ing the Louisiana Central Railroad Company,' has been irregularly enrolled, and reported without comparing the same enrolled bill with the original; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to return said Louisiana Central railroad bill to the Committee on Enrollment, for the purpose of comparing the same with the original instanter.

The Committee on Commerce and Manufactures made the following report:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND MANUFACTURES, March 1, 1873.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred House bill No. 188, have considered the same, report favorably thereon and respectfully recommend its passage.

C. J. GREENE, Chairman;
SAMUEL THOMAS,
WILLIAM H. DECKER,
S. MARVIN,
T. T. ALLAIN,
WILLIAM PAGE.

Which was received and adopted, and on motion of Mr. Allain, of West Baton Rouge, the bill was ordered to be printed in the journal.

House bill No. 188 reads as follows:

An act to amend and re-enact act No. 71, approved March 16, 1870.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the board of flour inspectors now existing under the provisions of act No. 71, approved March 16, 1870, be and is hereby abolished.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Governor shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, three flour inspectors, who shall hold office for the term of two years, shall give bond in the sum of five thousand dollars each with two sufficient sureties conditioned for the faithful performance of their duties, and their jurisdiction shall extend to the city and port of New Orleans.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That all flour imported or landed at the port of New Orleans shall be inspected by said board of flour inspectors, for the purpose of ascertaining its classification of grading as well as its purity, soundness and weight, and shall be branded by one of said inspectors with their official brand, setting its classification, grade, purity soundness and weight, and for each barrel so inspected or landed at the port of New Orleans, a fee of five cents shall be due and collectible, for the benefit of said board of flour inspectors.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That no other person than one of said inspectors shall be authorized or permitted to inspect any flour so landed or inspected; that neither of said inspectors shall deal, either directly or indirectly, in flour; that all the provisions of said act, approved March 16, 1870, not inconsistent with this act, are hereby continued in force, and all acts or parts of acts inconsistent therewith are hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

The Committee on Charitable and Public Institutions made the following report:

COMMITTEE ON CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS, March 1, 1873.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Public and Charitable Institutions have had under consideration the following petitions asking for aid for their respective institutions, and recommend that the sum of $500 be appropriated for support of Orphans and Widows' Association of the Fire Department of the parish of Jefferson (right bank).

Also, the sum of $500 for the support of the Widows and Orphans' Congregational Society of the parish of Jefferson.

GEORGE DEVEZIN, Chairman.

Which was received and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The Committee on Railroads made the following report:

COMMITTEE ON RAILROADS, March 1, 1873.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Railroads have had under consideration an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Carrollton and Kennerville Railroad Company," and respectfully recommend the passage of the same.

L. J. SOUER, Chairman;
CHARLES W. KEATING,
GEORGE DEVEZIN,
E. W. DEWEES,
WILLIAM H. KEYS.

Which was received and adopted.

Mr. Kern, of Jefferson, moved that House bill No. 151, entitled an act to incorporate the Carrollton and Kennerville Railroad Company, be considered engrossed.

The rules were not suspended, and the bill was placed on the calendar.

Mr. Gair, of East Feliciana, informed the House that he could not find House bill No. 6, and asked that the Committee on Enrollment be authorized to investigate the matter.

The request was granted.

The Committee on Public Health and Quarantine made the following report:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND QUARANTINE, March 1, 1873.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Public Health and Quarantine, to whom was referred House bill No. 150, entitled an act to amend and re-enact act No. 131, entitled an act to authorize all persons who have obtained the proper license to open and keep open, at all business hours of the day, private markets and stands in any part of the city of New Orleans, for the sale of meats, game, poultry, vegetables and fish, approved March 22, 1869, to prescribe the distance that private markets may be established from public markets, to define the duties of the city Administrators in the premises, and to provide a penalty for any violation of the provisions of the act, have had the same under consideration and report unanimously thereon, and recommend that it be indefinitely postponed.

W. G. ELLIOT, Chairman;
S. MARVIN.

Which, on motion of Mr. Demas, of St. John Baptist, was laid on the table.

Mr. Demas, of St. John Baptist, moved that House bill No. 152, entitled an act to amend and re-enact act No. 131, entitled an act to authorize all persons who have obtained the proper license to open and keep open at all business hours of the day private markets, stores and stands in any part of the city of New Orleans for the sale of meats, game, poultry, vegetables, fruits and fresh fish, approved March 22, 1869, to prescribe the distance that private markets may be established from the public markets, to define the duties of the city Administrators in the premises, and to provide a penalty for any violation of the provisions of the act, be considered engrossed.

