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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### Many Bills Effecting Raleigh and Wake County.

#### SENATE.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock, and prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Norman.

The following bills were introduced: By Hicks, to appoint a State education and text book association. By Jerome, to authorize constables to appoint deputies. By Skinner, for the relief of the Albemarle Park Association of Elizabeth City. By McIntyre, to prevent fraud on the part of persons obtaining advances on agricultural loans. By Smith, to build a ferry over Roaring River. By James, to amend chapter 395, laws of 1897. By Jones (by request) to establish a dispensary at Greenville. By Murray, to incorporate Mountain Park, Madison county. By Miller, to incorporate the Pungo and Matamoras Railroad Company. By Campbell, to allow the commissioners of Wilkes to levy a special tax. By Whitaker, to amend the charter of Cary. By Ward, to provide for the appointment of trustees for the Plymouth Normal School.

The calendar was taken up, and bills passed: To restore white government to the counties of the State; to allow the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad to consolidate with the Atlantic Coast Line; to incorporate the Carolina Northern Railroad Company; to amend the charter of the town of Nashville; to prohibit the sale of liquor in Columbus county; to establish a dispensary at Whiteville; to amend the charter of the town of Winterville; to authorize the commissioners of Gaston county to levy a special tax.

Senator Osborne requested that the special order for Judge Norwood's impeachment be postponed until tomorrow. He said Governor Russell had not yet come to his office and he supposed the resignation of Norwood was in his hands, as Norwood had wired him several days since that it had been sent to the Governor. The special order was accordingly postponed until tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

The bill to incorporate the Northern and Southern Railroad passed second reading.

A bill to prevent hunting on land in Macon and Johnston counties without written permission of the owners passed third reading; as did bills relative to the probate of deeds and other instruments on the private examination of married women; to fix the salary of the treasurer of Buncombe county (fixing his salary at \$100 per month, to be paid out of funds belonging to the county, and not out of the school fund of said county); to incorporate (Chapel Hill School); to incorporate the Sandy Bonding Company; to appoint justices of the peace for Davidson county; to incorporate the Guilford Power Company; to amend section 435 of the Code, by allowing the judgment of a justice of the peace to merge in the judgment of the Superior Court when it is rendered in the same case; to amend the charter of the Polk County Railroad Company; to amend the charter of Mt. Airy; to allow Mt. Airy township to refund its bonds; to incorporate the Elizabeth City and Western Railroad Company; for the benefit of Rockingham county, by allowing said county to fund its indebtedness by an issue of new bonds; to allow S. H. Pine, Madison county, to run a free ferry across the French Broad river; for the relief of his customers.

The special order for the election of the directors of the deaf and dumb school at Morganton was taken up. Senator James nominated M. L. Reed, of Buncombe, W. H. Holt, of Guilford, N. B. Broughton, of Wake, V. V. Richardson of Columbus. These constitute four of the present board of six directors. A. J. Dula and S. H. Huffman, the other two directors, remain in office until 1901. Senator Smith said that he thought that the caucus ought to make the nominations and that the Senate should not proceed hastily in this matter. He intimated that there had been a plan to keep from the board a man whom he considered eminently qualified as a director—Dr. J. C. Herring, of Columbus. Senator Herring counselled delay in the election of the directors. He also had a candidate to nominate as director, Andrew Miller, of Cleveland, who has three deaf and dumb children in the school and who is a competent man and a good Democrat. Senator Brown said the nomination of Herring was a scheme to remove V. V. Richardson, of Columbus, from the board. He had heard it said here that Richardson was paralyzed and had not attended board meetings, and he knew that a conspiracy had been formed to displace Richardson. He spoke in high terms of the latter and characterized the reports circulated here with reference to him as false. Osborne said that he was willing to add Herring and Miller both to the board, and as for Richardson he was one of the best men in the State. Senator McIntyre attacked Herring, whom he said had been appointed by Russell 2 years ago in the deaf and dumb board, and

had immediately commenced an effort to fight the Democratic members of the committee. He believed Herring was back of the statements made against Richardson. He did not think any new member of the board need be appointed, the present directors were good men, and he considered the institution at Morganton one of the best managed properties owned by the State. Smith defended Herring and extolled him as a man and a Democrat. Senator Osborne could not understand why in the world a Democrat should be criticised because he was Russell's appointee. He considered that when a Democrat was offered a position by the Governor it was his duty to accept it. It meant a tribute to the party, and signified that Russell, after looking in vain over the ranks of the fusionists, was forced to turn to the Democrats to select a good man.

