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### THE TORRENS LAND TITLE SYSTEM BILL

Reported Without Prejudice From the Committee and Special For Wednesday

### MANY NEW BILLS

Bill by Harham Providing for Bond Issue for Good Roads in Johnston County, Also to Require the Atlantic Coast Line to Run Additional Trains—Salisbury Wants to Grow—Bill by Brogden to Extend the Corporate Limits—Cotten Bill Special Order Wednesday

Nearly all of the time of the three-hour session of the senate today was consumed in passing local bills and a large number passed their readings, relieving to a great extent the congested condition of the calendar.

A dozen or more bills were introduced, but all of them pertained to local enterprises. One by Senator Barber would require the Atlantic Coast Line to run additional trains.

Unfavorable reports were made on the bills to regulate carrying concealed weapons in Yancey county; prevent the detention of girls and women in houses of prostitution; require the Bible to be taught in the public schools and relative to the payment of costs by defendants convicted in Johnston county.

The house bill to abolish the office of treasurer of Watauga county failed to pass by a decisive majority and the bill to put Saluda wholly in the county of Polk passed third reading and was ordered enrolled.

### SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

President Newland convened the senate at 10 o'clock, prayer being offered by Rev. R. T. Vann, of Meredith College.

### New Bills Introduced.

Barnes (by request): Relative to transfer and assignment of note secured by mortgage deed.

Barber: Provide for bond issue by Johnston county for road improvement; also require the Atlantic Coast Line to run additional trains.

Pinnix: Authorize Booneville township, Yadkin county, to issue bonds for roads.

Boyd: Amend charter of Salisbury by extending corporate limits.

McDonald: Authorize Jonesboro to issue bonds for waterworks; also create school district out of Harnett and Lee counties; also authorize commissioners of Lee county to issue bonds to pay debts.

Hobgood: Relative to service of summons and dissolution of corporations and appointment of receivers; also incorporate Raleigh, Winston & Western Railway; also incorporate the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union (Inc.).

Kitchin: Relative to road building in Halifax county; also extend time for organization of Roanoke Rapids and Weldon Railway.

Bassett: Regulate employment of



Senator J. J. Burrows, of Michigan, one of the members of the finance committee who is strongly opposed to the Canadian reciprocity agreement recently passed by the lower house. A bitter contest is expected to develop before the bill will be reported from the committee.

police men by corporations; also relative to licensing civil engineers and surveyors.

### Miscellaneous.

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Senator Cotten's bill providing for the Torrens land title system in North Carolina was reported without prejudice by the committee on judiciary and made a special order for Wednesday at 2 o'clock.

Senator Hicks presented a petition from a Junior Order Council of Greenville county, asking that the Bible be read daily in the public schools.

The house sent in a message transmitting a dozen or more bills and they took the usual course of reference to committees.

The conference committee reported that it had agreed and the bill to prohibit throwing sawdust in the streams of Yadkin county was ordered enrolled for ratification.

### Bills Ratified.

Authorize Thomasville to issue bonds for extending waterworks.

Amend chapter 23 of private laws of 1891.

Relative to road law of Cumberland county.

Improve roads of Greenville township, Pitt county.

Prohibit throwing sawdust in streams of Yadkin county.

### Passed Second Reading.

Amend the charter of the city of Wilmington. (Committee substitute adopted.)

Amend charter of Black Mountain, Buncombe county.

Incorporate Bowden, Duplin county. Provide commission form of government for city of Winston.

Incorporate town of Locust, Stanly county.

Authorize trustees of Selma school district to issue bonds for a school building.

Authorize Cherryville to borrow money for public improvements.

Drain lowlands of Big Long Creek, Gaston county.

Amend the charter of Mt. Airy.

Amend the charter of Tarboro.

Authorize Tarboro to issue bonds to improve waterworks.

Authorize Highlands, Catawba county, to call election to vote special tax.

Authorize graded school trustees of Oxford to issue bonds for a school building.

Extend town limits of Marshville east 1-8 of one mile.

