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Election of Senator—New Bills Introduced.

Columbia, Jan 16.—The senate was in session three hours yesterday, and spent more than half that time discussing Mr. Sheppard's bill relating to judicial officers. The house resolution extending the time for the payment of taxes was passed, and the senate took the preliminary ballot for United States Senator—B. R. Tillman receiving the vote of every senator present.

The house resolution to extend the time for the payment of taxes was then taken up. Mr. Blakeney moved to strike out the resolving words, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Brice. Mr. Iderton spoke for several minutes in favor of the extension, and there were a number of other expressions pro and con. Finally the senate refused to strike out the resolving words by a vote of 19 to 18, as follows:

Yeas—Appelt, Blakeney, Bowen, Brice, Douglas, Gaines, Glenn, Herndon, Henderson, Hough, McDermott, Staehouse, Sullivan—13
Nays—Aldrich, Barwell, Brown, Deas, Dennis, Goodwin, Gruber, Graydon, Hay, Hydrick, Iderton, Marshall, Mower, Ragdale, Sarraat, Sheppard, Stanland, Talbird—19.

The house resolution was then adopted by practically the same vote.

NEW BILLS.

The following new bills were introduced:

By Mr. Sheppard—Allowing a woman dower only in the real property of which her husband died seized in fee.

By Mr. Brice—To create the special school district of Yorkville in York county.

By Mr. Marshall—Authorizing and directing the comptroller general and State treasurer to ascertain and report the amount of money loaned by Joshua Fanning to the State of South Carolina during the year 1777, and whether the sum so loaned has ever been repaid to said Fanning, his heir, executors, administrators or assigns.

By Mr. Barwell, by request—To amend the act providing for the increase and decrease of the capital stock of corporations in this State except railroad companies, etc.

Senator Tillman Elected

To Succeed Himself.

Columbia, S. C., January 16, 1901.—When the house assembled at noon yesterday and when the preliminary business had been disposed of, the speaker called attention to the fact that this was the day and the hour set for the election of United States senator to succeed Hon. B. R. Tillman.

Representatives Gaston, Seabrook and Strom were appointed tellers. The speaker then stated that nominations were in order. There was no response. After a pause the speaker stated that the balloting would commence without nominations.

Mr. Richards, of Kernshaw, suggested that it would be in better taste to have nominations, and he placed the name of Hon. B. R. Tillman before the house. At this there was a ripple of laughter. A number seconded the nomination.

The first vote for Senator Tillman was the representative from "Anson," Mr. Ashley. There were 120 votes cast, of which number Mr. Tillman received 120.

Mr. Dominick introduced a resolution providing that a committee of five representatives and two senators be appointed to wait upon the justices and circuit judges and get their views upon increasing the number of judicial circuits from 8 to 10.

NEW BILLS.

Among the new bills yesterday were the following:

Mr. Seiger—To provide that the town of Saluda may subscribe \$12,000 in bonds to Sluda and Johnson Railroad.

Mr. Strom—To fix the time for the payment of taxes.

Mr. Bacon—Regulating the use of convict labor.

Mr. Morgan—To amend the dispensary law as to distilleries.

Mr. Weston—Providing that railroad sidetracks shall be returned for taxation.

Mr. Webb—To define rights of employes of mills, railroads, etc.

Mr. Fox—To increase the pension appropriation to \$150,000.

Mr. F. H. McMaster—To regulate contracts between employers and employes; also a bill to provide for schools in factory towns.

Mr. Cooper—To provide punishment for the manufacture and sale of certain firearms.

Mr. Jno P. Thomas, Jr.—To provide for an income tax.

Mr. DeRant—To regulate the hiring of convicts.

Mr. Moss—To appropriate \$8,862 to build a steward's hall at the South Carolina College.

Mr. Richardson—Relating to the entry on lands of another.

Mr. Galluchat—To extend to all classes of employes penalties for violation of labor contracts.

Election of Senator Tillman Ratified in Joint Session.

Columbia, Jan 16.—The senate is keeping up with its work, and the calendar was cleared today.

