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GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Yesterday's Proceedings in the Legislature
RALEIGH, Mar. 12.

In the Senate to-day Mitchell and Farthing were appointed a committee to examine the books of the State Auditor and Treasurer.

Bill passed third reading to allow divorce to be granted when either party to a marriage absents himself or herself from the State for two years, the absenting party not to be allowed to be married again.

Paddison filed protest against bill for the relief of Sheriff Kennan, of Duplin, and Parsons filed a protest against the divorce law.

Bill to furnish 50 convicts for 100 days to work on farms of deaf mute school at Morganton passed.

Nominations for penitentiary directors were made as follows: T. E. McCaskie, J. T. B. Hoover, J. E. Bryan, H. B. Parker, H. T. Wakefield, Meyer Hahn, John E. Cheek, Henry Dockery and R. L. Herbert. They received 29 votes.

E. D. Stanford, of Yadkin, received 26 votes as State Librarian. The tellers reported that Stanford had received in the House and Senate 74 votes on joint ballot. Lieut. Gov. Doughton declared these were not enough votes to make an election, 86 being required. Senator Rice asked if the Senate could not declare Stanford elected. Lieut. Gov. Doughton declared it could not. Rice asked if the constitution prevents such a declaration. Lt. Governor Doughton replied it did. Rice then said: "It makes no difference about the report. I want the Senate to declare Stanford elected." [Great laughter.]

The tellers reported that the nominees for penitentiary directors had received on joint ballot 77 votes. The Lt. Governor declared not enough votes had been cast to make an election, as 86 votes were imperatively necessary under the law governing such elections.

HOUSE.

In the House Ray moved to dispense with the reading of the journal and on this demanded the yeas and nays, this being for the purpose of seeing whether there was a quorum present. There was a dispute as to whether enough rose to demand yeas and nays and the reading of the journal was called for. Fifteen rose and the last vote was only 1. The clerk was so slow in finding the journal that Ray, Democrat, attacked him and this led Speaker Waiser to leave the chair and attack Ray in a bitter speech. Ray replied in a scortcher, but said that he had not reflected upon the Speaker. He denounced the latter's language. Waiser then apologized and so did Ray.

Resolution to expunge from the journals the expulsion of Josiah Turner was tabled.

To correct the line between Alamance and Chatham was tabled.

The House concurred in the Senate amendments to the divorce law bill were referred to. One of the amendments provides that it shall not apply to any case which occurs after its passage.

Stanford, nominated for State Librarian, received only 48 votes, and the above named Fusion nominees for penitentiary trustees only 50. The point was made that there was no quorum, and the speaker said that the report would simply speak for itself.

A resolution was adopted to raise a committee of three to investigate matters relative to the fish commission.

The judiciary committee presented its chairman, V. S. Lusk, with a gold-headed cane. Winborne spoke and French replied for Lusk who is sick here.

Peebles introduced a resolution in favor of free coinage of silver and of the repeal of law against State bonds. For this, Hileman, Populist offered a substitute, in favor of issue of natural currency by the government. French moved to table the whole matter and this prevailed.

At 12.30 the House took a recess until 8 p. m.

AN OUTRAGEOUS ENDING.

"WHOM THE GODS WOULD DESTROY THEY FIRST MAKE MAD."

The Fusionists Seem to Have Come Under This Ban and Must Die the Death—Fred Douglas and Abe Middleton—These Two and Fusion: What Senator Fowler, Populist From Sampson, Said: Other Items of General Interest.

ARGUS BUREAU,
RALEIGH, March 13, 1895.

To-day is the last day of the legislature. Adjournment will surely come at 8 o'clock to-night, for there is no quorum present to-day and the legislature is still in session only by consent to enroll bills.

It would have been far better for the fusionists, however, if they had adjourned yesterday for the proceedings last night will give them the blackest sort of an eye. The action of speaker Waiser was tyrannical and unfair in the extreme and gave rise to sensation after sensation. Tumult reigned and the whole evening must have seemed to the legislators present like a bad dream. The minority was simply run over. Two of the speaker's actions were unprecedented, one was his voting in order to make the necessary number to bring about a suspension of the rules of the house. Smith objected to this on the ground that the speaker was forbidden from voting by rule 8. This made no difference to Waiser and he went right on, rough shod, declaring Mr. Smith out of order. Smith became so angry that it was with difficulty that he was prevented by friends from attacking Waiser in the chair. The other ruling was to close the doors of the house and not to let members go out or come in. As this was done without a call from the house it was unprecedented and tyrannical in the extreme.

