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THEY HAVE GONE.

Committee on Platform. This caucus, Mr. Morrison tells us, is to force the authors of war taxes in time of peace upon the Democrats. This is not true.

The Democratic party seems to be bent upon effecting its own destruction.

The Jury Bill. Of the Virginia delegation, Messrs. LEBREY and HOOPER did not vote at all on the bill to secure impartial juries in the Federal courts.

Mr. Bennett, of North Carolina, said: "The moving cause of the present bill is just this and nothing more: Unfortun-ately in the southern States frequent prosecutions have been instituted for violation of the election laws of the General Government, and judges holding the court before which a party thus charged and confronted is on trial, if not native and to the manner born, have hesitated to permit the attorneys who prosecute for the Government to stand jurors to the foot of the panel until they could assort the lot; and thus it is in some instances that innocent men have been convicted and are today, or have been, undergoing punishment for offences of which they were never guilty."

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THE LEGISLATURE ADJOURNED.

Failure of the Valentine Impeachment—All Important Bills Through—Railroad Commissioner Elected—Farewells.

Senate. Washington, March 19, 1884. Mr. Hunt in the chair. No prayer. House joint resolution requesting Virginia representatives in Congress to urge an appropriation for deepening James river was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Atkinson extra pay for extended the Sergeant-at-Arms, Doorkeeper, assistant, and committee clerks and pages—the last \$25 each; and the others \$50 each.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS. Mr. Pettit made an effort to get a vote upon the bill to allow of the appointment of negro directors for negro schools, but he failed. The bill was passed by.

DOCK AND DRY-DOCK. This vetoed bill was called, and passed by on motion of Mr. Thurman.

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER. In the absence of Mr. Twyman from the chamber Mr. Meredith nominated for Railroad Commissioner Mr. Horace G. Moffett, Jr., of Lappanbannock county.

Mr. Glasgow seconded the nomination. Mr. Glasgow stated that Mr. Moffett was of the Scotch-Irish stock.

Mr. Bailey put in nomination the present incumbent, George A. Martin, Esq. In due course Mr. Moffett was declared elected.

PENITENTIARY OFFICERS. Mr. Lovenstein's bill abolishing certain offices at the penitentiary and equalizing the pay of others—increasing that of the guard from \$45 to \$50 per month—was further amended and put on its passage, but received only fourteen of the twenty-one votes necessary. The bill is still in the hands of the committee.

MAJORITY-RESIGNATION RESOLUTION. Mr. Newberry's resolution directing the Clerk to forward to the President of the United States the resolution requesting Mr. Mahone to resign was taken up.

Mr. Thurman moved to amend by inserting "with the request that it be read before the United States Senate"; and that was agreed to, and the resolution was then agreed to—yeas, 19; noes, 10.

THE ADJOURNMENT. Mr. McCormick offered a resolution rescinding the adjournment resolution. He stated as a reason for this that there were a number of bills before the Governor that would fail if the two houses adjourned at 3 P. M. Also, that there was much unfinished business that should be cared for.

Mr. Fletcher, chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, said he held in his hands the last batch of bills sent to the Governor.

Mr. Townes claimed that he had voted "No," and that his vote was not recorded. The Chair said that it was too late now to do it.

Mr. Townes thought it a great hardship. He was suffering from a very sore throat, and could not make his voice heard. The Chair said the Senator from Richmond (Mr. Atkinson) had come to the Clerk's desk and asked to have his name recorded "Aye"; that he had voted, and his vote had been recorded, and that the Chair told him, as he told Mr. Townes, it was too late after the vote was announced.

Mr. Wickham introduced a resolution to allow the State Treasurer to employ an extra clerk to discharge duties imposed upon him by a bill just passed. Agreed to—yeas, 21; noes, 5.

Mr. Thurman asked for the consideration of his resolution for an extra session of the Senate to adjourn sine die at 3 o'clock to try the Valentine impeachment. He pressed his resolution "as a matter of principle," for he was aware that it was "very much like firing a columbiad at a sparrow."