The two houses met in assembly at 12 o'clock to ratify the election of Senator Tillman, but this did not take more than 15 minutes.

The judiciary committee made a favorable report on the resolution looking to the incorporation of the board of visitors of the Thornehill orphanage.

The committee report on the bill to ratify the amendments to the constitution relating to municipal indebtedness, and the bill was read the first time by its first title.

There was no unfavorable report in the house resolution as to an amendment of the constitution relating to the jurisdiction of magistrates.

The house concurrent resolution to appoint a committee of one senator and two representatives to consider the report of the code commissioner was referred to the committee on judiciary.

Senator Graydon introduced a concurrent resolution, which was adopted, calling on the attorney general to report at once what action, if any, he has taken in regard to the fertilizer trust, as instructed by a bill passed at the last session.

The following are some of the new bills introduced:

By Mr. Gaines—To provide for the running of public schools on a cash basis, and to provide for tuition fees. Referred to committee on education.

By Mr. Sheppard—Providing that the same commissioners and managers of election for State and county officers shall also serve in elections for members of congress. Referred to committee on privileges and elections.

By Mr. Sullivan—To require county commissioners to show the nature of claims in their published reports. Referred to judiciary committee.

By Mr. Staehouse—To abolish fees and costs for clerks of courts and provide salaries instead. Referred to judiciary committee.

By Mr. Gaines—To provide for the appointment of county dispensers. Referred to the judiciary committee.

This bill places the selection of dispensers in the hands of the grand jury.

By Mr. Gaines—To regulate the delivery of alcoholic liquors by common carriers.

By Mr. Manning—To regulate the width of tires of vehicles and to encourage the use of broad tires.

THE HOUSE.

The house was in session only an hour. The calendar was cleared and quite a number of new bills were introduced.

The following are the more important of the new bills:

By Mr. Lever of Lexington—Relating to working of children in cotton mills.

Mr. Weston of Richland—To authorize municipalities to hire criminals, convicted under their ordinances, to county authorities for road working, at a rate of 25 cents a day and keep.

Mr. Weston introduced another bill to authorize the management of the penitentiary to hire convicts to county authorities for road working at a rate of \$6 per month and keep. The bill also prohibits the hiring of convicts to individuals.

Mr. McLaughlin of Orangeburg—To make the rate of interest in this State 7 per cent.

Mr. West of Spartanburg—To provide that dispensary profits of a county go to public schools.

Mr. Strom—To limit the pay of members of the general assembly to 30 days.

Mr. Kibler of Newberry—To create the office of banking and insurance commissioner.

Mr. McCall of Darlington—To repeal lien law.

Mr. DeLoach of York—To sell the Reid and DeSausure farms.

A bill which is liable to cause considerable debate was introduced by

Mr. John McMaster of Richland yesterday. Its object is to allow damages against telegraph companies doing business in the State, for mental anguish or suffering, even in the absence of bodily injury, caused by negligence in receiving, transmitting or delivering messages.

Mr. Webb of Aiken has introduced in the house a bill granting additional rights and remedies to the employes of any cotton manufactory, street railway company or telephone company. The bill provides:

Section 1 Every employe of any cotton manufactory, street railway or telephone company shall have the same rights and remedies for any injuries suffered by him from the acts or omissions of said corporation or its employes as are allowed by law to other persons not employes, when the injury results from the negligence of a superior agent or officer or of a person having a right to control or direct the services of a party injured and also when the injury results from the negligence of a fellow servant engaged in another department of labor from that of the party injured or a fellow servant on another train of cars or one engaged about a different force of work.

Knowledge by any employe injured of the defective or unsafe character or condition of any machinery, ways or appliances shall be no defense to an action for injury caused thereby, except as to conductors or engineers in charge of dangerous or unsafe cars or engines voluntarily operated by them. When deaths ensue from any injury to employes the legal or personal representatives of the person injured shall have the same rights and remedies as are allowed by law to such representatives of other persons. Any contract or agreement expressed or implied, made by any employe to waive the benefit of this section shall be null and void, and this section shall not be construed to deprive any employe of a cotton manufactory, street railway company or telegraph company or his legal or personal representative of any remedy or right that he now has by the law of the land.

