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MORTON IN THE CHAIR

Speaker Pro Tem at Today's Session

Bill for Constitutional Convention was Reported Adversely as Was Bill Concerning Transfer of Topsail Township to this County—Other Interesting Notes About Today's Session of Legislature.

Special to The Dispatch.

Raleigh, N. C., March 2.—Col. Morton, speaker pro tem, presided in the House today. Speaker Graham, after his experience with the midnight session last night, was not feeling very chipper today. In the House a committee reported adversely the bill for encouragement of strawberry and truck growing industry.

A bill for a constitutional convention was reported adversely, but the minority report filed. The Senate will pass it, but its fate in the House is doubtful.

A bill transferring Topsail township from Pender to New Hanover was reported adversely. No minority report.

The Senate Solicitors' salary bill passed yesterday also got a black eye, but a minority report insures a fight on the floor of the House. More than a score of important bills were killed by the committees today.

Among the new bills were the following, together with a score of local measures:

By Murphy, to restore the county of Surry, which was transferred to the Fifth District two years ago at the solicitation of Congressman Hackett, but which transfer did not save his election last year as planned to the Fifth District. The plan is to insure a Democrat in the Fifth and let the Eighth remain joined to the Republican idol.

By Cox, to give osteopathy doctors access to public hospitals the same as other physicians.

By Dowd, to regulate the interest on State bonds, also to regulate payment of taxes on State property.

By Perry, to enlarge the hospital for the dangerous insane.

By Weaver, a police court for Asheville.

The House calendar is fat with "little local bills." It consumed most of the time of the day. In the House and Senate Fred A. Woodward was elected to succeed Connor, (declined), as trustee of the State University. Woodward was recommended by the joint committee. Several others were placed in nomination, but they received only a few votes of personal friends.

Speaker Morton laid before the House at one thirty the special order for the day, the Machinery act, which provides for the assessment of property and collection of taxes. The pending bill being the finance committee's report, simply amending and changing in some particulars the present law, as passed by last legislature. The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole and waded into the voluminous document in a business like manner, making quick work of it. Adjourned until tonight.

In the Senate. In the Senate the bill introduced yesterday to change the time of meeting of the legislature from January to August, biennially, was recommended favorably by committee.

Senator Empie, from committee of Constitutional Amendments, reported the Dockery-Stubbs bill, submitting to the people the proposition for State Constitutional convention, with recommendation that it pass. It provides for the election of delegates at the same time.

The child labor bill was made special order for Thursday. Among the bills of some consequence passed in the Senate were:

Relating to directors of corporations, allowing large stockholders owning or controlling 25 per cent stock to vote cumulatively, etc.

Amending the law relating to escapes from prisons and jails, Section 3662 of the Revisal; also extending provisions of the section to prisoners awaiting trial, and to providing clothing to such.

A bill providing for registration of motor vehicles and better enforcement penalties for violations by them of the law.

The oil bill, reported unfavorably by the majority, but with minority report on Doughton substitute, caused a long discussion. It provides for inspection of illuminating oil and fluids and provides the machinery, etc.

Empie criticized the bill and doubted the wisdom of such a law. Said he, as agent for Standard Oil Company in years ago, had sold millions of gallons of oil and he entered into expert

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FESTIVAL TONIGHT

A Very Delightful Affair in the Hall at Fifth and Castle Streets—Supper Will be Served to Many—As a Benefit for the Building Fund for the New Advent Christian Church.

Tonight is the time for the delightful festival planned by the ladies of the Earnest Workers Society of the new Advent Christian Church. The scene will be the large hall at the corner of Fifth and Castle streets and the ladies have made ample preparations for handling the large crowd which will, no doubt, attend, as the festival has been pleasurably anticipated for some days now by many.

The festival will really commence late this afternoon, as the ladies intend to serve a dainty and delicious supper to those who desire such. In fact, they have made arrangements for serving quite a number who will go to the scene for supper and there remain for the evening, having a most enjoyable time.

The affair tonight is given as a benefit for the building fund of the new church and consequently the object is a most worthy one.

To the Public.

The Wilmington Sub-Division of the North Carolina Red Cross Branch makes a nearest appeal and asks that doctors and individuals interested themselves and report every case of tuberculosis among the colored people to Mr. Wm. Nisette, druggist, who has kindly offered to keep record of same—furnishing name and address to Anna Bently "Instructing visiting nurse," who assumed her duty March 1st.

Mrs. Cuthbert Martin, Sec. Wil Sub. Div. Red Cross Society.

