A GOOD JOB WAS WELL FINISHED

Hon. Lee S. Overman is Now Our Senator.

THE VOTE WAS 138 TO 21

George L. Morton Nominated Overman, and He Was Seconded by Messrs. Murphy, Hinton and Norris---Republicans Make no Speeches.

By twelve o'clock yesterday the galleries and lobbies of the House were packed with ladies and gentlemen to see the General Assembly elect Hon. Lee S. Overman, of Salisbury, to the United States Senate to succeed Hon. Jeter C. Pritchard, of Madison.

After the long fight for the nomination, and the tension that had lasted for three weeks, every one was on tip-toe with expectation, and, when the approach of the Senate was announced, just as the clock was striking twelve, everybody came to attention.

First, Senator Henderson made the usual motion that the report of the tellers be received.

Then Mr. Murphy moved that the joint session adjourn, according to the necessary formality.

The Joint Session was then immediately called to order again, and the roll was called, first of the Senate, then of the House.

The roll-call showed 44 Senators present, and 115 members of the House.

Then Lieutenant-Governor W. D. Turner, President of the Senate, announced that the election of a United States Senator was in order.

MORTON NOMINATES OVERMAN.

George L. Morton, of New Hanover, chairman of the Democratic caucus, addressed the President, and said:

"The great and good people of North Carolina, in their great wisdom and by the advice of their imperial will have declared that Radicals shall be forever obliterated from the National Halls of Congress as any part of the representation of North Carolina. (Applause.)

"These great and glorious people have elected Democratic successors to every Radical in Congress, and the great honor devolves upon me of naming our next United States Senator, the one who will succeed the last vestige of Radicalism in Congress.

"In naming him I will name one who towers head and shoulders above us all, who will represent you honestly, and to whom you can go for relief in laws that will make a great people greater. (Applause.)

"I will name a man who was placed in nomination eight years ago, and who by an unholy alliance of Republicans, Populists and turn-coats was defeated, yet was far and away above the man that was chosen. He has come to his own again, and the State, no less than himself, is honored at last by having a Senator who will worthily fill the highest position in her gift. (Applause.)

"I nominate Hon. Lee S. Overman, of Rowan." (Tremendous applause.)

Then Mr. Walter Murphy, of Rowan, who had nominated Mr. Overman at the first caucus, rose and said:

"On an occasion like this, when the most earnest efforts are grandly rewarded, silence is more eloquent than anything that could be said.

"I simply rise to second the nomination of the man whose name I presented to the Democratic caucus. In doing so I know that I name a man who is in every way fitted and qualified to represent this people.

"I second the nomination of Rowan's favorite and favored son, Lee S. Overman."

Then Mr. W. M. Hinton, of Pasquotank, rose to second Mr. Overman's nomination.

Mr. Hinton said in part:

"Mr. President: I desire to second the nomination of Hon. Lee S. Overman, a gentleman pre-eminently fitted to represent the liberty-loving people of North Carolina in the great council of the nation.

"Possessed of a strong and vigorous body, a dignified and imposing carriage, suavity and grace of manner distinctively his own; a splendid intellect, broadened and strengthened and burnished and brightened by thorough culture, learned in the law, deeply read in political lore, well versed in statecraft, skilful and powerful in debate—a veritable intellectual giant, a brilliant orator, whose eloquence thrills and moves to action, he would make an ideal Senator.

"The grace, the courtliness, the polish and the diplomacy of a Ransom, and the hard, rugged common sense, broad-mindedness, versatility and incorruptibility of a Vance happily met and harmoniously blend in him.

"As Paul knelt at the feet of Gamaliel, so he knelt at the feet of the Great Tribune of the people. As the ripe scholarship and broad learning of Gamaliel was transmuted into a power to uplift and bless mankind when thrown into the fires of a Pauline heart and a Pauline brain; so the patriotism and love of North Carolina that glowed in the bosom of Zebulon B. Vance and the great thoughts that stirred in the gray matter of his massive brain will be quickened and broadened and perpetuated, and given more magnificent sweep and power in the life and character and work of Lee S. Overman.

