

CLOSING DAY'S WORK OF THE LEGISLATURE

Changes in Western Criminal Court District.

REPORT ON FUSION MANAGEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT AND PENITENTIARY.

Raleigh, N. C., June 14.—Lieutenant Governor Reynolds called the senate to order at 10 o'clock and Rev. Dr. Levi Branson offered prayer in which he prayed for divine blessings on the sorrowing family of the senator who crossed over into the promised land at early dawn.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved. Senator Justice said he had a petition of a number of citizens of Rutherford to repeal the dispensary there. Justice said that he had had a bill passed to submit the question of dispensary to the people there and they voted for a dispensary. Justice said if the petition had been submitted in time for him to ascertain the sentiment there he would have given the people what they want and introduced a bill to let the people vote on the question if they so desired. He felt the same way about a petition from Polk county to repeal the road law. He was not sufficiently informed on these sentiments. He was opposed to this session passing local legislation; he thought it unwise to do so and he did not intend to introduce bills.

Senator Bryan said: "Mr. President, it is my painful duty to inform the senate of the death of my colleague, Senator J. Q. Jackson." He paid a glowing tribute to the christian character of the late senator. He was pure as a maid and his one purpose in life was honesty and integrity, and his county and state have lost a man whose figure stood out pointing to the path of the highest and noblest. Senator Bryan's tribute was eloquent and touching and he moved a committee of three be appointed to draft resolutions of respect and a joint committee be appointed to accompany the remains home and attend the funeral.

Resolved by the senate, the house of representatives concurring. That the president of the senate appoint two members of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives appoint four members of the house as a committee to accompany the remains of the late Senator J. Q. Jackson to the place of burial and the sergeant-at-arms of the senate take charge thereof.

Senator Travis called up the bill to regulate issuing of liquor license in Northampton county. This bill gives the judge holding court in the county power to order a license to sell liquor when 30 days' notice is given. If a majority of voters in any township petition against license it shall not be granted and if a majority petition for it it shall be granted. This is a local bill modeled after the Virginia law. Haisrton moved reference to committee. Travis said it was a local compromise and all the people wanted it. Franks ridiculed giving judges such as Hoke and Brown the decision in question of selling whisky. Travis said just such men as Hoke and Brown were best qualified to decide whether a man was suitable to sell whisky. Justice thought the proper course was to refer to committee. He was opposed to all this legislation of local character. The bill was an innovation to require judges to issue liquor license and ought to go before a committee at least. Glenn said going to a committee simply kills a bill. Legislation had been passed without going to a committee. He favored plainly either passing or killing the bill and not sidetracking it.

Justice reiterated his antagonism to all this legislation at this session. Cooley thought the senate competent to act without committee. A telegram was read inviting the senate to the Teachers' assembly at Morehead.

At this hour the special order to elect a director of the school for the deaf at Morganton arrived. James nominated A. C. Miller of Shelby. Hicks and Davis were appointed tellers and reported Miller 39 and he was duly declared elected.

Consideration of the Northampton bill was resumed, and after some discussion, the previous question was called and the bill passed its final reading.

Senator Bryan introduced a second resolution on the death of Senator Jackson to appoint a committee of four to draft resolutions of respect and appropriate money sufficient to defray the funeral expenses and of transporting the remains to Kinston.

Senator Brown sent forward the report of the committee to investigate the North Carolina agricultural department and the state prison, together with the evidence. The reading was postponed.

The senate took up the house bill changing the western criminal court. Lambeth moved to strike out the word McDowell county; that the people there desired the court. The bill would leave only seven counties in the district. Franks moved to lay amendment on the table. Lost. Travis said Representative Justice of McDowell wanted the bill and thought it of vital importance to McDowell. The resolution in McDowell Democratic convention endorsing that court was passed before a recent decision which had entirely changed opinion. Haisrton offered an amendment to add Stokes county. Lambeth argues against striking McDowell from the circuit. Lindsay opposed interfering with the circuit court; he thought it would create division in the counties affected.

Lieutenant Governor Reynolds then appointed Senators Bryan and Butler to accompany the remains of Senator Jackson to Kinston, and on the committee on resolutions Senators Daniels, Justice, Franks and Harris. Fields thought it dangerous to change the circuit court now and favored

waiting until the next legislature and not entering into the fight. The situation in McDowell was discussed at length by Glenn, Travis and others. Mason, Lindsay, Hicks, Cooley opposed the bill. Osborne wanted McDowell left out of the bill, since McDowell convention endorsed it. He didn't believe the people of McDowell would say a bad thing. The bill passed because they didn't like the solicitor. Cooley read a letter from ex-Senator Eaves opposing taking McDowell county out of the circuit. Willson favored Lambeth's amendment. Lambeth's amendment to leave McDowell in the district was adopted, 21 ayes, 11 noes.

Senator Franks sent an amendment to take Henderson from the circuit. Senator Bryan wanted the senate to stop these local bills, but "just suspend the rules and let's pass a little bill of mine to pay some poor lady school teachers in Craven." (Laughter.)

