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IMPEACHMENT OF JUDGE NORWOOD

Resolution in the House Calling For Investigation.

Bill for Primary Elections—Bill to Amend Charter of Raleigh Introduced—Debates

SENATE.
The Senate met at 10 and prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Bain. Senator Halstrom rose to a question of personal privilege. He said that any paper in the State had a right to criticize his substitute bill to require foreign corporations to secure license, but that he desired to say that the attack upon his bill in the Morning Post of today was absolutely false. He referred especially to the following sentence in the leading editorial of that newspaper: "The bill first introduced, and for which the one under consideration has been substituted was a verbatim copy of the one the Russell-Butler combination attempted to push through the legislature of 1897."

On motion it was ordered that 200 copies of the bill codifying the insane laws of North Carolina and submitted by Dr. P. L. Murphy, of Morganton, be printed and distributed among the Senators, so that intelligent consideration might be given to the bill, which is lengthy and important. Committee reports awarded \$270.60 (600 less than was originally decided upon) to A. Cannon, the losing contestant for a seat from the 34th district, recommended that a different amount of money be expended to establish a light house station in Cape Fear channel. Senator Smith announced that in accordance with instructions from the Senate his committee had reduced the number of pages from 10 to 6. Objection was raised by Senator Brown to the inefficiency in the mail service for the legislature; but the chair stated that the fault lay with its own appointees, who would not be retained if incapable.

Bills were introduced as follows: By Senator Bryan, to incorporate the city of New Bern. By Senator Field, for the relief of Venable, ex-sheriff of Surry county; to change the dividing line between townships in Surry county. By Senator Goodwin, to prevent the removal of cases from State to Federal Courts. By Senator Smith, to provide primary elections for political parties. By Senator Robinson, to add new members to the board of county commissioners of Sampson county. By Senator Justice, (by request) to amend chapter 323, of the private laws of 1895, and to allow surety companies to become surety for guardians, executors, etc. (practically re-enacting the old Democratic law). By Senator Glenn, to establish a State veterinary association; to establish the office of county treasurer in Surry county.

On the suggestion of Senator Justice Senators Glenn and Brown were appointed as a part of a joint committee to investigate the penitentiary and Senators Osborne and Jones were selected to examine the evidence submitted as to the dismissal of S. Otho Wilson and J. W. Wilson from the railroad commission. The Cannon expense matter was brought up. Finally an amendment to give Cannon \$202.50 was adopted. Bills as follows passed third reading: To change the name of the Southern Atlantic Endowment Company of North Carolina, bill to incorporate the Southern Conservatory of Music at Durham. The Hertford county bill upon second reading. It was opposed by Senator Franks, who said it was his duty to oppose a measure that gave the legislature the right of appointment of county officers, and by Senator Fuller, who declared: "The last legislature enacted some bad and revolutionary measures, and it seems that this body is following in the paths of its predecessor, to enter a protest against this pitiful of a Vote No."

Senator Glenn said that he spoke in the East in the last campaign, and that men and women came to him and begged him to enlist the support of their countrymen in the West to rid them of the fearful black cloud. The bill then passed its final reading. The Senate adjourned at 1:45.

HOUSE.
The House met at 10 o'clock, and prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. J. D. Hufham. Representatives Snipes of Hertford, and Hampton of Surry, rising to questions personal privilege, denounced statements made regarding their

speeches on the Hertford county case yesterday. Curtis of Buncombe introduced a resolution to instruct the committee on judiciary to inquire and report whether articles of impeachment ought to be preferred against W. L. Norwood, who claims to be judge of the 12th judicial district. (The resolution recites that evidence before legislative committee showed that Norwood was drunk while on the bench at several places, and that he gave his formal resignation to Lusk, and that it was later sent to the Governor and accepted as a resignation, and that yet Norwood is claiming to be the rightful incumbent and is yet exercising the functions of judge when opportunity offers, and that he has been publicly drunk since the said resignation was delivered to Lusk. Norwood has been publicly drunk in Clay, Cherokee, Bertie and Buncombe also on the trips. The resolution further sets forth that the people of the State have elected Fred Moore Judge, and that Moore is still holding the courts of the 3d judicial district, while Norwood is still assuming the right to make orders as judge of the Superior Court at chambers. The resolution then proposes to raise a committee to inquire and report as soon as practicable whether it is true that Norwood is yet exercising these functions, and whether he has been publicly drunk also whether he is liable to impeachment as a Judge de jure or de facto, and whether he should be impeached, and if the charges are sustained the committee is directed to prefer formal charges against Norwood for such misconduct in office.)

