

THE SENATE WINDS UP

ITS BUSINESS AND ADJOURNED WEDNESDAY.

The Secret Society Bill, the Insurance Tax and the Income Tax Bills Passed—How the Members Voted.

COLUMBIA, March 5.—It was well on toward 12 o'clock Saturday when the senate took up the anti Greek fraternity bill, but for an hour before the gallery began to fill with college students who quietly and patiently awaited the result.

Mr. Mayfield continued that there was nothing in the constitution to prohibit this tax. It was a necessary. The income from the phosphate industry had decreased to such an extent that it no longer furnished any revenue for the government. Something had to be done. He estimated that the poor man who paid taxes on \$500 worth of property paid more in proportion than the rich. There were many wealthy men in the State who paid no tax. It was but just, fair and right that they should pay for the protection they received.

Mr. Ragsdale quoted the saying of Mr. Mower that the bill would not be put off until tomorrow that which we can do today, and also the saying of Aaron Burr that we should not do today that which we can put off until tomorrow. He said that both sayings, paradoxical as it might seem, when rightly interpreted, accorded much with the wisdom of Franklin's idea was that industry should be placed above all things. Burr's idea was that in matters of grave consequence delay will disclose reasons why action should not be taken. He thought this a proper course for the application of great importance and it had been considered by the people. Nothing could be lost by continuing the bill, to the end that it might be discussed by the press and the people. He said that he would favor an income tax under proper limitations, if it could be shown to be necessary. He said that the bill was a good one and that it should not be passed in any case but that the people of this State were not wealthy, and if the tax should be fixed at a figure where an income tax might be justified that it would in that case yield no revenue. He said that a tax levied on incomes was double taxation.

The vote was taken on the question of the passage of the bill and by the same vote and may vote as above the bill passed.

Debate on the house bill to provide for the office of banking and insurance commissioner and to define the duties of the same was begun by Mr. Miller. The debate was quite lengthy and at its close the bill was postponed to the next session by the following vote:

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FINISHED ITS LABORS

THE HOUSE ADJOURNED SINE DIE LAST WEDNESDAY.

The Last Days of the Session—What Was Done in the House—A Veto From the Governor.

COLUMBIA, March 5.—The Legislature finished its labors and adjourned sine die last Wednesday after a session of about seven weeks. After a number of bills had been passed by the House on Saturday a message was received from the Governor vetoing the bill regarding the employment of convict labor on the State farms. The Governor in his message says the bill is objected and not approved because it enacted will injuriously affect the State penitentiary. To prohibit the superintendent of the penitentiary from employing free labor in cases of emergency might entail considerable loss to the State. While considerable of a few hundred dollars for labor to chop cotton, to hoe cotton after a long wet spell, or to help harvest the crop, might save the State several thousand. It would be unbusinesslike and too expensive to retain a sufficient number of convicts on the State farms to meet such cases of emergency. The policy of the board of directors of the penitentiary has been to hire as little free labor as possible, and to pay for it the prices fixed by the farmers in the neighborhood. The house refused to pass the bill over the veto by a vote of 49 to 19.

The senate bill to make railroad corporations liable for damages resulting to land owners from the wrongful obstruction of water courses, which had been unfavorably reported, was taken up and passed. It provides that railroad corporations shall be liable to land owners for all damages resulting from the wrongful obstruction of water courses by such corporations, and shall not be necessary to allege and prove that such damages resulted from the negligent construction of the road or other works of such corporations, but any person who is damaged shall be entitled to recover the amount of such damages upon showing the wrongful obstruction of such water course.

At this juncture a message came from the senate which crushed the hopes of many candidates, that the upper house had continued the banking and insurance commissioner bill to the next session.

In the House on Monday when the senate bill to provide for laborers' lien was reached, Mr. Toole moved to strike out the enacting words. This the house refused to do and the bill was ordered to a third reading in this shape:

Section 1. That from and after the passage and approval of this act all existing contracts for the purchase of distilleries and all other works of manufacturing establishment in this State, shall have a lien upon the output of the factory, mill, distillery or other manufacturing establishment in which they may be employed, either by the day or month, or by the contract in writing or otherwise, to the extent of such salary or wages as may be due and owing to them under the terms of their contract with their employer, such lien to take precedence over any and all other liens, except for municipal, State and county taxes.

Section 2. That any one entitled to the provisions of this act may begin suit upon his or her demands in any court of competent jurisdiction, and at the time of commencing such action may file with the officer out of whose court he desires process to issue an affidavit setting forth the facts and the amount of the lien, and shall designate the property alleged to be affected by the lien; thereupon it shall be the duty of said officer to issue his process, directing the sheriff of the county or any lawful constable to seize so much of the property described in said affidavit as may be necessary to satisfy said alleged lien. The officer executing aforesaid process shall seize and take into his possession and custody, according to the mandate of said process, the property described, and shall hold the same until the final determination of the suit between the parties, following the usual practice in attachment cases as to sale after judgment, or even before judgment if the property seized be perishable and ordered sold by the court; provided, that should the party claiming to be the legal owner of the property seized desire to do so, pending the suit, he may furnish good and sufficient security for the payment of such judgments as may be recovered by plaintiff against him in suit pending, to be approved by the officer issuing the process, and shall thereupon be entitled to the custody of the property seized, just as though the process had been issued against it.

