

By Messrs Read and Orth; which were severally read and referred.

Reports from Standing Committees.

By Mr. Osborn, from the committee on the judiciary, relative to rights and property of married women; concurred in.

By Mr. Robinson, from the same committee, a bill relative to extending the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in certain criminal cases; concurred in.

By Mr. Barbour, from the same committee, a bill regulating the chancery practice, and recommending that it be indefinitely postponed; not concurred in, and the bill passed to a third reading.

Leave given Mr. Rockhill to introduce a petition; which was laid upon the table.

By Mr. Davis, from the judiciary committee, a bill relative to quieting the title to certain real estate, with an amendment; concurred in, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

By Mr. Hardin, from the committee on education, a bill amending the fifteenth article of the constitution, and the bill passed.

By Mr. Berry of M., from the committee on roads, a bill repealing an act of the legislature, and the bill passed.

On motion of Mr. Milliken, the concurrence in the report of the committee on agriculture on the subject of inquiry into, and remedying the evil now extant in the shape of Doctor's bills, was reconsidered.

The question was then taken on the concurrence in the report, and decided in the negative.

The subject matter was then referred to the judiciary committee.

By Mr. Handy, from the committee on corporations, a bill incorporating the Shelbyville and Greenfield Railroad Company; concurred in.

By Mr. Barbour, from the same committee, a bill incorporating the West Delphi Manufacturing Company; concurred in.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Senate met.

Leave given Mr. Handy to report a bill in reference to a toll bridge in Shelby county; passed.

Leave given Mr. Robinson to make a report of a bill granting to private judges of Decatur county the right to issue writs of habeas corpus; passed.

Leave given Mr. Clements to report a bill vacating certain streets and lots in the town of New London, Daviess county; passed.

Mr. Osborn, on leave, reported a bill for the relief of J. P. Smith, captain of the late army; passed.

Bills Passed.

A bill to vacate certain streets and lots in the town of Georgetown.

A bill improving the roads in Centre township, Dearborn county.

A bill relative to grand jurors in Washington county.

A bill for the relief of Henry Wells.

A bill for the relief of the inhabitants of school districts in the counties of Washington and Orange.

A bill providing for the fees of the auditor of Hancock county.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, JAN. 12.

The joint resolution deprecating parties formed from sectional considerations, and the injurious tendency of the discussion of measures calculated to inflame party and sectional jealousies, was read, and after several ineffectual motions to indefinitely postpone, it was laid on the table for the present.

Mr. Balding entered his protest against the passage of the law for the punishment of seduction. [The reasons alleged were that the law did not permit a proper reparation of the injury. The law was not sufficiently guarded from imposition. The tendency of the law would be injurious.]

The State debt bill with amendments were, on motion of Mr. Secrest, laid on the table until the next day.

The bill to compel corporations to keep up bridges where by their action they obstruct State or county roads, concurred in.

Mr. Meredith moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Messrs. Meredith and Stewart of F., advocated its indefinite postponement. They considered it a bill to oppress companies for internal improvements, but especially the White Water canal company.

A very spirited discussion was maintained between Messrs. Julian, Stewart and Meredith on one side and Messrs. Crookshank and Craven on the other.

The motion to indefinitely postpone was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Dowling, it was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

A large number of bills were ordered to be engrossed, or were referred to committees, and will hereafter appear. The House then adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. Secrest, from the committee on ways and means, reported back the bill providing for the final payment for selecting, comparing, and classifying the lands recently donated by Congress for the completion of the Wabash and Erie canal; the bill passed to a third reading.

Mr. Wolfe, from a select committee, reported back the bill to amend the law as to the duties of executors and administrators in certain cases; laid on the table.

The bill for the reorganization of the militia of the State came up on final passage.

The yeas and nays were called.

Mr. Shields asked to be excused from voting, he said he could not vote for this bill from the fact that he did not know fully its provisions, as it was well known that it had never been read in this House, and he could not give his assent to a bill which he did not fully understand.

Another reason he said was that he had among his constituents those who are conscientiously opposed to bearing arms, and he could see no good reason why they should be burthened in the time of peace with the penalties imposed by this bill. It could answer no good end, but was an unnecessary oppression upon them. He had attempted the other day to have it so amended as to exempt the worthy class of his constituents, but the chairman of the committee on military affairs had moved the previous question, and thereby prevented him from having the bill so shaped as to remove his objections to it, and enable him to give it his support, as he was really anxious to see our militia effectually reorganized. He could not therefore vote upon it in its present form and under the present circumstances, and he hoped he would be excused.

Mr. S. was thereupon excused.

The bill then passed, yeas 66, nays 23.