Overman introduced a resolution, which was at once adopted, raising a committee to make inquiry as to how many assistants there are in the office of the engrossing clerk of the House and how many are needed. Overman, Leatherwood and Patterson of Caldwell were named as the committee. The following acts were ratified and are now laws: To allow Raleigh to issue water works bonds. To repeal act of 1897 regarding fishing in Alleghany. To incorporate St. Luke's Circle of King's Daughters, of Raleigh. To provide for making public roads in Washington county. To create a committee to investigate the management of the penitentiary. To amend the charter of Bingham School. To allow the Worth Bigley monument to be placed in the Capitol square.

Bills were introduced as follows: By Carroll, to amend the charter of Graham; also to facilitate restoration of rights of citizenship in certain cases. By Redding, to protect game in Randolph. By Overman, to amend chapter 47, acts 1897. By Gilliam, to fix salaries of solicitors and require their fees to be turned into the State treasury. By Bushnell, to amend the charter of Raleigh. By Stubbs, to amend the charter of Jamesville. By Boggs, to have elementary principles of agriculture taught in public schools. By Gattis, to amend the law regarding the proving of titles out of the State, also to provide for giving security in criminal actions. By Johnson, of Sampson, to prevent removal of certain cases to Federal courts. The bill in regard to giving the right to the commissioners of Hertford to oust the supervisor of public schools and to appoint school committee came up with a non-vocable report and tabled.

Hills passed to allow Morganton to issue bonds and buy electric light plant. A bill to give magistrates fiscal jurisdiction in cases for carrying concealed weapons came up with an unfavorable report, and provoked considerable debate. Williams, of Iredell, hoped the bill would pass. Overman opposed the bill. Carraway said negro magistrates were regarded as a security for protection of criminals. Carter, Republican, of Forsyth, having taken occasion to reflect on lawyers, Moore, of Jackson, gave him a rapping and autologized lawyers. McDonald also denounced Carter's statement. The bill failed to pass, yeas, 24, nays 72. The Speaker announced the following as the House branch of the committee to investigate the management of the penitentiary: Gattis, Willard, Patterson, of Robeson.

for the purchase of water works passed 3rd reading and was sent to the Senate. Bill passed to repeal the chain gang law in Madison county, and allowing persons convicted there to be sent to other counties; to allow Fayetteville to receive 25 per cent of last year's taxes in full settlement. Robinson, of Cumberland, presented a petition signed by 1372 citizens of Cumberland county, protesting against repealing the dispensary law for Fayetteville. Bills passed allowing various sheriffs and tax collectors until 31 December next to collect arrears. Bill to publish 1,000 copies of the Statutes of North Carolina reprinted in the Confederate service, compiled by Walter Clark, was made special order for next Saturday.

Bill was tabled to repeal the act in King 2 years abandonment ground for divorce, as was also bill to prohibit the charging of over 6 per cent on crop notes, &c., by merchants. As bill passed reducing price of Supreme Court Reports to \$1.00, and to repeal act of 1897 allowing certain counties to vote on stock law. Bill passed to prohibit trapping partridges in Randolph county, and to prevent wild turkeys chase between February 1st, and December 1st. The Speaker announced Messrs. of Johnson and Fleming as added to the committee on counties, cities and towns; Rountree to that on banks. When to that on education, on motion of Judge a resolution was passed forming a committee on selection of State University trustees and the Speaker named Winston, Carr, Phillips, Foust and Wall.

FUNERAL OF MR. W. R. TUCKER.
Many prominent men attend and the Dearest Sympathy was felt. The funeral of the late Mr. W. R. Tucker was held from Christ Church at four this afternoon. The music was by the church choir assisted by other members of the city choir. Deep sorrow was never shown by the entire community than was manifested over the death of Mr. Tucker, and the business men left their work to attend the last sad rites. The service of the Episcopal church was read by Rev. Dr. M. M. Marshall, pastor of Christ church. The floral tributes upon the bier were most profuse. The remains were interred in the family lot in Oakwood cemetery.

