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SENATE.

MONDAY, Dec. 22, 1845.

Petitions were presented by Messrs. Henry, Winchell, Murphey, Berry and Todd, which were referred without reading.

Reports from Committees.

Mr Berry, from the committee on claims, reported against the expediency of legislating on the claim of A. Hendricks and son.

Mr Goodenow hoped the report would not be concurred in. All the applicants wished, he said, was an investigation at their own expense. An animated discussion took place on the concurrence in the report, in which Messrs. Pomeroy, Bowers, Edmonson, Zenor, Logan, Goodenow and Buell engaged. The report was concurred in; ayes 29, noes 19.

Mr Davis, from a select committee, reported a bill for the relief of Victor A. Pipin of Floyd county, which was read three times and passed.

Mr Parks, from a select committee, reported a bill abolishing the highway tax in the county of Morgan; read three times and passed.

Resolutions Introduced

Mr Hamrick introduced the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, it is now confidently believed that to maintain the rights and honor of America untouched and unsullied, an appeal to arms is unavoidable. Therefore

Resolved, That the committee on military affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending and reviewing the militia law as to require the early enrolling and training of the militia of this State; which was not adopted.

By Mr Davis, that the committee on the State Bank be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the 9th section of the 9th chapter of the Revised Statutes of 1843; adopted.

By Mr Chapman of D., that the Superintendent on the New Albany and Vincennes road report the amount due Owen McManus of Martin county, as soon as practicable, for work done by him on said road; adopted.

Bills Introduced.

By Mr Herriman, to legalize the acts of the auditor and school commissioner of Lagrange county; passed to the third reading. Also, a bill in relation to water power at Northport in Noble county; referred to the committee on canals.

By Mr Buell, to amend an act incorporating the Dearborn county manufacturing company.

Mr Berry of F. moved to amend by inserting a clause requiring the persons engaged to be individually liable for all debts contracted above what good and solvent security may be given; amendment was adopted, ayes 30, noes 19.

By Mr Davis, for the relief of Martha McCune of Floyd county; [a divorce bill.]

Mr Barbour called for the ayes and noes, which was not agreed to; the bill was read three times and passed.

By Mr Herriman, to incorporate the Lafayette hydraulic company; referred to the committee on corporations.

By Mr Morgan of R., to define the duties of county treasurers, county auditors and supervisors; referred to the committee on roads.

Messages of the House.

The messages of the House were then taken up.

The bill for the relief of William Chapman of Kosciusko county [divorce bill] was passed to the second reading.

The act in relation to the sale of saline lands in the county of Orange; read three times and passed.

The joint resolution in relation to the sale of congressional townships; read the first time and ordered to the second reading.

The act in relation to county treasurers; read the first time.

The bill changing the time of holding circuit and probate courts in Clark county; read the second time and referred to a select committee.

The bill in relation to calling a convention to alter the constitution was referred to the judiciary committee.

On motion of Mr Herriman, the Senate adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Senate resumed the consideration of bills from the House.

Several bills were read the second time and passed to a third reading.

The bill to provide for a more efficient way of expending the road tax in several counties therein named, was read the first time and referred to a select committee.

The bill for the relief of the borrowers of the school fund, loaned in the several counties, was referred to the committee on education.

The bill to change the mode of districting road lands in Orange county, was read three times and passed.

The bill to provide for the opening and repairing roads in certain counties.

On motion of Mr Barbour, it was referred to a select committee.

The bill to provide for the better preservation of legislative papers was referred to the committee on the State library.

The bill to vacate a certain road in Jefferson county was referred to the committee on roads.

The bill to dissolve the bands of matrimony between Jered Riler and Thursey Ann Riler of Warrick county, was ordered to a second reading.

The bill to change the name of Aberdeen, a town in Hamilton county, was referred to a select committee.

The bill in relation to county orders was referred to the committee on finance.

The bill to declare a certain road in Dearborn county a State road, was passed.

The bill to dissolve the bands of matrimony between William Martin and Susan Martin, in Warrick county.

The bill for the relief of purchasers of school lands in Randolph county.

The bill to revive certain acts in relation to the writ of *ne-exeat*, was ordered to a second reading.

The bill to abolish the office of county auditor in Johnson county was read the first time.

The bill to abolish the office of county auditor in Ohio county was read the first time.

The bill to authorize the trustees of the Vincennes University to bring suit against the State, was ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

The bill to incorporate the Rising Sun manufacturing company, was passed.

For the relief of Joseph and Maria Rudman, (divorce bill;) passed.

