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means of prevention, the great city of New Orleans, and the outbreak of the late war, has been protected to a very great extent from visitations of yellow fever. At the same time, the means of prevention have been most rigidly enforced the city was occupied by large numbers of perfectly unaccustomed persons. These enjoyed here, for the first time, the means of prevention of these very measures of prevention, a degree of health not inferior to that which they enjoyed in the more temperate climate of their native land, and as a result, the plague has never displayed its usual virulence and power. It is in evidence that those years in which sanitary measures have been most thoroughly enforced the yellow fever has been most entirely controlled. It is in the judgment of your committee, that these measures of precaution should be extended and enforced more widely and rigidly than they are at present. The committee of the Board of Health should be organized into acts of the General Assembly. It is not here out of place to refer to the fact that the means of prevention of the State during the past few years, and to its exceedingly unmanageable character. This disease seems to be less dependent on its nature than on the other, and is hereby authorized and directed to issue immediately a certificate to the clerk of the special committee appointed to investigate the affairs of the school funds, for sixty days of the regular session of A. D. 1874, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, and that the Speaker is hereby authorized and directed to sign the same.

Mr. Devain, of Orleans, called up the following resolution: Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue immediately a certificate to the clerk of the special committee appointed to investigate the affairs of the school funds, for sixty days of the regular session of A. D. 1874, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, and that the Speaker is hereby authorized and directed to sign the same.

Mr. Dr. Wands, of Tangipahoa, called up the following resolution, which was adopted: Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue immediately a certificate to the clerk of the special committee appointed to investigate the affairs of the school funds, for sixty days of the regular session of A. D. 1874, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, and that the Speaker is hereby authorized and directed to sign the same.

Mr. Guichard, of St. Bernard, moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 292, entitled an act regulating the manner of making assessments throughout the State; creating a State board of equalization and a parish board of review; defining the duties of said boards, and of assessors; collectors, district attorneys, and the Auditor and Governor under this act; fixing the compensation of assessors and collectors; regulating assessments in and for the city of New Orleans, and prohibiting said city from making assessments hereafter; limiting the application of the doctrine of prescription; repealing a part of section two of act No. 42 of 1871; allowing mortgages to redeem lands sold for taxes; requiring collectors to distribute surplus; regulating fees and costs of sheriffs and clerks of courts; fixing penalties on delinquent taxes; defining the duties and powers of collectors and sheriffs in making seizures; relating to appeals in tax suits and repealing acts inconsistent therewith, was passed, and to lay that motion on the table.

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By unanimous consent the following bills were introduced, passed their first and second readings under suspension of the constitutional rules and considered engrossed: House bill No. 431, entitled an act relative to the assessment and collection of State taxes imposed for the payment of the bonds of the State and the principal and interest of the State debt by virtue of any law passed prior to the first of January, 1874, and to repeal all laws requiring or authorizing the Governor, Auditor or Treasurer to set apart funds in the State treasury for the payment of any bonds issued by the State prior to the first of January, 1874.

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The motion to postpone was lost. The House refused to suspend the rules to place the bill on third reading. The following bills passed their several readings under suspension of the constitutional rules: Senate bill No. 385, entitled an act to limit the fees of the district attorney for the parish of Orleans.

Also, Senate bill No. 421, entitled an act to amend an act to incorporate the town of Mansura, in the parish of Avoyelles, approved March 13, 1870. The bills finally passed, titles adopted, and notice of same ordered sent to the Senate.

Senate bill No. 384, entitled an act to limit the fees of the clerk of the First District Court for the parish of Orleans. Passed first and second readings under suspension of the constitutional rules. The bill finally passed, title adopted and notice ordered sent to the Senate.

On motion, Senate bills Nos. 464 and 465 were laid on the table, subject to call. Senate bill No. 463, entitled an act proposing an amendment to the constitution of the State of Louisiana, changing the day for holding the general election, passed its first and second readings under suspension of the constitutional rules.

Mr. Hahn, of St. Charles, moved to refer to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications. Mr. Southard, of Ouachita, moved to lay that motion on the table. Carried. On the motion to suspend the rules the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hahn, of St. Charles, and Souer, of Avoyelles, resulting as follows:

Yeas—Allain, Armistead, Bowman, Bryant, Baker, Boyd, Blackstone, Boatner, Barrow, Carey, Carr, Cousin, Demas, Davidson, D. C. Davis, R. R. Davis, Dejeu, Desazant, Dejeu, Dejeu, Desazant, Estlette, Fernandez, Forstall, Grant, Harris, Heffner, Humble, Hill, Hahn, P. Jones, Johnson, Kenyon, Kern, D. King, Keys, L. King, Lewis, Landry, Little, Marvin, Murrell, Lafourche, Mahoney, May, Marie, Mathews, Nichols, Peyton, Price, Prevost, Paris, Raby, Rochon, Souer, Sawyer, Stewart, Sartain, Sner, Simms, Southard, Sutton, Swell, Thrahan, Thomas, Tureaud, Thompson, Vickers, Williams, J. P. Wilson, D. Wilson, Washington, Ward, Wands, Young—64.