BRIEFS.
The banks will be closed tomorrow, Gen. Lee's birthday. Last open meeting for perfecting the organization of the new Governor's Guard will be held tonight in Rescue Hall at 7:30, at which meeting officers will be elected. Side Tracked is the attraction at the Academy tonight. The Raleigh Christian Advocate, Rev. Dr. Ivey editor, will make its appearance the first week in February. The trial of Alex. Allen for killing his wife was begun today. He is being held for murder in the second degree and not for his life. Invitations have been issued to a Senior Piano Recital to be given next Friday evening at the Durham Conservatory of Music by Misses Margaret Williams Moring of this city and Margaret Eleanor Exum of Goldsboro, both of whom are students at the Conservatory.

Capt. H. L. Moore is very ill at his home, 222 West Jones street. St. Luke's Circle will meet tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Howard on Newbern avenue. Quite an audience assembled in the lecture room of the central church last evening to hear the accomplished Miss Kelly tell the story of "Enoch Arden," which she did to the pleasure of all. Fro michee told the measure of all. Mrs. Allen, Mr. Hughes, Mrs. Brinson and Mr. Reid gave valuable assistance. Miss Kelly possessed rare qualities as an elocutionist and impersonator. The organization of the State Association of Architects will be perfected this afternoon. Mrs. Bradley T. Johnson, sister of Col. W. J. Saunders is in the city. Mrs. Johnson has not been in Raleigh in ten years, and she says she could scarcely realize this was Raleigh, so great have the improvements been.

We referred to the woman who was confined in jail here with her child simply for the purpose of showing the necessity of enlarged jail accommodations for women prisoners. Tomorrow the times expires for attending to your purchase tax. Call on Register of Deeds Hood immediately and avoid trouble. Mr. T. C. Sheehan, inspector for the Mergenthaler Linotype Company, was in the yesterday for the purpose of inspecting the Linotype machines in this city. He reported the machines in the Morning Post, as in excellent condition. Mr. Sheehan is an expert and has built a number of Mergenthaler machines. He is a clever gentleman and will make friends wherever he goes.

FUNERAL.
The funeral of the late James Harris, who died yesterday afternoon at his residence on Wilmington street will be held from the Baptist Tabernacle tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. The pall-bearers are Messrs. L. H. Adams, R. H. Bradley, Chas. Bretsch, N. B. Broughton, J. R. Terrell and W. Z. Blakely.

SENATOR DEPEW.
By Telegram to the Times-Visitor. ALBANY, Jan. 13.—Dewey was formally declared Senator in joint session today.

BRIDGE GIVES WAY.
CLEVELAND, Jan. 13.—The fall of the Wilson Avenue bridge over Cuyahoga River, is the story of the hour. The bridge, which was built in 1892, and which carried a heavy load of traffic, gave way at 10:19 and the north end of the bridge, which carried the Great Overpass cars, fell into the water, five hundred cubic feet. Damage was done to the bridge, and it is estimated to be about \$25,000. Early this morning an immense amount of water in Huron pond was released. The only outlet for water is controlled by a wooden dam at a small creek under the bridge. The fall of the dam made the bridge last night to get across the bridge but to no avail.

CLARKE AND FAIR.
For through an accident, Clarke could not tonight. Fair and cold Tuesday. The arrival of high temperature, with accompanying cold weather, has moved from the extreme north to the lower Missouri valley and now dominates the weather over the entire Mississippi valley. The winds blow from the north and west, but the fall in temperature here and there very much. A long barometer depression, sweeping the Atlantic coastline, with inclement weather from Key West to New York, and small amount of rain. A heavy fall of over two inches occurred at Key West, about 7 P.M. in the last 24 hours. A storm appears to be developing over Florida.

NEW ROUTE.
LONDON, Jan. 13.—North German Lloyd steamship company is organizing a service of fast passenger steamers to run between New York and Liverpool, at the west coast of France. It is proposed to run from New York to Liverpool in less than five days. This will make the route the quickest by many hours to Paris, Berlin and other cities on the Continent.

DINGLE THURTED.
LEWISTON, ME., Jan. 13.—Public services were held today over the body of Representative Dingley in the Congregational church, after which the remains were buried in Oak Hill cemetery at Auburn.