The joint resolution on the subject of Oregon, being on the third reading,

Mr Ellis moved to refer it to the committee on federal relations, with instructions to strike out all after the word "Whereas," and insert *substantially* as follows:

"Humanity, the spirit of our age and our institutions, is opposed to war—nothing but national existence, or what is dearer to every true American, national honor, will justify such a resort. The crisis demands an expression of the Senate and House of Representatives—therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Indiana, That the door should not be closed against negotiation, to bring about a peaceful settlement of the question, until all honorable means have been used by the Executive of the United States to effect this desirable object, and they have proved unavailing. In that event the citizens of Indiana will, with one heart and one mind, give an unwavering support to the President and Congress of the United States, in all measures it may be most expedient to adopt, to enforce our just claims to Oregon, and to maintain the honor of the nation.

On motion of Mr Herriman, the resolution and pending amendments were laid on the table.

The bill to authorize delinquents to be struck from the tax duplicates was passed.

The bill in relation to taking up estrays was passed.

The bill relative to the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, was passed.

The bill to amend the revenue laws was passed.

The bill to extend further time to the borrowers of the sinking fund was passed.

The bill incorporating the Dearborn county manufacturing company was passed.

The bill legalizing the acts of auditor and school commissioner of Lagrange county.

The President laid before the Senate the report of the trustees of the lunatic asylum; which was laid on the table, and 500 copies ordered to be printed.

The Senate then adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House, in continuation of the order of business, resumed the consideration of the bill compelling the White Water Valley Canal Company to make and repair bridges over said canal—the question being, on the indefinite postponement of the bill. The vote was taken on an indefinite postponement and decided in the affirmative, ayes 53, noes 38.

The bill to repeal the act legalizing a contract between Henry Valette and the White Water Valley Canal Company, was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Turner reported a bill to incorporate the Sisters of Providence and St. Mary's College, near Terre Haute; which passed to a second reading.

Mr. Robinson reported back the bill incorporating the Grand Lodge, I. O. Oddfellows, with an amendment, reserving the right to amend, alter or repeal the act, at any time, by the Legislature.

Mr. Carr said, the committee was unanimous, in favor of this amendment; the bill was granting an incorporation for fifty years, with a capital of one hundred thousand dollars.

Mr. Riley said, he knew nothing about the institution, and he hoped he would be excused from voting; which was not granted.

The question was now taken on the amendment of Mr. Osborn of Laporte and decided in the negative.

Mr. Thompson now moved to concur in the amendment of the committee, with an amendment, so that the repeal shall only take place on the vote of a majority of two thirds of the two houses of the Legislature; which motion did not prevail, ayes 10, noes 83.

Mr. Baker now proposed an amendment to the amendment of the committee, so that should the corporation be dissolved, the company shall have the privilege of designating the manner in which the property of the institution shall be disposed of; which was adopted.

The amendment, as amended, was then adopted by a vote of ayes 85, nays 7, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Carr, from the committee on corporations, reported back the bill making general provisions for the incorporation of companies for manufacturing purposes, with an amendment making stock holders individually liable.

Mr. Clements moved to amend the amendment with the following proviso: "If the company should exceed in their business or become indebted to a larger amount than the stock subscribed."

Mr. Seawright moved that the bill and amendments be laid on the table; which motion did not prevail.

The question was then taken on Mr. Clements' amendment and decided in the negative.

Mr. Riley moved an amendment which the Speaker declared to be, in substance, the same as the one offered by the gentleman from Daviess, (Mr. Clements.)

The question was then taken on the amendment, proposed by the committee on corporations, and decided in the affirmative, ayes 49, noes 41—nearly a party vote.

Mr. Stapp then moved that the bill lie upon the table; which motion prevailed.

The bill to incorporate the Young Men's Literary Association of Wayne county, was reported back from the committee on corporations without amendment, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Mickle, from a select committee, reported a joint resolution in relation to a canal, to be made jointly by Ohio and Indiana, from Mercer county in Ohio, to Wells county in Indiana; which passed to a second reading.

Mr. Dowling reported a bill making it the duty of the Sinking Fund Commissioners to have mortgaged lands to said fund advertised for sale in the local papers of the counties where the lands are situate, at the prices allowed for publishing sheriffs' sales; which passed to a second reading.

By Mr. Nelson, a bill for an additional justice in Montgomery county; passed to a second reading.

By Mr. Smith, a bill declaring a mistake in the statute in relation to the boundary of Fulton and Kosciusko counties; passed to a second reading.

By Mr. Coffin, a bill to repeal so much of an act as makes scrip receivable for tolls, &c, on the Wabash and Erie canal; passed to a second reading.

By Mr. Henry, to incorporate the Hoosier Band of Greenfield; passed to a second reading.

