has left Oxford and will run a paper at Lenoir. His paper will be called The Journal.

TO PROTECT THE STATE

From Invasion by Foreign Persons.

TERMS PRESCRIBED

By Which Non-Residents May Transact Business—Vanderbilt to be Brought to Terms for Taking Possession of Western Carolina.

A bill to protect the state from foreigners will be placed before the general assembly in a few days. While not so radical and objectionable as the lease bill, this bill is said to stand less chance of being enacted into law. It is understood that it will be championed by Mr. Lauser of Hanover and also by Mr. Poye of Mitt. The bill was drawn by Mr. T. Heartt Skink. It is reproduced here.

A bill to be entitled "An Act to prescribe the terms on which non-residents may transact business in North Carolina:

Whereas the climate and natural resources of North Carolina are favorable to health and prosperity and are attracting the attention of foreign persons who seek them for divers and sundry reasons and purposes; and Whereas these foreign persons, where practicable procure from our citizens houses, lands and hereditaments at prices far below what they are really worth to such foreign persons; and Whereas large associations of foreign persons enter into business in our state, making large sums of money, which they selfishly confine to themselves and whereas one Geo. W. Vanderbilt did for many years through an agent, furtively purchase from North Carolina farmers upwards of 150,000 acres of mountain lands, at prices which were current in the ordinary course of business; and Whereas upon the disclosure of the names of the real purchaser and his ability to pay ten times the price paid for such lands, the said farmers regretted their lack of knowledge of the real purchaser at the time of making sales; and Whereas, the said Vanderbilt by expending vast sums of money has increased the value of land from say about half a million dollars to ten million and has in various ways given an abnormal push to our interest in forestry, agriculture, etc.; and Whereas, the secrecy by which the said Vanderbilt secured the possession of such a vast extent of North Carolina land at a very low price was contrary to the pecuniary interests of a large number of our citizens; now The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That on and after the first day of May, 1897, no persons, citizens of states other than North Carolina shall make investments of any kind in this state without first obtaining a license provided. Section 2. That any such person not a citizen of this State desiring to make investment in North Carolina shall apply by petition addressed to the Secretary of State of North Carolina for license to do the same. Such petition shall be accompanied by a fee to be fixed by said Secretary, graduated according to the amount proposed to be invested, and shall at the same time file with said Secretary of State a blank confession of judgment to cover any amounts which the said applicant for license may at any time be sued for by any citizen of North Carolina which may at any time be filed with the clerk of the Superior court of Wake county, and operate as a lien upon all the real and personal property of said applicant wherever situated in North Carolina as a sa may also issue at any time upon such judgment. Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Governor upon satisfactory information that any person not a citizen of North Carolina is undertaking to carry on any business or improve any property in this State in violation of this act, or has heretofore done things not agreeable to this act, to see that the said judgment is enforced in all particulars, and upon a hearing in any court the court shall declare such persons guilty in full conformity with the declaration of the governor. The governor shall not be required to give any undertaking or file any formal pleadings in writing. All costs shall be collected from the person violating

this act. This shall include fees of counsel employed by the governor, the amount of which shall be fixed by such counsel. Section 4. Any non-resident who shall undertake to live in North Carolina after the governor shall proceed against him as prescribed in Section 3 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall pay a fine of \$3,000. Each day shall constitute a distinct misdemeanor. The governor is authorized to employ and compensate counsel for this service and pay out of the state treasury, if it cannot be made out of the non-resident. Sec 5. Any person who shall aid or abet a non-resident to live in or carry on business contrary to the provisions of this act, shall be guilty of a criminal offense and shall be confined in the penitentiary for a term of not less than one year in the discretion of the governor or Secretary of State. Section 6. The Governor of North Carolina is hereby empowered, without giving bond or undertaking to bring a civil action in the name of the state of North Carolina, for the purpose of having declared illegal, null and void all deeds made to Geo. W. Vanderbilt for real estate in North Carolina and all other conveyances by which it may appear that citizens of North Carolina have sold land to non-residents, and any conveyances of any said lands made by said Vanderbilt or others are hereby declared null and void. The governor is authorized to employ counsel and order that the said Vanderbilt and others pay them for their services in this behalf. Section 7. That in case the said conveyances are declared void, the governor shall sell the land at public vendue, first giving ten days notice in the Raleigh News and Observer. That the party or parties buying the Vanderbilt and other lands shall upon demand of the said Vanderbilt and others sell to the said Vanderbilt and others the said lands upon a valuation to be fixed by the governor and two other state officers to be selected by him. Section 8. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