As it was, this ruling of the chair brought about one of the gravest and most disgraceful scenes that has ever been witnessed in the Legislature. A riot was narrowly averted. Abe Middleton, the negro door-keeper, in following the speaker's instructions was standing within the hall, holding the door with both hands. Capt. R. B. Peebles, and Mr. Lee, from Haywood, attempted to leave the hall, but were stopped by Middleton. They resented this and a struggle ensued; other negroes rushed to Middleton's aid and members and spectators rushed to the defense of Capt. Peebles. In an instant there was a whirling, struggling mass of men about the door. Pistols were reached for and there would undoubtedly have been bloodshed had not the door flew open and Capt. Peebles and Mr. Lee gotten out. Mr. Lee was struck over the eye and Capt. Peebles' arm was caught in the door and hurt. A riot was most fortunately averted, but the incident will long be remembered as a most disgraceful one—a negro laying hands in violence upon a legislator. But then this seems to be a "nigger session."

This morning the caucus nominee for State Librarian, Stanford, was elected, but his election will not amount to a row of pins as there was no quorum in the House. The nine additional penitentiary directors went the same way.

The Democrats had the fusionists "on the run" in the House to-day. Many of them have gone home and those who remain are completely demoralized. In it all Ray, of Macon, keeps as cool as a cucumber, and tantalizes the fusionists out of existence, almost.

This morning the bill extending the limits of Goldsboro, which passed last evening, was ratified. Last evening a telegram was read by Munroe from C. B. Aycock denying that he had ever told Grant he wanted the town limits extended.

Senator Fowler said this morning: "I'm disgusted with this whole blamed business and am going to get out of Raleigh on the first train, whether it goes my way or not." That seems to be the feeling of most of the fusion members. They have been on a big strain the past few

weeks, for some have tried to think for themselves.

Local politics are looking up. There are now no less than six avowed candidates for mayor. There is an inclination to take local elections out of politics. "White rules for Raleigh" is the cry of all parties. The negroes gave this town a big scare.

"What has Wake county, next to the Banner fusion county, gotten from the legislature," said a prominent Republican who has been in Congress, to-day. "Otho Wilson an indicted criminal, and Harry Roberts, a Democrat and confessed forger. I tell you I'm mad. The Wake county Republicans deserved more."

A new feature has been decided upon for the Confederate monument. It will be a star of electric lights that will hang just over the monument. Each point of the star will be composed of a cluster of electric lights and in the center there will be a particularly bright cluster. It is a pretty idea and will be a beautiful addition to a beautiful monument.

The trustees of the University meet here to-morrow. Mr. Harry Howell, a University student and a Goldsboro boy, came down to-day to appear before the trustees in regard to their action on a matter of concern to the student body at the Legislature.

Mr. R. L. Burkhead, who proved such an efficient clerk in the treasurer's office, will give up his place on the 10th of April. He will be succeeded by Major Martin, an old line Republican.

Fired on the Flag.

NEW YORK, March 12.—The mail steamship Allianca, which arrived at this port to-day, reports being fired upon by a Spanish war-ship off the coast of Cuba, March 7th. It will probably lead to international communications. The story told by the ship's officers is that at day-light last Friday about 6.30 o'clock a. m., while going through the windward passage, the Caribbean Sea to the Atlantic, a ship was seen coming out from under Cape Maysi, the eastern point of Cuba. The stranger laid her course with the evident object of intercepting the Allianca, and at 7 o'clock she hoisted the orange and crimson colors, which taken with her build and general appearance, left no doubt in the minds of those aboard the Allianca that she was a Spanish man-of-war. No sooner were the gun-boat's colors seen at her mizzen-peak than Capt. Crossman, of the Allianca, ordered the Stars and Stripes to be hoisted on the jack-staff over the taffrail and dipped three times in salute. The marine courtesy was returned in kind by the war-ship, and the Allianca's ensign was unbest from its halyards and stowed away.