The members of the Senate and the spectators were fast coming to the conclusion that this matter should have been settled in caucus, and welcomed Senator James' motion that the special order be postponed until next Monday.

The bill to create the new county of Scotland came up on second reading. Senator McIntyre opposed the bill and said that the Democratic party would be hurt if the division was made. He asked that the settlement of the matter be left to the vote of the citizens living in the area of the proposed new county of Scotland. Senator Glenn said that he was in favor of the creation of the new county. He believed that the new county would be sufficiently large to stand on its own strength, and on instances counties that had separated and become great he mentioned Durham, Wilson, Pender and others. He did not think that the division for the county would hurt the Democratic party, and he believed that in consideration of the matter the Senate should leave out the element of politics. Glenn made an elegant plea for the new county, and was loudly applauded by the Scotland contingent, which had filled the lobby and the galleries. Senator Hicks also made a speech for Scotland, as did Senator Travis. The discussion of the bill was protracted.

At 2:30 Senator Cooke, chairman of the committee on counties, cities and towns, called for the previous question. Upon the roll being called the vote on the bill stood ayes 38, noes 4. The bill has now passed second reading, and goes on tomorrow's calendar for final passage.

The Senate then adjourned.

#### HOUSE.

The House met at 10 o'clock. Fewer bills were introduced than since the earliest days of the session. Representative Overman of Rowan was in his seat for the first time in a month.

The following were introduced: By Hampton, to amend the charter of the Danville, Granite City and Western Short Cut Railroad; re-enacting the act of 1891. By Winston, to establish a dispensary at Seaboard. By Hampton, to amend the charter of the Granite City Land and Improvement Company. By Gattis, to extend the stock law in Chatham. By Julian, to incorporate the Salisbury Savings Bank. By Caraway, to change the line between Greene and Lenoir. By Nicholson, to incorporate the Pantego and Matamoras Railroad. By Willard, to amend the act of 1881 incorporating a hospital at Wilmington. By Currie, of Meigs, for relief of Tax Collector Biles of Southern Pines. By Rountree, to amend chapter 280 acts of 1897, by adding New Hanover; also to amend chapter 280 acts of 1891, regarding stevedores; also to amend act in regard to taxation for costs so New Hanover will not be liable for over 4 witnesses save in capital felonies. By Boushall, to amend chapter 136, private laws of 1895. By Holman, to prevent felling of timber in certain streams in Iredell.

The calendar was taken up and the following bills passed: To amend the law relating to the government of cities and towns. To amend the charter of Winston. To amend the charter of Wadesboro. To amend the charter of Gastonia. To give the commissioners of Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga counties special power regarding public roads. To establish graded schools at Dobson, with special tax and bond issue.

An effort to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday tabled the bill to create three State tax commissioners was made and failed. The public printing bill was made a special order for tomorrow.

By leave Council introduced a bill to incorporate the Slater Industrial normal school of Winston.

Bills passed third reading: To establish graded schools at Mt. Airy. To incorporate Newbern. To amend the charter of Statesville. To change mode of electing officers of town of Hertford. To allow Transylvania to levy special tax. To allow Jackson county to levy special tax. To charter Winston, giving the aldermen power to protect the water works and water supply. To provide commissioners for Greene county. To require the treasurer of Halifax county to pay all sums due teachers for services last year. To allow Ashe county to levy special tax to pay debt. To incorporate the town of Gold Point, Martin county. To allow Graham county to levy special tax. To amend the

charter of Raleigh. To allow Alexander to levy special tax to build court house and jail. This concluded the call of 3rd reading bills on the special calendar.

The insurance bill was made special order for noon Saturday, on motion of Julian.

By leave, Boushall introduced a bill requiring the Raleigh Water Company to pay for dams it tears down; to allow the Raleigh Electric Company to have gas plant. Nicholson, to establish graded schools at Beaufort.

Winston in behalf of the committee on constitutional amendments submitted the substitute, covering the amendment limiting suffrage. The bill was placed on the calendar.

The House took up as a special matter the election of directors of the deaf mute school at Morganton. Hartsell said he thought the matter ought not to be acted on until the caucus passed upon it. He said that otherwise he would have to make a fight on the floor. Patterson, of Robeson, said that the deaf mute directors were selected by the committee on deaf, dumb and blind. Winston said that he understood that some of the directors on the list were those who had served under the fusion administration.