THE ANTI-SCALP BILL

It is Probable That it Will Become a Law.

Mr. S. H. Hardwick, assistant general passenger agent of the Southern railway, who recently returned to Atlanta from Washington, where he went to appear before the Senate committee in charge of the anti-scalp bill, is very confident of its passage, says the Atlanta Journal. It appears that the bill was favorably reported by the House committee by a vote of 11 to 1, based on the recommendation of the interstate commerce commission and the investigations of the committee, without argument by the railroads or by the railroads or the scalpers. Before the Senate committee it appears the scalpers were invited to appear, but declined on the ground that their case had been prejudged by the House committee before they had been heard. This was regarded as impertinent by the committee and little time was lost in bringing in a report favorable to the bill. Mr. Hardwick thinks the bill will pass both houses at this session and that its results will be very important, and largely to the benefit of the public by making the railroads less fearful of loss on excursion tickets and more ready to work up business at reduced rates. In regard to the amendment which has been claimed as a victory by the scalpers, Mr. Hardwick said to the Journal: "It merely provides that a bona fide purchaser of a ticket from a railroad for personal use may sell it if he finds he cannot use it. But if he does sell it the second purchaser cannot sell it again, and the business of bartering tickets is prohibited under penalty. This makes the scalpers' business impossible without a violation of the law, and will have the effect of breaking it up. The public does not seem to understand that railroads are already doing what is required by this bill as to the redemption of unused tickets or portions of tickets. All reputable railroad companies do that. If a round trip ticket is only used one way, or if a ticket to New York is only used to Washington or some other intermediate point, the railroad will refund the price of the ticket, less the regular one-way fare for the distance traveled. "It has been said that 3,000 people lose their occupation by this

bill. The orders of conductors, engineers and firemen, with 155,000 men, have sent up a petition saying that they, in a legitimate business, are more to be considered than 3,000 men engaged in an illegitimate business. "It is shown by the estimate of the interstate commerce commission that the loss of revenue to railroads by scalpers is \$10,000,000 per annum. The railroad employes say that 88,000 of their number have been thrown out of work by the hard times, and that the \$10,000,000 filched from the railroads by the scalpers would give employment to 22,000 railroad employes. "A point which the public should understand is that there is now little money in the straight purchase and sale of tickets by scalpers, and that most of the money made by these parties now is by crooked business.

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TODAY'S MARKETS.

The Movements in New York and Liverpool Markets.

New York, Feb. 19. Market quotations furnished by E. B. Culbert & Co., 30 Broad street, New York, and 305 Wilmington street, Raleigh, N. C., over their special wire. The following are the opening, highest, lowest and closing quotations of the New York cotton market today.

Table with columns: MONTHS, OPENING, HIGH, LOW, CLOSING. Rows: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December.

Cotton Movement. Cotton movement for the week at 13 leading interior towns this week, last week, last year and 1895.

Table with columns: REC'D, SHIPMENTS, STOCKS. Rows: This week, Last week, Last year, In 1895.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Feb. 19.—

Secretary Hester's cotton crop movement September 1st to February 19th inclusive, port receipts 6,553,027 vs 4,336,625 last year. Over land to mills and Canada 692,358 vs 638,144 last year. Interior stocks in excess 269,000 vs 382,498. Southern mill taking 559,360 vs 542,240. Brought into sight 7,374,143 vs 5,899,507.

New York Stock Market.