Mr. Davis, of Orleans, moved to lay that motion on the table.

Lost.

House bill No. 152 was considered engrossed, and, on motion of Mr. Demas, of St. John the Baptist, was ordered to be printed in the journal, which reads as follows:

An act to amend and re-enact act No. 131, entitled an act to authorize all persons who have obtained the proper license to open and keep open at all business hours of the day private markets, stores and stands in any part of the city of New Orleans for the sale of meats, game, poultry, vegetables, fruits and fresh fish, approved March 22, 1869, to prescribe the distance that private markets may be established from the public markets, to define the duties of the city Administrators in the premises, and to provide a penalty for any violation of the provisions of this act.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That act No. 131, approved March 22, 1869, expressed in the above title and in the following words, to wit:

"SEC. 1. That from and after the first day of January, 1869, it shall be lawful for all persons, after they have obtained the license required for retailers of provisions to open and keep open at all proper hours of the day, private market stores and stands in any part of the city of New Orleans, for the sale of meats, game, poultry, vegetables, fruits and fresh fish, subject to the general sanitary ordinances of the City Council.

"SEC. 2. That all laws or parts of laws contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this act be and the same are hereby repealed;" be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

"That from and after the passage of this act it shall be lawful for all persons, after they have obtained the license required by the Board of Administrators of the city of New Orleans, to open and keep open during the regular business hours of the day private markets, stores and stands in any portion of the city of New Orleans, at a distance of not less than ten squares from any of the public markets in said city, for the sale of meats, game, poultry, vegetables and fresh fish, subject to such rules and regulations as the Board of Administrators may prescribe; that it shall not be lawful for any person to establish a private market within ten squares of any of the public markets as aforesaid, after the passage of this act, nor to continue those already established within the limits named; and any person violating these provisions shall forfeit the sum of fifty dollars a day for each and every day of such violation, to be recovered before any court of competent jurisdiction. The Board of Administrators shall cause the removal of all private markets now established, within the prescribed limits, and they are hereby required to place upon each license granted to keep a private market the words: "The owner hereof is not permitted to open a private market within ten squares of any of the public markets in the city of New Orleans under a penalty of the forfeiture of this license, and that no law shall be passed in the future authorizing the establishment of private market, except the proposition be first submitted to the people and they approve of it by a majority of votes."

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws and parts of laws, or ordinances, contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this act be and the same are repealed, and that this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

[The Speaker resumed the chair.]

The Committee on Canals and Drainage made the following report:

COMMITTEE ON CANALS AND DRAINAGE, March 1, 1873.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Canals and Drainage, to whom was referred House bill No. 113, entitled an act giving the city of New Orleans the right to construct a turning bridge across the New Orleans canal at Broad street, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully beg leave to report favorably thereon, and recommend its passage.

Respectfully,

CHARLES MONTALDO, Chairman;
J. ROSS STEWART,
J. CONNAUGHTON,
F. E. HEATH.

Which was received and adopted.

House bill No. 113, entitled an act giving the city of New Orleans the right to construct and maintain a turning bridge across the New Orleans canal at Broad street, was considered engrossed.

Passed its third reading under a suspension of the constitutional rule, and finally passed, title adopted and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Also, the following report:

COMMITTEE ON CANALS AND DRAINAGE, February 24, 1873.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your committee, charged with investigating the affairs, etc., of the Mississippi and Mexican Gulf Ship canal, etc., to whom was referred the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Canals and Drainage are hereby authorized and empowered to investigate the Mississippi and Mexican Gulf and Ship Island Canal Company, and for the purposes thereof the said committee shall have full power to send for persons and papers.

WHEREAS, The expenditures of the city of New Orleans for the so-called drainage have been extraordinary; and

Whereas, In the opinion of the public the same has been in contravention of law, as well as to the serious financial embarrassment of the city; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Canals and Drainage be authorized and directed to examine not only the work performed under the present law, but all the accounts and settlements as made by the late City Council of New Orleans with the drainage company, with power to send for persons and papers, and report by bill or otherwise what action may be necessary in the premises by the General Assembly; and that the said committee, in view of the importance of the investigation, be authorized to employ an expert for a time not exceeding fifteen days, for the purpose of making an immediate report thereon, and what action or remedies may be necessary to protect the interests of the State and city.