Hartsell said he could name one. Moore said the action on the report of the committee was in accordance with the terms of a joint resolution. Gilliam made a motion to postpone action until noon next Monday. This was adopted.

The bill to provide for the State Guard was made a special order at 1 o'clock Monday.

Rountree made a motion that the constitutional amendment as to the suffrage be made special order for tomorrow at the expiration of the morning hour and he called on all Democrats to be present and ready to vote. His motion prevailed.

Bills passed to incorporate Bule's Creek Academy and Commercial College, in Harnett county.

Allen, of Wayne, said some doubt had arisen among the Senators as to whether there should be a joint ballot or separate ballot for the board of internal improvements, and that the Senate had held a separate election. He therefore suggested that the House take the same course. The House then went into the election.

Rountree submitted the report of the special committee on constitutional amendments, and reported bill to amend section 2, article 9 of the constitution.

Bills passed to prohibit farmers in Wake from turning water from farms into public roads, by means of ditches, &c., violation being a misdemeanor, unless an outlet for the water is provided; to provide for the election of the State's proxy of the North Carolina Railway, and of the State directors of the same by the board of internal improvements; to provide for the offering of city ordinances in the transfer of cases from Mayor's courts as prima facie evidence of the existence of such ordinances; to incorporate the town of Aurora; to protect fish in Transylvania; to incorporate Neuse River Colored Institute, at Weldon; to amend chapter 65, acts of 1895, so as to repeal it as to Davie, Bladen and Granville; to change the name of the Levi Bank to the Merchants' and Planters'; for relief of ex-Sheriff Willard of Franklin, who had \$1,200 in the bank of Louisville, which failed; to amend the charter of the Albemarle and Deepwater Canal; for relief of ex-Sheriff Leach of Montgomery; to allow Moore county to fund its debt.

At 1:50 the House took a recess until 4 o'clock.

#### ANOTHER GREAT ATTRACTION.

Mr. E. C. Rivers, always on the lookout for the best attractions, has booked the Broadway Theatre Opera Company and "The Highwaymen" for the Academy of Music, Tuesday night, March 21st, one night only. This is the first touring season out from New York for this great attraction, carrying seventy people, and two companies of scenery and costumes. "The Highwaymen" has had an unusual successful run at the Broadway Theatre, New York, and will make only select bookings on this Southern tour. Monday, Rivers is keeping a sharp lookout for his first class attractions.

Beginning with the performance of a "Stranger in New York," the colored patrons of the Academy of Music can secure reserved seats in the section allotted to them for the evening, which will be on sale at the box office at the theatre the day of performance.

#### DENTEN WICK.

The biting winds and cold conductive to thoughts of benevolent deeds of charity, which ushered in the winter season, give all an opportunity to do both. The poor are among us all days, but just now more than ever, they need urgent and distressing charity and benevolence in the widest meaning of the words will find considerable employment in relief of the suffering of our midst. It is brave, heroic work going out among the needy in such a time and doing charity. Surely the hearts of those provided for must soften towards those in distress in such times as these.

## SENTENCE COMMUTED

### Millard F. Moore Will Not Hang

#### MOORE NOTIFIED

Governor Russell Commutes to Life Imprisonment the Sentence of the Man Who Was to Hang March 30th.

Governor Russell today commuted the sentence of Millard F. Moore, the convict, who was tried at the last term of court in this county for killing a guard named Shaw and sentenced to be hanged March 30. The case excited deep interest in this city.

Governor Russell gives as his reasons for commuting the sentence to life imprisonment: (1) That the killing was done without malice. (2) That mercy is asked for the condemned man by the judge, who sentenced him, the solicitor, who prosecuted, and the jury, which convicted.

Moore was represented by Attorneys W. B. Snow and R. N. Simms, and they have worked diligently in behalf of their client and have now secured this commutation of his sentence. They were assigned to the case and their zeal is most praiseworthy.

Moore was notified of his commutation and warmly thanked his attorneys for their efforts.

#### BRIEFES.

Miss Mamie Cowper returned yesterday from a trip to the North.

Mr. E. F. McCulloch is confined at home by sickness. His little son, Norman, is also sick.

Mr. J. Wayland Allen, who has been quite sick for the past week, is improving.

A negro from Greensboro was found sick here and sent home at this county's expense.

The physicians say that they will be able to decide positively whether the Holloway woman has small pox or chicken pox by in the morning.

Judge N. J. Riddick has a slight cold but is confined to his home only on account of the weather.