Authorize levy of special tax for Gaston county.

Authorize commissioners of Cabarrus to issue bonds.

Provide for bond issue at Elk Park, Mitchell county.

Provide for drainage of lands in Mecklenburg and protection of health.

Enlarge boundaries of special tax district in Robeson county and authorize.

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### INFORMAL RECEPTION FRAUD IS CHARGED A COMMISSION FORM

#### Fitting Close to 76th Anniversary at Wake Forest

Orations by Tucker and Moore Were of High Order—Greatest Crowd in History of College—Informal Reception in Society Hall Closed the Exercises—Many Members of the Legislature Present.

(By Staff Correspondent.)

Wake Forest, N. C., Feb. 18.—The orations and brilliant reception last night closed one of the greatest anniversary occasions in the history of Wake Forest College. The annual anniversary of the two literary societies is one great gathering of the sons of this college in what might be properly termed a love feast, or family reunion. The sons of Wake Forest, scattered all over this and other states, gather together once every year, at this occasion, to shake the hands and hear the familiar voices of old college mates. They gladly come and bring friends with them. It is also a welcome occasion for the students of the female colleges to get a breath of the air of freedom. Men who have been away from the college walls for years and who are filling their places in the daily walk of life, love to re-visit the old familiar haunts of college life and breathe the atmosphere of bygone college days. The exercises yesterday and last night were kept on the high standard set by such men as Governor William W. Kitchin, Congressman E. Y. Webb, Attorney General T. W. Bickett, Dr. Len. G. Broughton, Rev. A. C. Dixon, Thomas Dixon and a host of others who have gone out into the battle of life and who are reflecting honor upon their Alma Mater. The debate and oratorical contests are held in the Wingate Memorial Hall, where there so many a memory dwell to every Wake Forest man. Upon whose walls hang the portraits of Thos. E. Skinner, John Charles McNeill, Dr. Wingate, W. H. Heck, J. H. Mills and others of the great leaders in the building of the college, who strived together during the stormy days of college infancy and gave of their best life to the college they loved. Old Wingate Memorial Hall, so full of past memories that are held dear by every son, and every Baptist of North Carolina, here it is where the hearts of every Baptist beat to a common cause.

Beginning at eight o'clock, before a crowded hall, the orators and chief marshals took their seats upon the platform.

Mr. J. Powell Tucker, of Asheville, orator from the Euzelian society, was introduced by Mr. J. B. Copple, E. U. chief marshal, announcing as his subject, "America, as a World Power." Mr. Tucker, with a great deal of force and oratory handled his subject well. It showed a thorough preparation and mature thought, while the young man displayed natural gifts of oratory. He declared that American growth is only a story of the triumphant march of civilization. The nation has long been trying to solve the problems of the ages, beginning in the evolution of Americanism. He traced the growth of inventions, such as Edison's showing that America's principals are love and obedience to the system of law. An ideal government is no respecter of persons, it is only to serve the masses and not to dictate. It is a real brotherhood of man and upon such soil as this is constructed the very beginning of the American government, justice and reason administered to humanity, and unlike Greece and Rome, America worships the Son of Gallilee. The geographical situation of America demands universal recognition. Inspired by the love of Liberty, America is safe from the demon of war. Upon a world power rests world-wide responsibility. The prime mission of the American people is "Peace on earth good will toward men" and this, the people are following.

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#### Wholesale Abuses by Philippine Officers

Congressional Committee of Investigation Finds That the Whole Aggregation in the Philippines Have Been Guilty of Grave Abuses.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Feb. 18.—Nearly a year ago the house of representatives adopted a resolution ordering its committee on insular affairs to make an investigation of the leasing and sale of public lands in the Philippines. The committee has just completed a most exhaustive investigation and today the brief of Ralston, Siddons & Richardson, of Washington, attorneys for the anti-imperial league, which has prosecuted the inquiry, was filed. In it charges of wholesale violation of law are made against the following officials of the Philippine government, whose removal is demanded:

W. Cameron Forbes, governor-general.

Dean C. Worcester, secretary of the interior.

