

THE FIRST TEST VOTE

Looks Like the Southern Will Win.

GRANT'S SUBSTITUTE

Offered as Majority Report.—In the House the Revenue Act is Taken up—Taxation Apportioned—Other Matters.

The house met at 10 o'clock. Not many bills were introduced. Among those were the following:

By Hancock, to create office of prosecuting attorney for the eastern criminal circuit court, to get same pay as solicitors, to be appointed by the governor and to serve four years.

By Lusk, to allow county commissioners to elect an auditor. The house went into committee of the whole on the revenue bill, with Cook in the chair. The bill was taken up by sections.

There was quite a debate on the 3rd section which provided for 22.3 cents for state purposes, 31.3 for pensions, and 20 cents for public schools. Drew offered an amendment making the rate for schools 22 cents, but withdrew it. Sutton offered an amendment making the rate for schools; Blackburn offered an amendment making the rate of general tax 21.23. This amendment chairman Johnson accepted. Hauser said that the money was all appropriated and now it was proposed to cut down the school tax. Alexander offered an amendment making the total tax 45 cents instead of 46. Bryan of Chatham, said he was glad to see the house scattered today and attacked Sutton's amendment, and said the high appropriation men were the ones who antagonized the increase of the school tax. Dockery, Lusk and Young called Bryan down. Bryan said he was for 20 cents and also for a direct appropriation of \$100,000.

Dockery and Lusk spoke forcefully in support of 20 cents. Sutton and Blackburn withdrew their amendments. Alexander's amendment was adopted with only one "no." Then the poll tax rate was fixed, Lyle sending an amendment to make it \$1.35. This was adopted. The taxes as fixed are, on poll \$1.35; general, 21 2/3 cents; pensions, 31.3 cents; schools, 20 cents.

Section 5 was adopted, making tax on gross profits and incomes not taxed 5 per cent; on gross income derived from salaries and fees, public or private, one half of 1 per cent, on the excess over \$1,000; and on gross income from other sources one fourth of 1 per cent. Section 6 was also adopted repealing any limitation or exemption from taxation.

Schedule B was taken up and Ferrell moved to strike out section 7, which imposes license tax for carrying on business. He said it imposed a tax on going into business. Blackburn asked Ferrell whether he objected to the license tax on lawyers and doctors. Ferrell said yes. Section 7 was then adopted.

When section 16 was reached levying a tax of \$25 on billiard or pool tables, an amendment was offered but was withdrawn, including those for private use. Bryan, of Chatham, was aroused by this amendment and said it was an infringement of liberty.

There was quite a discussion of section 19, taxing dealers in horses or mules as a business of profit \$25 annual tax and \$10 in each county, and each person who keeps horses or mules to let 50 cents for each animal for each 6 months.

McCraven sent an amendment to strike out the whole section and denounced it as unjust. There was quite a sharp quarrel between him and McCrary, but Sutton, of Cumberland hoisted a flag of truce.

At this point, (noon) the committee arose and reported progress to the house on the bill, showing the amendments in section 2 and 3, and showing that 11 other sections were adopted without any amendment. The house decided to postpone, all democrats and a few populists voting no.

The house again went into committee of the whole on the revenue bill (Cook in the chair) and resumed the discussion of sec. 19.

SENATE. The senate met at 10 o'clock Lieut. Gov. Reynolds presiding. Prayer by Senator Utley.

Bills and resolutions were introduced as follows:

By Mr. Utley, a bill to amend the

code so as to allow women to vote in local option elections; also to forbid the giving of a reward to any employee of the present general assembly out of the treasury.

By Whidbee, a bill to regulate the price of illuminating gas. The hour for special order having arrived Mr. McCaskey made a motion that the special committee appointed on the memorial of the president and directors of the N. C. R. R. relative to the lease report.

Mr. Grant the chairman of said committee sent forward the majority report, said report being that after careful consideration they had arrived at the conclusion from examination of various witnesses that there was no suspicion of fraud or limitation thereof.

Grant then offered a substitute which recommends the lease for a term of 35 years and upon failure by the Southern to assent to such modification on or before April 1st shall on the duty of the Governor, by and with the assistance of the attorney general and such additional counsel as the governor shall deem necessary to cause to be instituted an action for the purpose of having declared null and void the contract of lease executed in 1895.

