

THE LEGISLATURE.

Committee Tangled Up On Jim Crow Car Matter.

A Muddy Capital. Craven County Bills, Cumberland County Dispensary, Taxing Railroads, Merchants Purchase Tax, The Wilson Paro Case.

JOURNAL BUREAU, Raleigh, N. C., February 8. The members of the General Assembly will remember the session for one cause if no other, the rain and the mud.

There was no night session last night, out of compliment to the Blind Institution, an entertainment was given in the new building to which the members were invited.

The attendance at both House and Senate was very fair yesterday. Numbers of new bills were introduced. In the Senate, to give additional Justices of the Peace to Craven introduced by Senator Brown in the absence of Senator Bryan, who is still confined to his rooms in the House, a bill to provide for the appointment of directors and State proxy for the A. & N. C. Railroad by Law.

The bill regarding directors of the N. C. R. R. provides that they shall be elected by the State board of Internal Improvements and that that board shall also have power to remove them and fill the vacancies.

The reply of the State treasurer to the resolution of inquiry as to what sums of money he had paid out to the penitentiary, etc., was received and placed in the hands of the finance committee.

The reply of the Governor was read to the inquiry as to what vacancies there are on the board of directors of the penitentiary. The reply said there were two—from the 7th and 9th districts. Winston said one of these had occurred within the past 48 hours. He then placed in nomination William C. Newland from the 7th and Marion L. Bryan from the 9th. Newland and Bryan were elected.

The bill to regulate the bonds of officers in Craven county passed the House on a final reading. A bill was introduced by McNeill to reduce the rates on the ferry at Wilmington across the Cape Fear river 25 per cent, to take the place of a former bill calling for a 50 per cent reduction in certain cases.

Under the head of unfinished business in the Senate the bill to repeal section 3113 of the Code again came up. This bill provides that a local option election shall be held once in 2 years on the petition of one-third of the qualified voters of a county, and in any month of the year instead of June, as formerly.

The majority of the Senate seemed to be opposed to the measure, and amendments excepting county after county was read by the clerk.

Finally Senator Glenn asked permission to withdraw the bill he had introduced it was allowed to do so.

A bill was introduced in the Senate to amend chapter 143 of the Public Laws relating to fishing in the Neuse river. It is to prohibit the setting of nets within 1 mile of the Neuse river bridge. It is said that by taking advantage of the new bridge these nets are set entirely across so as to almost entirely prevent the run of fish.

Another old legislative snag was removed yesterday by the hearing before the committee in the Senate chamber of the dispensary law of Cumberland county. The bill delegation from Fayetteville was present and the chamber was crowded. The discussion was warm and did not fail to be personal at times.

There was more wirepulling than a little and preachers and prohibitionists (by some other name) were strictly attending to business. Finally about dark the committee asked the audience to retire, and shortly after voted to sustain the dispensary. The people will have

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an opportunity to vote on the question, by the decision of the committee.

The joint finance committee gave a hearing yesterday to the railroad people regarding the proposed tax on the gross earnings of the roads, varying from 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 per cent. All the large railroads of the State were represented.

The merchants are still putting forward their best efforts to secure the repeal of the Purchase Tax and the committee seems to be weakening under their attacks.

The hearing of the Wilsons case before the committee was held in the Senate chamber in the afternoon. Some progress, so to speak, was made; that is to say, the same meeting need not be held again.

The important hearing was before the committee having the Stevens anti-trust bill in charge. As much as possible has been said in favor of this bill, the rule at any price section of the press yesterday it got some licks that it will have to be tough to recover from.

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Bill Railroad Through Blocks Postoffice Plans.

Death of Mrs. Davis. The Textile School. Anti-Trust Bill III. Timed Legislation. Option all Swamp Land in State.

The cold snap has come and frozen up the mud and water, so that it is possible to travel the street dry shod. The change will probably improve the health of the Legislators, so many of them are laid up with grip.

A sad death occurred yesterday when Mrs. Davis, wife of Claude W. Davis, the Representative of Hyde county, died in this city. Mrs. Davis was taken with pneumonia last Tuesday and being in weak health, a fatal termination was the result.

The various committees are kept busy and members are constantly being added to them, as the work increases or the absence of some from sickness needs a substitute. The regular working committees are so increased that some members are on so many committees that they have a hard time to get around.

Early yesterday a bill was railroaded through both Houses and became a law, from the time of its introduction to the final official signature was less than an hour. It was to take from the Agricultural Department the power to erect buildings. A new addition to the museum is arranged for and it became known that in the afternoon the fusion administration intended to let the contract for the new structure. Hence the bill was put through at lightning speed and before dinner a law of the State prohibited the agricultural department from making any agreement of the sort. While the fun lasted messengers and clerks were kept flying back and forth with the documents. Senator Brown put it through the Senate and Winston pulled it through the House.

