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## THE LEGISLATURE.

### Proceedings of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday as Reported in the Daily Papers.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 16.—In the House this morning Representative Watts offered an amendment to his whiskey bill, providing (1) that elections be held in towns to determine whether intoxicants may be manufactured in the corporate limits; (2) whether barrooms or saloons may be established and (3) whether a dispensary may be located. Elections are to be held on a petition of one-fourth of the qualified voters, either two of the questions to be submitted. Representative Doughton also offered an amendment to strike out the restriction as to the manufacture of brandy and provide that it be manufactured and sold in original packages of five gallons or more. Both amendments will be considered when the bill comes up for further disposition tomorrow.

The committee to which were referred the bills by Stubbs, of Washington, and King, of Pitt, providing for a division of the school funds between white and colored, according to the tax paid by each race, were reported back to the House without prejudice and will be made special orders later.

Among the bills passed by the House were:

To regulate the manufacture and sale of liquor in Richmond county.

To authorize the Norfolk and Western Railway Company to extend to and operate their line in North Carolina, renewing the old charter rights.

A great number of local bills passed readings in both branches of the Assembly.

Among the bills introduced were:

Smith, to amend the code as to the crime of arson.

Self, a substitute for all bills introduced as to divorce at this session of the Legislature.

Willis, to establish a ferry at White Hall on the Cape Fear river.

In the Senate, Hicks, of Granville, introduced a bill to better govern the State institutions, providing that the Governor in the future appoint all directors of hospitals for the insane, schools for deaf and dumb and blind, etc., and that no superintendent be an ex-officio member or secretary.

Norris introduced a bill for the equipment of the A. & M. College; appropriating \$12,500 annually for two years to complete buildings and \$15,000 annually for current expenses.

Norris also introduced a joint resolution, regarding the enlargement of the Capitol.

The Senate passed the bill incorporating the Raleigh and Eastern Railroad Co., incorporating the Winston-Salem and South Bound Railroad Co., to protect claims in Pender county, and to repeal the Act of 1901 as to County Board of Examiners for State institutions.

Raleigh, N. C., February 17.—In the Senate, bills were introduced:

By Woodard, to regulate the killing of birds in Wilson.

By Spence, to establish a board of examiners of barbers to regulate that profession and prevent the spread of contagious diseases.

B. Godwin, to incorporate the town of Buie's creek.

By Vann, to protect railway conductors by providing that if a holder of second-class ticket persists in riding in first-class car, against conductor's request to go in the other car, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

The following bills passed final reading:

To authorize Union county to issue bonds to fund its indebtedness.

To establish Tryon graded school in Polk county.

To establish graded schools at LaGrange.

The following bills passed the Senate:

To authorize Buncombe to issue bonds and build suitable county home.

To authorize Tyrrell to issue bonds and levy a special tax.

To establish a dispensary in place of a bar-room in the town of Marshall.

To amend the charter of the Durham & Charlotte Railroad Company.

Bill abolishing the Board of Examiners of State institutions was reconsidered after having passed the third reading yesterday. Spence opposed the bill and declared the work of the board was more thorough than that of legislative committees. Glenn, Webb, Mitchell, Marshall and London and Woodard favored the bill. Latter passed third reading 27 to 18.

### HOUSE.

Bills were introduced in the House as follows:

Harrington, of Harnett: An act to authorize the commissioners of Harnett to levy a special tax.

Morris, of McDowell: An act to establish a dispensary at Old Fort.

By Phillips, to provide for the election of county school superintendents.

By Simpson, to require boards of road supervisors to meet in regular session.

By Price, to prohibit public drunkenness in Stanley.

By King, to provide for the working of roads in Pitt.

By Hunter, to compensate the owners of stolen property.

Bills passed final reading as follows:

To prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor in Harnett.

The Watts liquor regulation bill was taken up as a special order. Thompson, of Onslow, opposed it, chiefly on the ground that he believed it would injure the Democratic party; Guion supported the bill strongly and scored Bryan of Wilkes, Republican, for having suggested the appointment of Governor Aycock and Senator Simmons as storekeeper and gauger and deputy collector.