The president said the question was on the amendment by Franks to the western criminal court bill. Franks' amendment was lost. The bill as amended by Lambeth then passed second reading. On final reading Cooley demanded a roll call. The bill passed, ayes 38, noes 8 (fusionists). Cooley said: "I vote for the bill with the distinct understanding that Mr. Craig assumes all responsibility for it."

Glenn introduced a bill to pay Eugene C. Beddingfield for services as railroad commissioner amounting to \$1266.84.

Bryan's school bill for Craven was taken up and finally passed by a vote of 16 to 15 on second reading, and on third reading the vote stood 17 to 17 and the lieutenant governor voted aye and was applauded.

Glenn's resolution to pay Beddingfield then passed second and third reading.

Osborne introduced a resolution to pay the clerks at this session the usual mileage and rules being suspended. It passed.

Franks introduced a bill to incorporate the Merchants and Planters bank of Henderson.

The house bill to allow commissioners of Edgecombe to make new jury list passed.

The house resolution to print report of committee investigating penitentiary passed.

The senate bill to restore good government to Brunswick county passed its final reading.

The senate bill for benefit of public roads in Lenoir township passed.

The house resolution calling on state treasurer whether he has paid any money to Theo. White passed final readings.

Osborne introduced a resolution that the senate pass no further bills except those sent over from the house or already on the calendar. The resolution passed and the senate took a recess until 9 p. m.

HOUSE. The house met at 10 o'clock. The report of the committee which was appointed to ascertain whether the state treasurer had paid out any money since the act of 1899 as salary to Theophilus White, shell fish commissioner, was made. The report of the committee which investigated the agricultural department and penitentiary last year was also made by Gattis. Both documents accompanying are of immense length. The report was read. It says as to the agricultural department that there was extravagance after June 1, 1898, this extravagance being of the grossest and most reckless kind and amounting to \$24,000, mainly in salaries. The report was a scathing arraignment of fusion mismanagement and corruption and of the holding of several offices by one man. Attorneys' fees were also shown to be excessive. Attorney Lope Harris coming in for notice in this regard, as he got \$3500 in two years.

As to the penitentiary the committee says recklessness, mismanagement and extravagance characterized every department and caused a loss to the state of over \$200,000 in the two years up to 1899. The committee says the evidence shows that with proper management the penitentiary could be made self-sustaining and in fact profitable. Drunkenness and incompetence, as well as extravagance, were proved by the testimony of scores of witnesses. The penitentiary record was shown to be really worse than that of the agricultural department. The report shows a terrible record of cruelty and carelessness as to convicts. Frightful instances of such cruelties were cited. The committee says something is lacking in the penitentiary system and recommends the Indiana system, especially the patrol system. The use of all convicts on the public roads is recommended as best, but if this cannot be secured then work with farms is next best.

A telegram from the Teachers' assembly, Morehead City, was read, inviting the legislature to be there Saturday evening and to hear the address of Dr. J. L. M. Curry.

Craig, Abbott and Brown of Johnson submitted resolutions regarding the deaths of Representatives H. C. Wall, J. M. Trotman and S. L. Hart. Remarks in eulogy of the dead were made by McLean of Scotland and McLean of Harnett as to Mr. Wall; by Winstan and Boushall as to Mr. Trotman; by Gilliam and Craig as to Mr. Hart.

A message came over from the senate providing for the raising of a committee to accompany the remains of Senator J. Q. Jackson to Kinston. Carraway of Lenoir paid a tribute to the deceased. The speaker appointed as the house branch of the committee Carraway, Sugg, Noble and Russell.

The house elected A. C. Miller a director of the deaf mute school at Morganton, to fill the unexpired term of the late R. A. Crater, until 1905. Hoey and Reinhardt were tellers.

A rush of new bills began. They were mainly local and trivial. The house wore a broad smile while the titles were read. The scene was really amusing in the extreme. It had been said on Tuesday that some of the members were "loaded" with bills, with even so many as 500 of them, and this morning's performance went far to prove the accuracy of the statement. Rountree said there was great danger in this deluge of bills and that all ought to go before the proper committees. Council offered a resolution that the chair appoint a committee of three to arrange the bills on the calendar; that there were some of political significance; that the committee can pick out such bills as are entitled to preference. Stevens said it was the general belief that there was to be no legislation outside of the amendment and the election law. Overman said he hoped that Council would amend his resolution so as to bar all legislation save that of the greatest public mo-

ment. Council accepted this. Davis of Haywood protested against the committee, saying it smacked of favoritism. Council called the previous question on his resolution. The motion was lost.

Allen suggested that a joint resolution should pass fixing the time of adjournment. Gattis then offered the resolution providing that the legislature adjourn at 10 o'clock tonight to meet again at noon July 24. Robinson offered an amendment that at such adjourned session no private or local legislation be enacted. Nicholson or Beaufort wanted to change the time of adjournment to 1 p. m. today. Allen said the resolution was agreed on by the Democratic caucus. The resolution was then adopted. Nicholson withdrawing his motion.

A resolution to pay the expense of the funeral of Senator Jackson was adopted.

Bill to allow the commissioners of Edgecombe county to draw a jury list in July passed.

Foushee offered a resolution directing the printing of the report of the special committee and the evidence in the penitentiary and agricultural department matters. It was adopted. At 12:15 the house took a recess until 9 p. m.

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