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Negro Shot Another.

Reports from Topsail Sound this afternoon as to the effect that a young negro man, Dixon, slew another one, Raeford Shepard, last night and then killed himself. Particulars of the shooting could not be learned.

COAL OPERATORS

Defy the Miners Union and Refuse to Grant Any Demands.

New York, March 2.—The Anthracite coal operators defy the miners union and refuse to grant any one of eight demands which include higher wages, shorter hours and other concessions. The crisis will come when the present agreement expires March 31st. The situation is described in a pamphlet issued today which while not official has the approval of the operators. The three year agreement expires March 31st. This agreement is practically identified with that of the Roosevelt strike commission in 1902. The new demands go back in most points to matters which were then sifted by the Roosevelt commission.

AVALANCHE TODAY

Brought Death to Six Officers of Austrian Army.

Innesbruck, Austria, March 2.—An avalanche near La. Frann, today brought death to six officers and a detachment of thirty men of the Imperial Austrian army. Railroad tracks and telegraph wires were carried away in the rush of rock and earth. Troops have been sent to the scene to clear away the debris.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION

Occurred in Pennsylvania Mine Today.

Wilkes Barre, March 2.—A terrific explosion has occurred in No. 14 colliery in the Pennsylvania Coal Company at Port Griffith. Several score men were shut in. Two dead and twelve badly burned so far have been taken out. The mine is reported to be on fire.

Small Fire Today.

A small fire at noon today in the Eureka Pressing Club rooms on Princess street caused some excitement in the down town district. The blaze was caused by ignition of gasoline and damage to the amount of \$10 resulted. The fire was suppressed by means of hand extinguishers and the chemical engine.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Freinsberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Freinsberg, of Cohoes, N. Y., are in the city to spend several weeks as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Vineberg, at the apartments of the latter in The Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Freinsberg have already made many warm friends since their arrival here, all of whom will wish them a most enjoyable visit.

LATEST CARD IN THE GAME

Self Government is Being Destroyed

Creation of Police and Fire Commission Has Caused a Big Stir Today and the Way of Naming Members Loudly Denounced—Strong Protest Sent to Raleigh and Committee Will Likely Leave for There Tonight.

The latest bomb in the political camp today is the proposed creation of a police and fire commission, and which has already traversed half way to the goal. The bill went through the Senate last night and is now in the House, and the explosion is being heard in Wilmington today. The consensus of opinion seems to be that under the provisions of the bills self-government has taken wings and gone hither—into the depths. A Dispatch representative today found a number of people who were in favor of the commission plan, as it might take the police and fire departments out of politics, while he found many more who believe that the aldermen could handle the question. But when it came to the question of the manner of naming the commissioner, as prescribed by the act (synopsis of which is given below), there was an awful howl from fully nine out of ten people and some uncomplimentary things were said.

Truly, in the way of self-government, the affair looks farcical. It is a shame for free people to be burdened with any such and the people of Wilmington should arouse themselves to action in the matter and protest against infringement of their rights. Local self government is being made a travesty of in this city, and The Dispatch has protested time and time again from the manner of naming members of the Board of Audit and Finance. But however, this may be taken, but the latest act, which proposes to create the police and fire commission in such manner is the very limit. It is a blot on American rights.

There was much talk today of protests being wired to Raleigh—in hopes that such would be in time to at least grant the people of Wilmington time to consider the matter.

With a commission the mayor would necessarily be an ornament, but the aldermen, regardless of being divested of nearly all powers, the board of audit and finance even fixing the salaries, could rent out the market stalls, of course, and might occasionally pass an ordinance to prohibit a man from spitting on the sidewalks—but then they couldn't see that the ordinance is enforced.

The following synopsis of the bill was wired The Dispatch this afternoon by its special correspondent:

Raleigh, N. C., March 2.—A bill is pending in the House today, and passed by the Senate last night, creating a police and fire commission for the city of Wilmington. It is entitled "An Act to Amend the Charter of the City of Wilmington." It provides as follows:

Section 1—That William E. Springer, R. H. Northrop, W. A. French Jr., John Barry and R. A. Burnett, and their successors, hereby constitute the board and the full government, management and control of the police and fire departments be vested in this board, members of which are to serve without compensation, and no two members are to be from the same ward.

Section 2 provides that the term of office of Burnett shall be to June, 1911; French and Barry till the first Monday June, 1913; Springer and Northrop till 1915. At the regular municipal elections, and biennially thereafter, there shall be elected one or more of the five commissioners, each for six years, to succeed the commissioner whose term expires that year and one or two (as case may be) elected biennially thereafter for six years. The board is itself to fill vacancies otherwise created.

