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"Overseer" Butler got a setback Thursday when the House referred the interest bill to the committee on Finance. He went in the House Wednesday and had it taken from the judiciary committee and it looked like he was master of the situation but he was downed the next day. Let the good work go on.

The insinuation by Mr. Peele, an Attorney in Raleigh, before the committee on education that Major Finger and John C. Scarborough had been unduly influenced in their selection of books for the public schools has aroused considerable indignation on the part of those who know that the accusation was groundless and false. But these two gentlemen have so denounced the charge.

Boss Butler received a good thrashing in the House Thursday. He has accused the Republicans of uniting with the Democrats to defeat the interest bill in Wednesday's issue of his paper. The next day Mr. Ewart started the ball when he arose to a personal privilege. He was followed by Lusk, Campbell, Cox and others and the *News and Observer* says he was denounced with the following epithets by these Republicans:

1. A liar.
2. A self-constituted Czar.
3. A Bulldozer.
4. A Penny a liner.
5. An Intimidator.
6. A Brutal Scribbler.
7. A Falsifier.
8. An Unjust and Ungentlemanly fellow.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb 15, 1895

With the Senate pulling one way and the House the other there is little probability that President Cleveland's advice will be taken to the extent of saving \$16,000,000 in interest that will have to be paid on those 3 and 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent bonds. The House Ways and Means committee has reported a revolution for the saving of those millions by authorizing the issue of 3 per cent gold bonds.

But nothing can be hoped from the Senate, where it has been announced by those who are strong enough to make good their language that the only financial legislation they will agree to is the bill for the unlimited coinage of silver, which has been favorably reported from the Finance Committee. This bill provides that the government shall coin and deliver for each dollar's worth of bullion presented at the mints one silver dollar, and that the difference in weight shall be retained as seigniorage, and was originally a section of a general financial bill introduced by Senator Jones, of Arkansas.

It would seem that Secretary Carlisle's statement, that the only reason for not at first making public all the details of the contract made for the purchase of gold with bonds was that it might hamper the other contracting parties, and that the administration had nothing to conceal should have been sufficient, but it has not prevented some of the Senators from making exhibition of themselves.

The Senate amendment to the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, appropriating \$5,000,000 to start the laying of a government cable to Hawaii, has many bitter enemies in the House, which has refused to concur therein. The bill is now in the conference, and unless the Senate recedes a contest lasting to the closing days of the session, and maybe resulting in the failure of the appropriation bill is inevitable.

The Quorum Restored.

Col. Harry Skinner, of Pitt county, returned yesterday to Raleigh and to his field of labor here. During his absence the Legislature has been unable to do anything for lack of a quorum. The Big Five constitute a quorum in the General Assembly for transacting business, and when they leave the city, the whole thing stops till they come back to set the wheels in motion again.—*Raleigh News and Observer*.

It is said that there is a man in Georgia so tender-hearted that he can't bear to see his wife saw wood. That's nothing; we know of several men up here who are so tender-hearted that they won't even buy the wood for their wives to saw.—*Orange Observer*.

Mr. Wink Taylor, proprietor of the Grand Central Hotel at Columbia, S. C., has leased the Atlantic Hotel at Morehead City and will run it the coming season.

HISTORY OF HENRY VIII.

A small boy in one of the German-town public schools wrote a composition on King Henry VIII. It read as follows: "King Henry 8 was the greatest widower that ever lived. He was born at Annie Domino, in the year 1066. He had 510 wives besides children. The first was beheaded and afterwards executed, and the 2d was revoked. Henry 8 was succeeded to the throne by his great-grandmother, the beautiful Mary Queen of Scots, sometimes called Lady of the Lake, or the Lay of the Last Minstrel."—*Exchange*.

Cotton and Peanuts.

Below are Norfolk prices of cotton and peanuts for yesterday, as furnished by Cobb Bros. & Co., Commission Merchants of Norfolk:

COTTON.	
Good Middling	5 $\frac{3}{8}$
Middling	5 1-16
Low Middling	4 $\frac{5}{8}$
Good Ordinary	3-15-16
Tone—steady.	
PEANUTS,	
Common	1 to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Prime	1 $\frac{3}{4}$
Extra Prime	2 to 2 $\frac{3}{8}$
Fancy	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
Spanish	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tone—steady.	
Eggs—irregular at 22 cts.	
B. E. Peas—best, 2.50 to 2.75 per bag.	
“ “ damaged, 1.50 to 1.75.	
Black and Clay, 75 to 90 per bushel.	