

THE UNIVERSITY BILL

Passed the House by Large Majority.

BRYAN UNDER FIRE.

Lusk Placed the Chatham Statesman in a Bad Light—Dockery's Speech—Large Fund to the Credit of Educational Board.

The house met at 10 o'clock. The following bills were introduced: By Hauser, to provide for election of railway commissioners by the people, and give the commission the right to prevent reduction of wages of any railway employee whose annual wages are less than \$2,000, the penalty being \$20 for each case; and also providing that no railway shall charge over 2 1/2 cents per mile for 1st class and 2 cents for 2nd class fare between any two points in this state, under penalty of \$100, this to apply to roads classed as "standard" by the railway commission; by Duffy, to protect turpentine workers by fining any person \$50 who adulterates spirits of turpentine with kerosene oil.

The bill to charter the Winston-Salem Southbound railway was taken up. McCrary's amendment to force it to go through the town of Lexington was voted down and the bill passed second reading.

Bills passed to amend the charter of the North Carolina Dairyman's Association so as to allow it to offer premiums, the state to give it \$500 annually.

Bill to appropriate \$5,000 to the "Rolling Exposition" or "North Carolina on Wheels," came up. Of the sum, the bill proposed that half be expended in fitting up the car and requiring the car to be sent to certain states for a month each, and in certain others fifteen days; the entire time of the exhibit to be five years.

Sutton, of Cumberland, offered an amendment striking out the appropriation of \$5,000 and providing that there be no expense to the state, and said the state would lose \$5,000 in trying an experiment without notice of investigation; that the money could be applied to the University. He said the lobby was here and that somebody wanted a job. He opposed the bill out and out.

Freeman, the father and promoter of the bill, spoke in support of it, and said immigration to this state from the north and west was greatly needed, and that other states, Georgia and Florida, were sending out these cars.

Hancock favored the bill, saying it was in the state's interest. He called the previous question. Sutton's amendment was adopted, yeas 41, nays 34, and the bill as amended passed its second reading.

Freeman asked leave to withdraw the bill. Sutton objected. The bill passed its third reading.

Bill to make it a misdemeanor for any person not duly licensed to perform the marriage ceremony passed.

The bill to make \$5,000 additional appropriation to the University for water supply and protection against fire was taken up. Dockery read the report of the joint committee which visited the University. Hauser attempted, just as Dockery began the reading, to move to table the bill, but was ruled out of order. The report of the committee showed that the property is worth \$500,000; that income does not meet the expenses, the deficit last year being \$850; and pays a high tribute to the conduct of the 400 students and the quality of their work. Dockery spoke in support of the report, saying the sum recommended was the bottom amount to enable the university to hold its present position. He said the committee last year had said \$50,000 was the sum needed. He said unless the \$5,000 was given the University would go backward and the state would feel it; that the report of the committee of visitors was unanimous and that of the full committee only one dissented; that the bill had passed the Senate with only 10 dissenting votes. He made a plea for the appropriation for the common schools and the university; that it was the purpose and plan to elevate the entire system; to make all the links in the chain stronger than they are now; that the committee on education made the recommendation for additional appropriation as a starter; that the increase of appropriations for the higher educational institutions would be very small, not over \$5,000;

that the committee had under consideration a measure to greatly develop the common schools. He said that the committee had conferred with the state treasurer and the finance committee and that both of them approved it, and the state treasurer said today that the state could well bear the increase. Chairman Johnson, of the finance committee, said the committee could state that the total appropriations made by this legislature for all purposes would be \$40,000 to \$50,000 less than those made 2 years ago. He urged that the house pass the bill. He said there would be a total of \$50,000 or \$60,000 this year against \$103,000 last year.

Bryan, of Chatham, asked why this appropriation bill was not referred to all the finance committee; that he had never seen it. Johnson said the bill had not been referred to the finance committee at all, but his opinion had been asked as an individual. Bryan said he knew the object of minority committees; that human nature is frail; that he saw in the lobby daily men who were getting \$2,500 salary from the state, lobbying for this bill; that Harry Skinner had been telegraphed for to come here from Washington; that editor Bailey said he was told so. Dockery said that no lobbyist had been telegraphed for from Washington and demanded that Bryan prove it. Bryan said the appropriation to the university was denominated by the Methodists and Baptists. Sutton, of Cumberland, said: "I deny this so far as the Methodist church is concerned."