Beg leave to report that in pursuance thereof they have made a thorough investigation of the affairs of said company, and find its financial and general condition to be thoroughly fraudulent and bankrupt, which state of affairs has been produced by the criminal practices of the company's officers and its agents. This corporation has violated its charter in various ways, especially however, in going outside of the vested rights and franchises of the corporation in the contracts and other business arrangements that its dealings has imposed upon a confiding public.

Your committee find, from the documentary and other evidence temporarily presented to their view, that the said corporation entered into a contract with the city of New Orleans for the drainage and repair of the levees of the same, and that they have received various moneyed considerations from the said city for the faithful performance of said contract, but by surreptitious and other means the company have botched the said work and otherwise neglected to fulfill their said contract with the city, in obedience to their legal obligations thereto. Further, your committee find that the financial straits of said company, superinduced by the fraudulent practices of its officers and its agents, compelled the said corporation to abandon the execution of its contract, for the pressing demands of the creditors of the company were of such a character that litigation was rapidly forcing the same into bankruptcy; so to save themselves from the lawful demands of their creditors, they made, in the judgment of your committee, a fraudulent and illegal transfer of all the contracts and appurtenances of the said company, including especially the drainage contract with the city of New Orleans, to an alleged preferred creditor, a Mr. Van Norden, president of the Louisiana Savings Bank and Safe Deposit Company, who has taken possession of all the assets, appurtenances and contracts of said corporation, repudiating, however, all of the heretofore liabilities of the company, and to this transaction the city of New Orleans for private reasons, we are advised, has given a quasi consent, so that the drainage of the city might be prosecuted to completion.

This Van Norden transaction, your committee are advised by its expert and solicitor, is illegal, and will not be sustained by the courts of law of the State, in view of the contracts of the said company and its franchises, as well as the rights and privileges of the other creditors of the said company. Independent of this the said corporation have failed to pay their laborers for services done on the said drainage, as well as invalidated the company's obligations to the State of Louisiana for the State aid heretofore granted to said company; and it is questionable whether the city of New Orleans, as one of the principals to said transaction, may not be held or be held, conjointly with the company, to a strict liability for the laborers' wages and materials furnished in the execution of the said drainage contract. Your committee deems that there is another view to be taken of this affair. The State of Louisiana loaned its credit to this corporation, and the State liabilities are now in the hands of innocent purchasers, and the tax-ridden public are responsible for the meeting of these obligations, which the State incurred for the furtherance of a great public enterprise and internal improvement, the successful termination of which would enhance the commerce of its great metropolis. The State was generous in its aid, but the agents of the corporation have perverted and proved false to the trust of the franchises of the State reposed in them. Therefore your committee are unanimously of the opinion that sound public policy and a due economical regard for the interests of the State require that legal steps should be taken immediately by the Attorney General, through the courts of the country, for the maintenance of the State prerogatives, as the first and best creditors of the said company, and if anything should be left from the financial wreck of said corporation, the balance residue thereof should go to the benefit of the unfortunate laborers and artisans who have been such great sufferers by this gigantic swindle. In furtherance of this view, your committee would make public the fact that they learn by an advertisement in the newspapers of New Orleans that some of the State bonds of this company, amounting to nearly $150,000, are to be sold at public auction immediately for the benefit, as we are advised, of some fraudulent preferred creditor of the said corporation, hence we hope the General Assembly will immediately enact the accompanying law so that the said bonds and other liabilities can be legally proceeded against for the benefit of the State. In conclusion, your committee regret their inability, for want of time, to further lay bare the monstrous outrages and criminal actions of this company, but in view of the facts presented and the premises considered, they ask for the enactment of the accompanying act into a law, as affording the only and best means to protect the State from the effect of this swindle and the future preservation of the State franchises from corrupt and unreliable corporations. All of which is respectfully submitted, by order of the committee.

CHARLES MONTALDO, Chairman;
F. E. HEATH,
J. CONNAUGHTON,
J. ROSS STEWART.

Which was received.

Under a suspension of the rules, Mr. Montaldo, of Orleans introduced House bill No. 294, entitled joint resolution authorizing and requiring the Attorney General to immediately commence, on behalf of the State of Louisiana, a suit at law or in equity, or otherwise, against the Mississippi and Mexican Gulf Ship Canal and Drainage Company, and for other purposes.

Passed first and second readings under a suspension of the constitutional rules, and placed on the calendar.