Misses Willie and Fannie Allen, of this place, who spent the winter at Rutherfordton, N. C., have returned home.

Mayor Powell today fined Alonzo Smith \$2.25 for being drunk and resisting an officer, also George Hawkins was fined \$3.25 for trying to take Smith from the officer.

On account of the weather the special train will not be run to Wake Forest tomorrow as was contemplated. However, those wishing to attend can go out at 11:15 and return that night or they can go out at 7:30 p. m., returning that night.

Tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the office of the Secretary of State the Committee on Insurance will consider the insurance bill and will hear any objections by insurance men. The bill is printed and copies of it are to be had.

#### POSTPONEMENT OF MR. PRIMROSE'S LECTURE.

The Westminster League of the Presbyterian church, being unwilling that so entertaining a lecture as that of Mr. Primrose should be delivered under any circumstances of disadvantage, and notices its postponement until the weather and the streets shall be more favorable. Notice to be given hereafter.

#### A FAKE.

HAVANA, Feb. 16.—The letter published by La Discusion, purporting to be written by General Gomez, is regarded as a fake.

#### STOLE \$1,000,000,000.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—G. R. Birtly, chairman, manager and director of Milwall Dock Company, has disappeared and \$1,000,000,000 gone also.

#### CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The Senate passed the military academy appropriation bill and is now considering the postoffice appropriation bill.

The Miles inquiry board will meet tomorrow.

The War Department today honorably discharged Major General Butler and Sumner and Brigadier Generals Kline, McKee, Wiley, Lincoln and Combs, all volunteers. The Senate passed the military appropriation bill.

#### NCELECTION.

By Telegraph to the Times-Visitor. HARRISBURG, Feb. 16.—Quay 97, Jenks 74, Daizell 15 scattering 22.

## SITUATION CRITICAL, OTIS ASKS REINFORCEMENTS

#### AGUINALDO'S PLOT

#### SEVERAL SKIRMISHES

The Filipinos Plan to Invite Uprising at Night in Manila But Otis Foils Their Attempt—Arms Seized.

MANILA, Feb. 16.—In the critical condition here Gen. Otis was warned of a plot to rise against the Americans tonight and burn the city so the sentries are doubled and extraordinary police precautions taken. Last night the pro-consul seized 100 armed plotters conspiring in a house at Binondo, a suburb. The house proved to have arms and ammunition in large quantities. These were seized by our soldiers. Much money was found, together with a large quantity of uniforms, paraphernalia and numbers of incendiary documents. Aguinaldo's spies are scattered throughout the city. They are constantly being arrested trying to slip the American lines. There is no doubt that a general uprising was planned and only postponed in consequence of American vigilance. The withdrawal of the California outposts and contracting the American lines is due to the harassing tactics of the natives. Gen. Otis cables for reinforcements.

#### OTIS' MESSAGE.

By Telegraph to the Times-Visitor.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Gen. Otis cables the War Department that Private Harris of the 20th Kansas is doing well. Sorenson of the 1st Montana, reported probably dead, is alive but both eyes are shot away. The condition of Earl Hays of the First Washington, reported missing, is found with a sprained leg. Corporal Hayes of the 1st Montana, reported missing, is with his company.

#### BOMBARDED ILOILO.

By Cable to the Times-Visitor. MADRID, Feb. 16.—General Rios cables the Americans bombarded Iloilo after the insurgents abandoned and burnt it. Eighty per cent of the buildings were destroyed.

#### MORE RAIN.

For Raleigh and vicinity the weather forecast says rain tonight and early Friday, followed by clearing; warmer.

#### "A STRANGER IN NEW YORK."

Will be Presented at the Academy of Music Tonight—Go and Enjoy Yourself.

For several years the name of Charles Hoyt has had a magic sound in the ears of the American theatre-goers. Always fresh, unbacked and filled with new unconventional situations, odd and mirth-provoking, his merry comedies have long held a first place in the affections a great portion of the playgoers of this country, and the mere announcement of a presentation of a Hoyt play is always enough to set the entire community ago, and it is an event looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure.

Mr. Hoyt sends to the Academy of Music tonight his "A Stranger in New York," which is known to be his pet creation. This comedy is popular with our theatre-goers by reason of its enormous success when last presented in Washington. Since its last visit to Washington Mr. Hoyt has given it his up-to-date touch and in many ways greatly improved it, and it is now said that "A Stranger in New York" in its present form reflects its talented author's personality more than anything else he has written. It teems with crisp dialogues and witty flings that give it the true Hoytian flavor it is original in every line and situation, the unexpected always happening, and no sooner does one laughable situation go by than the auditor is suddenly plunged into another before he has scarcely ceased laughing at the last. It is by this constant keeping the interest at the extreme tension that one secret of Hoyt's success may be discovered. The audience never knows what to expect. The well known comedian, Mr. John D. Gilbert will head the company.