The minority report does not concur in the majority report because the committee failed to summon and examine ex-governor Carr, Col. A. B. Andrews and R. C. Hoffman; that they wanted the truth and that they could not get it unless the parties above named were examined; that director Maxwell had said that R. C. Hoffman said he could not bid on the road 6 years before the first lease of the E & D road expired because the Southern would run the road down.

The minority recommends that the substitute do not pass. McCaskey said he was unalterably opposed to the substitute of the majority.

Grant favored the substitute. He thought it a good bargain that the State had made. He declared that in ten years the improvements and betterments would aggregate an increase of 10 per cent, and he was afraid if the lease was annulled that before long a better line would be built and the N. C. R. R. would be thrown back on the State.

Anderson, said petition had been handed to him from citizens of his county signed by men of all classes and political parties asking him to work, vote and use his influence to defeat the bill seeking to annul the lease.

"I think the lease should stand. If no fraud or corruption was practiced the lease should stand because when the state of North Carolina has entered into a contract it should be as good as gold. Any one can prove to me that the state is not legally and honorably bound and that it can make a better contract, then I will support the bill. If you pass the bill you will stab the state to the heart, and try to undo the best possible contract the state has ever made. I propose for one to uphold the honor of the state."

Sharp, (of Iredell) said if the senate voted down the substitute, and passed the original bill it would never drag down the honor of North Carolina. I believe the lease was a fraud and the people of North Carolina believe it to be a fraud. I came down here in favor of the lease, but after seeing the lobbying carried on in favor of the lease, and after attending the meetings of the special committee I arrived at the conclusion that it was nothing more or less than a consummate fraud and should be annulled as soon as possible. The Southern railroad does not give to N. C. R. R. a fair show. They charge the expenses of other lines to the North Carolina railway to keep down the report of the earnings. I warn you if you do not pass this bill and let the matter be settled in the courts the next legislature in 1899 will pass such a bill because they know the people have had no voice in leasing the N. C. railway.

Scates desired to offer an amendment to the substitute, but president ruled it out of order as the report of the minority was before the Senate, and that being the case the substitute was not before the Senate until the minority had been disposed of. Messrs. Scates, Grant, Abell and Smathers differed with the presiding officer. The chair allowed the substitute of Scates to come forward.

Mr. Scates, said in making a few remarks that he did not propose to become eloquent, but to simply express his opinion. He was glad to say that he had been allowed to make up his mind without the aid of the lobbyists, and he took occasion to thank them on both sides for letting

him alone. He did not believe there had been any fraud or corruption practiced in the lease of the N. C. R. R. He said that if he had been one of the directors he would never have voted for a lease for 99 years. I am no friend of railroads but they have rights as well as any one else. I am unalterably opposed to the 99 year lease and I am also opposed to the original bill, but I favor the substitute with my amendments attached thereto. The substitute is as follows, list it provides that the stockholders and directors shall also assent to the modification of 35 years, by June 1, 1897. Also allows the state to bring suit, in event of the failure of the Southern railway and stockholders and directors to assent to the modification, without giving bond or other undertaking.

Substitute as Mrs. Higgs. Last evening there was a very pleasant entertainment at the charming home of Mrs. J. A. Higgs on North Blount street, for the benefit of the Church of the Good Shepherd. In spite of the inclement weather a large number of people were present and the financial result of the entertainment was most satisfactory.

It was a high class musicale, in which some of the leading artists in the city took part. In addition to this the hostess entertained with such grace and cordial hospitality that all were sorry when the hour came to say good night.

The program for the evening was as follows:

- Piano duet—Miss Slater and Mrs. Knox. Recitation—Miss Annie Rogers. Vocal Solo—Miss Merrimon. Vocal Solo—Miss Bush. Piano Solo—Mr. G. W. Bryant. Vocal Solo—Miss Petty. Vocal Solo—Miss Kennan.

The Floy Crowell Company. "La Belle Russe," one of the repertoire of the Floy Crowell company next week is the play that Mrs Langtry desires to revive. The fact recalls the hasty work of David Belasco in writing that drama. He was a stage director in San Francisco. "Forget-Me-Not" had proved a great success in London, and a California manager, unable to get it for use in that state, induced Mr. Belasco to turn out a play of similar character in three weeks. With a Rus-



sian novel as a basis he wrote "La Belle Russe" within the prescribed time, and it bore no resemblance to "Forget-Me-Not," aside from having the same theme of a vengeful nihilistic heroine. The piece not only served its immediate purpose well, but it subsequently had a long success at Wallack's, and was the means of bringing its author to New York. The fact that such well known authors as David Belasco, Sydney Grunly and others allow their productions be put on by Miss Crowell proves in itself the assertion that with the winsome little star and her company are in advance of any other repertoire company on the road. They open a week's engagement at Metropolitan Opera House, Monday evening, with the popular prices of 10, 20 and 30 cents. Ladies' tickets for Monday night can be secured at King's.