Section 3. That the cost and fees of officers in this proceeding shall be the same as in cases of attachment under the code.

When the senate bill to amend section 15 of the dispensary laws to license distillers was taken up, Mr. W. H. Thomas offered an amendment to the bill to the effect that in the event the bill was not approved by the House, the bill should not apply to breweries.

The bill after some discussion was ordered to a third reading in such shape as to make section 15 of the dispensary law read as follows:

Section 15. No person, firm, association or corporation shall manufacture for sale, or keep for sale, exchange, barter, or dispense, any liquors containing alcohol, for any purpose whatsoever, otherwise than is provided in this act. Any person, firm, association or corporation desiring to intend to manufacture or distill any liquor containing alcohol within this State shall first obtain from the State board of control a permit or license so to do; but in the case of distillers such permit or license shall not be granted or renewed except on petition signed in person by a majority of the resident freeholders in the city, town or townships in which it is proposed to locate the distillery, and it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, association or corporation to manufacture or distill any liquors containing alcohol within this State without having such permit or license. Any violation of the terms of the permit or license shall authorize the State board of control to cause the distillery or place where liquors containing alcohol are manufactured: Provided, That the United States has no lien or claim upon the same. And in the application for a permit or license to manufacture liquors containing alcohol the applicant

shall give the State full power upon any violation of this act to seize and take possession of any product on hand at the distillery or place where liquors shall be manufactured, and shall authorize the State to pay the United States government the tax upon the same if unpaid and to dispose thereof as provided herein for contraband goods. Every package, barrel or bottle of such liquor shipped beyond the limits of this State shall have thereon the certificate of the State board of control allowing same, otherwise it shall be liable to confiscation, and the railroad carrying it shall be punished as in section 37. Any person who shall have the right to make wine for his or her own use from grapes or other fruits. The inspector appointed by the State board of control, as here provided, shall have the right to enter and examine at any and all times, not forbidden by the United States laws, any distillery, brewery or place where liquors containing alcohol is manufactured within this State. Any manufacturer, distiller, or brewer who may refuse to allow the inspector or constable to enter and examine his place of business and his appurtenances at such times as the inspector or constable may deem proper shall forfeit his permit or license.

The House on Tuesday the legislative appropriation bill come over with a number of amendments for employees of the senate who had been left out of the bill as it went over to the senate. The sum of \$27,700 was appropriated for the per diem and mileage of members of the house alone. The House declined to agree to this the stationery account did not seem to be included. The house agreed to raise the pay of the senate and house assistants clerks from \$250 to \$350. All salaries were fixed so as to provide for 51 days pay. The salary of the two reading clerks was raised to \$350.

The committee on free conference agreed to a unanimous settlement of the differences. The basis of agreement being: Cut State Colored Normal college \$7,000; electric station for Deaf, Dumb and Blind institute \$3,000; house at South Carolina college \$1,500; leave out Patton amendment; raise South Carolina college appropriation to \$25,000 as fixed by senate and all clerks salaries as now paid.

At the night session the most important action was the agreement to the senate amendments to the income tax bill. When the amendment to raise the amount liable to the tax to \$2,500 was read Mr. Winkler promptly moved concurrence. Mr. Skinner moved the house would not concur but before there was further argument the house agreed to fix the starting point for the income tax at \$2,500.

The report of the committee on free conference on the general appropriation bill was read. Mr. Kibler seemed to be struck by a cannon ball. He wanted to know why the colored college had been cut \$7,000. He thought a serious mistake had been made.

Mr. Bacon stated that the trustees asked for \$30,000 and as the college got \$10,000 from other sources it would amount to \$20,000. It was purely on the request of the trustees that the action was taken.

Mr. Dukes of Orangeburg and Mr. Kibler wanted to know if something could not be done as it was very proper, if possible, to keep the appropriation up to \$15,000 as agreed upon by the House. Mr. Wilson, of the ways and means committee, said that \$15,000 was thought to be necessary after a full hearing of the case.

MURPHY IS RESPIED.

HIS EXECUTION POSTPONED FOR GOOD REASONS.

A Lawyer Says He Can Produce Evidence in Murphy's Favor—Murphy Tells the Governor He Has a Confession to Make, but Fails To Do So.

COLUMBIA, March 4.—Tuesday afternoon, when Governor Ellerbe told the Register reporter that he would not interfere in behalf of Murphy, the condemned murderer of Treasurer Copes of Orangeburg county, he added: "Unless something of which I have now no knowledge comes up." It seems that the Governor some time ago asked for the court records of the Murphy trial. Murphy's friends could not raise the money to have them copied and sent to the Governor and this record, therefore, has never been laid before him.