Columbia, S. C., January 18, 1901.—The senate met at 11 o'clock yesterday and in the home intervening before the inauguration at 12 o'clock the routine business was transacted and several new bills were introduced. No business transacted after the inauguration.

SECOND READING BILLS.

The following bills passed their second reading:

Mr. Gruber's bill relating to landlord and tenant.

Mr. Stanland's bill to abolish the summer term of court in Dorchester county.

Mr. Barwell's bill providing for renewing the charters of corporations, except railroad corporations, etc. incorporated by special acts, whose charters have not yet expired.

Mr. Marshall's bill to ratify the amendment to the constitution relating to municipal bonded indebtedness.

NEW BILLS.

The following are the new bills introduced:

By Mr. Dennis—To amend section 1087 of the general statutes relating to damages caused by defective highways, causeways or bridges.

By Mr. Appelt—To place the clerk of court of Clarendon County on a salary instead of allowing him fees. Also a bill to authorize the treasurer of Clarendon County to pay certain claims.

By Mr. Barwell, by request—To amend the act providing for renewing the charter of ferries.

THE INAUGURATION.

At 12 o'clock the senate went over to the house to sit in joint assembly to witness the inauguration of the governor and lieutenant governor. The exercises occupied about 40 minutes. The full account is given elsewhere.

After Col. Tillman had taken the oath of office Mr. Scarborough, the retiring lieutenant governor, removed his robe of office and helped to adjust it about the shoulders of his successor. There was bandalapping in all parts of the hall as the new lieutenant governor faced the assembly and took the gavel. Col. Tillman formally announced that the business for which the joint assembly had convened having been transacted the joint assembly was dissolved, and the senate returned to its chamber.

After a short address by the president Mr. Henderson offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Senator Mower and others and adopted by a rising vote:

"Resolved, That the thanks of the senate are due and are hereby tendered to the Hon. R. B. Scarborough, our retiring presiding officer, for his uniform kindness, firmness and urbanity in the discharge of his arduous duties."

On motion of Mr. Sheppard the senate then adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock this morning.

CARELESS DRIVING TO BE STOPPED.

The house yesterday killed two bills and gave six others their second reading.

The day was spent in work, outside of the interruptions incident to the inauguration.

A number of new members made their maiden speeches and acquitted themselves with credit, among them being Messrs. Fraser and McLeod of Sumter, Logan of Charleston, Gaston of Chester and Mauldin of Pickens.

There was a spirited debate over Mr. Tatum's bill to prevent reckless driving on the highways. The bill passed second reading.

There was a fight on Mr. Aull's bill to empower school trustees to say what number of hours school shall be in session, provided the number of hours shall not exceed seven a day in winter, and eight hours a day in spring and summer.

The bill was indefinitely postponed. The following bills passed second reading without debate:

Mr. Butler—To empower and require county commissioners of Cherokee to build a bridge across Broad river.

Mr. Bacon—To amend section 11 of the code of civil procedure of this State relating to the jurisdiction of the supreme court.

Mr. W. J. Thomas—To exempt Hampton county from the provisions of the act of 1899 providing salaries for clerks of courts in certain counties.

Among the bills which yesterday received unfavorable reports was the one by Mr. Wells to make attempt to ravish punishable by death penalty; Mr. Durant's relating to the hiring of convicts; Mr. Dorroh, as affects registration of legal instruments; and on Mr. F. H. McMaster's bill to require cotton mills to build, maintain and equip schools for children of operatives. At the author's request this bill was recommitted to be considered in connection with other matters of kindred nature.

NEW BILLS.

Mr. DeLoach—A joint resolution proposing amendments to constitution providing for biennial sessions.

Mr. F. H. McMaster—To regulate the employment of minors in factories and mines.

Also a bill to require life insurance companies doing business in this State on a reserve plan to invest that reserve on policies issued in this State in securities in this State.

Also a bill to further regulate life insurance companies in this State.

Mr. Dean—To provide for marriage licenses.

