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#### SENATE.

**Monday, Jan. 3.** Mr. Carson presented a bill, to amend the charter of the Louisville, Cincinnati and Charleston Rail Road Company, which was read the first and second times and passed, and on his motion ordered to lie on the table. The Senate proceeded to consider the bill, entitled a bill making an appropriation for carrying on, and completing the Capitol of the State, which was read the third time, thereupon, on motion of Mr. J. W. Bryan, ordered to lie on the table.

The Senate then proceeded to vote for Judge. For Thomas P. Devereux, 13; for Richmond M. Pearson, 29; for John L. Bailey, 1; for David L. Swain, 2; for J. D. Toomer, 1; for James T. Morehead, 1. Mr. Mebane from the Committee appointed to superintend the vote for Judge of the Superior Court of Law and Equity for the 7th Judicial Circuit, reported that Richmond M. Pearson, having received a majority of the whole number of votes given, is duly elected. Received from the House of Commons a message, stating that Messrs. Rand and Howard, compose their branch of the Committee to superintend the election of Solicitor for the 7th Judicial Circuit, and that the Commons would proceed to vote on the return of the messenger, whereupon the Speaker announced that Messrs. McCormick and Barnett are appointed a Committee on the part of the Senate to superintend the vote for Solicitor, and the Senate proceeded to vote as follows, viz:

For James W. Guinn, 29; for Burgess S. Gaither, (not in nomination) 20. Mr. McCormick from the committee appointed to superintend the election, reported that James W. Guinn, having received a majority of the whole number of votes given in, is duly elected.

Mr. Edwards moved that the resolutions relative to the existing tariff law, heretofore introduced by him, be taken up for consideration, and that the Senate resolve itself into a committee of the whole, which proposition did not prevail; whereupon Mr. Hall moved that the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of the subject; the question recurring thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, and the committee was discharged accordingly; Mr. Hargrave then moved that the whole subject be laid on the table, which was agreed to. Received from the House of Commons a message stating that Messrs. Henry and Kenan are the Committee on the part of the Commons to superintend the vote for Councillors, and that they will vote on the return of the messenger, whereupon the Speaker announced to the Senate that Messrs. Fox and Hargrave, are appointed the committee to superintend said election, the Senate then proceeded to vote as follows, viz:

For Archibald M'Dearmid, 18; for F. L. Dancy, 26; for Charles E. Johnston, 24; for Alfred Jenks, 25; for William S. Ashe, 3.

#### COMMONS.

The House proceeded to the election of Solicitor for the 7th Judicial circuit, when there appeared for James W. Guinn, 95; John G. Bryan, 4; Burgess S. Gaither, 7; John S. Guthrie,

Mr. Read, from the committee of superintendence, reported that James W. Guinn had received a majority of the whole number of votes and was elected.—The house proceeded to vote for Councillors of State, when the votes stood as follows—For Charles E. Johnston, 57; Alfred Jones, 53; Francis L. Dancy, 54; Archibald M'Dearmid, 37; William S. Ashe, (withdrawn) 17. Mr. Kenan, from the committee of superintendence, reported that Charles E. Johnston and Thomas L. Dancy were elected.

The bill to incorporate the mutual insurance company of Fayetteville, was read the second and third times, passed, and ordered to be engrossed.

#### SENATE.

**Wednesday, Jan. 4.**—On motion of Mr. J. W. Bryan, ordered that a message be sent to the House of Commons, proposing to postpone the election of Judge to Friday next, at 12 o'clock. Mr. Fox, from the committee appointed on the part of the Senate to superintend the election of two councillors, reported that Francis L. Dancy and Charles E. Johnston are elected. Received from the House of Commons a message, proposing that the two Houses adjourn sine die, on the 14th inst.; agreed to. The bill making appropriations for completing the capitol, was after sundry amendments proposed by Messrs. Polk and Edwards, passed and ordered to be engrossed.

#### COMMONS.

The bill to erect a new county by the name of Madison was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Coor, postponed indefinitely, 57 to 45.

A message from the Senate informing they had passed the engrossed bill to amend the charter of the Cape Fear, Yadkin and Pedee Rail Road Company, with sundry amendments; agreed to. A message from the Senate proposing to go into an election for

Secretary of State, was laid on the table. The bill prescribing the manner in which the public printing shall in future be regulated, was read the third time, passed and ordered to be engrossed.

