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NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE SENATE.

THURSDAY, JAN. 15.

The Western extension of N. C. Railroad, being the special order for this morning, was postponed till 12 o'clock to-morrow.

The bill concerning the town of Stricklandville, Duplin County, and the bill to alter the time of holding the County Courts of Chowan passed their several readings.

Mr. Cherry introduced a bill concerning mortgages on personal estate. [The object of the bill is to put mortgages of personalty on the same footing as mortgages of realty.]

Mr. Lane moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill to incorporate the Cheraw and Coalfield Railroad Company was passed on yesterday.

Mr. Christian moved to lay that motion on the table. Not agreed to.

Mr. J. B. Jones had voted for the bill under the impression that it would not injure the N. C. Railroad, nor the Wilmington and Charlotte road.

He desired Mr. Christian to give them light on the matter.

Mr. Christian was proceeding to show that there were no grounds for supposing that any such injury would result, when--

The special order for 11 o'clock was announced--the Deep Gap and Stone Mountain Turnpike Road--which was postponed for half an hour, and Mr. Christian concluded his remarks.

Mr. Lane, in reply to Mr. Christian, repelled the charge of his being affected by "outside pressure," as unjust, ungenerous and discourteous. He voted upon all measures independently, and would now vote against the passage of this bill.

Mr. Christian declined any intention of reflecting upon the gentleman from Wayne.

Mr. Dockery was in favor of the bill. Mr. Cameron was absent yesterday when the vote upon the bill was taken. He would now vote against it, as he considered it fatal to the Central road and other works.

The motion to reconsider was then carried--yeas 24, nays 19.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Fonville, giving to the clerks and reporters of both houses a copy of the State Geological Report. Adopted and transmitted to the House.

The De- gap Turnpike bill was now taken up and advocated by Mr. Bryant; rejected--yeas 23, nays 23.

Mr. Wilder introduced a bill extending the terms of the Superior Court of Wake, when necessary, and making the necessary alterations in the times of holding the other Courts of that circuit.

Mr. Mills introduced a resolution instructing the Judiciary Committee to inquire whether, when this General Assembly shall adjourn, it is expedient that it adjourn to meet again in November next, and report thereon; adopted.

Mr. Jones presented a bill authorizing the Governor to appoint delegates from this State, to meet delegates from the other of the Old Thirteen States in convention at Philadelphia, to take into consideration the best plan of completing the Washington monument.

Received a report from the President of the Cape Fear and Deep River Navigation Company, in response to a resolution of the Senate.

Mr. Hott introduced a bill to incorporate the American Mining Company; referred.

The hour of 12 having arrived, the unfinished business of yesterday--the bill to increase the revenue of the State--was taken up, and occupied the attention of the Senate till the hour of recess.

In the course of the morning numerous reports from committees were presented, and considerable business of a private character was transacted.

The afternoon session was entirely occupied in the consideration of the Revenue bill.

FRIDAY, JAN. 16.
After the transaction of some unimportant business, Mr. Wilder reported on the bill to charter the N. C. Bank, and recommended its passage.

Mr. W. H. Thomas, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported on the improvement of the Cape Fear and Deep River. [The committee concur in opinion with Col. Gwynne as to the importance of the work, but deem it inexpedient to make the appropriation needed by this report.]

Mr. Christian introduced a bill to incorporate the Cape Fear Mining Company. Referred.

Mr. Fennell, a bill concerning the Bank of Cape Fear. Referred.

Mr. Wilder, a bill to incorporate the Citizens Bank of Raleigh, with a Corporation of \$400,000. Referred.

Mr. W. H. Thomas, from Committee on Internal Improvements, reported on the improvement of the Chesapeake Canal.

The bill more effectually to prevent traffic in liquor with slaves, was read first time.

The bill to incorporate the Greenville or French Broad Railroad Company, was made the special order for Thursday next.

The bill to incorporate the Bank of Goldsboro' was made the special order for Friday next.

The bill to incorporate the Bank of Lincolnton, for Tuesday next.

The bill to consolidate and amend the Charter of the city of Raleigh was read first time and referred.