Bryan said that in 1885 there was an appropriation of \$15,000 for an agricultural department of the University, but no such study was taught there. He declared that all professional men here favored this bill; but that he represented the farmers. He said the members could not go home with their political money in their pockets and defend themselves for voting for this bill.

Murphy asked him what he meant by political money and Bryan said "per diem." He said the bill was the most diabolical class legislation he ever knew. He said he wanted to return to his constituents with a clear record. Brown said it seemed to him that Bryan wanted to do this only and pay no attention to the needs of the state.

Dockery told Bryan that the tax rate for the common schools had been increased 2 cents; and this would raise \$50,000.

Lusk asked Bryan if the committee had not reported the increase favorably.

Ward asked Bryan if he had not introduced the revenue act himself.

Bryan admitted that he had. He said he did not know the increase was in the bill.

Lusk said that his ignorance was amazing and he wanted to know whether Bryan endorsed the increase. Bryan then attacked the professional men who were speaking here today for this bill. He said he was backed by his people in Chatham; that he opposed the appropriation in toto.

Lusk said he was glad to see Bryan taking the stand he did; that he always took the opposite side from Bryan, because he then felt sure he was right. Bryan raised a great laugh by crying out: "How were you on the senatorial election?" Lusk retorted by saying: "Where were you; were you with me?" "No, you were with me," said Bryan. Lusk then asked Bryan where his party was on this question; if it had not taboored him and kicked him and kicked him out of its caucus, this causing a big laugh at Bryan's expense.

Lusk then spoke earnestly in support of the bill, saying that he was not ashamed, as Bryan said he was, to return to his people after supporting the bill. Lusk said the republican party was the party of education. He ridiculed Bryan's statement that the University was the rich man's school, and said there were 140 poor boys there who would not be at college were it not for the aid they got. He said the people had approved the action of the legislature two years ago in increasing appropriations to all institutions; and that under the republican administration the University in 1896 was more prosperous than ever. Lusk said that he recollected two years ago when Bryan tried to sneak through "a little bill." And that he had made the inquiry which led to the revelation that it was a bill to take away all the appropriation to the university; that he recalled the occurrence distinctly; that Bryan said it was a "little bill." Bryan said he was merely joking with representative McCall; that he did say "little bill," that Lusk got his idea

from democratic newspapers. Lusk said he knew the facts. Petree, Duffy and McKenzie said Lusk described the occurrence exactly. Bryan then said he wanted to get the bill referred to a committee. Petree said Bryan said he wanted to have the bill taken up.

Dockery called the previous question. It was ordered and Bryan, of Chatham, demanded the yeas and nays. Lusk said: "We are all proud to go on record." There was much explaining of votes. The vote was yeas 76, nays 26.

It was stated that there was \$195,000 in the treasury belonging to the board of education.

SENATE. The senate met at 11 o'clock, Lieut. Gov. Reynolds presiding. Prayer by Rev. E. C. Glenn, of this city.

By Smathers, a bill to amend section 110 of the code as follows: "No clerk or any person connected in the law business with him shall act as counsel or attorney at law or draft any deed bond or other instrument of writing upon which he may be required to pass either in the probate or auditing of same, and shall not give legal construction to any such paper, except in the discharge of his official duty."

Justice (by request), a bill to aid in the construction of the Winston-Salem Southbound railroad.

By Walker, a bill to promote the dairy interest of the state.

By Ray, a bill to amend section 347, chapter 10, of the code, relating to liquidation of damages.

By Grant, a bill to prescribe the terms upon which foreign railroads may become incorporated in this state and for other purposes.

Bill to regulate the appointment of cotton weathers for the city of Raleigh came up. Whedbee made a motion to make this bill a special order for tomorrow after the railway bill was disposed of.

Utey opposed it, saying the bill should pass as the people of Wake county wanted it. "I have made a fair fight, I wish I could say the same for the cotton exchange," he said.

Ashburn offered the following amendment, provided that the cotton weathers shall be equally divided between at least two of the political parties and that each party shall have the right to name its nominees. Lost yeas 3; nays 25.

Mr Utey called the previous question which was ordered.

Mr Abell demanded the roll call. The bill passed its third reading, yeas 23; nays 3.

Senator Utey introduced a bill to incorporate the Raleigh Library Association.

Bill passed giving pages five dollars each extra.

LED BY A WOMAN.