The Committee on Judiciary made the following report:

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, March 1, 1873.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill No. 171, offered by Mr. Benham, of Carroll, entitled an act to regulate the duties of district attorneys pro tem. and to abolish the office of parish attorney, report favorably thereon.

T. G. DAVIDSON,
WILLIAM KERN,
GEORGE C. BENHAM,
C. J. GREENE.

Received and adopted, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed.

Also, the following report:

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, March 1, 1873.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

The undersigned, of Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill No. 187, respectfully report favorably thereon, and append the bill hereto to appear in the minutes, as it is brief and contains matter of importance, as amending the Code of Practice.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL HAHN, Chairman;
T. G. DAVIDSON,
GEORGE C. BENHAM,
WILLIAM KERN,
C. J. GREENE.

Received and adopted, and the bill ordered to be printed in the journal.

House bill No. 187 reads as follows:

An act entitled an act to amend and re-enact article four hundred and eighty-eight of the Code of Practice of Louisiana.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That article four hundred and eighty-eight of the Code of Practice of Louisiana be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"The party excepting to the opinion of the court must draw a bill of exception, in which the question of fact or of law on which such opinion has been demanded shall be concisely set forth, as well as the grounds of the exception so taken. But when the matter, question of fact or of law which has been objected to by either party to the cause during the progress of the trial thereof, and such objection shall have been overruled by the court, and the matter, question of fact or of law, the objection thereto and the action of the court thereon, appearing from the notes or minutes or entries made by the clerk, or appearing from the papers or documents constituting the record or transcript of the cause, it shall not be necessary to draw up and present any bill of exceptions, but that all questions raised and made to appear as aforesaid may be presented and argued in the appellate court in the same manner as if a bill of exceptions had been taken to to the ruling of the court and had been allowed and filed thereon."

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Also, the following report:

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, March 1, 1873.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill No. 181, "authorizing the funding of the floating debt of the city of New Orleans," etc., respectfully report favorably thereon, with the following amendments:

Prefixing the customary form of enactment to the several sections.

In section four, line six, instead of "December," say "November or December."

Same section and line, instead of "pass," say "pass or include in."

Same section, line seven, instead of "special tax," say "taxation."

Same section, tenth line, instead of "one-fiftieth," say "not less than one-fiftieth."

MICHAEL HAHN, Chairman;
T. G. DAVIDSON,
GEORGE C. BENHAM,
WILLIAM KERN,
C. J. GREENE.

With the following amendments to House bill No. 181, entitled an act authorizing the funding of the floating debt of the city of New Orleans, empowering said city to negotiate and sell bonds of the new consolidated debt; providing for the interest and sinking fund and redemption of said new consolidated debt, and exempting the same from taxation; defining what the city of New Orleans shall receive in payment of taxes; limiting the power of the city to incur indebtedness, and prohibiting the issue of any bonds but those of the new consolidated debt, which were adopted:

Preixing the customary form of enactment to the several sections.

In section four, line six, instead of "December," say "November or December."

Same section and line, instead of "pass," say "pass or include in."

Same section, line seven, instead of "special tax," say "taxation."

Same section, line ten, instead of "one-fiftieth," say "not less than one-fiftieth."

On motion of Mr. Allain, of West Baton Rouge, the bill was considered engrossed as amended, passed its third reading, under suspension of the constitutional rules, and finally passed, title adopted, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

Mr. Connaughton, of Rapides, gave notice that he would on some future day introduce the following bill:

An act authorizing and directing the State engineer to make a survey of the falls on Red river, near Alexandria, and providing for the manner and means for the construction of a breakwater at said point, and for the protection of the town of Alexandria, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

According to previous notice, the following bills were introduced, which passed first and second readings under suspension of the constitutional rules, and referred to their appropriate committees:

By Mr. Rodrigues, of Orleans:

House bill No. 205, entitled an act to incorporate the Jerusalem Mutual Benevolent Association of New Orleans, Louisiana.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Ward, of Grant:

House bill No. 206, entitled an act authorizing the assessment and collection of a special tax of $12,000 to build a courthouse and jail in the parish of Grant.