"Hard by the eastern shores of North Carolina, where old ocean sends up its eternal anthem of praise to our God, his ancestors lived and loved and wooed and mated.

"In the magnificent Piedmont section he first opened his eyes upon the enchanting beauties of nature and caught the first glance of God's glad sunshine.

"Away beyond the towering mountains of Western North Carolina, that glint and gleam in this beautiful sunlight of heaven a fair Buncombe maiden with the witchery of charms won his manly heart and they united their destinies.

"In the metropolitan county of Wake, in the capital city of the State he spent the days of his young manhood. So no particular section can rightly claim him. He is owned and loved by all true North Carolinians and by the entire State.

"Elect him to the United States Senate and the people will rejoice. Aye, from mountain, hill and dale; from rocky gorge, and sylvan glen and ocean cave; from lowly cottage and from lordly mansion; from hamlet, town and populous city a mighty shout will rise.

"Elect him and he will stand in the senatorial arena and bid defiance to every one who dares to strike at the liberties of the people or attempt to tarnish the stainless escutcheon of the old North State.

"Elect him and North Carolina—God bless the dear old State—will roll forth with ever increasing lustre, burning and blazing like a star of the first magnitude in the bright galaxy of her sister States."

Next Senator Herbert E. Norris, of Wake, made a brief speech seconding the nomination.

Senator Norris said:

"Mr. President and Mr. Speaker: Representing the banner Democratic district of the State, within whose borders in

REP. W. M. HINTON, OF PASQUOTANK
Who Seconded Lee S. Overman's Nomination Yesterday.

this capital city, was reared to noble womanhood his accomplished, amiable and devoted wife, it is with great pleasure and pride that I second the nomination of that able lawyer, unswerving Democrat and friend of all the people. Yea, more a Christian gentleman, Hon. Lee S. Overman of the county of Rowan for United States Senator."

The roll of Senate and House was then called again, and each one voted viva voce. The vote of the Senate was Overman 41, Pritchard 3; of the House, Overman, 97, Pritchard, 21.

ELECTION OF A UNITED STATES SENATOR.

President Turner then announced that Lee S. Overman had received a majority of all the votes cast and was duly elected United States Senator from March 4th, 1903, until March 3rd, 1909.

Mr. Henderson then moved that the joint Assembly adjourn without day, and the body adjourned.

THE VOTE.

The Senate voted as follows:

For Lee S. Overman, Senators Aaron, Allison, Baldwin, Ballenger, Beasley, Blow, Brown, Burton, Conley, Durham, Gilliam, Glenn, Godwin, Griffith, Henderson, Hicks of Duplin, Hicks of Granville, Hoey, Hunter, Justice, Lamb, London, Mann, McBryde, McLaughlin, McMullan, Milton, Mitchell, Norris, Pharr, Pollock, Pritchard, Reinhardt, Spence, Spruill, Thayer, Travis, Walker, Webb, White, Woodard—Overman, 41.

For Jeter C. Pritchard: Crisp, Holton, Wellborn—3.

THE HOUSE.

The House voted as follows:

For Lee S. Overman: Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Abell, Alexander of Mecklenburg, Beasley, Blount, Britt, Britton, Brittain, Bullard, Carlton, Carr, Cowan, Craige, Crocker, Curtis, Daniel of Vance, Daughtridge, Davidson Dockery, Doughton, Drewry, Erwin, Etheridge, Foy, Freeman of Mecklenburg, Fuller, Gay, Gluyas, Graham, Guion, Hall, Hamilton, Harrington of Harnett, Harrington of Moore, Hinton, Hooker, Hughes, Humphrey, Hunter, King, Kinsland, Leeper, Little, Love, Luther, Mason, Moore Morphew, Morris of McDowell, Morris of Polk, Morton, Murphy, MacCall, McNeill, McRae, Newland, Nissen, Offman, Parker, of Halifax, Parker, of Wayne; Phillips, Price of Rockingham, Price of Stanly, Quickel, Ray, Riddick, Ricks, Roberson, Rucker, Scott, Self, Shelton, Shipman, Siler, Simpson of Perquimans, Simpson of Union, Smith, Stevenson, Stubbs, Sugg, Thomas, Thompson, Vann, Waddell, Walters, Warren, Watts, Whitaker of Guilford, Whitaker of Wake, White of Halifax, White of Jones, Williams, Willis, Wood, Woodard, Woodley, Wooten.—97.

