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The Legislature.

The Legislature of North Carolina met Wednesday, January the 9th. The Senate, having been called to order by Lt. Governor Steadman, organized by electing the following officers: R. M. Furman, of Asheville, Principal Clerk; D. B. Nicholson, of Clinton, Reading Clerk; Mike Bradshaw, of Asheboro, Engrossing Clerk; W. U. Clifton, Principal Door-keeper, and A. M. Noble, Assistant Door-keeper.

The House was called to order by Mr. Geo. Bulla, who was Chief Clerk of the last House of Representatives. The House was then organized by electing Hon. Augustus Leazer, of Iredell, Speaker. The following gentlemen were elected to fill the other offices of the House: T. B. Womack, of Chatham, Chief Clerk; W. T. Crawford, Engrossing Clerk; H. A. Latham, Reading Clerk; D. R. Julian, Principal Door-keeper.

The points of interest in the work of the Legislature are for convenience thus briefly enumerated: Election of a United States Senator to succeed Senator Ransom; creation of a railway commission; election of one-third of the magistrates in the State; the completion or other disposal of the Governor's mansion; the settlement of the rate of taxation for 1889-'90, the increase of pensions to disabled soldiers; the repeal of the merchant's purchase tax law; the extension of the insane asylum at Raleigh; the establishment of a permanent camp-ground for the State Guard; the increase of the salaries of judges of the Superior Court; the abolition of free passes on railways, &c.; the disposal of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad; the increase of the jurisdiction of magistrates; amendment of the road laws.

On Wednesday there was no business of importance transacted outside of the organization of both houses.

Senate.

THURSDAY.

Bills and Resolutions.

Resolution in regard to the inauguration of Governor Fowle.

Then taken from the calendar and adopted. This resolution provides for a committee of three from the Senate and five from the House empowered to make all necessary arrangements for Gov. Fowle's inauguration and to expend \$500, and instructs the Treasurer to pay the warrants of this joint committee.

Bill entitled an act to reduce the legal rate of interest. Referred to the committee on finance.

Mr. Payne called up from the calendar a resolution introduced yesterday by him relating to contested seats.

This resolution provides that the committee on privileges and elections shall report all cases before it at the earliest practicable moment; that the reports from the committee shall be disposed of at once, having precedence over all other matters; that the unsuccessful contestant shall not receive mileage and per diem; Provided, that a sitting member under proper certificate of election shall receive mileage and per diem for the period served by him.

FRIDAY.

Bills and Resolutions.

Petitions from citizens of Iredell county, requesting the repeal of the merchant's purchase tax.

Joint resolution requesting our Senators and members of Congress to use their best efforts for the immediate and total abolition of the internal revenue taxes. Made special order for the morning hour tomorrow.

SATURDAY.

Bills and Resolutions.

Bill regulating the sale of corn in North Carolina. Referred to committee on agriculture, mechanics and mining.

Resolution of instruction to our members in Congress to use all means within their power to prevent trusts and combinations upon the necessities of life. Placed on the calendar.

The resolution of instruction of our members in Congress relative to the internal revenue was taken up and the following was offered as a substitute for the resolutions and amendments pending a resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, The present system of tariff is unjust, unfair and burdensome to the people of North Carolina and

has proven a heavy embargo laid upon labor and industry; and whereas this system has been declared by the supreme court of the United States to be robbery under the forms of law; and Whereas, It has been clearly demonstrated that the present tariff supports and fosters monopolies, trusts and combines; and Whereas, The present system of internal revenue laws is oppressive, inequitable and contrary to the spirit and genius of our institutions, therefore

Resolved, By the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that our Senators in Congress be instructed and our Representatives be requested to secure such a sound, healthy and substantial reduction of the tariff as will make the taxation upon articles that are intended to be consumed as luxuries higher than the necessities of life and those materials, implements and machinery which are consumed or used in agriculture and manufacturing.

2. That our Senators be instructed and our Representatives in Congress be requested to secure (as far as the same may be in accord with said tariff reduction) an early repeal of the entire internal revenue system and all taxation thereon.

The above was amended by striking out the words in brackets.