Referred to the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

By Mr. Sartain, of Carroll:

House bill No. 207, entited an act to amend and re-enact sections one and two, and to repeal sections four, five, six and seven of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections one and two, and to repeal section three of an act entitled an act to provide pensions for the veterans of 1814 and 1815, or their widows, according to the requirements of article 121 of the constitution of 1868, and to create a commission to ascertain who are the widows of deceased veterans of 1814 and 1815, and who are the veterans of those years who have not heretofore been awarded a pension by law, and providing compensation for said commission and their clerks, approved March 16, 1870.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Bryant, of East Baton Rouge:

House bill No. 208, entitled an act providing for contestants for office withdrawing their suits of contest from the courts of the State, and for other purposes.

Which passed its third reading under a further suspension of the constitutional rules, finally passed, title adopted and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Keating, of Caddo:

House bill No. 209, entitled an act to appropriate and apportion the college donation land fund to and among certain designated colleges.

Referred to the Committee on Education, and ordered to be printed.

By Mr. Hahn, of St. Charles:

House bill No. 210.

Referred to the Committee on Education, and ordered printed in journal, which reads as follows:

Joint resolution placing bonds bought with proceeds of Agricultural College scrip in the joint custody of Auditor of Public Accounts and State Treasurer, and creating a commission to report on location and organization of one or more agricultural colleges.

SECTION 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That it is hereby made the duty of the commissioners appointed under the act passed March 6, 1869, accepting on the part of Louisiana the grant of land scrip made by Congress to the several States and Territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts, to deliver to the joint custody of the Auditor of Public Accounts and the Treasurer of the State all bonds and securities purchased by them with the proceeds of said scrip, and all the papers in their possession pertaining to the same. Upon making settlement of their official trust satisfactory to the Auditor of Public Accounts, the said commissioners shall be discharged from further duties or responsibilities under the act authorizing their appointment.

SEC. 2. Be it further resolved, etc., That five commissioners shall be appointed by the Governor of the State, who shall examine and report to the General Assembly, at its next regular session, as to the location of the college or colleges, and also a plan of organization, with authority to receive proposals for donations of lands, buildings or money for the use of said institution or institutions.

SEC. 3. Be it further resolved, etc., That said commissioners shall be paid their actual traveling expenses while actually engaged in the discharge of the duties herein stated, provided the same shall not exceed three hundred dollars for each commissioner; and the sum of one thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the payment of the expenses incurred by said commission. The Auditor of Public Accounts shall warrant on the State treasury for the amount herein appropriated, on the order of the chairman of the commission, attested by the secretary, said chairman and secretary to be selected from the commission.

SEC. 4. Be it further resolved, etc., That these resolutions shall take effect from and after their passage.

Mr. Allain, of West Baton Rouge, moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 178, entitled an act to facilitate traffic in and through the streets of the city of New Orleans, by constituting portions of certain existing or contemplated lines of street railroads trunk roads; to prescribe regulations for the establishment or construction of said trunk roads; to define, limit or extend the rights of way and other privileges heretofore granted by the corporation of the city of New Orleans to certain street railroad companies, and for other purposes, was postponed until Monday.

Carried.

On motion of Mr. Allain, of West Baton Rouge, the bill was read the third time and finally passed, title adopted, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Davidson, of Livingston, acting chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, reported favorably on House bill No. 153, entitled an act to repeal act No. 94, approved March 7, 1868, entitled an act to incorporate Amite City, in the parish of St. Helena, and all amendments thereto, and to repeal act No. 203, approved October 30, 1868, entitled an act supplemental to an act to incorporate Amite City, in the parish of St. Helena, and all amendments thereto; and on motion the bill was considered engrossed, and passed its third reading under a suspension of the constitutional rules, and finally passed, title adopted and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Benham, of Carroll, moved that the House resolve itself into committee of the whole, to consider the appropriation bill.

Lost.

BILLS FROM THE SENATE.

The following Senate bills were taken up, and passed their several readings under suspension of constitutional rules:

Senate bill No. 124, entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to organize, arm and equip a uniform militia, approved April 5, 1870, substitute for Senate bill No. 89.

Finally passed, title adopted, and notice of concurrence ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Senate bill No. 125, entitled an act for the relief of the public schools of the city of New Orleans from debt, to more effectually provide for fundinding the same, and declaring the construction of section thirteen of act No. 74 of 1872, and to regulate the levy of school tax for 1873.

Finally passed, title adopted, and notice of concurrence ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Senate bill No. 96, entitled an act to incorporate the New Orleans University.

Finally passed, title adopted, and notice of concurrence ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Senate bill No. 137, entitled an act to change the name of Charles A. W. Milchsack to that of Charles A. W. Milthack.

