

## BOARD OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS ELECTED.

## BOTH WILSON'S HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY EXONERATED

## White Withdraws His Charges Against Judge Brown

## ANTI-FREE LUNCH BILL

## "Jim Crow" Car Bill Special Order for Friday—Elect Directors of Morganton School for the Deaf Tomorrow.

The House met at 10 o'clock. The Judiciary Committee made a complete report on the resolution introduced by White of David (Republican, yesterday, charging that it was reported that Judge Geo. H. Brown was intoxicated. The report said that full evidence of the charge was found to be baseless. White withdrew his charges against Judge Brown. The committee reported that it had called on the Governor for his evidence and reasons, and that in response he had furnished the names of certain witnesses; that as a matter of fact the committee did not sit in review of the Governor, but whether either of the commissioners was disqualified, that the committee received information that the Governor had no right to summon any witnesses and depended upon lawyers, while the committee took evidence in open session. The only ground for the removal was in the two messages of the Governor, which were filed as part of the report of the committee. All this was read, the report being voluminous.

The committee found that the giving of a mortgage to Col. Andrews by Mar. Wilson is not such as to make it disqualified. Col. Andrews is simply authorized by the mortgage and by collateral, and that it is not a violation of the railway commission act, and is not of a character to put Mar. Wilson in Col. Andrews' power in any way.

As to the Round Knob hotel, the committee finds that the giving of a mortgage to Col. Andrews by Mar. Wilson is not such as to make it disqualified. Col. Andrews is simply authorized by the mortgage and by collateral, and that it is not a violation of the railway commission act, and is not of a character to put Mar. Wilson in Col. Andrews' power in any way.

It is reported that he had no objection to the bill, but that he was dissatisfied as to asking special time on mixed freight for Otto Wilson from Raleigh to Round Knob, other such rates having been granted, and acquiescence by the Wilsons or any improper interest. The committee finds that the bill is not such as to make it disqualified.

As to Otto Wilson the report was similarly exonerated, and found him not responsible on his part; that the leasing of a hotel beside a railway was not such an interest as is prohibited by the railway commission act; that he is not disqualified and he given back salary.

Senator Ward moved that 500 copies of the report be printed and that the matter be made a special order at a joint session of the two houses next Tuesday. Senator Justice moved a resolution that the report of the committee be received and adopted; that J. W. Wilson and S. O. Wilson be not removed from office. Ward moved that action be deferred until Tuesday.

Moore moved that immediate adoption of the resolution. Thompson of Onslow wanted the matter postponed, saying he had not arrived at the same conclusion as the committee; that he thought both the Wilsons ought to go out; that he wanted time to consider; that he thought the committee was trying to reach this point; that there was a vote now he would vote yes; that he did not think the Wilsons were impartial judges between the railway and the people; and that if better men than these cannot be obtained it was best to abolish the commission.

Senator Cade deferred Thompson's aspersion on the committee, saying the committee had not asked immediate consideration. Ward said his motion to postpone was in no sense a reflection on the committee. He said questions of law are always doubtful. He merely wanted time to read the report. He paid the tribute to the ability of the committee.

Clarkson said he favored delay until Tuesday and thought it would be acceptable to the committee.

Patterson of Caldwell said the introduction of the report at this time was a mere accident. Thompson disclaimed any intention to reflect on the committee. Senator Justice said the committee was not pressing in immediate action on the resolution, nor was his resolution for that purpose. Moore said he was the person who asked that the report be at once adopted and that he preferred to stand by the able committee. He renewed his motion for immediate consideration and action. It was lost and that of Senator Ward was adopted. Foushee made a motion to print all the evidence also.

Senator Hicks took the same view. Senator Osborne said the evidence would

make a book. Craig asked whether there was much dispute as to the facts. Senator Osborne replied that he had said there were copies of the evidence and would without further cost give in information as to all the material points. He said 100 pages of the evidence was published, were tomorrow. Senator Travis said nine-tenths of the evidence was immaterial and not worth printing. Foushee's amendment was overwhelmingly lost. Senator Ward's motion to adjourn until Tuesday at noon was adopted, and 500 copies of the report were ordered printed.