Mr. Lybrook said this vote could be done in a day or two. He moved to strike out April 1st and insert March 20th. Mr. Wickham said: "If it is in order I would make a motion to lay it on the table that we might get rid of this matter. It is too small a game. This man is the guilty man in the county of Hanover. He is a well-disposed man but has gotten under bad influences. He has done things he would not have done if under better influences. We cannot undertake this trial without heavy expenditure. If the case had come up during the regular session and passed upon, I, of course, would have made no objection. I think the man has been guilty of malfeasance in office, but his guilt is due to the influences upon him and not from intentions of his own."

Mr. Atkinson could not see that the Senate had any discretion. The House had preferred the charges. It is the duty of the Senate to try them. Mr. Bailey said the cost would be from \$3,000 to \$5,000, and they had better let this little thing pass by.

Mr. Thurman said that the Senate should do its duty—try the charges. There is no alternative allowed by the Constitution—there is no option—but at the same time he would accept the suggestion of Mr. Turner for a trial by jury.

Mr. McCormick offered the following: Whereas articles of impeachment have been preferred by the House of Delegates against Jackson L. Valentine, county school superintendent of Hanover county, for offences in office; and whereas a president of the Senate has been elected to represent the entire State has operated to prevent the Senate taking proper action upon said charges, and whereas a joint resolution has passed the General Assembly providing for the sine-die adjournment thereof at 3 o'clock P. M. this day; and whereas the cost and expenses of convening the Senate in extra session and organizing it as a court of impeachment for the trial of said charges would be so long that in the opinion of the Senate, under the circumstances, it would not be justified in incurring it; and whereas the Board of Public Education has power under the law to investigate charges against county school superintendents, and to remove them in a proper case; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Delegates be, and is hereby, requested to withdraw said charges, and to refer them to the Board of Education with the request that it investigate them.

The question was further discussed by Messrs. Digges, Heaton, Lybrook, and Glasgow.

Mr. McCormick's substitute was adopted and sent to the House.

AYES—Messrs. Bailey, Berry, Hills, Callahan, Fletcher, Gaine, Grier, Heaton, Keenan, McCormick, McDonald, McDonald, Norton, Rogers, Townes, Turner, and Wickham. NOES—Messrs. Atkinson, Barbours, Digges, Glasgow, Lybrook, Pettit, Thurman, and Warwick. Penitentiaries in status.

[This action was not concurred in by the House.] MR. FLETCHER. On motion of Mr. Lovenstein the thanks of the body were voted Mr. Fletcher for his valuable services as chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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LOCAL OPTION.

On a Fauguer local-option bill a considerable number of senators are alleged to have long speeches and occupied the Senate for a long time. Much fun was poked at the local optioners. Mr. Townes moved to dismiss the bill. Mr. Pettit thought the subject should be treated seriously; that the people in some sections of the State are dead in earnest in this matter.

SENATE BILLS PASSED. To authorize the city of Petersburg to purchase a control on the stock of the Upper Appomattox Company, or to contract for water with said company, and to issue bonds for that purpose.

To place the inmates of insane asylums under the protection of the laws by securing to them their postal rights.

HOUSE BILL PASSED. To incorporate the National Bridge Forest Company.

FROM THE GOVERNOR. Mr. Digges, from a committee appointed to wait upon the Governor, reported that he had discharged his duty, and that the Governor said he had no further communication to make.

Mr. Thurman: Did he say that he was sorry we were going and that he congratulated us upon our arduous and efficient labors? [Laughter.] Mr. Digges smiled.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE. Mr. Barton, as a messenger from the House, stated that he had the greatest possible pleasure to say that he was instructed by the House to say that they took the greatest possible pleasure in informing the Senate that they were now ready to adjourn.

After brief remarks by Mr. Hirt the Senate declared adjourned sine die. Mr. Gaine, from the opposition side of the house, returned thanks to Mr. Hirt for his fair and kind dealing with them.

House of Delegates. The House of Delegates met at 11 o'clock—Speaker Stuart in the chair.

EXTRA PAY. Mr. Munford's resolution to pay the Sergeant-at-Arms, Doorkeeper, and the Assistant Clerks \$50 extra pay, and the pages \$25, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Harris the janitor was also allowed \$25 extra allowance.