A Southern Railroad Detective Runs to Earth a Bold Gang of Thieves.

A special from Louisville, Ky., says: A daring band of robbers, under the leadership of a woman, was routed here to today, when Mrs. Mamie Carter, Patrick O'Brien, a junk shop keeper, at 966 East Market street; Dad Hagerty, a teamster, John and Joel Bloom and John Davern were lodged in jail on warrants sworn out by Detective D. F. Harbaugh, of St. Louis, in the employ of the Southern railway.

For a year the detective has been working on the case and he has collected evidence to show that during that time the gang had stolen goods from railroad cars to the value of at least \$12,000. It is alleged that a railroad clerk is implicated in the plot and more arrests are expected. The gang has confined itself chiefly to breaking seals and robbing wheat cars. Disguising themselves as farmers, they took the grain to local mills and disposed of it at the market price.

They tapped other cars for miscellaneous goods, much of which was stored with O'Brien, the junkshop keeper.

The operations of the gang indicate that they had inside knowledge of the contents of cars, and this information is supposed to have come through the suspected clerk. The woman leader of the gang is a noted criminal, and has operated in various cities of the country.

Dr. Lettwith Dead.

A telegram was received last evening announcing the death of Dr. James P. Lettwith, in Atlanta, Ga. Dr. Lettwith was an only brother of Mrs. A. M. McPheters of this city.

Mr. Sam T. Morgan of the Virginia-Carolina Fertilizer Company, was here today.

A COMPROMISE BILL

To Lease the Southern the N. C. Road for 33 Years

AT PRESENT RATE.

Bill Introduced in the Senate by Maj. Grant, who has Fought the Governor's Bill—Considered a Fair and Liberal Measure.

Maj. H. L. Grant, who is one of the leaders in the fight against the bill attacking the North Carolina lease, today introduced a compromise bill in the Senate.

The bill gives legislative approval to a lease under a reduction of term with all the conditions of the present lease, the term being for 30 years from 1901, the rate being the same as in the 99 year lease and all the other provisions remain exactly the same.

It must be said that the measure as now proposed is a very fair and liberal one and ought to be acceptable to those who oppose the lease. It is a conservative proposition and one to which, it appears to us, no weighty objection can be raised by those who are representing the interests of the state.

THE MACHINERY ACT.

Provision Taxing Evidences of Debt which First Appeared in the Press-Visitor.

The machinery act has been introduced in the house and it is a veritable drag net.

The provision taxing evidences of debt is by far the worst feature in the bill. It was first printed in the Press-Visitor more than a week ago and created a sensation among business men.

"Amount of credits, including accrued interest uncollected, owing a person, whether in or out of the state whether owing by mortgage, bond, note, bill of exchange, certificate, check, open account due and payable, whether owing by any state or government, county, city, town or township, individual, company or corporation, and all mortgages, bonds, notes, bills of exchange, certificates, checks, open accounts due and payable, and all other papers representing solvent credits, shall be non-collectable unless they bear some evidences of having been annually listed for taxation."

Chairman Johnson, of the house finance committee, stay about this matter "There has been some excitement and anxiety all over the state about the proposed changes in the machinery act. I think a good many of the criticisms made have just foundation. In the first place, the changes referred to have not been agreed to by the joint committees on finance, but the revenue act has been hurried to be printed. This course I do not approve. For instance, all after the word "corporation" was stricken out. That part unjust to all classes of our people. My understanding was that this part was to be stricken out. It was so declared by the committee, but yet in some way it has found its way into the act."

HENRY TO BE JUDGE

If Sutton, of Cumberland, Can Be Elected Railroad Commissioner.

An effort is being made to get all the candidates for railway commissioner to withdraw in favor of Representative Sutton, of Cumberland. Mr. Sutton is hungry after an office.

If the election of Mr. Sutton can be accomplished, the Governor will appoint Mr. Walter R. Henry judge of the eastern court.

If this can be accomplished, harmony will be once more restored between republicans and bolters.

Bill Aimed at Newspaper Cartoons.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 25.—Mr. Ellsworth introduced a bill in the Senate today to prohibit the publications of any person in newspapers and periodicals. The bill provides that "No portrait or alleged portrait of any individual shall be printed or published in any newspaper, periodical, magazine, pamphlet or book without the written consent of such individual." A violation of the prohibition is to be made punishable by a fine of \$1,000 and imprisonment for one year.