Mr. Hill from the committee on Constitutional Reform reported against the bill introduced by Mr. Jones, four weeks ago, to amend the Constitution of the State.

The Senate now resumed the consideration of the Revenue bill. Pending its reading by sections, the Senate took a recess at half past 1 o'clock.

Message from the House, transmitting a Communication from His Excellency and a report from Mr. Shaw on the Putnam road.

The Revenue bill, as a whole, was then voted on and passed its second reading yeas 41, nays 4.

On motion of Mr. Boyd, the bill was put upon its last reading, and was under discussion when the Senate adjourned.

A large amount of private and unimportant business was transacted in addition to the above to-day.

SATURDAY, JAN. 17.
A general business uninteresting to the general reader being disposed of--Mr. Cunningham introduced a bill to amend the 19th sec. 59th chap. Revised Code. [This bill provides that a plaintiff, in an action to recover debt, may proceed against the defendant, by affidavit, such affidavit having been certified by the clerk of the county in which it is made before being transmitted to the sheriff or constable in the county where the debtor may live.]

Mr. W. H. Thomas introduced a bill to amend the charter of the Tuckasee and Cheo Turnpike Company.

The bill to incorporate the Yadkin Manufacturing company passed its second and third readings.

On motion of Mr. Cunningham, the bill to incorporate the Shepherd's Point Land company was taken up on its second reading; but before a vote could be got on it the special order for 12 o'clock was announced, being the bill providing for the Western extension of the N. C. Railroad.

On motion of Mr. Cherry the Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Hill, of Caswell, in the chair.

The bill was then read the second time.

Mr. Houston offered an amendment providing for a surrender of the charter of the Greenville and French Broad Road, regulating gauge of the track, &c., which amendment he presented at the request of gentlemen in the other branch of the Legislature.

Mr. W. H. Thomas desired to see the amendment printed before he acted upon it. He advocated the bill before the committee.

Mr. Speaker Avery thanked the Senate for the opportunity which had been offered him to express his views on the bill under consideration, which was but an amendment to the charter now in

existence. He then proceeded at great length, and in a clear and concise manner, to detail the advantages likely to result from this work. It was the largest corporation in the State, and could not be called a sectional enterprise.--Mr. A. continued his remarks till the hour of recess arrived.

The committee then rose, reported progress, and asked leave to set again.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
The bill to incorporate the Currituck Steamboat Company, on motion of Mr. J. B. Jones, was taken up, and after some remarks, was again laid on the table.

The Senate again resolved itself into a committee of the whole--the question being the bill for the Western Extension--but the Senate not being full, the committee rose again, and the Senate proceeded to business.

The Shepherd's Point Land Company bill was taken up, and passed its second and third readings.

After the transaction of unimportant business the Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JAN. 19.
The engrossed joint resolution expunging the Mexican Preamble, was read the first time and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

A number of private bills and several reports from committees on similar bills were received and disposed of.

The bill to incorporate the Metropolitan Bank, being the special order for 12 o'clock, was, on motion, postponed till half past three o'clock.

The special order for 11 o'clock--the bill concerning the Western N. C. Railroad Company--was now taken up.

On motion, the Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Hill of Caswell in the chair.

The consideration of this bill occupied the attention of the committee for some time. The committee then arose--the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hill reported the bill back to the Senate, with amendments, and recommended its passage.

Mr. White, of Gaston, offered to amend by making Newton a point on the road; rejected.

He then offered another releasing the citizens of Newton from their subscription of stock to said road.

Mr. Avery amended the amendment by locating the road to within two miles of Newton, or by constructing a branch to that place.

Mr. White accepted this amendment, subject to the action of the company.

Mr. White offered to amend by making Newton a point, provided the citizens of Catawba subscribe \$60,000 to the stock of said road; rejected.

The bill then passed its second reading--yeas 17, nays 13.

The Senate then took a recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
The special order for 3 o'clock--the bill to increase the Revenue of the State--was, on motion, laid on the table, and on motion, it was resolved to take up bills, &c., of a private nature, on their second and third readings.

The balance of the afternoon session was occupied in the consideration of these bills, &c.