In the debate that ensued upon the resolution and substitute Mr. Payne said that as the Republicans seemed to be seeking some political advantage and wished to put the Democrats on record, they would go on record and make a plain enunciation of their views on this question. That they favored having those articles in common use and necessary to the people taxed as little as possible and higher taxes laid on luxuries. To the suggestion that Cleveland had gone to the country on that issue and the people were against him, Mr. Payne triumphantly pointed to the large popular majority given to Cleveland at the polls, and showed that by the peculiar system of the electoral college, while the majority of the electoral votes were against Cleveland, the people were with him and that the Democratic policy was vindicated.

Mr. Payne's substitute, after a lengthy discussion, was adopted, but upon its second reading as an original bill and passed, and under a suspension of the rules, put on its third reading and passed by the following vote: 34 to 13.

House.

THURSDAY.

Bills.

To prevent the spreading of disease among cattle.

In relation to recognizing the sovereignty of God.

In relation to the qualification of voters. Calendar.

In relation to an appropriation for a colored orphan asylum. Committee on finance.

In relation to roads and highways. Calendar.

In relation to the encouragement of sheep husbandry, to committees on agriculture.

The Governor's Message was then read and sent to the Senate.

Most of the session was taken up by the reading of the Governor's Message.

FRIDAY.

Bills.

To prohibit the hiring out of convicts, to calendar.

In relation to carrying concealed weapons, to judiciary.

Releasing the grand juries of the State from certain duties, referred to judiciary committee.

House bill No. 6, relating to the sovereignty of God, was taken up and referred to the committee on education.

SATURDAY.

There was but little business transacted in the House, save the appointment of committees, and bills previously introduced taken up and referred to their respective committees.

NOTE.—In each issue during the present session of our General Assembly we propose to give a sketch of the proceedings of our legislature during the preceding week. In the selection of this matter we will only give that which is of most importance and of general interest to our citizens.

There is a bug exodus of negroes from Alabama. Instead of going North, they prefer Louisiana, Texas and California. About 150 negro delegates met the other day at Montgomery to discuss the situation and the means to bring about a better condition of their race. Relative to emigration a dispatch says:

"The sentiment of the convention is decidedly against the emigration and colonization movement. The speakers expressed themselves as satisfied with this country, and say the race is determined to stay here with the white people, if they are allowed to do so, and promise to do all in their power to live in peace with all, endeavoring to educate their children and accumulate property."

WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 14th, 1889.—So this great building and this army of clerks are the adjuncts of your pension system. Your last war closed, I believe, nearly a quarter of a century ago. Thus spoke to me a surprised German Army surgeon, a delegate to the inter-national medical convention last year. What would my Teuonic friend say had he heard Representative Dockery tell the House last week that the attorney's fees in increase cases alone, at \$10 per case, amounted to nearly \$400,000 last year. Our pension system is the most gigantic in the world. Fifteen hundred clerks work year in and year out in the pension bureau adjudicating claims, and the number of cases only increases. East, west, north, south, travel two hundred and fifty special examiners investigating the more complicated of these claims. In the offices of the Adjutant General and Surgeon General twelve hundred clerks fill in the years searching official records of service. In the Second Auditors' office over a hundred clerks are employed in pension matters. At the agencies another hundred make payments.

Nearly three thousand people are thus exclusively employed by the government, at an expense, say of \$400,000 per year, in salaries alone. Enormous buildings are devoted to the business, hundreds of tons of paper are consumed and thousands of gallons of ink shed in the cause. In the Pension office proper work accumulates faster than it can be disposed of and Congress refuses the necessary number of clerks to adjudicate the claims within a reasonable time. And yet the last war closed a quarter of a century ago.

The uninitiated reader must remember, however, that our pension system has been of slow growth, for although a general pension law was enacted in 1792, it was not until after the civil war that anything like a practice was established, and even then the practice had to undergo a thousand changes of detail. Today the laws and practice of the Bureau, the decision of the Secretary and the commissioner, make quite a respectable volume. There are a hundred grave decisions on "line of duty," as many more as to rights of attorneys, an avalanche of decisions on minor points and a wilderness of rulings under these decisions. And lastly there is an amazing list of rates allowed, from the \$2 per month allowed for the loss of a portion of a little finger to the \$75 per month given for the loss of both eyes, both legs or both arms. There are fixed rates for every thing but diseases. The rates for diseases are fixed by guessing.