MAY QUIT CIVIL SERVICE

Gen. Grosvenor Says McKinley May Suspend or Revoke Cleveland's Orders.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—The News has the following dispatch from Washington:

"Gen. Grosvenor, of Ohio, who is one of McKinley's closest friends and who has been one of his staunchest and most capable political supporters, says: "I believe that President McKinley will revoke or suspend the sweeping order which took all the offices into the civil service classification. I have been investigating the matter thoroughly and one of the ablest lawyers in the entire country has given me an opinion covering the case. He says that an executive can revoke his own orders, just as a legislative body can reconsider an act."

"If he should choose to do so, President Cleveland might tomorrow revoke his order. The executive may change his mind. He may order the army to Mexico and he may order the army to counter-march when he changes his mind, and he may send the army to Lower California, or wherever he pleases."

"This is not probable that Cleveland will change his mind on the civil service order, but it is within his power to revoke his own act. His successor will not be bound by Cleveland's action. McKinley will be president and will administer the executive branch of the government in his own way. He can revoke that odious order, and I believe that he will do so."

RESOLUTIONS BY THE J. O. U. A. M.

The state council J. O. U. A. M., which is in session at Greensboro, has about 1,000 members in the state, and is in a flourishing condition. Resolutions were adopted asking for \$100,000 appropriation to the public schools of the state; asking that a United States flag be put over every school house in the state; and expressing sympathy with the Cuban patriots.

Salisbury was selected as the next place of meeting.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: State Council—W. T. Wotton, of Reidsville.

Vice-Councilor—W. E. Eason, of Raleigh.

Secretary—P. S. Preston, of Winston.

Treasurer—C. S. Hampton, of Salem.

Conductor—A. B. Horney, of High Point.

Warden—R. S. Stewart, of Asheville.

Inside Sentinel—E. M. Purefoy, of Charlotte.

Outside Sentinel—G. C. Smith, of Greensboro.

Chaplain—Rev. C. A. G. Thomas, of Fayetteville.

National Representative—L. C. Howlett, of Greensboro.

Justice to Mr. Ayer.

It is due to Mr. Hal. W. Ayer and proper on the part of the Press-Visitor, a-propos of an editorial in our neighbor the Tribune this morning, to state that the cut and biography of Mr. Ayer, the new Auditor, which appeared in the Caucasian of this week, was a reproduction from the Press-Visitor of a few days ago, as was probably readily recognized by all who saw it in both papers. The Press-Visitor has from time to time published cuts and sketches of people who were at the time sufficiently prominent before the public as to justify it and it published the picture and sketch of Mr. Ayer, the newly elected Auditor, as we did the picture of the new Governor and as we have published the pictures of other noteworthy people in the state. Appreciating the compliment thus paid Mr. Ayer, Mr. Rivers, of the Caucasian, had the article and cut reproduced in that paper without the knowledge of Mr. Ayer and through an inadvertence, the publication appeared in the Caucasian without credit to the Press-Visitor. The article was written and the cut was obtained by the editor of the Press-Visitor, and in justice to Mr. Ayer we wish to state that he knew nothing of it till it made its appearance in this paper, and he knew nothing of its appearance in the Caucasian until he saw it there.

State Council J. O. U. A. M.

The State Council, Jr. O. U. A. M. is in session in Greensboro in the K of P building. About fifty or sixty delegates are expected to be in attendance. Raleigh is represented.

A STRONG CAST

Some of Those who will Support Floy Crowell Next Week

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

The strongest company on the road at popular prices will open a week's engagement at Metropolitan opera house next Monday evening, supporting Floy Crowell, the winsome and talented little star.

In her company will be found Harry Leighton, for three years with Frederick Ward, Griffith Evans, late of "The Burglar," Edwin Emory, late of Robert Mantell's support, Victor Morley, late of "The Rajah," Thomas J. Jackson, late of Tony Ferrell's, "Garry Owen" company; Thomas Grady, late of William Barry's "Rising Generation," Miss Theresa Newcombe, late the star of "In New Mexico," Miss Lillian Bayer, late of "The Rajah," Miss Bessie Grayson, late of Hoyt's "A Texas Steer." In all, the company numbers fourteen people.

At each performance clever singing and dancing specialties will be introduced by Messrs. Emory and Morley, Miss Bayer and Miss Grayson. Miss Bayer will also be heard in the latest ballads of the day, illustrated by the Benamitograph.