Smith, of Gates, supported the bill he had offered as a substitute and compared the advocates of the Watts bill to a man standing on a whiskey barrel in a town, and cursing barrooms in the country. Grant, of Davie, opposed the bill and favored an amendment to leave the question to popular vote. Morton vigorously opposed the bill and urged the adoption of his amendment, leaving the question to the vote of the people in every county. Curtis, of Buncombe, favored the bill.

### NIGHT SESSION.

At tonight's session of the House, the Watts liquor bill was again discussed. Murphy spoke in favor of his substitute. Moore, of Cumberland, favored the Watts bill. Alexander said he was not satisfied with any of the bills, but he thought the London bill the best. Graham said he was inclined to the Smith bill, but would rather have a dispensary. Parker, of Wayne, favored the Watts bill. White, of Halifax, favored the Smith bill. Bryan, of Wilkes, closed against the bill. There are several speeches yet to be made. House adjourned at 11 o'clock.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 18.—The Senate took up a good deal of time today with the "whistle and bell" bill. This bill provides that an engineer must ring the bell and blow the whistle when he sees any one walking on the railroad track. A warm discussion was entered into by several Senators. The bill was defeated by a vote of 27 to 15.

Senator Mitchell, of Bertie, on roll call explained his vote as follows: "I am not a lawyer, but in the legal mazes of this discussion, I have learned that there is a statute which requires that a signal should be given to a hog on a track and thus give it a chance for life, and as I value a human life above that of a hog I cast my vote for this bill."

The Charlotte authorities are making it warm for the gamblers. Five were arrested Friday night and two for whom warrants were issued escaped. There are from two to eight cases against each of the parties arrested. All of them gave bond for trial.

Several bills of minor importance were passed, among the local ones being the bill to prevent the sale and manufacture of liquor in Harnett county.

### HOUSE.

The following account of the Watts bill in the House is taken from yesterday's News and Observer:

All of the substitutes for the Watts bill were voted down in the House yesterday and last night.

Mr. Morton's amendment was lost by a very close vote, 49 to 55.

At first, while the vote was being counted and before the announcement was made, it was seen that it had actually passed by one vote. But several gentlemen had voted under a misapprehension, and changed their votes.

The committee amendments were adopted with the exception of the one known as section 7, which provides that any person desiring to sell wine under the provisions of the bill must obtain a license from his county commissioners. That was voted down.

All of the other amendments were voted down, except two or three that were accepted by Mr. Watts.

The House adjourned at half past eleven o'clock, before a vote on Mr. Watts' amendments was reached.

When the question came up on those amendments, Mr. Smith sent forward his amendment to them, calling for elections by the people of the county as well as the towns, and made an earnest appeal to the House to pass it. He still had the floor when adjournment was taken.

Before the vote was reached, at nearly 2 o'clock, there was more discussion.

Mr. Morpheu, of Graham, made the first speech of the day yesterday morning. He spoke with great earnestness and power for the London bill.

Then came a vigorous, eloquent speech from Mr. Self, of Catawba, in favor of leaving the question to a vote of the people.

Mr. Watts closed the long debate with a strong plea for his bill, or rather, as he said, the bill of Governor Aycock and Senator Simmons. His argument was brief, simple and clean.

A great many members explained their votes, several saying they voted against the Smith bill because they hoped to have a stronger bill to vote for a little later.

One member said he voted against it partly because of the singular unanimity of the Republicans in voting for it.

Soon after Mr. McNeill, of Scotland, explained his vote. He said his vote was not governed one way or the other by what the Republicans did. If they voted with him, he was glad of it; if they voted against him, he was sorry. Applause greeted this statement.

The Murphy bill offered as a substitute was defeated by a vote of 76 to 29, Abell and Wood voting against the substitute.

The London bill was then offered as a substitute and defeated by a vote of 66 to 40. Abell and Wood voted No.

Morton's amendment was also lost by a vote of 54 to 49. Wood voted for this amendment and Abell voted against it. (This amendment was published in this paper last week.)

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### For Stomach Troubles.

"I have taken a great many different medicines for stomach trouble and constipation," says Mrs. S. Geiger of Dunkerton, Iowa, "but never had as good results from any as from Chamberlain's Stomach & Liver Tablets." For sale by Hood Bros., Smithfield, C. Venough & Benson, Benson, Hare & Son, Selma.