COURT OF APPEALS, HODGON'S STATUTE, &c. The Senate bill appropriating \$200 to repair the fence around the Court of Appeals and to wash Hodgdon's statue of Washington, passed, as did also Senate bill to incorporate the Builders' Exchange of Richmond.

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER. Mr. Ellis nominated Mr. H. G. Moffett for Railroad Commissioner, and he was elected, the Coalitionists voting for Mr. Martin.

UPPER APPOMATTOX COMPANY. Senate bill authorizing the city of Petersburg to purchase the bonds and stock of the Upper Appomattox Company was passed.

SINE DIE. Resolution in the Senate rescinding the joint resolution providing for an adjournment at 3 o'clock was taken up. A rising vote of 54 to 27 laid the resolution on the table. The eyes and noses were called, and the vote stood again largely in favor of tabling the resolution.

EXTRA CLERK. Mr. Wickham reported from the Senate a joint resolution, which was adopted, and which provided for the employment of an extra clerk by the Treasurer, to employ to keep certain accounts with the Auditor.

SOLDIERS' HOME. Mr. Barton's substitute for Senate bill in relation to a soldiers' home was ordered to its third reading, and under a suspension of the rules was put on its passage and defeated by a vote of 47 yeas to 17 noes—not receiving a constitutional vote.

THE VALENTINE IMPEACHMENT. The Senate sent to the House a resolution asking the House to withdraw the resolution of impeachment against Jackson L. Valentine, superintendent of public schools for Hanover county. It was passed by and ordered to be printed.

PASSED BY. The report in the cases of T. N. Conrad, of the Blacksburg Mechanical and Agricultural College, and of R. R. Farr, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, were passed by and ordered to be printed.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED. The Speaker appointed Messrs. Moon, Richardson, and Cardwell a committee to wait on the Governor and inform him of the resolution to adjourn sine die at 3 o'clock, and ask him if he had any communication to make.

In a short time the committee returned, brought the Governor's compliments and good wishes for the members of the Assembly. He had no communication to make.

THANKS, THANKS. The usual vote of thanks was tendered to the Speaker of the House, the Clerks, Doorkeepers, Sergeant-at-Arms, and the chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Gibson offered a resolution that the prayers of the church be invoked in behalf of the general assembly, and that the Clerks, Doorkeepers, Sergeant-at-Arms, and the chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, be included in Mr. Gibson.

Of course this was intended for fun.

FAREWELL. At five minutes to 3 o'clock Speaker Stuart said: "In a brief space of time the session of the General Assembly of 1883-'4 will terminate in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth, and I should be very feelingly grateful did I not avail myself of the fleeting moments to return to this body and to each member thereof my warm and heartfelt thanks for the unvarying kindness and courtesy that has characterized the relations toward myself. Men of all parties have united to uphold the authority of the Chair, and with kindly considerations have regarded his rulings. Errors have doubtless been committed, but I beg to assure you they have been errors of the head and not of the heart. I am sure they are thanks due to the officers of this House for their efficient and patient attendance upon its duties, and the alacrity with which they have responded to every call upon their time. Time alone must judge of the wisdom of the legislation of this body; and I should be very feelingly grateful did I not avail myself of the fleeting moments to return to this body and to each member thereof my warm and heartfelt thanks for the unvarying kindness and courtesy that has characterized the relations toward myself. Men of all parties have united to uphold the authority of the Chair, and with kindly considerations have regarded his rulings. Errors have doubtless been committed, but I beg to assure you they have been errors of the head and not of the heart. I am sure they are thanks due to the officers of this House for their efficient and patient attendance upon its duties, and the alacrity with which they have responded to every call upon their time. Time alone must judge of the wisdom of the legislation of this body; and I should be very feelingly grateful did I not avail myself of the fleeting moments to return to this body and to each member thereof my warm and heartfelt thanks for the unvarying kindness and courtesy that has characterized the relations toward myself. Men of all parties have united to uphold the authority of the Chair, and with kindly considerations have regarded his rulings. Errors have doubtless been committed, but I beg to assure you they have been errors of the head and not of the heart. I am sure they are thanks due to the officers of this House for their efficient and patient attendance upon its duties, and the alacrity with which they have responded to every call upon their time. Time alone must judge of the wisdom of the legislation of this body; and