For Jeter C. Pritchard: Aiken, Alexander of Tyrrell, Anderson, Benbow, Bowman, Carson, DeHart, Duncan, Freeman of Henderson, Grant, Hamlin, Jarrett, Kreeger, Michael, Owen, Pegram, West—18.

A CRASH ON THE SEA

Split Open by a Cruiser's Beak. Fifteen Men are Drowned.

(By the Associated Press.)

Corfu, Island of Corfu, Jan. 31.—The British cruiser Pioneer ran into the torpedo boat destroyer Orwell near the Channel of Corfu today and fifteen men were drowned. The Orwell was cut through at the conning tower during the night naval operations and her forepart sank in deep water taking down fifteen men. Only two bodies have been recovered. The after part of the Orwell has been towed here.

THE GOSPEL TRUTH.

(Wilkesboro Chronicle.)

The Republicans have lined up against any liquor legislation and will make it an issue in the next campaign. This is the life of the party. But for the liquor and revenue and Federal court influences, the Republicans could not carry a single white mountain county.

THESE ARE NOW LAWS

A Full List of the Acts Enrolled and Ratified Last Week.

The following have been enacted into laws during the past week, a total of thirty-nine.

No. 38: For relief of R. W. Hutcherson, former sheriff of Rockingham, allowing him to collect uncollected taxes of 1899 and 1900 except as to executors, administrators, guardians or purchasers for value without notice of such arrears.

No. 39: To regulate meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Gaston county, providing for meetings each Monday, with power to adjourn to other days. Also validates previous meetings.

No. 40: To amend the charter of the Southern States Trust Company, giving it power to establish offices and agencies but keeping principal office at Charlotte.

No. 41: To amend section 1, chapter 348, Laws of 1901, relating to limits of stock law territory in Pitt county.

No. 42: To increase the commissioners of Carteret county from three to five and making Abe Lee and Allan Taylor the new commissioners.

No. 43: To amend the charter of the Pamlico, Oriental and Western Railroad Co., chapter 416, Private Laws of 1891. Giving power to hold elections in counties, townships, cities and towns for subscribing to capital stock.

No. 44: To incorporate the Spring Hope Banking Company with capital of $10,000.

No. 45: To amend the charter of the city of Asheville.

No. 46: To appoint Frank T. Carr a commissioner for Green county in place of Geo. W. Sugg, deceased.

No. 47: To extend the time two years for the computing, compromising and extending of the State debt.

No. 48: To amend chapter 142, Laws of 1889, providing for brands on lumber, boards in addition to logs and lumber.

No. 49: To restore self-government to the people of Brunswick county by providing for election by people of County Commissioners and Justices of the Peace.

No. 50: To amend chapter 54, Laws of 1899, in regard to State Insurance Department, increasing from $1,000 to $1,600 the appropriation for clerical help.

No. 51: To prohibit sale and manufacture of liquors within four miles of certain churches in Morgan township, Rowan county, these being Zion M. E. Church, South, Liberty M. E. Church, South, St. Matthews Evangelical Lutheran, Luther's Evangelical, Lutheran and Corinth Missionary Baptist. Does not affect brandy or wines made from fruits, berries or grapes on one's own land.

No. 52: To incorporate the Bank of Kernersville at Kernersville, N. C., with $15,000 capital stock which may be increased to $50,000.