Mr. Kerr offered a resolution that the Rev. Mr. Foster have the use of the Hall for Wednesday evening; which was adopted.

By Mr. Osborn, as to the expediency of making the certificates of librarian warrants on the treasury. Adopted.

By Mr. Davis, that the two Houses proceed to the election of Agent of State at ten o'clock, on to-morrow.

Mr. Thompson moved to lay on the table; which motion prevailed.

On motion, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On motion, Mr. Scott had leave of absence for the balance of the session, on account of sickness.

Bills Passed.

Authorizing commissioners of Fountain and Jefferson to employ physicians for paupers; to amend an act abolishing fee to auditor for transfer of lands in Ripley; to provide for the leasing of water power on the Wabash and Erie canal, transferring that duty from auditor, &c, to person having charge of canal; to modify the law in relation to roads, as to width, roads not to be less than 20 feet wide; in relation to a contractor on the Madison Rail Road (Mereledge;) to revive part of an act in Dearborn, in relation to the jurisdiction of justices of the peace (repealing the township law;) for the relief of the purchasers of canal lands in Cass county; to incorporate the Logansport and Rochester Michigan road company; transferring the duties of school commissioner of Daviess and Martin to treasurers; authorizing church of God to pay their debts; vacating certain streets in Cambridge; providing for the improvement of roads in the several counties; to authorize the sale of school lands in Crawford; to legalize certain deeds therein named; to correct the boundary line of Richardville county.

The bill to authorize additional compensation to the auditor of Morgan, was read a second time; when Mr. Conduit moved to indefinitely postpone; which motion prevailed.

The bill for the relief of the borrowers of trust funds being under consideration,

Mr. Seawright proposed an amendment, reducing the rate of interest to six per cent.; which amendment was not adopted, ayes 43, noes 53.

Mr. Baker moved to recommit the bill to the committee on Ways and Means, with instructions that one forth of the loan shall be paid annually; which motion did not prevail.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The joint resolution in relation to a reduction of the price of public lands, was read a third time and laid on the table.

The bill to detach a part of Grant and attach it to Blackford, was read a second time; and on motion of Mr. Morrow, indefinitely postponed.

A message from the Senate announced the passage of several bills which were read and passed to the further action of the House.

Mr. Monroe reported back the bill defining the boundaries of Clark and Washington without amendment, and the bill passed.

Mr. McCormick offered a resolution providing for an adjournment *sine die*, on Wednesday the 7th of January next; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Baker gave notice that he would move, on to-morrow, for the appointment of a standing committee of seven, on divorces.

Mr. Fuller presented a bill for the relief of Nathaniel Cool of Warrick county; passed to a second reading.

By Mr. Cookerly, a bill authorizing clerks of the Courts to administer oaths to certain persons, &c.; passed to a second reading.

By Mr. Carman, to reduce clerk's fees, &c.; passed to a second reading.

Mr. Clymer introduced a bill making an apportionment of Senators and Representatives; which was read and passed to a second reading. [This bill was introduced by Mr. Clymer on his individual responsibility and not as chairman of the committee.]

Mr. Vandeveer introduced a bill to amend the law in relation to public notices; passed to a second reading.

Mr. Taber, for the relief of Benjamin Powell, &c.; passed to a second reading.

By Mr. Webber, to amend the act fixing the time of holding courts in the 5th circuit; passed to a second reading.

By Mr. Vandeveer, repealing acts therein named; passed to a second reading.

By Mr. Parker, to amend the act incorporating the city of Fort Wayne, &c.; read twice and referred.

The House then adjourned.

SENATE.

TUESDAY, Dec. 23.

Reports from Committees.

Mr. Akin, from the committee on finance, reported back the bill in relation to surveys of land, which bill requires all persons benefitted by any survey of land, to pay the expense of such survey; the bill was recommitted to the same committee, with instructions to enquire into its constitutionality.

Mr. Berry of M., from the committee on the judiciary, reported a bill to prohibit the commissioners of the sinking fund to relinquish lands in certain cases; passed to a second reading.

Mr. Logan, from the committee on claims, reported back the bill to provide for the remuneration of Sylvester House and others, for the arrest of Joseph Gould, with some amendments, (which were to reduce the remuneration of the claimants.) The claim of S. House reduced from 300 dollars to 100.

Mr. Orth made a statement of the facts relating to the character of Gould, and the circumstances of the arrest, and moved to amend by striking out 100, and inserting 200; which was adopted.

The report was then concurred in.

Mr. Bowers, from the same committee, reported back the bill for the relief of Nathan Birchfield, and recommended its indefinite postponement.