Nays—Bickham, Guichard, Hahn, Heath, V. O. King, Lewis, Moreland, Norris, Price, Simms, Vickers—11. The constitutional rules were suspended and the bill read the third time. On the final passage of the bill, according to the requirements of the constitution, the yeas and nays were called, with the following result:

Yeas—Armistead, Antoine, Bryant, Boyd, Blackstone, Boatner, Barrow, Carey, Carr, Cousin, Demas, Davidson, D. C. Davis, R. R. Davis, Dejeu, Desazant, Dejeu, Desazant, Estlette, Fernandez, Forstall, Grant, Harris, Heffner, Humble, Hill, Hahn, P. Jones, Johnson, Kenyon, Kern, D. King, Keys, L. King, Lewis, Landry, Little, Marvin, Murrell, Lafourche, Mahoney, May, Marie, Mathews, Nichols, Peyton, Price, Prevost, Paris, Raby, Rochon, Souer, Sawyer, Stewart, Sartain, Sner, Simms, Southard, Sutton, Swell, Thrahan, Thomas, Tureaud, Thompson, Vickers, Williams, J. P. Wilson, D. Wilson, Washington, Ward, Wands, Young—67.

Nays—Bickham, Guichard, Hahn, Heath, V. O. King, Lewis, Moreland, Norris, Price, Simms, Vickers—17. The bill finally passed, title adopted and notice of same ordered sent to the Senate. Under a suspension of the rules, Mr. Grant, of Morehouse, introduced House bill No. 456, entitled an act to authorize parishes, cities and towns to subscribe to the stock of certain railroad companies by the issuance of bonds, and prescribing the manner in which the payment of said bonds shall be provided for by said parishes, cities and towns; prescribing the duties of certain officers under the provisions of this act, and fixing penalties for the non-performance of duty by the officers therein named.

Passed first and second readings under suspension of the constitutional rules, and calculated for a third reading. Senate bill No. 273, entitled an act to repeal and re-enact sections 2760 and 2761 of Ray's Revised Statutes. And Senate bill No. 463, entitled an act prescribing penalties upon outgoing tax collectors for refusal to turn over State property, rolls, etc., or in any way interfere with the new appointed collectors, and for other purposes.

Passed third reading under a suspension of the constitutional rules, and finally passed, titles adopted, and notice of same ordered sent to the Senate. The following Senate bills passed their several readings under suspension of the constitutional rules and finally passed, titles adopted, and notice of the same ordered sent to the Senate, viz:

Senate bill No. 406, entitled an act to regulate the disbursement of moneys collected by the tax collectors under the law on judgments against the several parishes throughout the State. Also, Senate bill No. 445, entitled an act to change the name of Fannie Justine Kenner, of Orleans parish, to Fannie Justine Kenner, and to authorize R. M. J. Kenner and his wife, Dulesue V. Kenner, of said parish, to adopt the minor, Fannie Hutton.

Also, Senate bill No. 374, entitled an act for the relief of Mrs. Virginia C. Burke, sole heir and testamentary executrix of her father, the late John Alexander, providing for the issue of duplicates of bonds lost or stolen from said John Alexander. Mr. Martinet, of St. Martin, moved to reconsider the vote on the passage of House bill No. 374.

Mr. Grant, of Morehouse, moved to lay the motion on the table. Carried. Also, Senate bill No. 361, entitled an act to incorporate the Native Ladies' Benevolent and Mutual Aid Association of New Orleans, Louisiana. Also, Senate bill No. 351, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to fix the terms of the district courts in the Thirteenth Judicial District, approved March 5, 1873.

Also, Senate bill No. 391, entitled an act to incorporate the Bayou Lafourche Railroad Company. Also, Senate bill No. 278, entitled an act to encourage the building of steamboats and other water craft in the State of Louisiana. Also, Senate bill No. 446, entitled an act to incorporate the Rising Star Society for mutual protection.