## THE SOUTH STORM SWEPT.

### SEVERAL LIVES ARE REPORTED LOST IN GEORGIA.

#### Reports From Many Points in the South and Southwest Tell of Peculiarly Severe Weather Conditions.

Atlanta, Ga., February 16.—A special to The Constitution from Royston, Ga., a station on the Southern railway, states that a furious windstorm passed over the town of Rowman, in Elbert county this afternoon, demolishing several houses and killing and injuring a number of people. The wires are down beyond Royston and further particulars cannot be obtained.

Nashville, Tenn., February 16.—Early morning rain, and sleet here changed about ten o'clock this morning to snow which is still falling tonight. A stiff wind blew all day and tonight between 6 and 7 o'clock developed into a gale, street car traffic being seriously interfered with for a time. Railroad schedules are disarranged. At 7 o'clock the official thermometer was sixteen degrees and falling.

Richmond, Va., February 16.—Heavy rain all day has been followed by much cooler weather, with sleet tonight at this point.

Chattanooga, Tenn., February 16.—Tonight Chattanooga is experiencing the worst weather of the winter. It began blowing a gale shortly after dark and the rain soon turned into snow, which is freezing as fast as it falls, making it difficult for conveyances to get along the streets. It is feared the recent warm weather followed by the cold wave will damage fruit. In some of the contiguous fruit orchards, trees are in bloom and those of course will be killed.

Knoxville, Tenn., February 16.—Rain sleet, snow and wind which at one time reached a velocity of 48 miles an hour tells the weather conditions here today. Tonight the mercury is falling fast and will drop to twenty degrees before morning. The Tennessee river is ten feet above low water mark and a tide of twenty feet is predicted by United States Forecaster Fulton. Traffic in the city was almost impossible after 4 o'clock on account of the sleet.

Memphis, Tenn., February 16.—One of the worst sleet and snow storms that have visited this section for years prevailed today, causing serious delay to railroad and street car traffic and interfering to some extent with telegraphic and telephone communications in all directions. Trains are arriving from three to eight hours late. A steady rain all day Sunday turned into sleet last night. This was followed by a snow storm which during the day assumed the proportions of a blizzard. At 6 o'clock there was a decided drop in the temperature and the snow ceased falling.

Reports from Arkansas, Mississippi and Northern Texas tell of similar conditions. At Fort Worth and Dallas the snowfall was the heaviest in years. Trains are running on belated schedules and in many instances are annulled. Tonight it is clear and cold in all the southwest.

### A Pretty Spectacle, Truly.

The dissipated member of the Legislature referred to twice before for his behavior, and who once promised to reform, is again making a holy show of himself. A night or two ago he gave his handsome watch and chain to a deaf mute street beggar and then, maudlin drunk, sat down in a hotel and wept. His latest act was to stand in front of a water cooler, which he addressed as the most beautiful creature in the world, quoting spring poetry and apostrophizing the numberless charms of this inamorata, declaring that her eyes were stars and her golden hair the most beautiful in heaven or on earth. A crowd enjoyed this exhibition. —Charlotte Observer

## General News Items.

A New York dispatch says that all grades of refined sugar were advanced five points Monday.

Eight persons were killed and four injured by an explosion in the Peter & Fox magazine cane factory at Toledo, Ohio, Monday.

The Senate in executive session Monday ratified the treaty of friendship recently negotiated between the United States and Greece.

C. C. Daye 58 years old, was found dead beside the railroad track near Winston Friday. It appears that Daye was drunk and while walking on the track was struck by a train.

The Enterprise says that Mrs. John Allen, who lives near Newton, gave birth to triplets, two girls and a boy, Monday night of last week. The children are well developed and apparently healthy.

Fire Monday night destroyed almost an entire block in the business section of the town of Blackstone, Nottaway county, Va. The loss is estimated at \$35,000 to \$40,000; insurance one third.

The President has sent to the Senate the nomination of George B. Cortelyou, to be first secretary of commerce and labor, under the act creating the new department. The Senate confirmed the nomination.

The Standard Oil Company has declared a dividend of \$24 per share, payable March 16th. This is \$10 more than the last dividend declared, but is the same as the one declared this time last year.

Hon. John D. Bellamy has received advice from the office of the General Superintendent of the Free Rural Delivery System at Washington that three additional routes will be established in the Sixth Congressional District on April 1st and that thirteen others, making sixteen in all, will be established on May 1st.