Mr. Coffin hoped the report would not be concurred in—the claim was a just one, and demanded consideration from the Senate.

Mr. C. moved to refer it to a select committee.

The report of the committee was concurred in—ayes 25, noes 24; which cut off the motion of Mr. Coffin.

Mr. Buell, from the committee on the State Bank, to whom was referred the subject of granting the State Bank the privilege of issuing notes of a less denomination than five dollars, reported that according to the opinion of the committee, the Bank already had that privilege, and further legislation thereon was inexpedient; the report was concurred in.

Mr. Bowers moved to reconsider the vote given on the concurrence of the committee in relation to the relief of Nathan Birchfield; which was agreed to—ayes 28, noes 22.

The question then recurred on the concurrence of the committee; which was refused—ayes 23, noes 27.

Mr. Coffin then renewed his motion to refer to a select committee; which prevailed.

Messrs. Coffin, Bradbury and Chenowith were appointed said committee.

Mr. Edmondson, from the committee on corporations, reported back the bill to incorporate the Crawfordsville and Wabash Railroad; which passed to a third reading.

Mr. Berry of F. reported back the bill to incorporate the Indianapolis and Peru Railroad company; amended by inserting the individual liability section.

Mr. Chapman of L. moved to amend the amendment, by requiring the stock to be actually paid in instead of secured; the amendment to the amendment was rejected.

The report of the committee was then concurred in.

Mr. Akin, from the same committee, reported back the bill of the House to incorporate the Terre Haute Greys: ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Ellis, from a minority of the judiciary committee, reported a bill amending the act making it imperative on employers to instruct their apprentices at least to the double-rule-of-three; passed to a second reading.

Mr. Leviston, from a select committee, reported back the bill to vacate the town of Waterloo, in Fayette county; read three times and passed.

Mr. Berry of F. reported a bill for the relief of the heirs of James McCleary, an alien of Franklin county; read three times and passed.

Mr. Ellis, from a select committee, reported back the bill in relation to the fees of county auditors; passed to a third reading.

Mr. Barbour, from a select committee, reported in relation to repairing roads in Bartholomew county; passed to a third reading.

Mr. Herriman, from a select committee, reported back the bill providing for a more efficient mode of expending the road tax in Noble and Lagrange counties; passed to a third reading.

Mr. Murphey, from a select committee, reported a bill for the relief of Abner Painter; passed to a second reading.

Mr. Rockhill, from a select committee, reported a bill to authorize the agent of the surplus revenue fund for Allen county, to accept certain conveyances of real estate; which was referred to the committee on education.

Resolutions introduced.

By Mr. Buell, requiring the President of the State Bank to furnish the Senate with the proceedings of the State Board of the November session, with certain other information therein named; adopted.

By Mr. Akin, that the committee on the judiciary enquire into the expediency of making the certificates of the State Librarian sufficient vouchers in certain cases, as suggested by the auditor of the State; adopted.

By Mr. Todd, that the superintendent of common schools be, and he is hereby requested to communicate to the Legislature, any information he may be in possession of, either officially or unofficially received, in regard to the common schools of this State, and the manner of conducting them; adopted.

By Mr. Pomeroy, that the committee on the judiciary enquire into the expediency of reporting a joint resolution memorializing Congress, in relation to a law requiring a transcript of all judgments hereafter rendered in the Circuit or District courts of the U. S. for this State, to be filed and recorded in the clerk's office of the several counties in the State, before the same shall operate as a lien on real estate, in the several counties thereof, except the county of Marion; adopted.

By Mr. Ellis, that the committee on the judiciary enquire into the expediency of reducing the clerk fees of the Probate courts, and especially so as to make the same conform to the American coinage; adopted.

Bills Introduced.

By Mr. Rockhill, to incorporate the Fort Wayne and Lima turnpike company; referred to the committee on corporations.

By Mr. Jones, to locate a State road in Fountain and Warren counties; referred to a select committee.

By Mr. Chapman of D., to abolish the road tax in the county of Daviess; referred to a select committee.

By Mr. Montgomery, to abolish sham pleading in courts of justice.

Mr. Howell moved to strike out "sham" wherever it occurs. Did not prevail; referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Pomeroy, to amend an act relative to a State road in Marshall county; read three times and passed.

Mr. Reyburn moved to take from the table the "apportionment bill"—which was agreed to.

Mr. Chapman of Laporte moved to refer it to the committee to whom the apportionment of the State was referred, which did not prevail, ayes 14, noes 35.

Mr. Reyburn moved certain amendments.

Mr. Montgomery and Pomeroy proposed other amendments, when Mr. Herriman moved to refer the bill to a committee of the whole, and make it the special order of to-day for two o'clock; which prevailed, ayes 36, noes 13.