EAGAN TRIAL.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Adjutant General Corbin went to New York this morning. Before leaving he said the details for the Eagan court martial will not be published today. Eagan is at his office. The order for his arrest will not be served until late today or tomorrow. Col. Weston of the commissary department is expected to relieve Eagan.

SURRENDER.
CAIRO, Jan. 13.—Whole remaining force arrived at Feil, the only unoccupied Derwish chiefdom, numbering about two thousand men surrendered to the British garrison at Metemneh, on the Blue Nile. Feil escaped in a southerly direction.

MASONIC.
Hiram Lodge, No. 46, A. F. and A. M., will meet Thursday morning at 9:45 o'clock to attend the funeral of our late brother, Jas. M. Harris. Brother of sister lodges cordially invited to be present. By order W. W. PARISH, W. M. E. R. THOMAS, Sec.

NEW ALLIANCE.
PARIS, Jan. 13.—Soleil today is authority for the report that Czar Nicholas of Russia has invited President Faure, of France and Emperor Wilhelm of Germany, to meet him in the spring on the Riviera. The paper says the Czar will spend two weeks there. It is believed the two rulers have accepted the invitation to visit him. This naturally arouses talk of a Franco-German-Russian alliance.

NEW YORK COTTON.
Months. Open. Clos.
January 5 79
February 5 79
March 5 80
April 5 83
May 5 86
June 5 88
July 5 90
August 5 92
September 5 89
October 5 87
November 5 86
December 5 88

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.
The following were the closing quotations:
American Tobacco 148
Sugar 127
American Spirits (pref.) 157
Barrington and Quincy 160
Con Gas 25
Chesapeake & Ohio 25
Delaware L. & W. 101 1/2
Jersey Central 101 1/2
Louisville & Nashville 96
Manhattan 109 1/2
Missouri Pacific 45
Northwestern 117
Rock Island 117 1/2
Southern Preferred 72
St. Paul 94
Western Union 126 1/2
St. Paul 127 1/2
New York Central 127 1/2

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKET.
The following were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market today:
Wheat—May 70; July 67 1/2.
Corn—May 30; July 27 1/2.
Oats—May 27; July 24 1/2.
Pork—July 5—May 10 1/2.
Lard—July 5—May 5 7/8.
Clear Rib Sides—July 5 1/2; May 5 0 1/2.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.
The following were the closing quotations of the Liverpool cotton market today:
American middling, low middling clause:
January 3 67
January and February 3 67
February and March 3 67
March and April 3 68
April and May 3 69
May and June 3 10
June and July 3 11
July and August 3 12

EXECUTION OF JIM BOOKER.

Makes a Short Talk on the Scaffold

Drop Fell at 10:19 and at 10:36 1/2 the Body Was Taken Down—Died Game.

This morning in obedience to law Jim Booker was taken from the jail and hanged in the jail inclosure. The crowd crowded through about the place during the execution but admission was only by ticket, and the spectators numbered about thirty. To say that Booker died game bodily expresses his feeling today. Not a tear did he shed, his voice if not credible a simple and manly man. He was in the morning and night well fed. BOOKER'S CONFESSION. Booker's spiritual adviser, this morning at half past nine, Rev. David Row, A. G. Davis, colored pastor of the Davis Street Presbyterian church, and Rev. J. E. King, colored, of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, went to the cell of the condemned man. They found him cool and collected and he talked calmly with them about his impending fate. Scripture was read to him and a fervent prayer was offered. At Booker's request they sang two hymns, "Lead Kindly Light" and "Come Into Me and Rest." The condemned man repeated the hymns himself, saying that they were his favorites. He talked with his advisers very calmly. "I am satisfied and peaceful," he said, "and feel that I've got pardon."

at each person present and then looked earnestly on the floor. He was dressed in a navy blue suit. He is apparently about twenty-six or seven years old. He has a small mustache, very large eyes. He is of slender build, about 5 feet 8 inches and weighs about 140 pounds. When Booker left the cell his hat was forgotten but he reminded the deputies just as he was starting down the steps and he was allowed to go in the cell and get it. A deathlike stillness pervaded the jail during the exercise. Before leaving jail Booker said that he desired to tell the other prisoners good-bye and he made a round through the jail greeting each prisoner and expressing the hope that they would meet in the hereafter. The solemn march to the scaffold was then begun. Sheriff Page leading the way, followed by the prisoner in custody of Deputy Sheriff Sparks and Ribble, Rev. Davis and King, Dr. Buffalo and Dr. Scruggs and the representatives of the press.