SENATE LEGISLATION IN ROW BOATS.

Telephone to the Press-Visitor. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 26.—The city is under water. Members of the Legislature went to the State house in boats this morning, but no session was held, since the basement flooded and the fires got out. Seeing among the poor is great an number and schools are filled with homeless driven from their homes. At mass meeting today a relief fund of \$500 was raised.

An electric light and gas plants are under water. The only lights in use are oil lamps and candles. It is impossible to estimate the damage to be done by the water. Telephone communication is broken and several business houses are open. The police now occupies an island.

Box set for "The Carnival" now open. King's Reserved seats 70c, general admission 50c, gallery 20 cents.

GEN. LEE WILL REMAIN

Assured the Government will Stand by Him.

IN THE FEW DAYS.

That the Administration has Left—Uprising at the Capitol of the Philippine Island and Spain is Reported Victorious.

By Telegram to the Press-Visitor. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—Gen. Lee has relieved the administration of the embarrassment that threatened to cloud the last days of its existence with a warlike storm. The General was assured that for the five remaining days of the Cleveland government, he will have the backing from Washington in his efforts to protect American citizens and their treaty rights. Under these conditions Gen. Lee consented to remain in Havana the few days to elapse before his successors named.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—A despatch from Madrid says the government received information of a sudden uprising which occurred at Manila, the capital of the Philippine islands yesterday. The insurgents made an attack upon the quarters of the Spanish Carbiniers and carried them by storm. The Spanish troops were victorious, and at nightfall the disorder was suppressed. When the fighting ceased two hundred rebels were lying on the streets.

Special meeting of Wm. G. Hill Lodge, No. 213, A F and A M to-night at 7:25 o'clock sharp for work in third degree.

"The Carnival," by the Clige Dramatique, will hold the boards at the Academy of Music next Tuesday evening. The proceeds are to go to charity.

News has been received here that a quartette composed of Messrs. Tom Howie, Tom Turner, Emmett Levy and Tal Murray are taking in the Newbern fair. They are expected to arrive here tomorrow and give full accounts.

Mr. W. W. Clark of Newbern who was a Palmer Buckner elector was yesterday nominated by President Cleveland to succeed the late Judge Seymour, as Judge of the eastern district of North Carolina. The nomination has been sent to the Senate.

Mr Claude B Barbee has received from Dr. I E Emerson of Baltimore, a barrel of the finest Maryland oysters, where they are superior to any in the world. These are very fine and Mr Barbee has presented them with his compliments to the "Bohemian club," the members of which highly appreciate and enjoy them.

St. Luke's Recital.

It was announced several weeks ago that the St. Luke's Circle of the King's Daughters contemplated presenting a first class concert at Metropolitan hall for the benefit of the "Home for Incurables." Their plans for this entertainment are now about mature, and the date is March 9th at Metropolitan hall.

The programme will appear later, but to prepare you somewhat for the pleasure we will say that it will consist of vocal and instrumental music, poses, pantomimes and elocution.

The orchestra from the deaf, dumb and blind institution will play "La Caravac," which delighted an enthusiastic audience a few weeks ago. This orchestra is considered one of the best in the south. There are 21 members.

We understand the poses are to be arranged by Miss Caspari, of Lovell Institute, and some of Raleigh's poorest daughters will permit us to gaze upon them.

Representatives from Durham, Oxford and other towns will appear on the program. In order that a very large audience may enjoy this benefit the popular price has been made 35 cents for the entire floor down stairs. Gallery 25 cents. Go early and get a good seat.

Barnum's Circus Nov 12th.

Charlotte News. The date was made yesterday, and we are on the list for the 12th of May. Railroad people say the circus carries ten more cars than any other concern of the kind that has visited this section in recent years. It stops only at a few towns in the state.

FOR CANTON?

Dr. L. Shanks Raleigh's Red Clay From a Tribby's—Left this A. M.