Also, Senate bill No. 100, entitled an act to establish a steam ferry at Grand Ecore, Louisiana.

The bills finally passed, titles adopted, and notice of concurrence ordered to be sent to the Senate.

The following Senate bills passed their first and second readings, under suspension of the constitutional rules, and referred:

Senate bill No. 119, entitled an act for the relief of the homestead of the late Lieutenant Governor O. J. Dunn, and making an appropriation therefor, and for other purposes.

Referred to committee of the whole.

Senate bill No. 118, entitled an act to incorporate the Shreveport Savings Bank and Trust Company.

Referred to Committee on Banks and Banking.

Senate bill No. 108, entitled an act providing for the establishment of parish official journals throughout the State, defining the character and description of work they shall be entitled to perform, and fixing the price thereof, substitute for Senate bill No. 23.

Referred to Committee on Printing.

Senate bill No. 28, entitled an act to provide for a full and prompt payment of the members, officers and employes of the Metropolitan Police by authorizing the issuance of additional warrants to make up losses which may hereafter be sustained by members, officers and employes by reason of the depreciation of Metropolitan Police warrants; to make such warrants so to be issued for discount receivable for taxes by and chargeable (pro rata) to the general corporations of the Metropolitan Police District, and to provide a penalty for refusal to receive the same, and to limit the power of the Board of Police Commissioners to issue such additional warrants, was read the first time, and, on motion of Mr. Montaldo, of Orleans, was made the special order of the day for Monday at one o'clock, and ordered to be printed in the journal.

Senate bill No. 28 reads as follows:

An act to provide for a full and prompt payment of the members, officers and employes of the Metropolitan Police, by authorizing the issuance of additional warrants to make up losses which may hereafter be sustained by members, officers and employes by reason of the depreciation of Metropolitan Police warrants; to make such warrants so to be issued for discount receivable for taxes, by and chargeable (pro rata) to the general corporations of the Metropolitan Police district, and to provide a penalty for refusal to receive the same, and to limit the power of the Board of Police Commissioners to issue such additional warrants.

WHEREAS, The act creating the Metropolitan Police force provided for and contemplated the payment of the members, officers and employes thereof in currency, and from a variety of causes they have not been so paid, but have been paid in paper known as "Metropolitan Police warrants," which warrants have been at a discount, varying from two to forty per cent, and the price realized from the sale of said warrants is an inadequate and insufficient compensation for the arduous duties of a policeman, while it materially interferes with the efficiency of the force;

Whereas, It is but just and proper that the members, officers and employes of the said police force should be paid in full the several sums provided for by law; therefore

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That so long as the said Metropolitan Police warrants shall be at a discount in the money market of the city of New Orleans, it shall be lawful for the Board of Metropolitan Police, and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue monthly to each and every member, officer and employe of the police, in payment for services rendered, a warrant for a sum sufficient to realize in currency the amount severally due said members, officers and employes at the annual rate as is severally provided for in sections 2281, 2285 and 2286, Revised Statutes of 1870; provided that the amount due each member, officer or employe of said police force shall be subject to the deductions for neglect of duty, disobedience of orders, etc., ordered by the Board of Police Commissioners, in accordance with section 2302 of the Revised Statutes of 1870.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That for the purposes of securing uniformity in the allowance for the amount of discount to which said police warrants may be subjected, the average discount of said warrants in the city of New Orleans for the last fifteen days of each month, is hereby declared to be the allowance which shall be given to each member, officer and employe of the Metropolitan Police force.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That the sums allowed as discount to the members, officers and employes of the Metropolitan Police force shall be chargeable (pro rata) to the several corporations comprising the Metropolitan Police District, and the same shall become a debt against each of said corporations, in addition to the sum assessed, and made final against said corporations by the Board of Police Commissioners on the sixteenth day of October, 1872, and that in any future assessments made by the Board of Police Commissioners against the several corporations comprising the Metropolitan Police District, any discount to which said warrants may be subject shall be a legal and proper charge against the said corporations comprising the Metropolitan Police District so long as it may be necessary to issue said warrants, and no longer.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That all warrants for discount issued to the members, officers and employes of the Metropolitan Police force shall be and the same are hereby made receivable for all parish and municipal licenses and taxes within the limits of the Metropolitan Police District, to wit: The parishes of Orleans, Jefferson and St. Bernard, and the cities of New Orleans and Carrollton; and that any parish or municipal officer who shall refuse to receive said warrants as aforesaid for discount, as herein provided, for the payment of taxes and licenses due to the officers of said parishes or cities comprising the Metropolitan Police District, shall, with sureties on his official bond, be liable in solido to the party or parties offering therein, in all actual damages sustained by such party or parties, and in exemplary damages for at least double the amount of taxes or licenses so refused to be received.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That whenever the Mayors of New Orleans and Carrollton, and the police juries of the parishes of St. Bernard and Jefferson shall pay in money to the State Treasurer, as provided by law, any portion of the said amount chargeable against the said corporations for police purposes, and shall notify the Board of Police Commissioners of the same, it shall be the duty of the said Police Commissioners to pay the said money, when turned over to them, pro rata to the members, officers and employes of the said police force, at the next monthly settlement with the members, officers and employes of the police; provided, the money in hand shall be sufficient to pay not less than ten per cent of the amount due each of the members, etc., of said police.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of the Board of Police Commissioners, in making their annual report to the Governor, to set forth a statement of the amount of warrants issued to the members, officers and employes of the police force for discount under the provision of this act.