No. 53: To amend chapter 202, Private Laws of 1899, by changing the words "The Commercial and Farmers Bank" to "Goldsboro Savings and Trust Company."

No. 54: For relief of Thomas C. Robinson, Clerk of Court of Anson county, allowing him to be absent during July and August, 1903 and 1904.

No. 55: To appoint as Justices of the Peace in Caldwell county C. A. Tuttle, of Lower Creek township and Jacob Hare, of Hudson township.

No. 56: To increase the number of county commissioners of Wayne county from three to five and appointing as new commissioners Geo. M. Warrick and Jas. M. Wood.

No. 57: To appoint Justices of the Peace in Columbus county as follows: E. K. Brown, D. W. Nance, Pritchard Lennon in Tatom's township; J. M. Brown in Welch's Creek; J. K. Harper in Williams; S. N. Formyduwal in Ransom and A. T. Clark in Waccamaw.

No. 58: To incorporate the Bank of Selma. Capital stock $10,000, with power to increase to $50,000.

No. 59: To provide for the better working of the public roads of Cleveland county. To be left to an election for a road tax.

No. 60: To provide for a change of time in holding Superior court in Lenoir county.

No. 61: To prevent the sale, manufacture and shipment of any intoxicating liquors in Scotland county.

No. 62: To provide for the cross indexing of the appointments of executors, administrators and guardians.

No. 63: To enable town of Madison, Rockingham county, to purchase the Academy lot and pay $1,300 for same.

No. 64: To regulate fishing in Pamlico and Tar Rivers.

No. 65: To authorize county commissioners of Graham county to issue bonds not to exceed $20,000, for payment of debts and other purposes.

No. 66: To prohibit hunting on lands of another without permission of owner in Stanly county.

No. 67: To prevent hunting on lands of another without permission in Washington county. Not to apply to land in south side of county, known as dismal.

No. 68: For the relief of Annie P. Smith, a school teacher of Davie county, paying her $99.87 for services rendered.

No. 69: To repeal the stock law in Federal Point township of New Hanover county.

No... 70: For relief of "The People's Benevolent and Relief Association" relieving it of taxes.

No. 71: To arrange for the fees of witnesses and officers in Yadkin county as in counties named in chapter 715, Laws of 1901, providing no witness, unless summoned, to be paid and witnesses and officers to receive only half fee when no true bill is found.

No. 72: To incorporate the "Charlotte Carnegie Public Library."

No. 73: To provide for the appointment of court stenographers in Union and Buncombe counties, to be appointed by the Clerks of the Court for a term of two years, after being examined by three members of the bar, and providing a way of raising money for their payment by means of taxing certain costs.

No. 74: To provide for the election of five commissioners in Craven county at all elections hereafter.

No. 75: To amend section 1, chapter 35, Laws of 1895, in regard to stock law in Jackson, Graham, Swain, Clay, Macon and Cherokee counties. This provides that no election against stock laws be held where stock law now prevails in less than two years from date of the election for adoption of law and if "no stock law" carries this not to go into effect for six months thereafter, neither action to take effect during crop season.

Proceedings of Legislature.

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if he would vote for the bill. The reply was "No, but I will not fight it." Senator Wellborn considered the matter of too great importance to be tacked on as a rider, and wanted the bill to go to a committee, but his view did not prevail.

Senator Baldwin again spoke on his bill. He said that Senator Henderson had shifted his ground and no longer opposed the bill on moral grounds, but on constitutional. He held that the bill was constitutional as it lessened punishment and did not increase it. Being opposed to divorce laws he accepted the amendment to repeal the abandonment acts.

Senator Mann, in response to Senator Wellborn's remarks, said he saw no reason for delay. He declared the divorce laws referred to were a blot on the statutes and a shame to the State. The people know of these through the press and the pulpit and were anxious to see them done away with.