Mr. Dunbar—To require all children between ages of 7 and 12 to attend school.

Mr. Prince—To authorize the hiring out of all convicts except those under sentence for rape.

Mr. Crum—To divide counties into road working districts.

Columbia, Jan 18.—The senate was in session barely an hour today, and when adjournment was had the hour of reassembling was fixed for 8 o'clock Monday night. Only routine business was transacted, everything that would evoke discussion being passed over or made the special order for future days.

Notwithstanding the apparent small amount of work that has been done by the senate in its session so far, the various committees are busy every day and the real work of the legislature is progressing.

The following new bills were introduced:

By Mr. Stanland—To provide for the establishment of chain gages in incorporated cities, towns and villages situated in counties that have no county chain gage.

By Mr. Mower—To provide a mode for the amendment of charters of corporations heretofore or hereafter granted.

By Mr. Herndon—To regulate the granting of pardons.

By Mr. Dean—To amend the law relating to insurance companies. At present insurance companies are required to put up a cash deposit of \$20,000 before doing business. This bill provides that a certificate from the county auditor showing that the company has assets to the amount of \$20,000, above its liabilities, will be sufficient.

By Mr. Manning—To regulate the bonds of county officers.

Mr. Henderson presented a petition from the State Agricultural and Mechanical society endorsing the Charleston exposition and urging the appropriation asked for.

THE HOUSE.

The house of representatives today at 12 o'clock adjourned until Monday night at 8 o'clock.

A number of bills passed second reading yesterday, and some were killed, among them Mr. McMaster's State bacteriologist bill.

Mr. McMaster's bill relative to liability of textile mills, railroad, telegraph companies, etc. to the employes was reported favorably with an amendment striking out "textile mills" wherever it occurs in the bill.

There was a favorable report on Mr. Jno P. Thomas' bill to provide expert supervision for public schools. The minority submitted an unfavorable report. There was a favorable report on the two bills to provide for taxation of dogs.

Unfavorable reports were made on Mr. McLaughlin's bill to reduce the rate of interest; and on Mr. McCall's bill to repeal the lien law.

An unfavorable report was made on Mr. Galluchat's bill relating to labor contracts.

Mr. Gunter's bill relative to the division of dispensary profits was reported favorably with amendments, the principal one being that monthly settlements instead of quarterly be made with county and city authorities.

North Carolina Mill Men Sign Agreement.

Charlotte, N. C., Jan 16.—Sixty North Carolina mill owners, said to represent over 100 cotton mills, met in Greensboro, N. C., today and considered the questions of reduction of hours and child labor. An "agreement and petition" was signed by forty of those in attendance and it was decided to circulate it among all the mill owners of North Carolina for their approval. It provides that taking effect March 1, 1901, one week's work shall not exceed 66 hours; no child less than 12 years old shall work in a cotton mill during a school term; provided this shall not apply to children of widows or physically disabled parents; that 10 years shall be the lowest limit at which children may be worked; all will promote the education of the working people; on the basis of these agreements of the cotton mill owners petition the legislature not to pass any labor laws at this session.

A QUEER DAMAGE SUIT.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan 15.—B. F. Perkins has entered a suit of unusual character against the Western Union Telegraph Company.

He was in the company's telegraph office at Killebrew's rock quarry, Lamar county, last spring during the progress of a thunder and lightning storm. A bolt of lightning struck the telegraph instruments in the room and he was severely shocked. He was partially paralyzed for some time and unable to work. He lays his damages at \$5,000.

McKinley is Improving.

Washington, Jan 15.—The president passed a good night. He is daily gaining strength and everything points to a speedy recovery. He is attending to more business than at any time since his illness, but he does not expect to go into his office for several days yet.

Magaars Coming South.

Danielson, Conn, January 14.—The Tribe of Magaars, who landed in Boston some weeks ago en route from Russia to the Southern States, have reached this town and last night encamped in the fields, sleeping on the snow covered ground. They are in the utmost destitution and have caused consternation among householders by their persistent and some times threatening begging.