At 5 o'clock the Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, JAN. 20, 1857.
Mr. Eaton, from the committee on Corporations, reported back the bill to incorporate Normal College, with amendments.

After the transaction of considerable private business.

The special order for 11 o'clock--the bill to incorporate the Bank of Goldsboro'--was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Wilder, the bill was laid on the table.

The bill to incorporate the Currituck Steamboat Company passed its second and third readings, and was ordered to be engrossed.

The special order for 11 1/2 o'clock--the bill to incorporate the Bank of Lincoln ton--was now taken upon its second reading.

M. J. B. Jones moved to amend by striking out "81" and inserting "85."

Mr. White moved to amend the amendment by striking out "85" and inserting "83." Not agreed to.

Mr. Jones' amendment was then adopted. After other amendments, the question recurring on the passage of the bill as amended, it was rejected--yeas 12, nays 20.

The bill to charter the Bank of Salisbury, being the special order for 12 o'clock, was next taken up.

Mr. Speight moved to amend by striking out "83" inserting "85." Adopted.

The bill as amended was then lost--yeas 12, nays 19.

The bill to attach part of Moore county to Harnett, was laid on the table.

After the passage of several private bills. The engrossed bill concerning Common Schools was read the second time, and an amendment proposed by the Committee agreed to.

Mr. Thomas moved to amend by adding the following as an additional section:-- That as soon as the Congress of the United States shall pass a law releasing the State from the payment of the fund deposited with the State, the distribution shall thereafter be made agreeably to the number of children in each county, entitled to the benefit of the school fund.

Pending the consideration of the bill and amendment, the Senate took a recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
The consideration of private bills, &c., engrossed the attention of the Senate till the hour of adjournment.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21, 1857.
The bill to amend the Chapter of the Revised Code concerning Revenue was made the special order for to-morrow morning.

Motions to reconsider the votes rejecting the bill to incorporate the banks of Salisbury and Lincolnton prevailed.

A bill to amend the Charter of the Atlantic & N. C. Railroad Company was read first time.

A bill to incorporate the Rockingham Coal fields bill was read and referred.

The bill to charter the Cheraw and Coalfields Railroad Company was read and passed its third reading--yeas 19, nays 10.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. Wilder, from the committee on Banks & Currency, reported back the bill to amend the charter of the Bank of Cape Fear and recommended its passage.

Mr. Eaton, from the committee on Corporations reported back the bill to incorporate the Cape Fear Coal and Iron Company.

The bill to incorporate the Metropolitan Bank was made the special order for this afternoon.

The special order being the bill concerning the Albermarle and Chesapeake Canal Company, it passed its second reading; an additional section was rejected. The Senate took a recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
The above Canal bill occupied the attention of the Senate till the hour of 4 o'clock, which was the time for the special order--the bill to aid in the construction of the Western N. C. Railroad.

The consideration of this bill was postponed till 3 1/2 to-morrow.

The Metropolitan Bank was made the special order for to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

The bill concerning the Atlantic & N. C. Railroad Company passed its second and third readings.

The Senate then adjourned.

THURSDAY, JAN. 22 1857.
Several reports from committees were received.

The bill to establish the Metropolitan Bank was taken up and read the second time.

The bill was amended so as to be styled the North Carolina Bank, and have its capital stock increased to three millions, with other unimportant changes, when the special order of the morning--the Revenue bill was taken up.

The tax on Marriage license was struck out--the only amendment up to the hour of recess.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.
THURSDAY, JAN. 15, 1857.

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, the use of the Commons Hall was granted to the Oak-city Guards for the lecture of Prof. Hubbard, on Friday, night.

The following bills were introduced and referred:

Mr. Martin, a bill to change the time of holding the County Courts of Ashe.

Mr. Benbury, a bill to protect artisans and mechanics.

Mr. Holmes, a bill to amend the 28th sec. 70th chap. Revised Code, concerning attachments on steamboats and ships, &c.

Mr. Davidson, a bill to authorize the creation of a fund by lottery, to build a military academy.

The unfinished business of yesterday--the bill to improve Yadkin River--was now taken up.