President Roosevelt expressed to the senators who called on him Monday the hope that the Senate would confirm the nomination of Dr. D. H. Crum, colored, to be collector of the port of Charleston, S. C. The President has no intention of withdrawing the nomination and desires that the Senate take definite action on it.

Six thousand people crowded a Chicago auditorium Monday night at the demonstration of the local labor unions in honor of John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers. The greatest enthusiasm was shown when Mr. Mitchell appeared on the platform and his speech later in the evening was received with cheers.

Lonnie Parker, colored, was arrested near Rocky Mount Monday by Postoffice Inspector Davis for breaking down rural free delivery letter boxes on the route from Rocky Mount. The policy of the government is to vigorously prosecute and impose full penalty of the law against offenders in such cases. The boxes will be fully protected.

The noted case of Durham and the Seaboard Air Line vs. the North Carolina Railway and Southern Railway Companies, involving the Peabody street right of way was decided Monday, all points in favor of the Southern and North Carolina roads. The plaintiff being taxed with the costs, appealed the Circuit Court of Appeals and the case will be heard at Richmond in May.

John H. Arrington, 27 years old, who lived at Beaufort and was a traveling salesman for a Richmond shoe company, was shot and killed at Thurman, W. Va., Sunday night, 8th, by Walter Smith, a merchant of Fayette county, W. Va. The two got into a dispute, Arrington knocked Smith down and the latter shot him, killing him almost instantly. Arrington's remains were sent to his home at Beaufort for burial.

## The Monumental Society Meeting a Success.

Last Saturday evening the convention which was held at the school house near Hopewell church rendered much pleasure to those who were present. There were more than could get into the house.

At 8:00 o'clock the exercises began. Mr. A. T. Lassiter was chosen by the convention to act as chairman and Miss Leha Parker, Secretary.

### PROGRAMME.

Address of welcome by Mr. J. L. Jones.

Music.

Declamation by Mr. James Stephenson: Subject—Bill Smith.

Recitation by Miss Linnie Hobbs: Subject—An Old Maid's Trip to New York.

Declamation by Mr. O. A. Barbour: Subject—Let There be Light.

Recitation by Miss Althea Jones: Subject—Rock of Ages.

Music.

Query: "Should North Carolina vote a special tax for the improvement of her public roads?"

The affirmative, as represented by Messrs. J. R. Barbour and J. F. Woodall, while the negative was to be argued by Messrs. W. D. Allen and J. F. Brinson, but for some cause Mr. W. D. Allen was absent and Mr. D. Stephenson voluntarily spoke in his place.

Literary address by Prof. I. T. Turlington, which was principally on the great subject of education for the rising generation. Let the people take to heart the question which was presented and strive diligently for a better education and that means the up-building of the good old North State.

After Prof. Turlington's address, the committee went out for a decision on the debate and soon returned and rendered it in favor of the affirmative.

Then the convention was ready to hear the report of the representatives and each representative was requested to give his name and post-office address and also the society represented.

The reports were as follows: Mr. G. H. Stephenson, Smithfield, Monumental Society; Mr. O. A. Barbour, Ezra, Athenian Society; Mr. L. D. Tomlinson, Smithfield, Euphemian Literary Society; Turlington Institute; Mr. Oscar Creech, Smithfield, Philomathic Literary Society, Turlington Institute. There was a committee of three appointed by the convention to arrange a programme for the next Literary Convention as follows: Mr. J. F. Woodall, Mr. Oscar Creech and Miss Virginia Stephenson.

The declaimers and reciters as well as the debaters showed that interest had been taken and diligent work done.

The music was rendered by the Four Oaks band and they received many congratulations in behalf of the excellent music.

Let all the literary societies in the county take an active part in the noble work which is needed by so many of our young people. Do not stand back young people, and say I cannot speak, I cannot do any society work, but say I will try.

### Fire at Grimesland.

The town of Grimesland was practically wiped out by fire Friday evening. The loss is placed at about \$25,000. Only one store was left standing. This same village had a disastrous fire a year ago. (This is the home place of Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes and is in Pitt county.)

The Lake Shore Railroads, has decided to spend \$1,000,000 in machine shops, at Collinwood, near Cleveland, Ohio, since the citizens there have voted no license to saloons. The railroad company appreciates the advantage of having the temptation to drink kept away from their workmen.—Indiana Farmer.

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