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THE PEOPLE WILL VOTE ON BIENNIAL SESSIONS.

SENATE RESOLUTION GIVEN THIRD READING IN HOUSE.

A Great Deal Of Important Work Transacted By The General Assembly This Week.

Columbia, January 28.—Much work of importance and of general interest has been transacted by the general assembly this week.

The joint resolution passed last year by the senate providing for biennial sessions passed its third reading in the house on Wednesday by a bare two-thirds majority and this much-discussed question will now be submitted to the people. There was a hard fight to put the bill through its third reading, on account of the absence of members. On the first ballot the vote stood 78 to 28, 83 being necessary to pass the bill. The vote was reconsidered and the reconsideration postponed until 12 o'clock. At that time a second ballot was taken and there were 83 votes in favor of the bill, exactly the number required to pass the bill.

This question has been agitated in the general assembly since 1896. It now goes before the people.

BIENNIAL SESSIONS.

The biennial sessions resolution came up in the house on Tuesday. It was the same resolution which passed the senate last year, and after a long discussion a yeas and nays vote was taken, and the resolution was ordered to its third reading by a vote of 87 to 30. The entire Newberry delegation voted for the passage of the resolution.

The resolution as it passed the house is as follows:

Section 1. That the following amendment to the constitution of the State of South Carolina be submitted to the qualified electors of the State at the next general election for Representatives, and if a majority of the electors qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly, voting thereon, shall vote in favor of such amendment, and a majority of each branch of the General Assembly shall, after such election, and before another, ratify the same amendment by yeas and nays, Section 9, of Article III, of the Constitution, relating to the Legislative department, be amended by adding after the word "place" in line ten of said section the words "until the end of the session occurring in 1906, after which the said sessions shall be held at the same time and place biennially," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

The annual session of the General Assembly heretofore elected, fixed by the Constitution of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, to convene on the fourth Tuesday of November, in the year of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, is hereby postponed, and the same shall be convened and held in the city of Columbia on the second Tuesday of January in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

The first session of the General Assembly elected under this Constitution shall convene in Columbia on the second Tuesday in January, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and thereafter annually at the same time and place until the end of the session occurring in 1906, after which the said sessions shall be held at the same time and place biennially.

Should the casualties of war or contagious diseases render it un-

safe to meet at the seat of government, then the Governor may, by proclamation, appoint a more secure and convenient place of meeting. Members of the General Assembly shall not receive any compensation for more than forty days of any one session; Provided, that this limitation shall not affect the first four sessions of the General Assembly under this Constitution.

Section 2. That the question of adopting the amendment prefaced in the foregoing section shall be submitted to the electors as follows: Those in favor of the amendment shall deposit a ballot with the following words plainly printed or written thereon: "Constitutional amendment to Section 9, of Article III, of the State Constitution, adding after the word 'place' in line ten of said section the words 'until the end of the session occurring in 1906, after which the said sessions shall be held at the same time and place biennially'—Yes."

Those opposed to said amendment shall cast a ballot with the following words plainly printed or written thereon: "Constitutional amendment to Section 9 of Article III of the State Constitution, adding after the word 'place' in line ten of said section the words 'until the end of the session occurring in 1906, after which the said sessions shall be held at the same time and place biennially'—No."

If no other resolution passes and the people vote "yes" on the amendment there will be biennial sessions after 1906.

B. AND L. TAXATION.

Another very important measure passed by the house on Tuesday, after considerable argument, was Mr. Whaley's bill which exempts the stock of legitimate building and loan associations from the taxation which it was recently held they were liable for. The bill was passed by an almost unanimous vote.

Unfortunately, on Wednesday the bill was recommitted. It may be passed yet, however, when it comes up again for third reading.

AS TO SPECIAL COURTS.

It was announced in the last issue of The Herald and News that the house on Monday killed Mr. Haskell's bill to repeal the statute allowing the appointment of special judges upon the petition of any given bar or the solicitor. The bill was killed by a vote of 50 to 49. It was argued by many of those who opposed the bill that special courts and special judges should not be abolished until the creation of new circuits, several of those who took part in the debate against the bill saying they would favor its passage after some action which would give the proper relief from over-crowded dockets.

THE CLEMSON SCHOLARSHIPS.

At the night session of the house on Wednesday Mr. D. O. Herbert's bill to provide beneficiary scholarships in Clemson college was passed to its third reading after a long debate. The only change made in the bill was that it was made to provide for either agricultural or mechanical scholarships. The bill provides for as many \$100 scholarships in each county as there are members of the house.

THAT FERTILIZER FACTORY.

Though the senate has already killed two bills looking to the establishment of a State fertilizer factory, Senator Warren has introduced another resolution with the same idea in view.

The senate on the previous day had killed the house resolution pro-

GOOD COTTON SALES.

Fifteen Cents a Pound Paid for Large Quantities—Seed Cotton Worth Having These Days.

Laurens, Jan. 27.—Yesterday Smith Bros., of Kinards, in Newberry county, close to the county line, sold to William L. Gray of this city 625 bales of cotton at 15 cents the pound. This price was for the run of the cotton, regardless of grades. The total price realized was about \$47,000. The Messrs. Smith are merchants and farmers. They produced a considerable portion of the cotton and bought the remainder when the price was far below what it is now. About 100 other bales were sold yesterday, the highest price being 15 1-8.

WELL DONE.

Report of the Special Committee to Examine Into the Condition of the State Colleges.

