

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Important Bill Regarding School Fund

SWINSON DOWNED.

Bill Introduced to Incorporate the Various Roads Constituting the Atlantic Coast Line Under That Name.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock, and was opened with prayer by Rev. E. C. Glenn.

The following bills were introduced: By Senator Justice, to authorize the county of Rutherford to levy a tax to pay indebtedness; to enable Rutherford county to pay back school claims.

The calendar being taken up the following bills passed final reading: To amend chapter 308, laws of 1895, and to re-enact chapter 45, laws of 1893.

The names of Senators Thomas, Ward and Skinner were respectively added to the committee on Penal Institutions, Railroad and Railroad Commissions, and to Propositions and Grievances.

By request Senator Justice introduced a bill to amend the stock law of Henderson county; and a bill was introduced by Senator Franks to prohibit the placing of barbed wire fence within 200 yards of roads in Henderson county.

Rev. T. H. Leavitt, of Fayetteville, opened the House with prayer. Divine blessing was invoked on the different branches of the government and especially upon the Governor, whom the minister declared "so needs our prayers at this time."

Petitions were presented as follows: By Mr. Stubbs, from merchants of his county for the repeal of the merchants' purchase tax. Similar petitions were presented by Mr. Willard on behalf of citizens of New Hanover, and by Curry on behalf of citizens of Moore county.

The Judiciary Committee recommended that the bill in regard to concealed weapons, permitting their use, do not pass.

Bills introduced as follows: By Winston, to amend section 114 of the Code, also to amend chapter 116 of the laws of N. C., and to amend the law relating to probate of wills.

The bill to amend section 1797 of the Code was laid upon the table. The bill amending section 2079 of the Code passed its second and third readings.

bill to amend section 2, article 9 of the constitution. The amendment provides for an equitable distribution of the school fund raised under the general law, between the races; and in addition to the fund under the general law provides that the people of any race, living in any county, city or township by an act of the General Assembly, levy for educational purposes a property or poll tax of the citizens of that race.

Mr. Rountree, of New Hanover, introduced a bill to incorporate the divisions of the Atlantic Coast Line R. R. Co., under the laws of North Carolina as follows: To amend and re-enact chapter 284, of the laws of 1883, concerning the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company, and to authorize that company to change its name to the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company of North Carolina; to ratify the consolidation of the Petersburg Railroad Company with the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad Company under the name of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company of Virginia, and to incorporate said A. C. L. Railroad Company of Virginia in North Carolina, and to likewise incorporate the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta Railroad, and the Cheraw and Darlington R. R. Company of South Carolina, under the name of the A. C. L. R. R. Company in the State of North Carolina; to declare the Southeastern Railroad Company a duly incorporated company and to amend and enlarge its charter.

By Rountree of New Hanover, to authorize the county commissioners of New Hanover, to deed the old court house to the Wilmington Division of naval reserves. By Lane, for the relief of G. W. Shopline, an invalid veteran.

Mr. Leatherwood introduced a resolution providing for the appointment of a joint committee to which all matters referring to Justices of peace be referred.

The bill for the relief of married women, removing their disabilities as to real estate rights passed its third reading without objection.

Leatherwood spoke against the bill. He said he did not endorse the action of the fusionists, but that this legislature could not undertake to correct the errors and mistakes of the fusionists.

Curtis of Buncombe, said he did not favor giving relief to Swinson. He thought Swinson should have admitted the negro appointees to his office.

Stevens of Union, said he understood Swinson refused to admit negroes to his office to work where white ladies were employed.

On an aye and nay vote the bill was defeated. The yeas were 37 and the noes were 60. Swinson stood between the yeas and noes in the gallery and as soon as his measure was defeated he moved out.

The bill to amend the charter of Salisbury passed its second reading. The bill to change the boundary line of Whitehouse and Bridge townships in Robeson county, passed its second and third readings.

The bill allowing flour mills to levy certain tolls provoked considerable discussion. Mr. Curtis of Buncombe, spoke against the bill, declaring that it would operate against the small miller, and the farmer. He charged that there were paid attorneys before the committee who were here lobbying for the bill.

The bill to amend chapter 484 of the laws of 1897, passed its second and third readings.

SENATORIAL FIGHT

Senator Quay Still Holds His Strength

PROLONGED CONFLICT

Democratic Members Still Cling to Jenks--The Vote Today-- Many Absentees No End Near.

HARRISBURG, PA., Jan. 23.—The outlook today for a long delay in the Senatorial contest is more promising than at any time since the fight began. Attorney General Elkin said he didn't expect any conclusion in several days, but intimated the end might come at any time.

Today's vote stood: Quay, 63; Jenks, 39; Dalsell, 0; Stewart, 8; Stone, 6; Widener, 2; scattering, 12. Total, 150; necessary to a choice, 75; 96 pairs recorded and 6 absentees.