Captain Sleeper, director of public lands.

J. R. Wilson, assistant director of public lands.

The opening statement of the brief gives a definite idea of its details. It is this:

"We believe that the investigation has demonstrated the existence of serious abuses in connection with the public land in the Philippine Islands, abuses so great that, were the like to have taken place within the limits of the United States proper, these concerned in them would speedily be removed from office by impeachment or otherwise. We believe that the situation developed is of such a character as to call for the immediate interposition of congress."

### SETBACK FOR RECIPROcity.

Senate Committee Will Grant Hearings Monday and Tuesday.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Feb. 18.—Canadian reciprocity received a black eye at the hands of the senate finance committee today. The McCall bill, which passed the house on Tuesday, by the aid of democratic votes, was taken up in the committee today and considered. The result of the deliberations over the measure was that the committee decided to grant hearings on the bill on Monday and Tuesday next.

There have been many appeals to the committee for an opportunity to present argument in opposition to the measure. Hearings have not been asked for, with one or two exceptions, by those who advocate the measure, but the committee has plenty of letters, petitions and memorials, including many from state legislators, urging the passage of the bill. The opposition to reciprocity which asked to be heard, is chiefly the granges, and other farm organization and the lumber interests.

There is now no possibility of getting the measure into the senate before Wednesday and a report then if it were made, would go over until Thursday. That will leave only seven legislative days during which it might be considered along with many other important matters, and six or seven appropriation bills before the end of the session.

In view of the action of the committee today senators are more than ever inclined to believe that a vote cannot be reached and that an extra session is necessary if the president insists upon action upon the Canadian agreement before next December.

The only chance of getting the bill through at this session is an agreement on the part of obstructionists not to talk and filibuster against it. There is unquestionably a majority of the senate in favor of the proposition, if it can be brought to a vote, but it lies within the power of two or three loquacious and leather-lunged senators to defeat it by talk if they see fit to do so.

Pressure is being brought to bear to make them see that reciprocity is certain to pass in an extra session and that accompanying it, will be democratic revision of the tariff. This is the only thing that will force them to yield, but even that is extremely doubtful, and most senators look for an extra session.

### Plea For Immunity Bath.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 18.—Plea for an immunity bath for the twenty-eight defendants in the "bath tub trust" cases was filed before Judge Swan in the federal court today. Amory Long in his petition for dismissal of the cases declared that his clients were absolved from criminal action because they gave testimony under oath at Baltimore.

The petition does not include the sixteen companies indicted. Arguments will be heard January 28.

#### For Raleigh Is Asked by Board of Aldermen

City Fathers Decide to Ask Legislature to Allow People to Vote on Commission Form of Government—Also to Vote Whether the Old Market House Will Remain or Not—Busy Session.

The Board of Aldermen took two important actions last night—one for a vote on the question of remodeling the present market house or the erection of a new one just in the rear of the present market house; the other, to ask the legislature to pass a bill providing for a vote to be taken on a commission form of government for Raleigh.

Alderman Brown introduced the resolution for a commission form of government, and stated that quite a number of cities, eighty or more, throughout the country had found the plan to work so well, and also there seems to be a demand for it in Raleigh, that the Board of Aldermen should request the legislature, especially the members from Wake county, to enact a bill allowing the citizens of Raleigh to vote on a commission plan of government; and further, that the plan be made similar to the plan enacted for Greensboro, excepting that the provision in the present Raleigh charter relating to taxes be inserted in lieu of the taxing provisions in the Greensboro bill.

The resolution was put to a vote and it was practically unanimous, only Alderman Upchurch voting against it.

It was stated by Alderman Brown that a request be made by the members from Wake county to withdraw the bill amending the charter of the city of Raleigh, and it was said that this had already been done.

The commission plan was gone into and thoroughly explained. As for the commissions, there would be three, with salaries about the same as in the Greensboro plan. The salaries are \$2,600 to the commissioner of finance, and of public works. These commissioners are to have their necessary clerks, while the treasurer and the commissioner of the sinking fund remain.