Also, Senate bill No. 456, entitled an act to enable planters, merchants, traders and others to pledge and pawn cotton, sugar, and other agricultural products, to merchants, factors and others, and to confer a pledge by the transmission of a bill of lading or carrier's receipt by mail or other carrier. Also, Senate bill No. 235, entitled an act authorizing the sale of property by tax collectors for delinquent taxes, and providing for redemption of same, and requiring the Auditor of Public Accounts to make title in the name of the State and regulating the proceedings under same, prohibiting the issuing of injunctions in certain cases, and fixing the time of prescription of actions of nullity of title at tax sales, and for other purposes.

Also, Senate bill No. 367, entitled an act to remodel and renew the charter, extend and define the boundaries and to limit and the better to define the duties and powers of the corporate authorities of the town of Homer, in the parish of Claiborne, and to repeal all conflicting laws or parts of laws. Also, Senate bill No. 433, entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act chartering the Monroe, Bastrop and Arkansas Railroad Company, defining the powers and duties of said company and authorizing the company to issue its bonds and to mortgage the property of the company to secure the payment thereof, and authorizing the sale or consolidation of said railroad, approved April 10, 1873, and changing the name of said railroad company.

Also, Senate bill No. 332, entitled an act relative to the Workingmen's Bank, a corporation organized under the general banking law of the State of Louisiana constituting it a body politic. Also, Senate bill No. 337, entitled an act to incorporate the Alexandria, Midland and Camden Railway Company, and to authorize the parishes, cities and towns on or near the line of said company's railway to aid in the construction thereof. Also, Senate bill No. 414, entitled an act to incorporate the Longshoremen's Protective Union Benevolent Association No. 2, of the city of New Orleans and State of Louisiana.

Senate bill No. 437, entitled an act authorizing Alice Douglas and Emma Douglas to sue the State, was read the first time and placed on the calendar. Senate bill No. 390, entitled an act relative to crimes and offenses, was read the first time, and on motion of Mr. Demas, of St. John the Baptist, further consideration was postponed until the evening session. Senate bill No. 366, entitled an act to facilitate the taking of testimony, was placed on its first reading.

Mr. Martinet, of St. Martin, moved the indefinite postponement of the bill. On which the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Montaldo, of Orleans, and Davidson, of Livingston, resulting as follows: Yeas—Allain, Armistead, Bowman, Bryant, Baker, Boyd, Blackstone, Boatner, Barrow, Carey, Carr, Cousin, Demas, Davidson, D. C. Davis, R. R. Davis, Dejeu, Desazant, Dejeu, Desazant, Estlette, Fernandez, Forstall, Grant, Harris, Heffner, Humble, Hill, Hahn, P. Jones, Johnson, Kenyon, Kern, D. King, Keys, L. King, Lewis, Landry, Little, Marvin, Murrell, Lafourche, Mahoney, May, Marie, Mathews, Nichols, Peyton, Price, Prevost, Paris, Raby, Rochon, Souer, Sawyer, Stewart, Sartain, Sner, Simms, Southard, Sutton, Swell, Thrahan, Thomas, Tureaud, Thompson, Vickers, Williams, J. P. Wilson, D. Wilson, Washington, Ward, Wands, Young—65.

Nays—Bickham, Guichard, Hahn, Heath, V. O. King, Lewis, Moreland, Norris, Price, Simms, Vickers—11. The bill was indefinitely postponed. Senate bill No. 423, entitled an act incorporating the New Orleans Sanitary Excavating Company in the city of New Orleans, and granting rights and privileges thereto. Passed first and second readings under suspension of the constitutional rules. Under a further suspension of the constitutional rules the bill passed its third reading, and on its final passage the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Montaldo, of Orleans, and Page, of Iberville, resulting as follows:

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Nays—Bickham, Guichard, Hahn, Heath, V. O. King, Lewis, Moreland, Norris, Price, Simms, Vickers—17. The bill finally passed, title adopted and notice of same ordered sent to the Senate. The decision of the Chair was sustained. Mr. Young, of Concordia, called the previous question. The main question was ordered and section seven was struck out. Mr. Allain, of West Baton Rouge, moved the passage of the bill. Mr. Martinet, of St. Martin, moved to lay that motion on the table. On which the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hahn, of St. Charles, and Estlette, of St. Landry, resulting as follows:

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Nays—Bickham, Guichard, Hahn, Heath, V. O. King, Lewis, Moreland, Norris, Price, Simms, Vickers—17. The bill was indefinitely postponed. On the motion of Mr. Barrow, of Orleans, the House concurred in Senate amendment to House bill No. 96, entitled an act for the relief of L'Acenir, a newspaper published in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana. Senate bill No. 470, entitled an act for the acceptance by the Louisiana Live-Stock Company of a reduction of the rate of certain taxes to be collected as compensation to said company from four mills to three mills.

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