SENSATIONAL DAY.

Stocks Jump Repeatedly on the New York Market Today.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—The stock market had a sensational opening today. Jumps of 5 points are not uncommon and the dealing is enormous. The feature is the Panhandle opened at an advance of 6% and rose 5 more in a few minutes. Other sensational stocks are the Union Pacific, Pennsylvania and Northwest, Atchison, "Three Cs," Burlington and Quincy, Illinois Central, International Paper and Northern Pacific.

RAILROAD CIRCLES.

J. Pierpont Morgan to Succeed President Depew.

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 23.—The Palladium created a sensation in railroad circles today by announcing that President Clark of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad has resigned and will return from his Egyptian trip in March, and that it has been decided by the Vanderbilts that J. Pierpont Morgan will be president of the New York Central vice Chauncey M. Depew.

TREMENDOUS TRANSACTION.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., Jan. 23.—The largest business transaction in the South in ten years is just announced here. It involves \$15,000,000. The Virginia Coal, Iron and Railway Company has bought the blast furnaces of the Max Meadows at Pulaski and Roanoke in Virginia, Bristol in Tennessee, also the Bristol and Elizabethtown and South Atlantic and Ohio Railroad Company becomes owner of 125,000 acres of coal lands, 50,000 acres of ore lands and two railroads and nine furnaces.

PRISONERS FREE.

MADRID, Jan. 23.—A Manila dispatch says that the Filipino Congress at Malolos has authorized the release of Spanish civil prisoners, and will soon liberate the military prisoners.

ON A LARK.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—President McKinley and a party of friends left this morning for a trip down the Potomac to the light house. About 15 persons, guests at the White House, accompanied the party. Mrs. McKinley also went.

THE KING ILL.

ALTHOUGH the health of the king improves, physicians have ordered complete rest and the government has entrusted provisionally the crown to Prince Gustaf. The king has gone to Salsoja, Baden.

COTTON BURNED.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Fire occurred at the wharf in Genoa in 5,000 bales of cotton discharged from the steamship Barbara from Galveston. Almost 2,000 bales were destroyed.

RAIN TOMORROW.

The weather forecast for Raleigh and vicinity is increasing cloudiness tonight. Rain Tuesday.

PLACE OF BEAUTY

Confederate Bazaar Will Open Tonight

ARRANGEMENTS

The Hall Has Been Converted Into a Bower of Beauty--The Concert This Evening.

This evening the great Confederate Bazaar will be thrown open to the public. After weeks of toil and labor the work is complete and Metropolitan Hall has been converted into a veritable bower of beauty.

The Bazaar will be opened to the public this evening at 7:30. A delightful concert will be given from 8 to 9:30. This concert is under the direction of Mrs. Thomas Ashe and solos, quartets aided by a strong chorus are on the program.

The hall this morning was the scene of the greatest activity as the final arrangements were being made. The first to enter the hall was Maryland Booth, decorated in red, gold and black.

Second is Arkansas, in charge of Mrs. Walter Clark, decorated in red and white, where you can buy an apron and a cup of chocolate.

Next is Louisiana, Mrs. V. C. Royster, director. Here you will find a marvelous assortment, varying from silk petticoats, corsets, braids and shoes to souvenir badges, flags, Confederate envelopes and silver ware and gold watches.

The Alabama Booth, decorated in green, white, and managed by Mrs. B. H. Bradley.

Mrs. W. H. Hughes has charge of the Virginia space and here books, flags, peanuts, &c., can be found.

Tennessee has a peculiar booth, decorated in true Egyptian fashion, the black background being spangled with stars and moons.

The Navy booth is most appropriately decorated and candies of various kinds will find eager purchasers here.

The South Carolina Booth is decorated in red, and Mrs. Eugene Daniel and Mrs. Charles Root preside here.

Mrs. W. N. Snelling presides in the Georgia Booth, where Japanese and other toys as well as drugs are sold.

The Mississippi Booth is in charge of Mrs. A. B. Stronach and beautiful plaster casts and other articles are for sale.

Florida's Booth is decorated in palms moss and flowers and here fruits, flowers and perfumes will be sold.

Mrs. A. M. Simms presided over the Texas Booth, where fruits, flowers, groceries and canned goods are sold.

Missouri is the hardwood booth, and is managed by Mrs. Charles Allen.

The Cavalry Booth which is filled with a variety of military articles.

DEATH OF FATHER

PRENDERGAST

Died at Rex Hospital Yesterday

END WAS SUDDEN

This Holy Man, Beloved by All, is Summoned to His Eternal Home--Mass of Requiem.

It was a solemn, sad announcement from Rex Hospital on Sunday morning which told this community, that Father Prendergast was dead, for he had endeared himself, not only to his congregation but to this whole people.