And here enters the first objectionable feature of the system. All over this country are resident examining surgeons, who devote a part of one day of each week to the physical examination of claimants. There are about a thousand of these people, and this branch of the service costs about \$800,000. In disease cases their decision generally fixes the rate allowed. Of course the doctors are not all unprejudiced, and those who are not all capable. A very large minority may be found either at one extreme or the other, the extreme of generosity or the extreme of distrust toward claimants. Very often a particularly grasping board of surgeons will rate every claim at high in order to swell the amount of their own fees, as the claimants soon learn in any district where the "casualty" board lies and ask to be sent there.

Politics some times bears a hand in fixing the rate allowed. I once saw going out of an examining surgeon's office a heavy, bluff, county commissioner and local politician, followed slowly by a ragged, painfully crippled, prematurely old man. I was not much surprised to learn a few months afterward that the commissioner had been allowed \$18 per month for some mysterious facial neuralgia, and the cripple had been increased to \$4 per month for his open and discharging wound of hip. And my surprise was no greater when the surgeon was nominated for the State Senate, on a close vote by the efforts of the aforesaid neuralgic politician.

The office of a capable examining surgeon is a good place to diagnose moral as well as physical natures. There comes the alleged nearly deaf man, the Doctor examines him. He begins by yelling at him, and the claimant can hardly hear him. Gradually he gets him excited and finally is taking to him in a whisper, and the claimant hears perfectly. Then the physician suddenly renews his former yelling, the discomfited countenance of the claimant shows that he has been stammering.

IN GENERAL.

Receipts of cotton at all of the ports since September 1st, 9,983,891 bales.

The Marine Hospital Bureau announces that travel may be resumed through the State of Florida.

The third official trial of the dynamite cruiser, Vesuvius, was made last week, when a speed of 21.64 knots an hour was attained, an excess of 1.64 knots over the speed required by the contract.

The State Democratic Committee of Virginia has decided that there is no necessity for an extra session of the Legislature.

Secretary Bayard will practice law at Wilmington, Delaware, as soon as his term of office expires.

The Boston Stock Exchange will erect a ten story building at Kilby and State streets for its own use and to rent for offices.

Mrs. W. R. Palmer was burned to death in the presence of her six little children, at Waterloo, Iowa, by her clothes catching fire from the stove.

Sullivan says he will go to any part of the world to sign articles to fight Kilrain if the latter's friends are afraid to sign in New York.

Nathaniel Blanchard, a respectable farmer residing near Arburn, N. Y., hung himself in his barn while temporarily insane.

The search for the victims of the deadly cyclon in Reading, Pa., has been completed, and shows that the dead number eighteen, in Pittsburg the victims number about 20.

The winter in Maine is of unprecedented mild character; not a pound of ice has been harvested, the rivers are all open, and the lumber men are in a sorry condition.

Dun & Co., in their review of the business situation, report that the feeling of confidence in the future is still unshaken; business failures during the past week number 351, against 327 for the previous week.

Three naval vessels will be ready for sea in about a week, but Secretary Whitney refuses to say when they will be sent; one of them will probably go to the islands, where trouble may arise at any time.

A messenger delivered to Michael McHugh, of Brooklyn, a box with a sliding lid, upon was a anonymous note. This excited suspicion and he refused to open it. A friend volunteered and worked very cautiously. It proved to be an infernal machine with sufficient charge to have killed any person opening it unawares.

State and General News.

The crop of upland rice has been marketed. The grade is not good and the crop is rather short.

It may be safely said that the Legislature will make no change in the present system of county government.

M. L. Holmes, one of the oldest citizens of Salisbury, died very suddenly Tuesday of paralysis of the heart.

Governor Fowle will open the fish, oyster, and game fair at Newberne. Senator Vance will spend one day there.

The cotton-gin house of Mr. John T. Alldridge, near Kinston, has been destroyed by fire. Loss, \$1,500; insurance, \$800.

The jail at Morrisville, Pitt co., caught fire under the floor of the cells, and the floor had to be cut into in order to extinguish the flames. It required three hours' hard work to save the jail. The jail is new and is considerably damaged.

Thomas S. Edge was shot and instantly killed at his store, in Yancey county, by John Wilson in a dispute which arose over the division of some whiskey.