#### SENATE.

**Thursday, Jan. 5.**—Mr. Mebane presented the following preamble and resolutions, to wit:

Whereas, the Senate has learnt, with deep regret, the death of George W. Montgomery, Senator from the county of Hertford;

Be it therefore Resolved, That a message be sent to the House of Commons, informing that body of the melancholy event, asking them to unite with the Senate in paying the last honors to the deceased, and in raising a joint select committee of four from each House, whose duty it shall be to superintend the funeral ceremonies.

Resolved, That in testimony of the high respect, which this body entertain for the virtues of the deceased, they will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Which was unanimously adopted.

Whereupon the Speaker announced that Messrs. Mebane, J. W. Bryan, Spruill and Hargrave formed said committee on the part of the Senate. Received from the House of Commons a message, informing the Senate that they unanimously concur in the adoption of the resolutions, transmitted this morning from the Senate, and also informing the Senate that Messrs. Gales, Rayner, Stallings and Hoskins, form their branch of the committee, whereupon on motion of Mr. J. W. Bryan, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

#### COMMONS.

Received from the Senate a message, informing that they had unanimously adopted the following resolutions, (see proceedings in Senate) and asking the concurrence of this House. The resolutions were unanimously adopted, and Messrs. Gales, Rayner, Stallings and Hoskins, appointed the committee on behalf of the Commons. The House then adjourned until to-morrow.

#### SENATE.

**Friday, Jan. 6.**—Mr. Joyner presented a bill entitled a bill to increase the capital stock of the Halifax and Weldon Rail Road Company, which passed its third reading and ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Taylor introduced a resolution concerning the act of Congress commonly called the compromise act, declaring that it ought to be observed; on motion of Mr. Marsteller, laid on the table.

The Senate proceeded to vote for Solicitor of the 6th Judicial Circuit, when it appeared that Thomas Wilson received 19 votes, James R. Dodge 27. Mr. Kerr, from the committee of superintendence reported that James R. Dodge had received a majority of all the votes and is elected.

The House proceeded to the election of Judge, when it appeared that Thomas P. Devereux had 9 votes, James T. Morehead 13, Edward Hall 7, John L. Baily 1. Mr. Masely, from the committee of superintendence, reported that no election had taken place. On a second voting, Mr. Hall received 19; Mr. Devereux 12, and Mr. Morehead 14;—no person elected. On motion of Mr. Carson, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill to confer banking privileges on the stockholders of the Louisville, Cincinnati and Charleston Rail Road Company, which was decided in the negative, ayes 22, noes 24.

#### COMMONS.

On the election of Solicitor for the 6th Judicial Circuit, James R. Dodge received 53 votes, Thomas Wilson 55, and 1 scattering; James R. Dodge was declared elected. On the election of Judge, Thomas P. Devereux received 12, John D. Toomer 30, James T. Morehead 21, Robert R. Heath 35, Edward Hall 15. No election. On the next voting the name of Thomas P. Devereux was withdrawn: The votes were for Robert Heath 41, John D. Toomer 40, James T. Morehead 27, Edward Hall 2. No election. Mr. Adams presented a bill to incorporate the town of Greensborough in Guilford county; read first time and passed.

#### SENATE.

**Saturday, Jan. 7.**—The Speaker presented the resignation of the Hon. John R. Donnell, as Judge of the Superior Court of Law and Equity, which was read and accepted.

Received from the House of Commons a message stating that they had passed the engrossed resolution concerning the office of Public Treasurer, and asking the concurrence of the Senate; read and ordered to be enrolled. A bill presented by Mr. Edwards, to provide for the investment and safe keeping of the money to be deposited with the State under the act of Congress to regulate the deposits of the public money, was made the order of the day for Tuesday.

After two unsuccessful votings, the Senate proceeded to the election of a Judge, when the following was the result: Heath 23, Toomer 23. Mr. Moye, from the committee of superintendence, reported that J. D. Toomer is elected. Mr. Burney moved to reconsider the vote of yesterday, by which a bill conferring banking privileges on the stockholders of the Louisville, Cincinnati and Charleston Rail Road, was rejected; the question thereon was

decided in the affirmative, yeas 24, nays 21. The bill was made the order of the day for Monday next.