Rev. Dr. Leak left this morning for Washington. The doctor said that he would leave Washington for Canton on Sunday in order to accompany the president-elect to the inauguration. Dr. Leak said that he would be a guest on the special train and would hand the Bible to President McKinley, just before he took the oath.

Dr. Leak gave us to understand that Jim Young would want to sink in the earth on his return and hide his face forever. The public will have the opportunity of ascertaining next Thursday whether her doctor or Jim has been duped.

Why Major Bailey of North Carolina Resigned. Charlotte Observer.

In sack-cloth and ashes, with our hands on mouths and our mouths in the dust, we hang our harp on a willow-tree, and come wailing and weeping because Bailey of North Carolina has resigned his brass buttons and forced us to place an "ex." before the "major" to his honored name.

Bailey was born in Rawley, but he overflooded Rawley when he was quite young and filled the entire State. Hence we have always called him "Bailey of North Carolina," and bounded him on the North by Virginia, on the east by the Atlantic Ocean, on the South by South Carolina and Georgia, and on the west by Tennessee. Bailey would have spread over into the State of Tennessee if it had not been for the Great Smokies. They acted as a dam and saved him to us in his entirety.

When Governor Russell commissioned Bailey of North Carolina as assistant adjutant-general with the rank of major wedded to the music of the timbral and the harp, for we have always known that Bailey of North Carolina would make a flawless peace sojor. But when the Governor commissioned Mr. Starke S. Batchelor as commissary-general with the rank of colonel, Major Bailey of North Carolina, assistant adjutant general, declared war on Colonel Starke S. Batchelor. He notified his excellency, the Governor of North Carolina, that Colonel Starke S. Batchelor must not be commissioned. If he ever was, he (Major Bailey of North Carolina) would resign and hold back his services and prestige from the State's army and navy; and he did resign. This was an appalling blow to Governor Russell's administration right on the threshold of it, but the Governor was forced to consent to it, because he did not believe he could find anyone who would feed our troops on such confections as Colonel Starke S. Batchelor would at the head of our commissary department.

Ex-Major Bailey of North Carolina said the reason Colonel Starke S. Batchelor was persona non grata to him was because Colonel Batchelor was "a Democratic dude." Now this mystifies us a little. We rise to a question of personal privilege, to ask ex-Major Bailey of North Carolina whether he puts the accent on "democratic" or on "dude." We hardly think on "dude," because the ex-major has always been regarded with pride by the people of the state which he is entirely from as being himself one of the most perfect specimens of this kind we have ever produced. He has allowed this impression to exist. Indeed he has all along confirmed it by sporting a silk tile, the top of which extends upward to the tip of Black Mountain, (7,669 feet, we believe) and a jim-slinger, the folds of which sweep the roof of Hatteras light-house, in passing. Hence, ex-Major Bailey of North Carolina must object to Colonel Batchelor by reason of the colonel's democracy. Ah, yes, that is it. Dear, dear, why did we not think of that before. Ex-Major Bailey of North Carolina is a non-partisan Rep.-Pop. fusionist. He has advocated a non-partisan election law and a non-partisan judiciary. The dear boy is a non-partisan Beau Brummel from the state-at-large, and hence all partisan majors, colonels and adekongs, on Governors' staffs are objectionable to him.

Ex-Major Bailey, of North Carolina would have set well in an ostrich-tipped chapeau, epaulettes, gold fringe and striped pants. He would have been a great contribution to the pulchritude of the Governor's staff. It's a pity he objects to dress-parading with democratic colonels.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

The Movements in New York and Liverpool Markets.

New York, Feb. 26. Market quotations furnished by E. B. Cuthbert & Co., 30 Broad street, New York, and 305 Wilmington street, Raleigh, N. C., over their special wire.

Table with columns: MONTHS, OPENING, HIGH, LOW, CLOSING. Rows for January through December.

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

Table with columns: Name, Price. Rows for 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: 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 columns: Month, Price. Rows for February-March, March-April, April-May, May-June, June-July, July-August, August-September, September-October, October-November, November-December.

Closed steady; sales 15,000 bales.

In Memoriam. Again is Edenton Street Methodist church called upon to mourn the loss of one of its most faithful and devoted members.

Caswell A. Riddle is gone. Peacefully and calmly he passed from earth's labors to Heaven's glory on Sunday morning, February 14th, 1897, leaving behind him a precious legacy—a good name.