SEC. 7. Be it further enacted, etc., That all acts and parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 8. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners shall have power and authority to reorganize the police force of the Metropolitan Police District by removing and dismissing such officers and men as said board may elect; provided, that the board shall reorganize the force within thirty days from and after the passage of this act.

SEC. 9. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

HOUSE BILLS ON THIRD READING.

House bill No. 160, entitled an act abolishing the offices of master and wardens of the port of New Orleans, and of harbor masters for said port, and the boards constituted thereof, and transferring their functions to a board of port commissioners for the city of New Orleans, and reducing official fees one-half, substitute for House bill No. 28, was taken up.

Mr. Montaldo, of Orleans, moved the indefinite postponement of the bill.

On which the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hahn, of St. Charles, and Davidson, of Livingston, resulting as follows:

Yeas—Allain, Armstead, Antoine, Baker, Bowman, Boyd, Blackstone, Boatner, Barrow, Carey, Cousin, Demas, R. R. Davis, Decker, Devezin, Dejoie, Dayries, Dewees, Elliot, Greene, Gair, Heffner, Hubeau, M. Jones, Kenyon, Mayo, Murrell (Latourche), Murrell (Madison), Mahoney, Montaldo, Marie, Page, Paris, Rodrigues, Stewart, Sartain, Sutton, Thomas, Tureaud, Worthy, Washington, Wiggin, Ward, Young—44.

Nays—Armstead, Benham, Connaughton, Davidson, Grant, Guichard, Hill, Hahn, Kirkmam, Kern, Martinet, Mathews, Peyton, Rochon, Snaer, Southard, Sewell, Williams, Wilson, Wands—20.

The bill was indefinitely postponed.

[Mr. Gair, of East Feliciana, in the chair.]

The following bills were read the third time:

House bill No. 109, entitled an act requiring the parish court of the parish of Iberia to be open daily for the trial of rules, and other purposes.

Also, House bill No. 81, entitled an act to create, locate, make and open a new public road on the eastern side of the Bayou Teche, parish of St. Mary.

Also, House bill No. 128, entitled an act to confer upon the justices of the peace of the second ward of the parish of Iberia additional powers.

Also, House bill No. 56, entitled an act to open the mouth and remove obstructions in the Bayou Plaquemine, and to improve the navigation of the same.

And were finally passed, titles adopted, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Under a suspension of the rules, Mr. Mahoney, of Plaquemines, introduced House bill No. 211, entitled an act to incorporate the New Orleans, Barataria and Plaquemines Railroad and Canal Company.

Passed first and second readings under suspension of constitutional rules, and referred to Committee on Railroads.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

SENATE CHAMBER, March 1, 1873.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by the Senate to inform your honorable body that it has concurred in the following bill, viz:

House bill No. 177, establishing four municipal police courts in the city of New Orleans, with amendments to which it asks your concurrence.

Yours respectfully,

WALTER REGAN,
Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Kenyon, of Iberville, moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 56 finally passed.

[The Speaker resumed the chair.]

Mr. Barrow, of Orleans, moved to lay the motion on the table.

Lost.

The motion to reconsider recurring, was carried.

Mr. Kenyon, of Iberville, then moved that House bill No. 56, entitled an act to open the mouth and to remove obstructions in the Bayou Plaquemine, and to improve the navigation of same, be indefinitely postponed.