The bill, with its amendment, passed the Senate and now goes to the House. It repeals the Acts of 1895 and 1899, providing for divorce for abandonment and also allows the party against whom the decree is recorded the privilege of marrying three years after the decree is made. The repealing clause goes into effect on January 1st, 1904, if the House concurs.

Senator Glenn offered a joint resolution providing that the Joint Committee on Insane Asylums be authorized to visit and investigate these institutions. He said that he had heard rumors charges which should be looked into, and that for this reason he asked for this authority as without it no investigation that would investigate could be made. He did not believe what he had heard, he said, but thought it wise to examine into these rumors which came from the talk of various people.

Senator Brown objected to a committee of unlimited size, and said that if a committee was necessary it should have power to send for persons and papers. He wanted an amendment to this effect and Senator Glenn agreed. With this understanding the bill went over and will come up later with the suggested amendments.

SENATE—TWENTY-FIRST DAY.

The Senate began its session at eleven o'clock yesterday morning, Lieutenant-Governor Turner presiding. Rev. D. P. Goode led in prayer, and the usual motion to dispense with the reading of the Journal of the preceding day was made by Senator Godwin.

Then came reports of committees on bills taken up later. Following the presentation of these the petition box was opened and the following presented:

PETITIONS.

Senator Lamb: Memorial of the North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, South, for temperance legislation.

Senator Glenn: From Guilford for the London bill.

Senator Holton: From Augusta Temperance Society in Davie for temperance legislation.

Senator Pritchard: From Chapel Hill for temperance legislation.

Senator Godwin: From Johnston for the London bill; from 17 citizen for the London bill.

Senator Brown: For Columbus for prohibition legislation; from Columbus for the London bill.

Senator Milton: From Stanley for temperance legislation.

Senator Vann: From Chowan for a State Reform School.

Senator Holton: From members of the Democratic Executive Committee and citizens of Yadkin against the Watts and London bills without a vote of the people; from 120 citizens of Yadkin for the same; also two other petitions for the same.

Senators Pollock and Warren: From Kinston for temperance legislation.

Senator McLaughlin: From Statesville for a local option election to be held on March 16th, next.

Senator Burton: From Rockingham for the London bill.

Senator Spence: From Moore county for temperance legislation.

Senators Mann and Spruill: To regulate the sale of ardent spirits.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following new bills were put on their first reading:

S. B. 293. Justice, of McDowell: For the relief of the sureties of R. L. Nichols, late sheriff of McDowell county, to extend time for collection of taxes. To Finance.

S. B. 294. Justice, of McDowell: For the relief of Wm. McD. Burgin, ex-sheriff of McDowell. To Finance.

S. B. 295. Spruill, of Tyrrell: For the appointment of Justices of the Peace for Columbia township, Tyrrell county. To Justices of the Peace.

S. B. 296. Baldwin, of Forsyth: To amend chapter 9, Laws of 1901, entitled "An Act to Raise Revenue." This decreases the tax on merchants, coal dealers, rent collectors and auctioneers and criminal terms to civil. To Judicial Districts.

S. B. 299. Conley, of McDowell: To regulate the Height of fences in McDowell county. To Agriculture.

S. B. 300. Thayer, of Montgomery: To prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor in two miles of Stony Fork Baptist church in Montgomery county. To Propositions and Grievances.

S. B. 301. Burton, of Rockingham: To amend chapter 750, Laws of 1901, in regard to town elections. To Privileges and Elections.

S. B. 302. Burton, of Rockingham, by request: To amend chapter 424, Laws of 1887, in regard to public schools of Reidsville district. To Education.

BILLS FROM THE HOUSE.

H. B. 351, S. B. 303: To authorize Murphy township, Cherokee county, to subscribe to the capital stock of the Hiawassee Railroad Company. To Railroads and Railroad Commission.

H. B. 427, S. B. 304: To appoint S. M. Johnston a Justice of the Peace in Banner township, Johnston county. To Justices of the Peace.