Mr. Cox, of Perquimans and Mr. Mann supported the bill. Rejected--yeas 28, nays 64.

Mr. Reeves' resolution to expunge from the journal of the House the preamble known as the Mexican Preamble was taken up. The resolution is as follows:--

"WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, at the session of 1846-47, passed a preamble known as the 'Mexican Preamble'; and whereas, said preamble was the result of bitter party prejudices and does not reflect the sentiments of the people of North Carolina, and is a stain upon the fair reputation of the Good Old North State, be it therefore

Resolved, That the said preamble be and the same is hereby expunged."

Mr. Reeves stated that his object was to clear the fair name of the State of this foul blot, which was the result of a party vote in both houses, and to repair the injustice done to the volunteers in the Mexican war by this imputation of wrong as applied to that war. He made a glowing appeal to the national pride of the House and to its sense of right.

Mr. Outlaw moved to postpone till the 4th of March; rejected--yeas 45, nays 67.

Mr. Ferebee was against the resolution. In the course of his remarks he assailed the Democratic party, and charged Mr. Breckenridge with having supported abolitionists.

Mr. Erwin demanded his authority for that assertion.

Mr. Ferebee continued his remarks, but failed to give his authority.

Mr. Erwin asked him if Gov. Ford had not stated that it was the mission of the American party to abolish slavery?

Mr. Ferebee replied that he knew nothing about it.

Mr. Little did not know whether or not he would have counselled the introduction of this resolution, if he had been consulted in the matter by his friend from Surry; but now that it was before the House, he was in favor of disposing of it without delay.

He hurled a withering rebuke at the opposition for the disposition evinced by them to kill time and clog the action of the House that day, in the face of the fact that their presses had wrongly charged a waste of time upon the Democratic party.

Mr. Baxter opposed the resolution. He had supported the passage of the preamble originally, and his opinions had undergone no change yet.

The debate was here interrupted by the special order for 12 o'clock--the bill to improve the navigation of Trent River--which, after considerable discussion by Messrs. Cox of Jones, Erwin and Meares, for the bill, and Messrs Benbury and Humphreys, against it, was rejected--yeas 39, nays 68.

The debate upon Mr. Reeves' resolution was then resumed.

Mr. Jenkins offered the following amendment: "That the words 'by action of the Executive and the subsequent sanction of Congress' in the said preamble be expunged by the principal clerk of the House of Commons, in the presence of the House on the day after the resolution shall be agreed to by the Senate, by drawing black lines around them in the said preamble, so that said preamble shall read, 'Whereas, this Republic is involved in a foreign war,' &c. &c."

This was accepted by Mr. Reeves.

Mr. Baxter again spoke in opposition to the resolution.

Mr. Erwin was in favor of the original resolution.

Mr. Bridgers preferred the resolution as amended.

Mr. Caldwell offered an amendment shadowing forth the opinions of Mr. Calhoun.

A motion to lay the resolution on the table was rejected--yeas 36, nays 70.

Mr. Sharpe proposed to amend by giving a sword to Capt. Campbell, of Iredell county.

A very frivolous debate here ensued--all imaginary expedites, afforded by the rules of the House, to kill time being resorted to by the opponents of the resolution.

The hour for a recess having arrived, on motion of Mr. Hill of Halifax, it was indefinitely postponed, in order finish the debate--yeas 76, nays 34.

Mr. Caldwell offered an amendment referring upon President Polk, for granting a pass to Santa Anna; rejected--yeas 5, nays 72.

Mr. Little wished to draw the Speaker's attention to the fact of Mr. Leach, of Davidson, being within the bar of the House and refusing to vote.

Mr. Lewis, of Wake, addressed the House in reply to the attacks from the opposition, and frequently brought up Mr. Baxter to explain.

Mr. Ferebee replied to Mr. Lewis, and repeated his former charges against the Democratic party.

Mr. Mann offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the amount of five thousand dollars be appropriated out of the Treasury of the State, for the purpose of erecting a suitable monument to the memory of Lewis D. Henry, of Edgecombe--the said monument to be erected in the town of Tarboro'.

A motion to indefinitely postpone was rejected--yeas 36, nays 62.