On which, Mr. Young, of Concordia, moved the previous question.

The main question was ordered on the indefinite postponement of the above bill, which was carried.

On motion of Mr. Montaldo, of Orleans, Senate bill No. 119 was withdrawn from committee of the whole.

Mr. Montaldo, of Orleans, then moved that the rule be suspended whereby this bill would be required to be considered in committee of the whole.

Carried.

On motion of Mr. Souer, of Avoyelles, the bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, with instructions to report on next Monday.

The Committee on Enrollment made the following report:

COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT, March 1, 1873.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your committee beg leave to report as having been duly engrossed the following bill, viz:

House bill No. 191, an act incorporating the Crescent City Sanitary Company for sanitary purposes in the city of New Orleans, and granting rights and privileges therein.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN GAIR, Chairman.

Mr. Dewees, of Red River, called up the following Senate amendments to House bill No. 177, an act establishing four municipal police courts in the city of New Orleans, and defining the jurisdiction and others thereof, and repealing all laws establishing recorders' courts, and providing for the transfer of the records from the recorders' courts to the municipal police courts, and for other purposes, which were agreed to, and notice of concurrence ordered to be sent to the Senate.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Grant, of Morehouse, called up House bill No. 187, entitled an act to allow planters to grant certain privileges, and providing a penalty for the non-compliance therewith, which was considered engrossed.

Passed its third reading under suspension of the constitutional rules, and finally passed, title adopted, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Benham, of Carroll, offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The session of the General Assembly is now rapidly drawing to a close; and

Whereas, There is a large amount of unfinished business on the calendar; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the Chair to act with a committee of three to be appointed by the Senate to examine the calendars of the House and Senate, and to report not later than Tuesday, March 4, to their respective bodies such bills as they may deem vital to pass, and that the bills so reported be made a preference over all other business; be it further

Resolved, That the Senate be notified at once of this action, in order that the committee be appointed as provided in the above resolutions.

Lies over under the rules.

Under suspension of the rules, Mr. Montaldo, of Orleans, introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses is hereby authorized to issue a certificate to James Cozzens for services rendered as page of the House during the regular session of 1873, to be paid out of the contingent expenses of the House of Representatives.

Under a suspension of the rules Mr. Blackstone, of Natchitoches, called up House bill No. 53, entitled an act relative to juries in and for the State of Louisiana; to determine the qualification of jurors; to prescribe the manner and fix the time of drawing juries; to designate the persons to draw the same; to exempt certain persons from serving as jurors; to give the district judges certain discretionary powers; to provide for and prescribe the manner of summoning talesman jurors; to require clerks of the district courts to give certificates to jurors in certain cases, and to perform certain other duties; and to provide for summoning jurors and to compel their attention.

Reported by the Judiciary Committee, with the following amendments, which were adopted:

Section three, line five, after the word "State," insert "the parish of Orleans excepted."

Section four, line five, after the word "State," insert the parish of Orleans excepted."

Section five, line five, after the word "State," insert "the parish of Orleans excepted."

Section seven, line three, after the word "court," insert "except in the parish of Orleans."

Section eleven, line three, after the word "courts," insert "except in the parish of Orleans."

Section fourteen, line five, after the word "repealed," insert "as far as so conflicting."

Mr. Keating, of Caddo, offered the following amendment, which was adopted:

SEC. 14. Be it further enacted, etc., That any persons not being duly qualified jurors, and who may have been selected as such to serve in any parish of this State, shall serve as such until the expiration of their terms, according to existing laws, as if no change had been made by the passage of this act.

On motion, the bill was considered engrossed, as amended, and passed its third reading under suspension of the constitutional rules, and finally passed, title adopted, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Dejoie, of Orleans House bill No. 69 was made the special order of the day for Monday at one o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Grant, of Morehouse, House bill No. 130, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section one of act No. 36 of 1871, and to provide for the election of police juries in this State, was taken up.

Mr. Sartain, of Carroll, moved that the bill be printed in the journal and made the special order of the day for Monday at 2 P. M.

Mr. Allain, of West Baton Rouge, moved that further consideration of the bill be postponed until next Tuesday.

Lost.

Mr. Grant, of Morehouse, moved the final passage of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Tureaud, of St. James, the House adjourned until next Monday, at 11 A. M.

WILLIAM VIGERS,
Chief Clerk.

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