For a number of years Brother Riddle was member of this Sunday school and he was ever faithful, true and devoted to all its interests. Only those who knew him best in all life's relations can realize what the community in which he lived, this church and Sunday school and the dear ones that so much loved him, have lost in the death of this devoted christian and loving husband.

We know how much he will be missed from among us, but we bow in humble submission to the divine will, knowing full well that our brother has passed from this life of trial and suffering to one of peace and happiness.

"There is no death; the stars go down To rise upon some fairer shore, And bright in Heaven's jewelled crown, They shine forever more."

May the gentle spirit of our departed friend linger lovingly near us, whisper to us sweet words of comfort and hope, beacon us onward to a nobler life here below, and upward to that home "not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Our hearts go out in tender sympathy to those who are by this divine dispensation so sorely afflicted, and we point them to Him, our dearest Friend, who will ever be near to comfort them and at last bring them to meet the departed loved one in the home of the blessed.

Resolved, That this tribute be spread upon the records of the school, and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased, and also furnished the city papers for publication.

HENRY J. YOUNG, N. R. STANCELL, C. W. WHITE, Comtee.

The election committee of the House reported yesterday evening in favor of Jim Young—that the committee would make such a report has been a foregone conclusion for some time.

CLASH IN THE SENATE

Private Secretary Alexander and Senator Hyatt

IN AN ENCOUNTER.

Hyatt Says Alexander Offered Him An Office for His Vote.—This, Secretary Alexander Stoutly Denies—Conflicting Testimony.

Mr. J. E. Alexander, private secretary to the governor and Senator Jas L. Hyatt of Yancey county had a personal collision on the floor of the senate this morning, shortly before noon.

The clash occurred in the ante-room on the right of the senate chamber. It was brief and spicy, but the evidence is exceedingly conflicting as to what occurred.

Mr. Alexander says no blows were passed and his distinguished adversary declines to make any statement. Several witnesses state that blows were passed, while others say not. Both gentlemen came off the battlefield with honors even, and neither possesses a souvenir of the occasion.

Mr. V. J. McArthur, assistant doorkeeper of the house, was standing in the ante room when Mr. Alexander and Senator Hyatt first encountered. Mr. McArthur states that he saw Senator Hyatt push Mr. Alexander against the bookcase and that he thought he struck him twice but is not certain. He states that Mr. Alexander was trying to hold the senator off and that he rushed in and separated them, carrying Senator Hyatt to one side.

McArthur says he told the gentlemen that they would have to settle their differences outside of the Senate Chamber and that Senator Hyatt came up again, and addressing Alexander, said "you can't talk to me that way."

"Some one asked Senator Hyatt what he said to Mr. Alexander," said McArthur "and he replied: "Damn it he offered me the Secretaryship of the Agricultural department if I would vote for the lease bill."

Mr. Alexander spoke up and said that the senator had misunderstood him entirely. Then the lie was passed by both, said the assistant doorkeeper.

Mr. Alexander was seen and he made the following statement of the affair.

"I was speaking to Hyatt about the lease bill and urging him to vote for the original bill. I said "It is claimed that federal patronage is being used to defeat the bill annulling the N. C. R. R. lease. It is claimed that no man who votes for the bill will be recognized in the distribution of federal patronage." This was the statement I intended to refute when I spoke to Mr. Hyatt; and said that "the governor was as able to take care of his friends as the Southern railroad was to take care of theirs." Whereupon Hyatt said in a loud tone of voice and seemingly to attract attention, that I was trying to bribe him. I said it was a lie; that he did not understand or want to understand what I said. He attempted to strike me, but jumped out in the crowd and said I wanted to bribe him, to which I reiterated the "lie." His friends took him away and there was no further colloquy or controversy. I offered him no position nor promised to use my influence for him, in any manner, shape or form."

Senator Hyatt, when asked by a Press-Visitor reporter for his version of the affair, declined to make a statement at that time. He said he would have something to say at a later hour.

"Old Nick." A number of postal cards have been received by people in this city, advertising the merits of Old Nick Whiskey. The Biblical Recorder says it received one of these cards, telling where it could be purchased in Raleigh. One of the places was a grocery store. The Recorder says of this fact: "We are glad to learn that the headquarters of Old Nick have been found out at last. We are not surprised that he has the Yarrow House bar for an agency, but we cannot understand how in the world he came to select a grocery store."

Mr. T. C. Henley of New Randleman died from a mosquito bite says the Salisbury World.