#### COMMONS.

On motion of Mr. Gilliam the committee on education were instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a system of free schools throughout the State.

The House proceeded to vote for Judge, as follows, Toomer 57, Heath 49.

Mr. J. F. Lee, from the committee of superintendence, reported that John D. Toomer had received a majority of all the votes, and was elected. Mr. Byrd introduced a bill for the distribution of the surplus revenue and literary fund among the several counties of the State, and for other purposes; read first time and passed. The evening session was occupied as usual, with the revised statutes.

#### SENATE.

**Monday, Jan. 9.**—On motion of Mr. Polk, proceeded to consider the bill to amend the charter of the Louisville, Cincinnati and Charleston rail road company, was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be engrossed. Mr. Joyner from the committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Roanoke Valley rail road company, reported the same bill and recommended its rejection, in which report the Senate concurred. The Senate then proceeded to the election of a Judge, as follows: For Wright C. Stanley 6, for John L. Bailey 22, for Robert Heath 20. No election. The Senate then proceeded to consider the order of the day, (viz) a bill to confer banking privileges on the stockholders of the Louisville, Charleston and Cincinnati rail road company, on certain terms and conditions, after the committee had spent some time therein, on motion of Mr. Mosely, the committee rose, reported the bill and amendments to the Senate, and was discharged from its further consideration; the bill was then put upon its third reading; those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs. Albright, Baker, Barnett, Bryan of Carteret and Jones, Burney, Carson, Davidson, Dobson, Dockery, Gudgey, Hargrave, Joyner, Jones, Melcher, Mosely, Morehead, Moore, McCormick, Myers, Polk, Reding, Reinhardt, Sanders, Skinner, Spruill—25 ayes.

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs. Arrington, Bryan of Craven, Bunting, Cowper of Gates and Chowan, Cooper of Martin, Edwards, Exum, Fox, Hall, Hawkins, Houlder, Hussey, Kerr, Kelly, Lindsay, Marsteller, Mebane, Moye, Reid, Taylor, Williams and Whitaker—22 nays. Whereupon said bill was ordered to be engrossed.

#### COMMONS.

Messrs. Rand, Stallings, W. B. Lane and Farrow were appointed the committee on revised bills. A message from the Senate proposing to go into an election for Judge, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of John R. Donnell. The House proceeded to the election, when Robert Heath received 40 votes, John L. Bailey 47; Wright C. Stanley 18. No election. The House proceeded, on motion of Mr. Graham, to take up in committee of the whole, the bill reported by the committee on the surplus revenue, &c. underwent discussion in committee, when they rose, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

**"A Turn Out."**—The prisoners, male and female, at the Maryland Penitentiary, refused to go to work this morning, stating that, as yesterday was Sabbath, as well as Christmas, they would have today as holy day in lieu thereof. The keeper promptly informed them that this would not be granted; and after arming a number of the citizens, and placing them on the walls, they were ordered to their cells, where they returned peaceably, to spend the day in fasting.—*Balt. Pat.*

**Ducks.**—It is not generally known, that, unlike other birds, the duck discriminates its food not by sight or by smell, but by the touch of the tongue.

**Great Fire in New York.**—December 16 was the first anniversary of the great fire in New York, and with the exception of the Exchange and one or two more edifices, is entirely rebuilt.

**A New Year's Present.**—Dr. Austin from the Conrad Hill, presented us on New Years with several fine specimens of Gold Ore from that Mine. These, with the description he gives of the late developments, has given us a confirmation of what heretofore has been said by this paper of the Davidson Mines; to wit, that they are decidedly the best in North Carolina. The specimens can be seen at our office.—*Salisbury Watchman.*

**From Havana.**—About 2500 troops have been sent from Havana and neighborhood, by land, to St. Jago de Cuba. The Governor of the latter place having prematurely proclaimed the Constitution of 1812, (conceiving himself authorized to do so from the fact of its having been done at Madrid, on the restoration of the Cortez) the Governor general of the Island ordered a revocation of the proclamation, which being refused, he has taken these measures to enforce obedience.

From the National Intelligencer.