H. B. 249, S. B. 305: To amend chapter 255, Laws of 1895, entitled "An Act to provide for the drainage of Matamuskeet Lake." To Counties, Cities and Towns.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

S. B. 50. Baldwin, of Forsyth: To make it lawful for all persons divorced from the bonds of matrimony to remarry. Passed third reading with amendment of Senator Henderson which repeals chapter 277, Laws of 1895, and chapter 211, Laws of 1899, which provided for divorce on abandonment which occurred prior to the time of the enactment of these acts. Ordered engrossed and sent to the House.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

S. B. 306. Mann, of Hyde: To provide for graded school in village and township at Swan Quarter, in Hyde county. To Education.

BILLS FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from the House brought the following bills:

H. B. 233, S. B. 307: To create and establish a free school district at Carbonton, to be composed of portions of Moore and Chatham. To Education.

H. B. 419, S. B. 308: To allow the commissioners of Montgomery county to sell part of the jail lot. To Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 212, S. B. 309: For the relief of Walter Gardner, a white public school teacher. To Education.

H. B. 323, S. B. 310: To protect fish in Elk River, Watauga county. To Fish and Fisheries.

H. B. 326, S. B. 311: To amend chapter 318, Laws of 1889, compelling butchers to keep registration. To Judiciary.

H. B. 328, S. B. 312: To establish a free school district at the county line between Moore and Harnett. To Education.

H. B. 349, S. B. 314: For the relief of sheriffs and tax collectors. To Finance.

H. B. 327, S. B. 314: To exempt Jacob Williams, of Wayne, from tax to peddle. To Finance.

H. B. 250, S. B. 315: For the relief of W. D. Helton, tax collector for Coopers Gap and White Oak townships in Polk county. To Finance.

H. B. 296, S. B. 316: To authorize commissioners of Haywood county to levy a special tax to meet general and special indebtedness. To Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. B. 283, S. B. 317: To repeal chapter 252, Laws of 1891, relating to sale of wines in Hertford. To Propositions and Grievances.

H. B. 73, S. B. 318: To correct State Grant No. 479. To Judiciary.

H. B. 275, S. B. 319: For the relief of Mary Allison, a school teacher of Stanly county. To Education.

H. B. 172, S. B. 320: To correct State Grant No. 1491, issued to John Padgett, in Onslow county, in 1837. To Judiciary.

H. B. 280, S. B. 34: To provide for a State registration of trained nurses. To Public Health.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

An invitation was extended the Senate, through Senator Norris, from the Board of Directors, the Faculty and the Students of the Blind Institution to attend an entertainment to be given next Thursday night at 7:30 in the assembly hall of the Blind Institution, which will be complimentary to the General Assembly, the State officers and friends. On motion of Senator Baldwin this was accepted.

Leave of absence was granted to Senators Vann, Holton and Conley till Wednesday; Senators Warren, Hunter, Walker, Blow and Aaron till Tuesday; Senator Henderson till Monday; Senator Richardson for the day; Senator London from Monday to Thursday; Senator Bellamy indefinitely on account of sickness.

The Senate adjourned till 11 o'clock today on motion of Senator Mitchell.

Mr. J. E. Erwin, of Burke, yesterday introduced in the House a much needed bill.

Its object is to protect shippers from the very prevalent evil of overcharges on freight by railroad companies.

The bill provides that it shall be a misdemeanor for railroad companies, express companies, telephone and telegraph companies to charge more than their printed rates, or than agreed upon, or than allowed by law or the Corporation Commission, unless the company shall restore the surplus within ten days.

This gives the shipper redress at the hands of any Justice of the Peace, and it is provided moreover that one-half of the fine imposed for non-compliance with the law shall be paid to the party giving information of the infraction of the statute.

Thus all the red tape and waiting that are so familiar to all who have ever had a claim against a railroad, are done away with, and the customer is not at the mercy of the corporation.