Mr. Outlaw believed in the truths of the preamble when it was passed, and he believed in them now.

Mr. Little replied with severity on the conduct of the Whig party in adopting the preamble despite the exertions and entreaties of the Democratic party. He justified the present course of his party in endeavoring to expunge that expression of party feeling from the Statute book. He urged his friends to persist until their purpose was effected.

Mr. Bridgers, as a representative of Edgecombe, thanked the gentleman from Pasquotank for his tribute of respect to the memory of Louis D. Wilson. At the same time he begged to inform that gentleman that the people of Edgecombe needed no assistance to enable them to erect a monument to the memory of the gallant Wilson. The member from Pasquotank was behind the times, too, for Edgecombe had already erected a monument to the memory of Louis D. Wilson. (Applause.)

Mr. Hackney had voted, as a member of the Commons in 1846, for this preamble. He believed it to be true then, and he believed so yet. Though an old line Whig, he was acting with the Democratic party, because he regarded its course as nearer what was right on public questions than the American party. He returned upon Mr. Caldwell for having deserted the old Whig party, and characterized his conduct as in bad taste, when he charged desertion upon others who, like himself, had always been Whigs.

Mr. Foster, spoke against the resolution, and regretted the party spirit which it had drawn forth.

Mr. Reeves explained. As a humble member of the Democratic party he acknowledged no leader. He had consulted no one on the subject of this resolution--the preamble had been canvassed in his county, and he had pledged himself to use his endeavors to have it expunged. He felt proud and willing to assume all responsibility attached to the introduction of his resolution.

The resolutions of Messrs. Mann and Sharpe were rejected.

Mr. White, of Bladen, supported the resolution.

Mr. Cox of Perquimans objected to the principle of the resolution.

Mr. Lewis of Wake, made another onslaught at the opposition, and brought up Mr. Foster repeatedly to explain. He considered Mr. Hackney as the only representative of the Whig party in the House.

Mr. Bridgers begged of his Democratic friends to leave the discussion, and consequent waste of time in the hands of their opponents. "Let them," said he, "do their talking, and when they get tired we will do the voting." (Cries of agreed, and laughter.)

Mr. Scott avowed himself a member of the Know Nothing party.

Mr. Caldwell moved to refer to the Judiciary committee, and called for the yeas and nays. (Quiet moment, *sotto voce*, getting very hungry--D--n your eyes, and nose too.) The motion was rejected--yeas 26, nays 78.

Mr. Leach, of Davidson, next addressed the House.

Mr. Erwin asked him if he believed the Mexican Preamble spoke the truth? After a little hesitation, he replied he thought it did.

The resolution then passed--yeas 74, nays 36.

On motion of Mr. Humphrey, the rules were suspended, and the resolution passed its third reading--yeas 69, nays 19.

The House then adjourned after a continuous session of nine hours.

FRIDAY, JAN. 16, 1857.
Mr. Mann asked to amend the journal of yesterday by inserting "Louis D. Wilson" in place of "Lewis D. Henry."

Mr. Blodgett objected. He had voted against the amendment on account of that name being in it, and he did not desire to be recorded as voting against a resolution in honor of Louis D. Wilson.

Mr. Blow had drawn Mr. Mann's attention to the matter at the time, but as it was introduced to cause delay, he was opposed to the correction.

On motion of Mr. Holmes, the motion to amend was laid on the table--yeas 82, nays 36.

Mr. Leach rose to a personal explanation. In the heat of debate he had made some remarks on Gov. Wise, of Virginia, which he wished to be understood as referring to his political character. As a private gentleman he had the greatest respect for him. He had no intention of personal reflection upon him.

Mr. Montgomery, from the select committee on the bill relative to the coupon bonds of the N. C. Railroad, reported the bill back, with an amendment providing for a sinking fund from the revenue of the road to meet the bonds as they become due.

Mr. Holmes introduced a bill to amend the charter of the Bank of Cape Fear--Ordered to be printed. [The bill provides for the repeal of 17, 18 and 221 sections of the charter; and that the Bank shall have authority to issue bills, bonds and notes