ON THE SCAFFOLD.
On the scaffold scripture was read by Rev. Davis from 51st Psalm, beginning, "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness, according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions." Booker sat in the knee bottom chair provided for him and when Rev. Davis said "Let us pray," he got on his knees before the chair. The prayer was brief and at its conclusion, without rising Booker himself offered a short earnest prayer in a clear loud voice thanking God that Jesus was with him, asking God to bless those about him and forgive him for his sins. When he arose Sheriff Page said, "Jim, do you want to say anything?" Booker then came forward on the scaffold and said, without the least emotion, "Friends, I am here before you. I did wrong and I have to pay my life for it. My advice to all of you is to do right and love the Lord. I've prayed to the Lord and He heard my prayer. I have been forgiven and I'm saved. I feel that I'm going to take train and fly to heaven. I want all of you that will try to meet me in heaven to raise your hands." Several hands went up. "Thank the Lord," said Booker. Sheriff Page and his deputies shook hands and feelingly told him good-bye.

The prisoner was then placed upon the trap and his feet and hands were pinned, the fatal noose placed upon his neck, the black cap forever shut out the light of day from his eyes and at 10:19 the trap was sprung which launched Jim Booker's soul into eternity. There was a dull heavy fall. The body gave one quick jerk and hung still. However, the knot which had been placed at his left ear was now at the back of his head. Death resulted from strangulation, but he was never conscious after the drop. At 10:36 1/2, exactly 16 minutes and 15 seconds after the drop, he was pronounced dead by both the attending physicians. The lifeless body was taken from the rope placed in a coffin and delivered the authorities of the County Jail for burial at Parish Grove.

DEATH WARRANT READ.
At 107 Sheriff Page, accompanied by several deputies and a representative of each of the city papers entered the jail and went to the cell of Booker, which was on the upper row, north corner. Sheriff Page told him to come out, and he stood quietly in the balcony, as the sheriff solemnly and slowly read the death warrant to him.

THE CRIME.
On Saturday, the 29th day of August, 1898, about midday, Jim Booker, alias Jim Charvis, colored, jealous, having paralyzed every sentiment of pity and aroused his brutish nature, doubtlessly killed and murdered Mahala White, a white mulatto girl who had come to marry him. This he did with a double-barreled shot gun, blowing the back of his victim's head completely off. The killing was done in sight of the jail north.

Whereas, Jim Booker, alias Jim Charvis, charged with Murder in the First Degree in a bill of indictment found by the Grand Jury of Wake County, in the Superior Court thereof, was at March 1898 term thereof duly tried and convicted of the said crime and the penalty death adjudged. And, whereas, upon his appeal to the Supreme Court it has been decided that there is no error in the record of proceedings and said judgment has been affirmed at September 1898 term thereof, which, with the opinion has been duly certified and made known to me, therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, I, Daniel L. Russel, Governor of North Carolina, do command you that on the twentieth day of January, A. D. 1899 at the usual place prescribed by law in said county, you proceed to carry out judgment into execution by hanging the said Jim Booker, alias Jim Charvis, by the neck and he is dead.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of North Carolina to be affixed. Done in our City of Raleigh, this the twentieth day of November, 1898, and in the one hundred and twenty-third year of American Independence. DANIEL L. RUSSELL, Governor.

By the Governor: BAYLES CADE, Private Secretary. While the sheriff was reading Booker listened attentively, not a muscle twitched. He was the calmest man in the little group. He gazed alternately

After the conclusion of the crime another walked deliberately into the woods near the house and disappeared. Sheriff Page and his deputies all night long scoured the country for several miles but the murderer was not to be found. OUTLAWED. Upon affidavit of C. M. Waiters, deputy sheriff, Judge Hazy Roberts issued a number of warrants and sent them about to places where Booker might attempt to board the cars and placed one in the hands of Sheriff Page. On Wednesday, September 9, 1898, Judge Roberts being informed that Booker was lurking about the woods (Continued on 4th page.)