The Senate then adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Senate assembled and went into committee of the whole on the apportionment bill. Mr. Read in the chair. After some time spent in the consideration of the bill in which several amendments were proposed not changing materially the original bill.

On motion of Mr. Handy, the committee rose, reported the amendments, and asked the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Herriman moved to report the bill to the select committee appointed to district the State, which did not prevail, ayes 25, noes 25.

Mr. Lane moved to lay the bill on the table with some amendments then pending; which was not agreed to.

On motion the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, December 23, 1845.

Mr. Hill presented a petition to repeal the township law for the collection of debts; which was referred to the judiciary committee.

By Mr. Ford, two petitions; referred.

By Mr. Herron, a remonstrance against the formation of a new county; referred.

By Mr. Morrow, a remonstrance against a State road; referred.

By Mr. Parker, a petition; referred to committee on roads.

By Mr. Webber, a memorial of Joseph Irvin; referred.

By Mr. Wise, a petition; referred to Wise, Jones and Heaton.

By Mr. Powers, for a road; referred.

By Mr. Parker, in relation to a mill dam; referred to a select committee.

By Mr. Wilson of Marion, that a part of Hendricks be attached to Marion; referred to a select committee of Messrs. Wilson of Marion, Harvey, Kimberlin, Hazelrigg and Riley.

The bill in relation to costs of transcripts was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Sleeth reported a bill extending the times of holding courts in Shelby county; passed to a second reading.

The bill to allow owners of partnership fences to remove the same was reported back to the House, with a recommendation that it be indefinitely postponed.

The report of the judiciary committee was not concurred in, ayes 11, noes 79.

Mr. Moore moved to amend, so that said notice shall not be at a time when it will endanger the crop.

Mr. Moore moved to refer to a select committee, which motion prevailed, and Messrs. Leyman, Moore, Nelson, Wiley and Hinchman were appointed said committee.

The bill making debts collectable in the township where evidence of debt is made in writing was reported back from the judiciary committee, with a recommendation of its passage.

Mr. Porter reported a bill to amend the Revised Statutes so that persons unable to give replevy bail on fines, shall be confined in county jails at the rate of fifty cents per day until fine is paid; passed to a second reading.

The bill in relation to wills by married women was reported back from the judiciary committee, with a recommendation favorable to its passage.

Mr. Porter moved to strike out the 1st section of the bill from its enacting clause.

Considerable discussion took place on this motion, in which Messrs. Porter, Osborn of Laporte, Secrest, Stapp and others participated.

Mr. Cookerly moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Thompson moved that the bill lie upon the table; which motion prevailed.

Mr. Osborne of L. reported a bill empowering the collection of costs; &c.; passed to a second reading.

By Mr. Vandeveer, a bill to authorize swinging gates across county roads in Dearborn county; passed to a second reading.

The bill to authorize a settlement with Allen McLane of Morgan county, was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee on agriculture, reported against the expediency of levying a tax on dogs; which was concurred in; also, against the expediency of compelling owners of land to set their fences ten feet inside of section lines; which was concurred in.

By Mr. Tedford, a bill providing for a road bridge over the Wabash and Erie canal at Carrollton; read twice and referred.

By Mr. Taber, a bill for the relief of citizens of a school district in Cass; passed to a second reading.

Mr. Baker offered a resolution in relation to actions in covenant; which was adopted.

By Mr. Taber, as to the expediency of procuring for each of the counties in this State, a uniform standard of weights and measures. Adopted.

Mr. Edwards introduced a bill to amend the act giving out public works to private companies; changing Jeffersonville and Crawfordsville road to a railroad; read twice and referred to a select committee of Edwards, Shanks and Jones.

By Mr. Coffin, in relation to probate court of Henry; passed to a second reading.

By Mr. Stapp, to authorize Willis Hodges to substitute his note to the State, on a mortgage; read twice and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Secrest moved to take from the table the bill in relation to gambling and gamblers, ten pin alleys, &c.; which motion prevailed—the question being on an amendment offered by Mr. Osborn of Laporte; when,

On motion of Mr. Secrest, the bill was referred to the judiciary committee.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bills Passed.