Alderman Brown also offered the resolution to have the present market house remodelled, and to have a bill drawn before the legislature allowing the people to vote on the question. He declared that the necessary changes could be made to have a sanitary market for \$30,000 with an annual rental of \$9,000. He said within six or eight years the building could be made to pay for itself with a dividend thereafter of at least 6 per cent on \$100,000.

Alderman Johnson wanted another provision added to the bill, that of letting the people say whether they want a new market house erected on the site behind the present one. He believed that with the \$100,000 to be spent on the improvement of the old building, a suitable site could be secured for a new building. Upon a vote the amended resolution went through with only Alderman Upchurch voting against it.

President D. H. Hill, of A. & M. College, appeared before the board and wanted to exchange a strip of land across the Seaboard Air Line tracks and adjoining Pullen Park for a strip of land adjoining the college campus and belonging to Pullen

### POWERS WILL ISSUE WARNING TO RUSSIA

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Feb. 18.—It was learned at the state department today that France, Great Britain, Germany, and the United States, while awaiting an official statement from the Russian government concerning the Russo-Chinese embargo, is preparing to interchange notes looking to a settlement of the dispute.

Minister Rockhill, at St. Petersburg, and Minister Calhoun at Pekin, were directed today by the state department to make an independent investigation of the situation, but this does not mean that the United States will not act in concert with the others to prevent spoliation of China.

It is the general opinion in diplomatic circles here that the four powers mentioned will soon address a joint note to Russia warning her that they will not permit any subversion of Chinese territory.



Mrs. Nancy Hever, nee Miss Nancy Carnegie, a niece of Andrew Carnegie the steel king, whose romantic elopement with her mother's coachman, James Hever, has ended in a separation. Mrs. Hever, with her three children, is now with her mother in Pittsburg, while Mr. Hever is confined to his bed in an apartment in New York. Mr. Hever became acquainted with Miss Carnegie as trainer for her horse in New York. Later he went to Pittsburg, as coachman and groom for Miss Carnegie's mother, the widow of Thomas Carnegie, and it was a little more than a year after that the marriage was announced.

He said this strip adjoins the campus and would be of great value to the college.

W. C. Riddick also spoke on this proposition, explaining the matter in detail. The board declined to take any action in the matter.

The drivers of the fire wagons presented a petition asking for an increase in salary from \$12.50 to \$17.50 a week. They stated that they were on duty sixteen hours a day, while the patrolmen were on duty only twelve hours and had been given an increase. The matter was referred to the fire committee.

A petition was next presented by Alderman Cooper asking that a bill be endorsed which provided that the state drain the clay pits near the state prison, and also deepen Walnut creek, which was adopted.

An adjournment was taken until next Friday night.

### JAIL DELIVERY.

Beaufort County Jail Relieved of Eight Prisoners.

(Special to The Times.)

Washington, N. C., Feb. 18.—A wholesale jail delivery was effected at the city jail here Thursday night, sometime between twelve and two o'clock, when eight colored prisoners gained their liberty. Some of the prisoners managed to get possession of a small piece of wire and managed to pick the lock to one of the cells, and then climbed to the top of the cells and by means of an iron spoon picked a hole in the rear wall of the jail, thus making good their escape. The escape was not discovered until four o'clock when one of the jailers entered the dungeons. He immediately gave the alarm and a search for the prisoners was begun but so far but one of the missing men has been located and he returned voluntarily and surrendered. Sheriff Ricks has offered reward for the capture of the prisoners and is doing everything in his power to affect their capture. The men who escaped were Sam Statney, Jos. Washington, Chaud Clark, David Dixon, Frank Tart, Garfield Tart, and John Gerham, all negroes and all but one had been tried and sentenced.