Section 3 empowers the board with power to appoint and at any time remove any officer or employe of whatever grade or rank and shall recommend to the Board of Audit and Finance the salaries and compensation to be paid all employed or connected in any way with either department.

Section 4 says the new board "shall organize, equip and maintain a sufficient police force and fire department," and shall have power to prescribe the mental and physical qualifications, age and other qualifications.

Section 5 stipulates that only qualified electors, who shall stand examination prescribed, shall be eligible to a place in either department of the city physician or other doctor, selected by board to make the physical examinations. What the mental exam-

NEW STEAMER INTAKE

At the Foot of Princess Street for the Use of the Fire Department, Will be Installed Under the Direction of Chief Schnibben and Chairman French—Intake is Similar to One at Market Street Dock.

Work was started today upon the installation of a new steamer intake at the Princess street dock, similar to the one recently placed at the foot of Market street for the use of the fire department.

The work of installing this new feature will be carried out under the direction of Chief of the Fire Department Charles Schnibben and Mr. W. A. French, chairman of fire committee of the board of aldermen. It will require at least two weeks for the completion of the contract, following which a rigid test of the new equipment will be made.

The dock is now being dredged and pilings sunk preparatory to the installation of the intake. These intakes are provided at comparatively small cost and they will greatly facilitate the pumping capacity of the steam engines at future fires along the river front, and in the down town district.

At the Bijou.

The new films at the Bijou today will again be exceedingly fine ones and will be two large hits, "The Landlady's Portrait" and "The Janitor's Bottle."

TO THE PUBLIC.

It is constantly and persistently reported that, as a candidate for mayor, I do not care to win. This talk is absurd. I want the earnest support of all my friends. Pay no heed to reports of my indifference, and do not grow careless. A lukewarm policy spells defeat. All talk of my being a candidate for some special interest—prohibition or other—or for some effort to reward friends and "get even" with enemies is untrue. Every trade and profession was represented in the body of citizens who did me the honor to urge the matter; laboring men, business men, professional men; and no word was uttered as to this or that policy, or as to giving particular heed to the execution or enforcement of any laws or ordinances. They said they wanted a man who had no pledges to redeem, no personal schemes to advance—one who could and would give all of his attention to the needs and wishes of the whole city. It is for you to judge!

WALTER G. MACRAE.

ADAMSON WON THE MEET.

And is to Meet the "Terrible Greek" Friday Night.

A small, but ardent bunch of grapple fans were present at the Academy last night to see the handicap mat meet between Ed Adamson and Chas. Berg. The former agreed to touch the latter's shoulders to the mat twice in an hour, but at the end of nearly half an hour of spirited work there had not been a fall, and the grapple fans had commenced to think that Adamson had more than he could master, though they recognized the fact that it was a handicap event, which made Adamson do all the aggressive work. Finally, Berg was taken sick and had to quit, and Adamson was awarded the match. Berg later came on the stand and bowed his thanks to the audience, which cheered.

A snappy preliminary was given to the main event and a most ludicrous "Battie Royal" closed the affair.

Friday night grapple fans are expecting something big and exciting in a meet between James Myers, the "Terrible Greek," of Charleston, and Adamson. This will be a straight event for the best two out of three and it is of much interest as Myers and Adamson wrestled in Charleston fifty odd minutes without a fall for either one.

Notice.

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ination shall consist of is prescribed as "reading, writing, and a knowledge of the city ordinances and the duties required of applicant."

Section 6 provides that the chairman shall be selected from among five commissioners and that the city clerk and treasurer shall serve the board also as such. That examinations of all employes shall be held at least once each year. The powers of the board and officers of the fire and police departments are prescribed by the other sections and all necessary expenses of the board shall be paid by the board of audit and finance upon vouchers signed by the chairman of the new board of the police and fire commissioners. The bill is effective from and after its ratification.

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RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts.....\$2,689,583.60	Capital.....\$ 550,000.00
N. C. State and other bonds, 289,568.15	Surplus & net profits.... 315,166.39
U. S. Bonds (at par)..... 550,000.00	Circulation..... 550,000.00
Bank Buildings..... 55,000.00	U. S. Bond Account..... 100,000.00
Cash..... 1,089,735.97	Deposits..... 3,159,731.24
\$4,673,887.72	\$4,673,887.72

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