There are now 2,800 members of the Farmers' Alliance in Wake county alone. The 1454 alliances in the State have an average membership of fifty, it is believed.

Rev. Dr. A. W. Mangum, of the State University, who was paralyzed last month at Newberne, is reported to be in such a condition as to alarm his friends.

The contract for dredging the Cape Fear river below Wilmington has been awarded to the Atlas Dredging Company, of Wilmington, Del. Work begins February 11th.

A two-year old daughter of Wm. Fawcett, of Orange county, was drowned recently. As she and her sister, four years old, were crossing a bridge over Little river they both fell into the stream. The older girl managed to get out, but the younger one was swept down stream.

The recent riotous demonstration at Sanford has resulted in the formation of a military company, and application has been made for permission to organize. It is hardly probable, unless the Legislature amends the law so that more than twenty-five companies can receive State aid, and that any new companies will be accepted this year.

Fuller accounts of the accident at Clinton last week caused by the explosion at John Ashford's hoop manufactory state that Jas. Ashford and a negro freeman were killed outright, that Pender Ashford and John Ashford were mortally wounded and that H. H. Britt was seriously injured by steam and may die.

Rev. W. L. Grissom, the Methodist minister who was twice assaulted, cruelly and cowardly in Concord, has removed to his new charge in Mocksville. These assaults made upon Rev. Mr. Grissom are condemned by the entire community in Concord. It is said the charges made against him were by designing parties, and altogether without foundation.

Gov. Seales has assented to an exchange of courts between Judges Gilmer and Merriman, of the Superior Court. By this Judge Gilmer will hold the April term of Cumberland and Brunswick, and the May term of Columbus and Robeson, and June term of Richmond. Judge Merriman will hold the spring terms of Macon, Transylvania, Haywood, Clay, Cherokee, Graham, and Swain courts.

Some of the papers are making a great howl for the sale of the Governor's mansion. It cost the State only \$20,000. The money was secured by the sale of State lots in this city for the express purpose, and the Raleigh people who bought them paid fancy prices so that the erection of the mansion might be assured.

Notice.

Having this day qualified as Executor of the estate of J. K. Barnett, deceased, I hereby notify all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make immediate settlement, and all persons holding claims against the deceased to present them to the undersigned for payment on or before the 15th day of December, 1889, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

This the 10th day of December, 1888.

S. J. & A. M. BARNETT, Executors
Jas M. Barnett.

Notice.

By virtue of powers contained in a deed of trust executed to me as trustee in a deed of trust made by John F. Woody and wife to me as trustee for Travers, Sneed & Co., I will on the 15th day of January 1889 sell at public auction to the highest bidder in front of the court house door in Roxboro the interest of said John F. Woody in his father's (the late Jas. H. Woody) tract of land at Bethel Hill, Person county, N. C. Also a certain mill built on land at Bethel Hill. Also one horse named "Billy" mortgaged to said Woody by Isaac Betts, also upon the property said Betts during the year 1888 and 1887 and the lands of said John F. Woody and the lands of the late Jno. E. Montague, Kiffin Woody and others. A lot of blacksmith tools in shop at Bethel Hill. Terms of sale cash. This December 21st 1888.

J. S. MERRITT, trustee.

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W. A. WARREN, Adm'r.
of Jesse Malone, dec'd estate.

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The Durham Cotton Manufacturing Co.

At the annual stockholders' meeting of the Durham Cotton Manufacturing Company held Thursday, the 10th, the following officers were elected:

Capt. J. M. Odell was elected president for the year 1889; Mr. J. S. Carr, vice-president, Mr. W. H. Branson, secretary and treasurer.

The following gentlemen were elected directors: J. M. Odell, J. S. Carr, J. A. Odell, W. R. Odell, W. H. Branson.

The board of directors declared a semi-annual dividend of 6 per cent. upon the capital of the company. During the year 1888 the company paid to operatives \$44,501.32; mill run 306 days. The Plant says: The year 1888 was rather an unfavorable one for cotton spinning, yet the Durham factory paid 6 per cent. dividend in July last, and another this January.

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By the permission of kind Providence we are permitted to greet the new year of 1889, and to inform our many old

Friends and Customers

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