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

Table with columns: Sugar, American Tobacco, Burlington and Quincy, Chicago Gas, American Spirits, General Electric, Louisville and Nashville, Manhattan, Rock Island, Southern Preferred, St. Paul, Tennessee Coal and Iron, Western Union.

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

The following were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market today:

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn, Oats, Pork, Lard, Clear Rib Sides.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

The following were the closing quotations of the Liverpool cotton market today:

Table with columns: February-March, March-April, April-May, May-June, June-July, July-August, August-September, September-October.

Closed quiet but steady; sales 10,000 bales.

Reception to Lieutenant Gov. Reynolds. Invitations have been sent out to a reception to be given in honor of Lieut. Gov. Reynolds by Raleigh Council No. 1, J. O. U. A. M. this evening at 8 o'clock at their hall in the Pullen building. Gov. Reynolds will speak to the Council regarding the growth of the order, after which an oyster supper will be served at the Hotel Florence. Let the council turn out in full force to greet the distinguished guest.

Oak wood cemetery has been placed under police regulations.

SHORT STATEMENTS.

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND THE CITY.

Post-Portraits of the News Pictured on the Pier—Points and People Pertinently Picked and Pithily Put in Print.

Mr. Fred A. Watson has a good bargain in a delivery wagon. See his "ad."

President Alderman of the state university is a frequent visitor to Raleigh.

Marvin Chapter will meet this evening at 8 o'clock at Edenton street Sunday school. The members are requested to be present.

Mr. J. W. Collins, one of the most prominent citizens of Holly Springs, died last night of typhoid pneumonia. He was about 35 years of age.

Telegrams received here today state that Mr. Geo. C. McGilvray, who has been very ill with pneumonia in Washington City is much better and his recovery is confidently hoped for. Mrs. McGilvray was telegraphed for and went to Washington several days ago.

Dr. Q. H. Shinn, a Universalist minister, will preach at Metropolitan Hall Sunday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. His subject will be "Healing of the Nations." Sunday night his theme will be "Heaven a State, and Heaven a Condition." The public is cordially invited. Dr. Shinn is the guest of Mrs. O. J. Carroll.

It is learned that the Southern Railway proposes erecting at Pine-ner's Point two more large warehouses for the accommodation of their growing business. The new structures will, it is said, be similar in size to the Southern's present warehouses. They are to be completed in time for next fall's trade.

Married last night at 8:30 o'clock at the residence of the brides brother, Mr. Jas. E. Hannah, cor. of Blount and Lenoir, Mr. Jas. R. Gattis and Mrs. Fidelia E. Simons by Rev. J. L. Foster of the Christian Church. Their many friends extend hearty congratulations and best wishes for long and happy life.

Two years ago Mr. E. V. Cox, of Pitt county, made a splendid record here in the Legislature for himself. During this session he has voted two or three times very strangely, to be a true Republican, and against the interest of the negro race. Who was it that sent him a note? It was the negroes, almost solidly. The legislative "bee" may be in Cox's head two years from now, and he will have to look to the same people to send him back again.—The Raleigh Gazette.

FAIR AND COLDER.

The Weather Prediction for Raleigh Tomorrow.

The weather prediction for Raleigh and vicinity is fair and colder to night. The weather will be fair tomorrow.

A considerable high barometric area, with colder weather, occupies the Ohio valley. The temperature is below 30 degrees north of an irregular line passing through Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York.

Although there is no distinct storm center, the pressure is low over the Rocky Mountain slope, and the weather is generally cloudy and quite warm in the south.

It will be Judge Henry in a Few Days.

Mr. Walter R. Henry of Charlotte was last night nominated for the office of Judge of the eastern criminal court by the minority caucus. There was no opposition to Mr. Henry.

Governor Russell may announce Mr. Henry's appointment tomorrow. It will be given out in a few days. The office is vacant, as Judge Meares' term expired when the legislature assembled.

"Judge" Henry is ably fitted for the judicial position. He is one of the foremost criminal lawyers in the state. Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Henry and family of Charlotte are in the city visiting at the residence of Mrs. Holden.