Mr. Erwin, in conversation with a News and Observer reporter on the subject, told of a case that had come under his own observation.

A lumber man shipped a car-load of lumber from Carthage to Burlington. The agent originally gave him the rate as $14.50. After that the rate, as given by the company, was $23.25, and they actually collected $71.00 in freight charges before the owner of the lumber coul get his property.

As things are now, that man's only remedy is to file a claim for the difference. He then has to wait until that claim goes to the auditor of the freight the town of Fountain, in Pitt county. To Counties, Cities and Towns.

S. B. 298. Pharr, of Mecklenburg: To regulate the terms of the Superior court in Mecklenburg. This changes some

The bill providing for the restoration of estate to persons recovered from inebriacy was passed on its final reading, after a brief discussion and a roll call vote. It simply amends the present law restoring estates to recovered lunatics by adding inebriates who are restored to their proper faculties.

Mr. Harrington, of Harnett, wants the pension law so amended that quartermasters, as well as soldiers and sailors, be included.

Judge Graham proposes in a bill amending the revenue act to put the ten dollar tax upon all sellers of dynamite, nitroglycerine and other explosives as well as those who sell deadly weapons, and a five-dollar tax upon dealers in fire-crackers and other fire-works.

A resolution offered by Judge Graham provides that members of the House shall hereafter draw for their seats in the Hall after they have been sworn in, on the first day of the session.

Mr. Offman introduced a bill to prevent bribery and corruption at elections by disfranchising for a period of ten to twenty years any one who shall either buy or sell a vote.

Governor Doughton put in a bill amendatory of the charter of the Grand Lodge of Masons authorizing it to hold and control the capital stock of the Masonic Construction Company. This merely gives the Grand Lodge the right to have and sell stock in the Masonic Temple soon to be built in Raleigh.

THE DAY IN DETAIL.

Speaker Gattis called the House to order at 10:30 o'clock, and Rev. Levi Branson offered prayer.

PETITIONS.

For temperance legislation by Kinsland, Davidson, Williams, Roberson, Pollock, Woodard, Jarrett, Vann, Uzzell, Parker of Wayne, Scott, Hamlin, Newland, Hunter, Warren, Price of Stanly, Etheridge, Carlton, Kreger, Michael, Offman, Hamilton, Smith, Walters, Love, Gattis, Luther, Grant.

Siler: Relating to stock law in Chatham.

Hamlin: For retention of present liquor law.

Hunter: To appoint Alonzo Stilly a Justice of the Peace.

To prevent drag net fishing in Campbell's Creek.

For repeal of law prohibiting sale of liquor at Bath.

Etheridge: From Dare county, against Audubon Bird Law applying to Dare county.

Carr: To incorporate Howells Church.

Grant: For retention of present liquor law.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Alexander of Tyrrell: For relief of widow of Thomas Cone.

Graham of Granville: Resolution relating to drawing of seats by members of House of Representatives.

Scott of Alexander. Resolution relating to occulists and opticians.

To regulate conduct of insurance companies doing business in two or more counties.

Scott of Alamance: To amend Landlord and Tenant Act.

To establish a graded school in Graham.

To authorize the incorporation of electric railway companies under the general law.

Offman of Randolph: To prevent selling and offering to sell votes.

White of Halifax: To amend charter of Hobgood.

Doughton of Alleghany: To amend the act of 1727 incorporating the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Hinton of Pasquotank: To incorporate

REP. A. D. WATTS, OF IREDELL,
Chairman House Committee on Propositions and Grievances, and Author of Bill to Confine Distilleries to Incorporated Towns.

the Savings Bank and Trust Company of Elizabeth City.

Cowan of Jackson: For special tax for Jackson county.

Wooten of Lenoir: To establish a graded school at LaGrange.

Hooker of Beaufort: To allow Clerk of Beaufort county to be absent on certain days.

Hooker: To regulate killing and taking quail in Beaufort county.

Newland of Caldwell: To incorporate the town of Rhodin in Caldwell county.