#### THE NAVY YARD.

The Navy Yard of the city of Washington was organized and established under an act of Congress, approved 27th March, 1804, during the Administration of Thomas Jefferson, with whom it was a favorite object of patronage. It contains within its limits about 28 acres, and is enclosed on three sides by a high and strong brick wall; the other side fronts on the Eastern Branch, or Anacostia river. Its entrance is by an arched gateway on the north, designed by the late Benj. H. Latrobe. Inside of the yard are contained all the necessary buildings, machinery, and other apparatus for constructing vessels of every description, erected agreeably to the most approved principles and modern improvements, with suitable buildings for accommodating the officers. It includes an armory, a rigging loft, a laboratory for preparing ordnance stores, an iron foundry, a brass and composition foundry, a chainable and camboose shop, an anchor shop, smithery and plumber's shop, a blockmaker's shop, a saw-mill, and a steam engine of sixty-horse power to drive the various machinery, two timber sheds, an arched columns, a joiner's shop and mould loft, two ship-houses, with ways, &c. for building and launching vessels of any size.—There is also in the yard a fresh water dock for seasoning timber &c. There were built at this yard the ships of war Wasp and Argus, the brig Viper, the frigate Essex, the Columbus, of 74 guns, the frigates Potomac and Brandywine, each of 44 guns, the schooners Shark and Grampus, the sloop of war St. Louis, of 24 guns, and the frigate Columbia, of 44 guns.

The Navy Yard of this place can, in the great extent and completeness of its arrangements, vie with any establishment of the kind in the United States for the construction and repair of vessels, for its anchors, chain-cables, cambooses, water-tanks, blocks, &c. In many respects, it surpasses almost every other Yard in the Union. Why, then, is this Yard suffered to fall into decay for want of national encouragement, and suffer so many honest, ingenious, and industrious mechanics to be reduced to beggary and want because the Government has failed to fulfil the just expectations of those who have vested their little all in houses and lots to meet the wants of those employed on the public works?

There is no place in the Union better suited for a NAVAL SCHOOL than the Navy Yard located in this city—a school of the utmost importance to the country; and a NAVAL HOSPITAL, where the brave, generous, but thoughtless tar, may find a shelter in the winter of age.

It is very probable that it will not be long ere the whole system of naval warfare will be changed.—The ingenious Mr. R. L. Stevens, of Hobeoken, has invented a shot which is hollow, and is filled with some kind of fulminating powder, which is ignited by the compression of air when it strikes the sides of a vessel, and on its explosion, as has been proved by experiment, will tear all to atoms! This system, when perfected, will supersede the use of first-rate men-of-war; for two shots from a sloop of war, would as easily destroy a 100 gun ship as a gun boat. Sloops of war would, therefore, be the class of vessels most required; and our waters are sufficiently deep for this purpose.

Let the government beware how it suffers such an establishment as the Navy Yard to fall into decay; for it may be wanted when it is not to be found.

W. E.

**Trial of the Whites.**—From the testimony of two witnesses in the trial of the Whites for the burning of the Treasury Department, it appears they are pretty desperate characters. These witnesses are associates in crime, and detail conversations and confessions of the prisoners, who said they were offered a large sum to destroy the Department, who feared the disclosure of great frauds—and that, being a good deal of a chemist, he could very easily, and in many ways, produce combustion. He further declared (alluding to this attempt) that he had a number of agents at his command, some of whom would be ready to commit murder, at his direction, and for a very small compensation. I think he said fifteen dollars was the price of a man's life. It is sworn that he laid out his plan which was to go to Washington, to take a house and wife, and to live like a gentleman, as he alleged that many persons were in the practice of going to Washington, and setting up for gentlemen, and being introduced into genteel society, without any questions being asked. The witness (Hicks) swears to another conversation after the burning had been perpetrated, in which White admits that he had accomplished the act, but had made nothing beyond his expenses by it; that he had entered by means of false keys, and set fire to the papers. Other witnesses, although they do not, so far as I heard, confirm that positive testimony as to the admission of the act, testify to circumstances which show that White is a very desperate character, and leagued with a dangerous set of men, and that nothing but the lack of sufficient inducement of a pecuniary nature would be a security against their committing the most audacious crimes.—*N. Y. Star.*

Idleness is the nurse of love!