## SENATE.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock. Prayer was offered by Senator Jones.

The following bills were introduced: By Justice, to abolish the office of county treasurer, to take effect in 1900. By Jackson, to prevent the sale of liquor at the exchange. By Hicks, to prohibit the sale of whiskey in one mile of Union church. By Hill, to require railroads to give better transportation to track companies. By McIntyre, to prohibit the sale of liquor in three miles of Congregation church. By Mason, to repeal chapter 111, laws of 1897. By Jones, to incorporate the town of Jerome. By Fields, to change the line between Allegheny and Wilkes. By Lewis, to incorporate the charter of North Wilkesboro. By Godwin, to incorporate the town of Merry Oaks. By Jones, to request reamendment chapter 207, laws of 1885, and to extend no longer law in Pitt and Greene counties. By Brown, to amend the charter of the town of Clanton.

## WILSON'S DECISION.

At 2 o'clock Senator Osborne came forward and said: "Mr. President, I am glad to see the report of your special committee in the matter of the removal of the Wilsons. The committee reported that it had called on the Governor for his evidence and reasons, and that in response he had furnished the names of certain witnesses; that as a matter of fact the committee did not sit in review of the Governor, but whether either of the commissioners was disqualified, that the committee received information that the Governor had no right to summon any witnesses and depended upon lawyers, while the committee took evidence in open session. The only ground for the removal was in the two messages of the Governor, which were filed as part of the report of the committee. All this was read, the report being voluminous."

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## NO RESPECTORS OF WHITE FLAGS

## Filipino Rebels Fire on True Flags

## THEIR PUNISHMENT

Nine Americans Slightly Wounded Gunboat Today Shelling the Villages. Rebels Short of Ammunition But Fought Desperately.

Manila, Feb. 15.—Several parties of rebel soldiers fired from their positions on lines which were flying white flags. The shells which were fired from the gunboat today shelled the villages. The rebels were short of ammunition but fought desperately. The Americans were slightly wounded.

## MOBE TROOPS FOR MANILA

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Under instructions from the Secretary of War, Gen. Sherrill has ordered the first battalion of the Seventeenth Infantry to proceed to Manila by sea. They will leave the United States in about two weeks.

## NO MORE SMALLPOX

A. S. ... thought ...

## MAD DOG IN CHAIR

Rev. G. A. Page ...

## STRANGER IN NEW YORK

The attraction of the Academy of Music ...

## BAR MEETING

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## GOMEZ ACCUSED

## Is He Encouraging Hostility to United States?

## PORTO RICO THE FIELD

A Pro-Spanish Paper Alleges That the Cuban Leader is Trying to Make It Warm for the United States.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The following Spanish paper, under the name of Gomez, has been accused of being engaged in the effort to make hostility to the United States warm for the United States. The paper is the 'El Comercio' of Havana. It is alleged to have been published in Havana on Feb. 15, 1899. It is alleged to have been published in Havana on Feb. 15, 1899. It is alleged to have been published in Havana on Feb. 15, 1899.

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## LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

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## RELATED TRAILS

By Telegraph to the Times-Visitor.

New York, Feb. 15.—Related trails are coming in on nearly all the railroads and trunk lines are getting in their share.

An impression has become current in America that Japanese rice almost exclusively imported. This is a mistake. In 1896 Japan produced the following quantities in the following proportions: to wit: Rice, 180,998,855 bushels; wheat, 17,761,915 bushels; rice, 21,616,275 bushels; barley, 37,246,425 bushels; millet, 10,574,769 bushels. There were also produced 2,745,170 bushels of fish and 37,948,566 bushels of sweet potatoes.—Cor. New York Tribune.