A resolution was introduced and at once adopted directing the president of the Senate and Speaker of the House, to issue commissions to the 13 new directors of the penitentiary.

The chief event in the House, and in fact the only one, was the discussion of the Vance Textile school bill, appropriating \$10,000 for a building to be added to the A. & M. College to train young people in cotton manufacturing.

Winston offered an amendment, provided that funds available by the department of agriculture be used. This was accepted as was also one by Alexander providing that no work shall be done until it is assured that the building will be equipped without any cost to the state with the necessary machinery and appliances.

Clarkson explained and supported the bill fully. He said he was convinced that the establishment of the school as an annex to the A. & M. college was an excellent

plan; that the building would cost \$10,000, and that he was assured by the faculty of the college that there were funds available for conducting the school and that no appropriation save \$10,000 for a building was necessary.

There was considerable opposition to the bill. The chief reason was that the Democratic party came into power with the promise of cutting down expenses and was "inadvisable" to appropriate money at this time. Others got behind the idea that the money should go to the common schools. The supporters of the bill were good fighters and it was finally put to a vote at 2:30 o'clock and carried 57 to 37.

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ELECTION THIS WEEK

Of Board Internal Improvements. To Improve Norwood, Scotland Counties.

RALEIGH, February 9.—The formal election of the Board of Internal Improvements by the Legislature will take place this week.

The bill provides that the first meeting of the Board shall take place on the 24th of this month.

The House voted to refer the county of Scotland, by a vote of 86 to 13.

The House judiciary committee voted for the impeachment of Judge Norwood by a vote of 14 to 5.

The House caucus, tonight, will again discuss the Election Law.

The Separate Car bill comes up tomorrow, Friday.

FILIPINOS DISCOURAGED. Aginaldo Seeks to Hold Parley With General Otis.

WASHINGTON, February 8.—Advices from Manila say that Aginaldo is discouraged over his situation.

He attempted to hold a parley with General Otis, who refused to hold any communication with him.

This action of General Otis meets the hearty approval of the War Department.

The Kansas troops had engagement with a detachment of Filipinos, and drove the insurgents away from their position.

THE LAST MAN. A. H. Boyden Named on Board of Internal Improvements.

RALEIGH, February 8.—The Seventh District man, and the last one to be named to fill the Board of Internal Improvement was selected today. He is Mr. A. H. Boyden.

The Vance Textile school bill passed the House by a vote of 57 to 45, after three hours debate.

In caucus, tonight, the suffrage bill will be discussed.

WANTS TO STOP.

Aginaldo Has Enough Fighting. American Troops in Good Spirits.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 8.—General Otis cabled to the War Department in Washington yesterday that Aginaldo has applied for a cessation of hostilities and for a conference.

The general has declined to answer him.

The same cablegram states that the situation at Manila is "rapidly improving."

The Filipino army, General Otis says, is disintegrated and natives displaying white flags are returning to the villages.

Detachments of Filipinos still occupy in force the fortified towns of Pasig and Paranaque, near Manila.

The American lines were not materially extended yesterday and the troops had their first rest since last Saturday.

The victorious soldiers are in high spirits and, according to a cablegram from Manila, seem to regard their experience as a picnic rather than as a stern reality.

A burly Colorado trooper, discussing the capture of the Manila water works, said it reminded him of the Colorado plains.

The night attack on Caloocan was bravely made by Kansas troops. After capturing the town, they were withdrawn to prevent them from being annihilated by Dewey's shells, which were dropping into the place.

The sale of the American commissary stores to Filipinos who are able to pay for them has been authorized and later there will be free distribution of rations.

THE LATEST ADVICES FROM MANILA. The latest advices from Manila are that the American troops continue to drive the Filipinos inland.

General Otis' soldiers have attacked Santolan, eleven miles northeast of the city. A brigade also captured the Manila water works, which had previously been held by the Filipinos.

Some of the natives are making a determined resistance, but are poor marksmen. The remainder of the Filipino army's survivors are retreating.

It has been decided to begin a vigorous and aggressive campaign against the Filipinos. General Otis is to move at once on Malolos, the capital of the native republic, and General Miller is to attack Iloilo. The cabinet at Washington has reached the conclusion that Aginaldo's men be forced to lay down their arms if order is to be maintained in the Philippines.

Aginaldo has issued a proclamation of war against the Americans.

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