The bill to remove the disabilities of James Lafontine, Godfrey, &c. was read a third time and passed; also, the bill to incorporate the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows; authorizing the Church of God to sell property and pay their debts; to incorporate a Lutheran Church in Franklin county; to vacate certain streets in Cambridge; to compensate supervisors in Morgan; providing for the improvement of roads in the several counties therein named; to amend the act incorporating the Young Men's Association of Richmond, Wayne county; for the relief of the widow, &c. of Jesse Clinger, deceased; to divorce Adam Shambro from Elizabeth, his wife; declaring a certain road a State road; to survey and locate a State road from Robinson's ferry to Harrisonville; to divorce Frederick Hartzell from Rosannah, his wife; for the relief of James Rutherford; for the relief of the borrowers of the surplus revenue and other trust funds, extending the time of payment until January 1850—providing for taking further security when deemed necessary; the mortgagors to execute an assent in writing before having advantage of the law; to remunerate justices in Warrick; to reduce the fees of the recorders of Johnson; in relation to fees of recorders and auditors in Jackson, Adams and Jay; to secure a more economical management of the common school fund, in relation to mortgaged lands—giving the power to officer to sell at private sale, when bid in by the State, subject to be redeemed in six months; to provide the more effectual punishment of certain offences in Allen; to regulate the time of holding Circuit Courts in Tippecanoe; authorizing the trustees, &c. of Lafayette to purchase and hold real estate; in relation to supervisors in Kosciusko and Whitley; authorizing Rhoda Butler to mortgage real estate; to extend the terms of county board of Tippecanoe; to change the time of holding Probate Courts in Pike county; to extend the provisions of an act therein named to Madison county; for the relief of Michael Ross, deceased; prescribing the mode of selecting petit jurors in Sullivan; changing the time of holding Probate Courts in Cass; to repeal in part an act for summoning jurors in Decatur and Warren; to extend the provisions of the Revised Statutes in relation to roads to Posey county; to change the mode of making roads in Rush; to divorce Benjamin Rosecrancts from his wife; to divorce Barbary Ann May from her husband.

The bill to incorporate the Buffalo and Mississippi Railroad Company was read a second time and referred to Messrs. McDonald, Osborn of Laporte and Clymer.

The bill authorizing Probate Judges to take acknowledgments of deeds was amended so as to embrace county auditors within its provisions and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to locate a State road in Dearborn and Ripley was read a third time and passed.

The bill in relation to the boundaries of Kosciusko and Fulton was read a second time; when

Mr. Pippey moved to indefinitely postpone; which did not prevail, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to make an apportionment of Senators and Representatives, introduced on yesterday by Mr. Clymer, was read a second time; when

Mr. Pennington moved that the bill be committed to a committee of the whole for Thursday next.

The bill was ordered to lie on the table.

SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, December 24, 1845.

Petitions were presented by Messrs. Leviston, Herriman, Miller, English, and Todd; which were appropriately referred without reading.

Mr Davis, from the judiciary committee, reported a bill prescribing the term of service of county auditors; ordered to the second reading.

Mr Davis reported back the bill of the House in relation to the time of holding courts in Clark county, with sundry amendments which were concurred in, and the bill passed to the second reading.

Mr Chapman of D., reported back the bill to abolish the road tax in Daviess county without amendment, and recommended its passage; passed to the third reading.

Mr Akin reported a bill for the relief of L. H. Scott, in accordance with a memorial on the subject, after some discussion, the bill was laid on the table.

Mr Barbour reported a bill to establish an additional place of holding elections in Bartholomew county; read three several times and passed.

Mr Jones reported back the bill to locate a State road in Fountain and Warrick counties, read three times and passed.

Mr Read reported a bill to incorporate Port Fulton in Clark county; referred to the committee on corporations.

Resolutions Introduced.

Mr Verbrike, that the committee on canals and internal improvements ascertain as near as possible the value of lands included in the Vincennes land district grant, and the cost of the extension of the Wabash and Erie canal. Not adopted.

Mr Todd, that the committee on the judiciary inquire whether the laws as they now stand, in regard to the requiring security for costs of suits, are a sufficient guarantee against vexatious and unnecessary litigation. Adopted.

Mr Hamer, that the committee on apportionment be instructed to report a bill fixing the number of Senators at not less than 30 or not more than 40, and the number of Representatives at not less than 60 or more than 80; and the Senators holding over hereby pledge themselves to resign by the first of August next.

Mr Chapman of L. moved to amend by inserting providing "their constituents consent."

Mr Conner moved to lay the resolution on the table; which did not prevail.

Mr Chapman's motion was adopted, ayes 31, noes 18,

Mr Pomeroy moved to amend by inserting providing that the provisions of the contemplated bill shall not take effect until 1851, at which time a part of the State debt will be discharged; not agreed to.

Mr Hamer moved the previous question which was seconded; the resolution was then adopted.

Mr Buell asked, and obtained leave, to introduce a bill to increase the common school fund; passed to a second reading.

On motion, the Senate adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the apportionment bill was made the special order of the day for Monday next.