Hardly had this been accomplished than the Spaniard again displayed his colors, and as a mark of extra politeness Captain Crossman ordered the Allianca's flag to be run up and dipped again and then left flying. Again was the salute acknowledged, and then, to the utter amazement of those aboard the American steamer, a blank shot was fired from one of the war-vessel's forward port guns.

The shot was probably meant as an invitation to the Allianca to heave to, but Capt. Crossman had no intention of obeying the summons. He remarked to second officer Russell who was on duty on the bridge, "The Spaniard seems to be firing a shot," and then calmly kept to his course. Soon another blank shot was fired, which the Captain greeted by saying, "All right; tell him to shoot." A third shot was fired, but this time it was shot in earnest. It was a solid shot and not a harmless blank cartridge with which the gun-boat next charged her bow-port rifle, and she yawed from her course that the gun might be aimed at the Yankee merchantman. The course of the shot could be seen where it ricocheted along the water before finally going to the bottom, a full quarter of a mile short of its mark. Still Captain Crossman kept his course and waited for the gun-boat to overtake him

—if it could. The black smoke began to pour from the gun-boat's funnels and the water around her bow to heap up in a way that showed that her fires were being vigorously stoked and steam forced up to its big heat limit. The gun-boat fired again, ten minutes later, and still again, after another equal interval of time. But observation through the glass showed that she was gradually falling astern and after a chase lasting for twenty-five miles she gave it up and laid away on her course.

Capt. Crossman was very indignant over the occurrence when his ship was tied up this afternoon. He said: "We were from six to eight miles off shore when the occurrence took place and were not in Spanish jurisdiction at all."

The Protest Against the Douglass Resolution.

There was quite a hubbub in the House yesterday afternoon, when Mr. Ray, of Macon, offered, on his own behalf and in behalf of those Democrats present, a protest to the action of the House in passing Lusk's resolution containing "a pack of lies" in regard to the adjournment in honor of Fred Douglass. The protest was couched in respectful language and was such a plain statement of facts that Mr. Gizzard French was forced to admit on the floor that it was "technically true." It aroused the ire of the Populists to a boiling point, because it stated the fact that the original resolution of Crews to adjourn at 12 o'clock, in honor of Douglass, was amended to read "when we do adjourn" on motion of Mr. Crutapier, Populist member from Sampson. Mr. Johnson, Populist from Sampson, wanted that portion of the protest that referred to the motion of his colleague stricken out. He admitted that Mr. Crumpler did make the motion to amend the Crews resolution to adjourn in honor of Douglass "when we do adjourn" instead of "12 o'clock," but contended that the Speaker ruled Mr. Crumpler's amendment out of order. The Speaker said that Mr. Johnson was right. The fact that Crews, of Granville, accepted the amendment or suggestion (it does not matter which you call it) of Mr. Crumpler, of Sampson, and that the identical words used by him, in his amendment or suggestion, are used in the resolution, shows that Mr. Johnson and the Speaker are quibbling over tweedle-dee and tweedle-dum.

The material point is that the Populist member offered no objection to adjourning in honor of Douglass—he only wanted to change the hour of adjournment. In other words, Crews wanted to adjourn two hours more anxiously to honor the miscegenationist than did Mr. Crumpler. That was all.—*Raleigh News & Observer.*

Hatteras Light House.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The Light-house Board is informed that the temporary structure at Diamond Shoals, North Carolina, withstood the recent stormy weather well, being but slightly damaged. Superintendent of Construction Rettig, who made the examination, made soundings there and reports but little if any "scouring" in the sand about the structure, confirming the opinion heretofore held that the bottom is of sufficient firmness to erect upon it a lighthouse. The plans are in an advanced stage of preparation.

CAPE HENRY, Va., March 12.

—The report that President Cleveland is suffering from a sprained knee is false. It has probably sprung from some telegraphic or typographical error. Mr. Cleveland has been unusually well during his entire cruise in these waters. The Violet is still at anchor in Pamlico sound near Cape Hatteras. At an early hour this morning Mr. Cleveland was off to the blinds. The weather is now pleasant.

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