Sale of seats open Friday morning at King's drug store, where ladies tickets can be secured. These tickets will admit ladies Monday night on payment of fifteen cents. It has not been customary with the company to make this reduction but learning that other repertoire companies have done so, Miss Crowell's managers, Armitage and Fitzpatrick consented to its being done here.

It is an undoubted fact that the company is one of the most expensive on the road at popular prices and well worth (15 cents of lady's money.) "If it isn't says Mr. Armitage it isn't worth their time sitting through the performance."

TODAY'S MARKETS.

The Movements in New York and Liverpool Markets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25. Market quotations furnished by E. B. Cuthbert & 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 5 columns: MONTHS, OPENING, HIGH, LOW, CLOSING. Rows for Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec.

Cotton Movement.

The following shows the semi-weekly movement of cotton at 13 leading interior towns this week compared with that of last week, last year and 1895:

Table with 4 columns: REC'D, SHIPMENTS, STOCKS, Last week, Last year, In 1895.

New York Stock Market.

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

Table with 2 columns: Security, Price. Rows for Sugar, American Tobacco, Burlington and Quincy, Chicago Gas, etc.

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

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

Table with 2 columns: Commodity, Price. Rows for 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 2 columns: Month, Price. Rows for Feb-Mar, March-April, April-May, etc.

Closed steady; sales 12,000 bales.

SHORT STATEMENTS.

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AROUND THE CITY.

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

Capt. T. R. Robertson, postmaster of Charlotte, is in the city.

We are glad to note that Rev. Dr. Marshall continues to improve and that his early recovery is confidently hoped for.

Up to this date 212 bills have been ratified. It is asserted by populist papers that the cost of the enrolling clerk's office alone is over \$75 a day.

Married this morning at 9:30 o'clock at number 105 south Bloodworth street, Mr. W. T. Gill to Miss Hattie Putney, Rev. A. M. Simms officiating.

Cards are out for a reception to be given this evening at the colored Odd Fellows' hall at 8:30 o'clock in honor of the colored members of the present general assembly and Rev. R. H. W. Leak.

Judge Adams announced this morning that he would take up the motion docket on Friday morning. The attorneys and parties interested will take notice. Court will open at 10 o'clock a. m.

Mr. C. O. Sherill, of Trinity College has received the appointment as Cadet to West Point from the Seventh Congressional district, and has left college in order that he might make preparations for going to West Point in March to stand his entrance examinations.

Remember the Musical at the residence of Mr. James A. Higgs, 417 North Blount street, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the benefit of the church of the Good Shepherd. Voluntary contribution. The choicest musical talent will contribute to the pleasure of the evening. Everybody cordially invited.

For the benefit of the public who wish to attend the oratorical contest at the A. & M. college on Friday night, February 26th, the Pullen literary society has arranged with Mr. W. A. Upchurch to run a stage line between the capitol and the college beginning at 7 o'clock p. m. The fare will be 10 cents each way.

BRIEF FREEDOM.

Convict Campbell Discharged and Arrested for Horse Stealing.

C. C. Campbell finished a two years term of imprisonment in the penitentiary today. For a period of about six seconds Campbell was a free man. His freedom was short lived.

The law requires that the penitentiary authorities shall, when a convict completes his sentence, purchase a ticket for him outside of the county, and that he be given his discharge on the train.

Warden Fleming put Campbell on the train this morning in compliance with the law and as soon as he gave the prisoner his discharge, Sheriff Jones and his deputies, who were in waiting, arrested Campbell on a warrant from Mecklenburg county charging him with stealing a horse.

Campbell is a desperate character. He threatened Warden Fleming's life and says he will kill him if he lives. The prisoner escaped from the pen once and stole the horse at that time.

Campbell is an intelligent looking young white man. He will be taken to Charlotte tomorrow. He accuses the penitentiary authorities of severest cruelty.

Are You Going?

Where? To the Academy next Tuesday night March 2nd! On that date the Dramatic Club will give their new play, "The Carnival," a brilliant, sparkling comedy, adopted from the French. It will be worth your while to see it. The cast of characters is well chosen, the play itself is good and it will be magnificently staged. Seats on sale at King's drug store. Price 75 cents.

Clique Dramatic Club.

"The Carnival" will be presented next Tuesday evening at the Academy of Music for the benefit of Rex Hospital.