Mr. Buell moved to take from the table the resolution previously introduced by Mr. Chapman of L., calling upon the committee on the part of the Senate appointed to consider the propositions of Charles Butler, to state whether they had employed a clerk, and by what authority, and whether they had not ordered the printing of certain papers laid before them; upon which a protracted discussion took place, in which Messrs. Holloway, Chapman of L., and Ellis, advocated, and Messrs. Coffin, Lane, Edmonson, and Read, opposed.

The Senate adjourned before any definite action was had.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

In continuation of the order of business, the House proceeded to the consideration of the question pending at the last adjournment—being on printing the bill introduced by Mr. Clymer, making an apportionment of Senators and Representatives.

Mr. Vandeveer moved that another member be added to the committee.

At the suggestion of Mr. Clymer, Mr. Vandeveer withdrew his motion to add an additional member.

Several bills from the Senate were read a 1st time and passed to the further action of the House.

The bill, making executions returnable in 180 and 120 days, &c., was taken f om the table—the question being on an amendment to strike out said provisions from the bill;—so as to leave executions returnable, as at present; which amendment was not adopted, ayes 41, noes 47.

A discussion now sprung up, in relation to the merits of the bill under consideration, in which Messrs. Osborn of Laporte, Stapp, Vandeveer, Baker, Thompson participated; when

Mr. Thompson moved to commit to the committee on the judiciary; which motion prevailed.

Mr. Webber presented the remonstrance against the petition of Nicholas M'Carty, referred.

Petitions were presented by Messrs. Fuller, Smith, Stanfield, Smith, (that a law may be passed prohibiting non-residents from hunting, trapping, or gathering cranberries, without first obtaining a license, for which they shall pay ten dollars,) Webber (of John Burton for a divorce,) Cornelius, (for the repeal of the law forming the county of Obio,) Kimberlin (for a road) and Burns; which were referred.

Mr. Cruikshank, from the committee on elections, reported that the certificates of members were according to law, &c.

Ms. Hall of Gibson, from the judiciary committee reported in favor of the form of deed for tax-titles, submitted by the auditor, and reported a bill on that subject, which passed to a 2nd reading.

The bill for the benefit of the widow and heirs of John Sering late of Jefferson county was read a 3rd time and passed.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. Hazelrigg presented two petitions; which were referred, and Mr. H. had leave of absence until Monday next, on account of sickness of his family, which was granted.

Mr. Secrest introduced a bill to vacate a certain alley in Greencastle; which was read three times and passed.

Bills &c. passed.—A joint resolution in relation to the improvement of the Ohio river; a bill to establish a road in Putnam and Clay; to repeal an act in relation to a State road in Wayne county; to extend the time of the February term of the Franklin Circuit Court; to amend an act in relation to proceedings of probate court—so that issued it is to be tried at the term brought forward, unless for good cause shown; to amend the Revised Statutes, in relation to charges to Jury; to repeal Revised Laws, in relation to actions to be begun in six years; to establish a State road in Franklin county; to punish embezzlement; to incorporate the Female Seminary of St. Mary's of the woods in Vigo county; a joint resolution on the subject of the Reservoir in Mercer county Ohio; prescribing the mode of advertising lands mortgage tod the Sinking Fund—to be published in the local papers; providing for the election of a justice in Montgomery county; declaring a mistake in the Revised Laws in relation to the boundaries of Kosciusko and Fulton; to authorise clerks of the Circuit Courts to administer oaths to appraisers, and clerks; &c. of decedents' sales; to authorise Willis Hodges, &c. to substitute note, &c. to the State; for the relief of Nathaniel Coal, of Warrick.

Mr. Riley reported a bill prohibiting deputy clerks from practising law in the court where they may be such deputy; passed to a second reading.

Mr. Mooney, from the committee on the affairs of the State prison, to which was referred the conduct of Joseph R. Pratt, in relation to his treatment to the prisoners. The committee adduced the evidence of witnesses they had examined, in relation to food and clothing, and punishment of prisoners, which went to exonerate Mr. Pratt from any improper conduct, The committee asked to be discharged.

Mr. Dowling reported a bill providing for the publication of delinquent lands, advertised for sale for taxes—allowing to printers one dollar per square for 250 ems; which passed to a second reading.

The bill of the Senate providing for the election of Superintendent of the New Albany and Vincennes road by joint ballot, was to hold his office two years, was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr Clements reported a bill for the relief of John B. Coleman and others; passed to a second reading.