Davidson of Buncombe: To incorporate the American Securities Company.

Vann of Hertford: To amend The Code relative to service of attachments.

To amend charter of Ahoskie.

Harrington of Harnett: To amend pension laws of 1901.

Stubbs of Martin: To incorporate the Bank of Martin County.

PASSED FINAL READING.

To amend the law providing for the restoration of estate to persons recovered from lunacy by including inebriates.

Mr. Brittain opposed the bill saying it simply put clerks and lawyers in partnership with the Keeley Institute.

Mr. Smith explained the bill, saying that the law of 1901 omitted the word inebriate in the old law providing for restoration of estates to lunatics, idiots and inebriates, and Mr. Brittain's objection had no grounds whatever.

Mr. Guion said if there was anything in Mr. Brittain's statement that put lawyers and clerks of the partnership with the Keeley [illegible] it would seem that as at present inebriates omitted, these were now in partnership with the lunatics. If so, he would just as soon a tri-partnership with the Keeley, as a joint partnership asylums. There was no foundation the statement and this proved it.

Mr. Gay spoke in opposition.

Chairman Newland, of the Committee, explained that the law provided for taking away of an inebriate and the proposed amendment simply provided machinery restoration upon proper proof restoration to sobriety. There material difference in the amendment and the old law which included inebriates. Brittain demanded a roll call. The bill passed vote of 72 to 20.

To authorize Washington county levy a special tax.

To incorporate the town of Falkland, in Pitt county.

To amend the charter of Jamesville.

To amend the charter of Williamston.

To provide additional [illegible] for Craven county.

To amend stock law in Clay and Macon counties so that if election for replacing of fences, farmers have sufficient time to do so.

A great many leaves of absence granted and the House adjourned meet today at 10 o'clock.

Hester's Cotton Statement

(By the Associated Press.)

New Orleans, La., Jan. 30.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's supply of cotton, issued today, the total visible to be 4,097,955, 4,054,212 last week, and 4,563,377 last year. Of this the total of American cotton 3,204,955, against 2,305,212 last week, 2,686,377 last year, and of all other including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 600, against 849,000 last week, and last year. Of the world's visible of cotton, there is now afloat and in Great Britain and Continental 2,004,000, against 2,161,000 last week, Egypt 194,000, against 243,000 last in India 400,000, against 482,000 last and in the United States 1,500,000, against 1,577,000 last year.

Secretary Hester's weekly statement, issued today, shows thirty days of January a decrease last year of 82,000 and an increase the same period year before last of 000.

For the 152 days of the season elapsed the aggregate is ahead same days last year 2,000 and the same time year before last.

The amount brought into sight the past week has been against 270,797 for the same week last year, and 231,551 year before.

The movement since September shows receipts at all United States to be 5,873,059, against 5,839,220 last overland, across the Mississippi and Potomac Rivers to Northern and Canada 731,125, against 774,[illegible] year; interior stocks in excess held at the close of the commercial 379,022, against 483,314 last year, ern mill takings 1,001,509, against 458 last year.

The total movement since September 1, is 7,984,706, against 7,982,491 last and 7,518,526 year before last.

Foreign exports for the week been 225,148, against 239,210 last making the total thus far for the son 4,351,833, against 4,517,088 last year.

The total takings of American North and South and Canada this the season have been 2,366,600, against 2,293,429 last year.

Stocks at the seaboard and leading Southern interior centers decreased during the week 86,973, a decrease during the corresponding period last season of 79,257.

Including stocks left over at points interior towns from the last year's supply to date is 8,199,780, against 8,242,151 for the same period last year.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Jan. 29.—Charles Barnes, a brakeman on the Dodson Ferry and Western yards, was seriously injured while climbing up a moving on the warehouse track. He was caught between the car and the roof of the platform, crushing him and throwing him from the car. His left arm was broken between the elbow and shoulder, his hip badly bruised and his back

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