The coming of "A Stranger in New York" will be one of the important theatrical events of the season, and that this fact is fully appreciated by amusement seekers is pretty well evidenced by the early and brisk demand for seats in advance.

#### PRESIDENT IN BOSTON.

BOSTON, Feb. 16.—The President arrived at 10 this morning. The Governor and members of his staff welcomed him.

Aguinaldo Controls Many Capitals—Americans Hold Iloilo—Dissensions Arise Among the Insurgents—Report From Gen. Otis.

MANILA, Feb. 16.—An American steamer arrived here today and reports that Aguinaldo controls the capitol, Lamar, Leovy, Negro, Cebu. The inhabitants have been cowed and disarmed, and being defenceless, assert that they would welcome Americans. A large body of the enemy, presumably to reconnoitre, were discovered on the right of Gen. King's position near San Pedro and Nacati this morning. The entire brigade turned and after an exchange of volleys the rebels retraced to the jungle and disappeared.

MANILA, Feb. 16.—11:20 a. m.—Since the American line reached the natural defences of Manila no further advance is made. The troops are now in camp along the line and many places are temporarily entrenched. Occasional brushes between small bodies of the enemy and our scouting parties occur which is the only excitement. Troops K and I of the 4th Cavalry encountered the enemy's scouts yesterday near Parenoque and exchanged volleys. Trooper Wilmer of K troop was wounded in the right arm.

The transport Buffalo last night fired four small shells, having discovered by searchlight that the rebels were mounting a battery near Parenoque. The rebels did not reply but withdrew their guns from Parenoque.

The transports Brutus and Itomolus bring news from Iloilo that the Americans are clearing vessels there, showing they assumed control. The rebels burned all records before vacating Iloilo. It is rumored the Filipinos are in sore straits in the interior and are now quarrelling among themselves.

#### HARRIS-WHITING.

Misses E. B. Crow, C. R. Reid and A. M. McPheters, Jr., returned from Greensboro yesterday afternoon where they attended the Harris-Whiting wedding. They report the occasion delightful in its extreme. The marriage took place in the new and handsome West Market church, the ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. C. Rowe. The snow which covered the ground glistened under a cloudless sky, and the rays of the setting sun threw an indescribable charm over all when the happy party repaired to the church with its beautiful decorations and its throngs of expectant friends who had gathered to witness the ceremony. Evergreens and flowers were artistically arranged and the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march thrilled every heart. The ushers were Mr. A. M. Scales and Mr. Arthur Rankin. The attendants were Miss Lottie Harris maid of honor, with Mr. E. B. Crow, of Raleigh best man, Miss Sallie Harris with Mr. A. M. McPheters, Jr., of Raleigh, Miss Alice Harris with Mr. Frank M. Brown, of New York, Miss Julia Wiswall with Mr. J. Wesley White, of Greensboro, Miss Gertrude Hill with Mr. W. H. Harris of Atlanta, Ga., Miss Allene Whitaker with Mr. Chas. R. Reid, of Raleigh. After an elegant lunch at the home of the bride Mr. and Mrs. Whiting left on the south bound train for Florida.

Yesterday's Greensboro Telegram says:

West Market Street Methodist church was the scene of a beautiful wedding at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the contracting parties being Miss Roberta Harris, of this city, and Mr. Chester C. Whiting, of Raleigh. A large concourse of friends had assembled at the church to witness the happy nuptials, and when the bridal party appeared and marched solemnly down the aisle it was a rarely beautiful and imposing scene. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Myra Albright, and the ceremony performed by Rev. Dr. J. C. Rowe, pastor of West Market.

Mr. and Mrs. Whiting left this morning on a bridal trip to Florida, after which they will return to Raleigh, their future home.

Among those from a distance who attended the wedding were: Miss Gertrude Hall, Lenoir; Miss Grace Whiting, Hamlet; Miss Allene Whitaker, Oxford; Mrs. George L. Meares, Raleigh; Mrs. Sol. W. Cooper, Oxford, and Messrs. A. M. McPheters, E. B. Crow and C. R. Reid, of Raleigh.