Mr Ferguson reported a bill to incorporate the Ohio and Indianapolis Railroad Company—for a road from Jeffersonville to Columbus, and intersecting the Madison and Indianapolis Railroad, at the latter point; which was read twice, when

Mr Mickle moved to amend, by making stockholders individually liable for any excess over the stock paid in, or secured, in proportion to the amount of stock so paid in or secured; which was not adopted—ayes 34, noes 54.

Mr Stapp proposed an amendment, in reference to uniting the Madison Railroad with the one under consideration,

The amendment offered by Mr Stapp was not adopted.

Mr Moore moved to amend, "that the Legislature reserves the right to amend or repeal the charter, at any time."

Before the question was taken, on motion the House adjourned until Friday morning.

Washington Correspondence.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18, 1845.

To the Editors of the Indiana State Sentinel:—[We omit the greater portion of our correspondent's letter of this date, as we have already published the matters to which it relates.—EDS. SENTINEL.]

The resolution under which the printers to the Senate were elected, was as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate proceed to the election of a printer for the Senate of the 29th Congress, and that, if, hereafter, during the term for which the printer is elected, provisions should be made by law for disconnecting the public printing from the newspaper press, and for the establishment of a public printing office, to do the printing of Congress, the printer so elected shall be subject to such regulation as may be made by such law as to his continuance in office, and that the printing be paid for at the rates now established by law, or such rates as may, during the present session, be established by law, or by resolution of the Senate.

The resolution, as thus amended, was adopted; whereupon the Senate proceeded to ballot for printer as follows:

Ritchie and Heiss,	27 votes.
Gales and Seaton,	20 "
Thomas Ritchie,	1 vote.
Jefferson, & Co.,	1 "

So Messrs. Ritchie and Heiss were declared to be duly elected.

Mr. Allen, however, found a chance to offer a resolution, (of which he gave notice on Tuesday, and endeavored to introduce on yesterday,) instructing the President forthwith to notify the government of Great Britain, that at the expiration of twelve months from the time such notice is conveyed to that government, the joint occupation of the Oregon territory will cease. The resolution was read, and, under the rule, lies over.

Mr. Atchison introduced a series of resolutions, instructing the appropriate committees to enquire into the expediency of establishing a territorial government in Oregon, &c.—the expediency of erecting forts and defences on the route to Oregon, and beyond the Rocky Mountains—raising a corps of mounted riflemen to be stationed in that region—organizing the militia in Oregon—granting lands and establishing Indian agencies thereon, and establishing a mail route to said territory. TIMOLEON.

Exhibition of the Students of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum.

One of the most interesting exhibitions that has ever taken place in this city, was witnessed in the Hall of the House of Representatives, on Saturday afternoon last, in presence of the members of the two Branches of the Legislature, and a great number of ladies and gentlemen of this State.

In addition to Mr. Willard, who is continued as a teacher, the trustees have procured the services of Mr. Brown, as Principal of the institution; a gentleman well qualified for the station he occupies. Five large slates were placed on a platform, on one side of the Hall, and a number of classes came forward and gave specimens. Mr. Brown exhibited the books of instruction used in the school, gave leave to the audience to select any page in the book that the scholars had learned, which, when selected, he gave signs to the students of any particular sentence he wished them to write out on their slates, which was immediately put down in writing, with the greatest accuracy. They also gave specimens of their knowledge of geography, which greatly astonished all present; showing a progress equal, and in some respects superior, to advancement in our common institutions of learning.

The most interesting specimens of intellectual culture, were the recital, by means of signs, of several interesting and affecting incidents in history—Mr. Brown interpreting, in words, as the students progressed. This was no cold recitation, for all the expressions of feeling, which such incidents are calculated to inspire, were pictured in the countenances and gestures of the mute students. One incident of history was the settlement of Virginia by Captain Smith; commencing with the emigrants embarking on the perilous ocean, their landing in Virginia: the disaffection towards Smith—his capture by the Indians; his trial and sentence—the club of the sturdy warrior uplifted for his death, and his rescue by Pocahontas—all these were delineated to the life; also, by another student, the incidents connected with the triumph and death of General Wolfe, giving the last scene, where General Wolfe expires in the arms of victory—a scene which the great American artist, Mr. West, has placed upon the canvas, as one of his greatest works—the Bible narrative connected with the death of Abel, was also pictured forth in all its horrors to the audience.

In the conclusion of the exercises Mr. Brown addressed the large audience in behalf of the institution, in a strain of fervid and persuasive eloquence. He remarked truly, that the chief glory of Indiana consisted in her liberal appropriations for the benefit of the deaf and dumb, the lunatic and the unfortunate blind; and to show the effect which these had produced on the public mind; in other sections of the Union, he related a conversation between himself and a staid New Englander, who after hearing him recount what had been done for