### ANOTHER APPEAL FOR AID.

Red Cross Society Issues Additional Appeal for Famine Sufferers.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The American Red Cross Society issued another appeal for aid for the Chinese famine sufferers today. The transport Miford sails from Seattle February 25, and supplies are not coming in as rapidly as desired. Agents of the Red Cross in China reported today that the plague is now within 150 miles of the famine district in the province of Shantung. Should the epidemic reach the famine-stricken section the mortality will be appalling, it is stated, and there is a possibility that the plague could then be carried to the Philippines and thence to the United States.

"Wasn't the orchestra too loud for the voices, aunt?"

"No; I heard you distinctly all through the opera."—Life.

### THE REVENUE BILL SPECIAL FOR MONDAY

On Motion of Mr. Doughton the Revenue Bill Is Made Special Order for Monday

### HOUSE HAS BUSY DAY

The House Cleared Up a Mass of Business Today, Putting Many Bills Upon Their Final Passage. Special Investigating Committee Appointed—New Bills Mostly of a Local Nature—Many Bills Reported From Committees With Favorable Report—Wilmington Recorder's Courts

The house was convened by Speaker Dowd at 10 o'clock, prayer being offered by Representative Williams, of Swain county.

### Petitions.

Coxe of Anson: In reference to school for colored youth of state.

Parham: From Davidson county farmers' union for farm schools.

Nunn: From retail merchants association of New Bern to amend law of 1909 relating to sale of meal and flour.

### Favorable Committee Reports

(except as otherwise noted).

To provide for working roads in Rich Square township.

To amend the charter of Littleton.

To amend the charter of Windsor.

To allow Bryson City to establish survey system, electric light plant and improve streets.

To allow Tarboro to issue street paving bonds.

To change the boundary lines between Durham and Wake counties.

To amend the charter of Clinton.

To amend the charter of Clayton.

To protect fish in Dawson creek, Pamlico.

To repeal the fish trap and net law for Nash county (substitute).

To amend the law relative to fishing on Cape Fear river.

To establish a fisheries commission for North Carolina (substitute).

To amend the revival for the protection of railway employes and the traveling public.

To amend the law relating to deeds and conveyances.

To amend the law relative to tug boats, gas and power boats (unfavorable).

To repeal the law of 1909 regarding corporations.

To allow county commissioners to appoint cotton weighers (substitute).

To incorporate the Chimney Rock and Hickory Mountain Gap Turnpike Company.

To allow Person county to issue good roads bonds.

To allow Orange county to issue good roads bonds.

To improve roads in Jackson county.

To improve the roads of Wake county.

To improve the roads of Mt. Airy

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### TOM WATSON'S LIFE THREATENED

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Thompson, Ga., Feb. 18.—Armed men are on guard at the home of Thomas Watson, statesman and author, to protect him from assassination. A large posse is also searching the surrounding country to capture the men who Mr. Watson says, are seeking his life. Mr. Watson says that three or four men have been lurking about his home for several days. He has offered a reward of \$500 for the apprehension of the guilty persons. The author is firmly convinced that his life is in danger, a belief that the Thompson officials also hold. The watch around the home will be continued.

### Farmers' Union Meeting.

There will be a called meeting of the Wake county farmers' union in the rooms of the chamber of commerce Tuesday, February 21, at 10:30 o'clock. All local business agents are requested to be present.

### PASQUOTANK FARMER LOST FROM HOME

(Special to The Times.)

Elizabeth City, Feb. 18.—The disappearance of E. H. Gibbs, a prominent farmer residing about two miles from the city is most mysterious and his friends are confident that he has met with foul play. He left home yesterday morning about four o'clock to come here with a load of barrels. His horse and cart was found at sunrise unharmed on Diamond corner.

His failure to return home at noon caused his wife to come to town to search for him as he had expected to plant potatoes and had a number of hands employed. Friends searched for him all day yesterday but no trace of him could be found.

The alarm was turned in last night and searching parties were organized. At nine o'clock today no trace of him has been found.

Mr. Gibbs is a prosperous farmer and a very steady man and there is no cause of so strange a disappearance of his own accord.