



RALEIGH, SATURDAY, NOV. 11, 1852.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Both Houses are now holding evening sessions, and there appears to be a determination to despatch the public business as rapidly as practicable.

FREE SUFFRAGE.

On Friday the 3d of December, 1852, the Free Suffrage bill was rejected in the Senate of North Carolina, twenty-seven Democrats and six Whigs voting for it.

Messrs. Albright, Bynum, Cowper, Gilmer, T. F. Jones, Joyner, Kelly, Lane, McCleese, Mitchell, Palmer, Parks, Richardson, Thompson and Woodfin.

The Speaker of the Senate, Mr. Edwards, a Democrat, declined to vote. He might have passed the bill; and either one of the above-named Whigs might have done the same.

And in the House, on Wednesday last, the Free Suffrage bill having been offered again, and put upon its first reading for a three-fifths vote, it was rejected, the following Whigs voting against it:

Messrs. Albertson, Alford, Anis, Brooks, Caldwell, Gaillard, Carmichael, Cherry, Collins, Cook, Erwin, Eure, Furr, Godwin, Harris of Cabarrus, Holeman, Johnson, Jones, Lowry, Miller, Perry, Sanders of Johnston, Shimcock, Simons, Smith, Spruill, Stiles, Tenge, Thornburgh, Tripp, Turner of Iredeil, Waters, Waugh, Whitehurst, and Wiley.

Mr. Waugh voted in the negative in order to obtain the right to move to reconsider; which he did, and the bill will again come up for action today, Friday.

Seventy-two votes are required to pass the bill, being three-fifths of the whole number of members. The same bill is also pending in the Senate.

In order that our readers may clearly understand the matter, we will repeat again the condition in which the question stands: The Free Suffrage bill, which was expected to be passed this session, required a two-thirds vote; and that bill has been defeated in the Senate.

Had it passed, the people would have voted directly on the question at the polls; but having failed, the bill has been again started in the Commons and Senate.

It should pass this session by the three-fifths vote, it will then stand for a two-thirds vote in the next Assembly; but if it should fail, the measure will have been thrown back four years—that is, it will require two sessions of the Assembly to perfect it and submit it to the people.

Messrs. Eure, Alford, Godwin, Simons, Stiles, and Watters, who voted for the bill on its passage through the Commons on the 19th of last month, voted against it on Wednesday last.

We are determined that the people of the State shall know the men who are opposed to this fundamental principle of free government; and hence we have spread out the names. There they are! Such a vote—a vote against making free white men equal at the ballot-box—would look much better on the journals of the British or Canadian Parliament than it does here, in republican North Carolina.

We hope the constituents of these men will file this article away for future use. The struggle for this great measure will never cease until it triumphs; and the longer it is delayed the more profound and overwhelming will be the popular indignation against its opponents.

Indeed, the people would be untrue to themselves and to their posterity, if they should fail to call to a reckoning and to repudiate, now and hereafter, those who have thus trampled down a great principle and defied their will.

NORTH CAROLINA RAIL ROAD. The Directors of this Road met in this City on Wednesday last.

We learn that the certificate of the Treasurer of the Company was laid before the Board of Internal Improvements, showing that the subscribers to the work had paid in \$513,845, something more than the amount required by the charter; whereas the Board subscribed, on the part of the State, two millions of dollars.

Our City has been crowded this week by persons from a distance, drawn thither by the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons, the meeting of the Directors of the Central Railroad, and the Legislature. We learn that the attendance on the Grand Lodge is quite full, and that a spirit of concord prevails in its deliberations.

The Fayetteville Carolinian says that the project of constructing a Rail Road from that place to the coal mines in Deep River, has been the subject of much conversation lately.

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At half past 12 o'clock on Monday last, the Senate of the United States, pursuant to the Constitution, assembled in their chamber in the city of Washington, and were called to order by the President pro tempore, WILLIAM R. KING, Esq., of Alabama.

The following Senators were present: Messrs. Adams, Atchison, Bayard, Borland, Bradbury, Bright, Brodhead, Brooke, Cass, Chase, Clarke, Clemens, Cooper, Davis, Dawson, Dodge of Wisconsin, Dodge of Iowa, Douglas, Downs, Felch, Fish, Foot, Geyer, Gwin, Hamlin, James, Jones of Tennessee, King, Mangum, Mason, Meriwether, Miller, Morton, Pratt, Rusk, Seward, Shields, Smith, Spruance, Stockton, Sumner, Toucey, Upham, Wade, Weller.

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