Messages of the Senate were taken up and passed to their appropriate readings, except the divorce bills, which were promptly rejected.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Ferguson, from 300 citizens of Clark county, praying a change in the Probate law in their county.

Also, a remonstrance from 400 citizens of the same county against any change; both referred to a select committee.

By Mr. Hunt, from William Ingram and others for a State road in LaPorte county; referred to the committee on roads.

By Mr. Stewart of F., from stockholders of the White Water Valley Canal Company praying an increase in their capital stock; referred to the committee on canals.

By Mr. Anthony, from citizens of Floyd county, to amend the law incorporating the New Albany and Corydon Turnpike road; referred to a select committee.

By Mr. Julian, to incorporate the town of Williamsburg; referred to a select committee.

Reports from Standing Committees.

Mr. Hunt, from the committee on education, reported a bill authorizing German citizens to establish common schools under the same laws as the English; which was not ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Julian, from the judiciary committee, reported back the bill authorizing the administrators of Jacob Sinks to sell certain real estate, ordered to be engrossed.

Also, a bill to provide for the election of township assessors and defining the duties of the same, as far as Washington county was concerned, with an amendment making its provisions general.

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INDIANAPOLIS, JANUARY 21, 1847.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21.

Mr. Secrest, on leave, from the committee on ways and means, reported a bill for the purpose of raising revenue for the year 1847, and for the purpose of carrying a tax of twenty-five cents on the hundred dollars valuation and seventy-five cents of a poll tax, and one cent on the hundred dollars valuation, in addition for the deaf and dumb, the Astor for the insane, and for the education of the blind, each; passed to the second reading.

Mr. Hull, on leave, introduced a joint resolution recommending to public patronage the "School Friend," published at Cincinnati.

Mr. Tucker introduced a resolution instructing the committee on canals and internal improvements to inquire into the injuries to the feeder dam near the bluffs, and to report thereon for the purpose of the canal; concurred in.

Mr. Cassat, on leave, introduced a bill supplementary to the bill for the relief of David Burr.

Mr. Stanfield, from the committee on the judiciary, reported a bill to amend the act relating to the impeachment of C. Johnson, judge of the Allen county Probate court, under consideration, and that the committee believed the charges preferred were not sufficiently substantiated to find articles of impeachment against him.

The report was adopted.

The House then went into committee of the whole on the State debt bill, Mr. Miller in the chair.

Mr. Palmer, from a select committee, reported back the bill incorporating the Lafayette Hydraulic Company, which was concurred in.

Mr. Stanfield introduced a resolution to go into the election of State Printer on Thursday at 10 o'clock, the yeas and nays to be taken on the resolution on the table, yeas 42, nays 56.

The resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Secrest introduced a resolution instructing the Judiciary committee to inquire into the expediency of providing for the relief of the disabled and aged soldiers, and perfecting the same committee, in the several courts of record in this State; adopted.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

By Mr. Davis, from the judiciary committee, that it was inexpedient to legislate further upon the subject of granting title to real estate; concurred in.

By Mr. Davis, from the same committee, that it was inexpedient to grant power to notaries public to solemnize marriages; concurred in.

By Mr. Edmonston, from the committee on canals and internal improvements, a bill to amend the act relating to the Wabash and Erie canal; concurred in.

By Mr. Osborn, from the committee on the State Bank, a bill for the relief of the borrowers of the sinking fund and other purposes; concurred in.

By Mr. Norton, from the committee on roads, a bill recommending that it be referred to the committee on roads; concurred in.

By Mr. Murphy, from the same committee, a bill relative to the publication of notices of sheriff's sales; concurred in.

By Mr. Barbour, from the same committee, a bill authorizing the election of prosecutors in the several counties, with amendments; concurred in, and the bill passed.

By Mr. Robinson, from the same committee, a bill authorizing the election of assessors in the several counties, with amendments; concurred in, and the bill passed.

By Mr. Edmonston, from the committee on corporations, a bill incorporating the Wabash Free Bridge Company; concurred in, and the bill passed.

By Mr. Henry, from the same committee, a bill legalizing the acts of the auditor and board of commissioners of Sullivan county; concurred in, and the bill passed.

By Mr. Milliken, from the committee on roads, a bill amending an act establishing a free turnpike road in Jay county; concurred in.

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Mr. Haddleton moved to fill the blank with five millions five hundred and forty-five thousand. Yeas 49, nays 48; so the blank was so filled.

All the amendments adopted in the committee were then adopted by the House.

Mr. Cassat moved to amend by excluding foreign bondholders or trustees from being interested in the transportation of the canal, or the purchase of the lands.