PATTERSON MURDERERS

Patterson, N. J., Jan 15.—MacAlester, Campbell and Death, the three men on trial for the murder of Jennie Boeschbieter, showed, when brought into court today, that they had had a sleepless night following the terrible disclosures made by the witnesses during the first day's proceedings in the court. It is not yet definitely known whether George Kerr, who was jointly indicted with the other prisoners, but who was granted a separate trial, will be called as a witness for the State. The principal evidence yet to be introduced by the State is to be given by the county physicians and experts to prove the cause of death and to prove that Jennie Boeschbieter was criminally assaulted before her death, and that it was through assault that her death was brought.

Humane Society Asks Congress to Protect Horses.

Boston, Jan 17.—The directors of the American Humane Educational Society and Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals have voted to petition congress to take measures to prevent the further shipment of American horses and mules for use by the British army in South Africa, in consideration of the terrible suffering for American horses and mules shipped from American ports for use by the British army in South Africa.

ARMY BILL HAS BEEN PASSED.

Senator McLaurin Deserted His Party and Voted With Republicans.

Washington, Jan 18.—Just before 6 o'clock this evening the senate finally disposed of the army reorganization bill. The measure having originated in the senate, the final question was not upon its passage, but upon agreeing to the senate amendments. They were agreed to by a vote of 43 to 23. While the party lines were drawn on the measure, four Democrats voted for it—Senators Lindsey of Kentucky, McLaurin of South Carolina, Morgan of Alabama and Sullivan of Mississippi. Senator Hoar of Massachusetts, who was detained at his home by illness, was paired against the bill with Senator Spooner of Wisconsin.

The bill has occupied practically the entire attention of the senate since the third day of January, when it was made the unfinished business. While the opposition to it at all stages was vigorous it was never bitter. Numerous amendments were made to it, but in general the committee was sustained and the measure, with the exception of the elimination of the canteen clause, is not widely different from that reported to the senate.

A determined effort to amend the bill to provide against the sale of liquor in the Philippines and to prohibit the importation of any kind of intoxicants into the islands was defeated.

Every effort to prevent the increase in the strength of the army was defeated by a decisive majority.

Three Girls Missing in New Orleans.

New Orleans, Jan 15.—The police have been asked to find Rita and Mary Holzer aged 16 and 18, and their infant sister. The two girls left home with the child on Sunday to visit relatives. They never reached the residence of the relatives and have not since been seen or heard of. The kidnapping theory has been advanced to account for their disappearance.

CAUSED BY JEALOUSY.

Thomasville Boy Said to Be Murdered by His Rival.

Thomasville, Ga., Jan 15.—Three weeks ago Emmet Simms, a student of the business college, was assassinated at night as he was returning from a call upon a young lady. This afternoon William Doss, a young lawyer, was arrested on a charge of having committed the crime, upon a warrant sworn out by the father of Simms. Doss is the son of the sheriff of the county. It appears, from the statement of the elder Simms, that young Doss was in love with the lady upon whom Emmet Simms was calling, and that there was jealousy between them. Simms charges that in consequence of this jealousy his son was waylaid and shot to death.

A Negro Rapist Burned

Leavenworth, Kas, Jan 15.—Fred Alexander, the negro who Sunday evening attempted to assault Miss Eva Rothe and who was supposed to have assaulted and killed Pearl Forbes in this city in November last, was taken from the sheriff's guard by a mob today and burned at the stake at the scene of his crime, half a dozen blocks from the centre of the city. Probably 8,000 people witnessed the lynching.

West Point in Disgrace.

West Point, N. Y., Jan 16.—The congressional investigation committee today got down to the bottom of the hazing practiced at the academy during the last four years and the inquiry will be finished before the end of the week. Cadets Mahaffey, Dockery and Pogram were examined today very vigorously by Congressmen Wanger, Driggs, Smith and Clayton.

Gen. Dick, of Ohio, questioned them in his quiet, suave manner, and then let loose his torrents of scathing sarcasm, making every witness wince. All three witnesses left in a worst state of mind and body than if they had just been compelled to go through the entire curriculum of hazing.

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