At the last session of the general assembly Senator Hardin and Representatives Rainsford and Kibler were appointed as members of the committee, in accordance with the provisions of an act, "to examine into the expenditures of the appropriations for State educational institutions and the conditions of the same." Mr. Kibler is secretary of the committee. The committee visited all the State colleges and submitted their report under date of January 20. The report appears in the journal of the senate of the 22nd instant and fills about thirty-one pages of that publication. It is a lengthy and comprehensive report and shows evidences of careful and thorough work on the part of the committee. It is too voluminous to be reproduced in these columns and is too concise to be condensed. It will repay perusal by those who are sufficiently interested to secure a copy. The committee had an arduous undertaking, but they did their work well and have contributed a valuable document to the general assembly. The report makes interesting reading, full of important information, and is a complete survey of the field laid down by the legislature.

Death of Mr. H. M. Dominick.

Mr. Henry M. Dominick died at his home in Stony Battery township on the 20th inst., in the 76th year of his age, and was buried at Prosperity. He was a member of Bethel Baptist church. The old valiant veterans are passing away. The deceased leaves three sons, Messrs. Simpson, Brady and Snowden Dominick.

viding for an investigation into the advisability of the matter by the State penitentiary authorities, the senate resolution to this effect having already been killed. The senate resolution had been indefinitely postponed in the house.

THE SHAD BILL.

The senate slightly amended the shad bill, passed it through its third reading and it became a law.

BABY CARRIAGES AS BAGGAGE.

The senate has passed a bill requiring common carriers to carry bicycles and baby carriages under the same rules and subject to the same liabilities as govern trunks and other separate baggage of passage.

GETTING TOGETHER FOR NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

THE SECOND CITIZENS' MEETING HELD AT PROSPERITY.

An Election To Be Held On The Question Of Issuing Bonds To The Amount Of \$3,500.

Prosperity, January 28.—The citizens' meeting set for Tuesday last, at 3 o'clock p. m., to hear recommendations of the committee of twelve previously appointed, was called to order by Chairman C. T. Wyche.

The report of the committee was read by Mr. T. A. Dominick in the absence of Mr. J. H. Hunter, the committee's chairman.

This report recommended a frame building not to exceed in cost \$3,500 to be raised by an issue of bonds and that in this act creating the bond issue be incorporated the governmental machinery of the Newberry graded schools.

The chief interest centred around the cost of the building and there was a strong feeling that it should be increased, and with the understanding that the committee would give further consideration to its report the citizens adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock.

The attendance at the evening meeting showed a growing interest in the school house question.

The committee recommended that the amended act of the last legislature be re-enacted with a few changes: That \$3,500 be substituted for \$5,000 and the trustees be named in the act. For the trustees the committee named five citizens of the district.

Except the naming of the trustees, this report was adopted.

The adoption of this report of the committee will do much toward harmonizing the school interest in the district and it is believed that the bond issue will now meet with but little opposition. Of course, everybody is not perfectly satisfied. There are some who believe that the school interest is sacrificed in a bond issue for less than \$5,000. There are others who feel a little grieved because the trustees are not to be named in the act. But these are some of the gives and takes and the compromises where there is any forward movement.

NEWS FROM PROSPERITY.

School Question Now Uppermost in the Minds of the People—Coming Attraction—Personal.

Prosperity, January 28.—The schoolhouse question is uppermost in the minds of most of our people this week, and if we are discreet a school building for this district will be ready for the next session. Only reasonable concessions are needed to bring our people together and to keep them together.

Dr. C. T. Wyche has been off a few days to Salisbury, N. C., on professional business.

The Arion male quartette will be here on the evening of February 6. All lovers of music should hear them.

Mr. Jno D. Boozer, who has been in the C., N. & L. office here with Mr. D. W. Boland, is now in charge of the office at Goldville, Laurens county. We hope for Mr.

Boozer a big measure of success.

Mrs. Janie S. Reagin is now occupying her new house on Elm street.

Miss Marie Lorick has returned to her home at Irmo.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Kennedy have returned to their home at Due West.

Miss Ethel Paysinger is here with friends and relatives.

Mr. Tom Johnson, of Newberry, has been here on a visit.

Mrs. Addie Hodges, of Spartanburg, is spending some time with the family of Mr. A. H. Hawkins.

Mrs. L. C. Merchant and children are in Newberry with relatives.

Mr. A. N. Crosson is in the Pomaria section on business.

Mrs. K. Baker is here with her mother, Mrs. S. C. Barre, who has been sick for quite a while.

Miss Janie Kinard, of Leesville, is visiting friends and relatives around the old home.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Items of More or Less Interest Condensed Outside the State.

The national house of representatives has passed the army appropriation bill, carrying approximately \$75,000,000.

The U. S. senate has passed a bill providing for the appropriate marking of the graves of Confederate soldiers who died in northern prisons during the civil war and appropriating \$200,000 for this purpose.

Former President Cleveland, when asked by the Associated Press correspondent for his opinion of Wm. J. Bryan's statement that no man who voted for the Palmer-Buckner ticket can be nominated by the Democrats, smiled and said: "I have not a word to say in the matter, except that Bryan has got the stage; let him go it. I guess that's definite enough."

Whitaker Wright, who was once one of the kings of finance and courted by royalty, was found guilty in London Tuesday afternoon of fraudulent practice in promoting gigantic financial schemes and was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude. Almost immediately after receiving his sentence Wright dropped dead in the ante-room of the court. Whether he took his life by poisoning or whether death in the natural course robbed the law of its fulfillment will not be known until the post mortem.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Items Of More or Less Interest Condensed In the State.

Jim Dorn, a negro, was shot and killed in his home at Trenton last week by another negro, Charles Bland. Dorn had requested Bland to leave on account of remarks made by him about Dorn's family.

The Anderson chamber of commerce has outlined a plan to establish an institution at Anderson patterned along the line of a county high school, but more advanced and thorough, with two distinct courses—one literary, and the other practical and business. It is proposed to raise \$100,000, \$25,000 for equipment and the remainder for endowment.