Rev. James H. Prendergast was 29 years of age, and was born and raised at Phillipsburg, New Jersey, where his father and brothers and sisters survive him, and to where his body will be removed for interment.

Father Prendergast was admitted to the priesthood about four years ago from St. Marys College, Belmont, Gaston County, North Carolina, and was immediately stationed at Raleigh. He was considered by his church the most promising young priest in North Carolina.

Saturday, January 15th, 1899, Father Prendergast conducted services morning and evening at the Church of the Sacred Heart.

Shortly after his death his body was removed to the Church of the Sacred Heart, on Hillsboro street, and there arranged in the robes of his priesthood and laid in state surrounded by numbers of lighted candles, banded in a background of beautiful white floral tributes of different designs.

This morning at 9 o'clock a solemn Mass of Requiem was celebrated by his Bishop, Right Rev. Leo Haid, O. S. B., assisted by Father Quinn, of Goldsboro as deacon; Father Anthony, O. S. B., of Greensboro, sub-deacon; Father Howe, of Southern Pines, Presbyterian Assistant, and Father Joseph, O. S. B., of Salisbury, master of ceremony.

After the mass Bishop Haid preached an eloquent sermon in which he touchingly paid tribute to the young priest's life and his heroic death just as he was starting in a life's work far from his relatives and friends which bid fair to brighten the hearts and homes of those in his charge.

Father Prendergast's admirers and friends were not confined within the limits of the Catholic congregation. He made them wherever he went. With his learning and a natural aptness for reading human nature he could know one soon after meeting him and himself with a nature so tender and affectionate he did not hesitate to find every avenue wherein he could speak a word of consolation or do an act of friendship.

Incendiary Fire. Wild Reports That Carthage Was Burning Unfounded. A telegram was received from Carthage this morning asking if blood hounds could be sent there on a special train.

LADIES' HOSPITAL AID ASSOCIATION. The regular monthly meeting of the Hospital Association will be held at Mrs. F. A. Olds, 222 West Harge street, tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Familiar Faces in the Passing Throng

SHORT STATEMENTS

Movement of People You Know--Gleanings in and About the City--Snatches of Today's Street Gossip.

Mr. Gus Weddon, of Newport News, is in the city.

Twenty-eight convicts were sent to the Tilley Farm today.

Remember Field and Hanson's minstrel at the Academy tonight.

Miss Annie Strange, of Wilmington, is the guest of Miss Jane Andrews, on Mount street.

Mr. J. C. Moses came up from Norfolk yesterday to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, C. S. Weddon.

Miss Susie and Alice Graham, of Greenville, and Misses Bettie and Carrie Graham, of Lincoln, are visiting Miss Susan Clark.

This is the first Monday morning since I have been chief of police that we haven't had a single case," said Chief Norwood today.

Mr. Finlayton, of Greensboro, is still very sick at the Hutchins House. The Knights of Pythias and Odd Fellows are in constant attendance on him.

Mr. W. N. Jones and Mr. J. W. Bailey are having a brick store erected on Martin street. The building will be occupied by Messrs. Zackary and Zuckary.

Miss Ruth Knox, of New York who has been the guest of Miss Jane Andrews, left for her home today.

Don't fail to see Otis Skinner at the Academy tomorrow night. This is one of the very finest comedians which will appear here this season.

Fields and Hanson's minstrel show arrived this morning in their special car. A parade was given at noon, and it was most creditable.

Bailey F. Williamson, Superintendent of the Refinery of Armour & Co., Chicago, Ill., the largest refinery of its kind in the world, has been visiting his father, Capt. B. P. Williamson, of this city, left on the 11:45 A. M. train this morning for his home via New York, where he will meet his brother, Sergeant Frank P. Williamson of the Astor Battery, returning from Manila, and B. R. Williamson, with Brooks Brothers, New York city, and his sister, Mrs. J. S. Price, East Orange, N. J.

DEATH OF A FORMER CITIZEN OF NORFOLK.

Charles S. Weddon died Saturday evening at the residence of his brother on North Harrington street of Bright's disease, aged 55 years.

The remains were interred in the City Cemetery yesterday, funeral services being conducted by Revs. Norman and Carter. The pall bearers were Vitruvius Royster, T. W. Blake, W. W. Wilson, John Pullen, William Hogue and John Riddle.

Deceased was for many years of his residence in Raleigh an employe of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad Company, many of his old associates being present at his funeral.

DEATH OF MRS. GLENN.

Mrs. Bettie A. Glenn, relict of B. C. Glenn, died early this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. A. Pace, on Oakdale avenue, and will be buried from Central Methodist church tomorrow at 10:30 a. m.

Mrs. Glenn was a Christian lady of ripe years, and her death is mourned by a large circle of family connection and many friends.

Telegrams are pouring from all parts of the State of parties coming to the Confederate Associations. The L. O. R. Branch Camp is committed to their entertainment.