Murphy has a brother in Augusta, on the police force. He has said he is a good fellow, and has succeeded in interesting Attorney Carroll of Augusta in the prisoners behalf. Yesterday Governor Ellerbe received word from Mr. Carroll that the Governor would grant a respite he would have the court records copied at his own expense, and would also send an additional matter that might give a new complexion to the case.

Though the probability is exceedingly small that anything can be brought forward in Murphy's favor at this late day, yet the Governor, actuated by humane motives, acceded to Mr. Carroll's request, and the court records are this giving a single straw to clutch at in what was supposed to be the last hours of his mortal existence.

But though there is a bare possibility that Murphy's friends may succeed in saving him, the man himself has seemingly done everything in his power to alienate sympathy.

Yesterday he sent word to Governor Ellerbe that he had a confession to make. This was about 5 o'clock. The Governor was waiting for the supply bill to be sent down for his signature, but he put everything aside when Murphy's request reached him, and accompanied by Senator Connor of Orangeburg, an intimate friend of the late Treasurer Copes, and by the Register reporter, he entered his carriage, which was standing at the State House door, and drove rapidly over to the Penitentiary. It was the second time in four days that the Governor had visited his interest with the prisoner.

Arrived at the Penitentiary, Murphy was led into Captain Westfield's private office. The Governor entered the room, the door was closed behind him, and Murphy and the man in whose hands his life lay were alone together. For some minutes the telephone message was received that the General Assembly was only waiting the Governor's presence at the State House to adjourn. Five minutes after this Governor Ellerbe came out from Captain Westfield's office. His non-committal countenance betrayed nothing of his interview with the prisoner.

He entered his carriage and was driven rapidly back to the Capitol. On the way the Register reporter asked if Murphy had made a confession. "No," said the Governor. "He not only did not make a confession, but denied that he had sent for me. The man is evidently under the impression that I had pardoned him yesterday. "Did you tell Murphy, Governor, that you were going to grant him a respite?"

"No," was the reply. Then he added, "I said I was not going to interfere and that I don't want it to be thought that I am wanting in this matter. I think it only right that I should grant a respite under the circumstances, as Mr. Carroll has laid them before me. It is only fair, if Murphy is innocent he will be pardoned; if he is guilty he ought to hang."

If Murphy had deliberately planned to make a confession, he would have adopted more successful means than those he employed yesterday—first to send for the Governor saying he had a confession to make, then to deny both propositions, and cause the chief executive of the State to undertake a needless errand when our demands upon his time were great.

It was the most preposterous piece of folly of which the condemned man has yet been guilty. Unless Mr. Carroll, of Augusta, can produce uncorroborated evidence in the prisoner's behalf, Murphy will undoubtedly swing on the 26th of March.—Register.

Makes a Grab and Leaves.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Paymaster John Corwine, U. S. N., stationed at Newport, R. I., has absconded, taking his check book with him. This statement is made on the authority of the navy department and Pay Director Charles H. Bly. The check book contained a check for \$5,000 and then left Newport. An investigation of his accounts shows that he is between \$5,000 and \$10,000 short, exclusive of the amount of yesterday's check. The accounts of the paymaster came under the scrutiny of the navy department yesterday afternoon. Paymaster Corwine cashed a check for \$5,000 and then left Newport. An investigation of his accounts shows that he is between \$5,000 and \$10,000 short, exclusive of the amount of yesterday's check. The accounts of the paymaster came under the scrutiny of the navy department yesterday afternoon. Paymaster Corwine cashed a check for \$5,000 and then left Newport. An investigation of his accounts shows that he is between \$5,000 and \$10,000 short, exclusive of the amount of yesterday's check. The accounts of the paymaster came under the scrutiny of the navy department yesterday afternoon.

An Ovation to Bryan.

DOVER, Del., March 4.—Wm. J. Bryan came to Dover Tuesday morning to address the General Assembly. He was met at the station by the legislative reception committee and escorted to the residence of John F. Salsbury, the man who gave him his first vote for President in the Chicago convention. Nearly 5,000 people had assembled at Dover, but only a thousand could get into the court house hall where Mr. Bryan spoke at 2 o'clock. He did not wear a main upon national finances and taxation. The audience gave him an ovation. He left Denver at 3:45 p. m. for Washington.

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

FORTY THOUSAND PEOPLE HEARD MCKINLEY'S INAUGURAL.

The New President, Surrounded by Notables of This and Other Lands, Speaks of His Policy Amid Defeating Plaudits—People Hurt in the Pressing.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—President McKinley pledged his faith to the American people on the East terrace of the Capitol in the presence of a great multitude. The people massed on the plaza had waited patiently for hours to see the President, and it was eminently fitting that he should take the oath in view of those whose service he was to become. A dazzling and inspiring scene spread out before the eyes as he appeared on the steps of the Capitol in the presence of a great multitude. The people massed on the plaza had waited patiently for hours to see the President, and it was eminently fitting that he should take the oath in view of those whose service he was to become. A dazzling and inspiring scene spread out before the eyes as he appeared on the steps of the Capitol in the presence of a great multitude. 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