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SENATE.

Thirteenth Day's Session.

SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, January 19, 1875.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Hon. C. C. Antoine, Lieutenant Governor of the State and President of the Senate.

The Senators on roll call were as follows:

Present—Messrs. Alexander, Allen, Blunt, Breaux, Brewster, Burch, Cage, Chadbourn, Crozier, Detiege, Dumont, Greene, Harper, Kelso, Masicot, Pollard, Twitchell, Wharton, Whitney, Young—20.

Absent—Messrs. Anderson, Blackburn, Eustis, George, Gla, Grover, Herwig, Kelly, Landry, Ogden, Robertson, Stamps, Stevens, Sypher, Weber, White—16.

The President announced that there was a quorum present.

Prayer by the chaplain.

The Secretary commenced to read the journal.

On motion of Mr. Young, the further reading of the journal was dispensed with, and the journal corrected and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Brewster, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to be entitled an act to authorize and empower Frederic G. Hudson, an emancipated minor, to practice law before any of the courts of this State.

The bill was read the first time, the constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote, the bill was read the second time, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Stamps:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the government of the city of New Orleans, and the administration of the affairs thereof, and to repeal act No. 7 of the General Assembly of Louisiana, session of 1870. Also, providing for the election of Aldermen and Assistant Aldermen, Mayor, Administrator of Finance, Administrator of Accounts, City Engineer and City Attorney, detailing their several duties, and regulating the levy and the abolition of licenses and wharfages, the reduction and the collection of taxes for said city.

On motion of Mr. Stamps the bill was read the first time.

The constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote, the bill was read the second time and ordered to be printed in 200 copies, and referred to the Committee on Corporations and Parochial Affairs.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Greene:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, That only those members of the Senate and House of Representatives who have attended the regular meetings of the General Assembly shall be paid their mileage and per diem, and then only for the days actually serving.

Lies over.

By Mr. Greene:

Resolution fixing a day of *sine die* adjournment of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, In view of the disturbed and unsettled condition of affairs in this State, and the poverty and inability of the taxpayers to settle their dues; and

Whereas, The public interest requires and demands that the expenditures of the present year should be curtailed, and the rate of taxation greatly reduced; therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, that February 5, 1875, should be fixed as the day of *sine die* adjournment of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana.

Lies over.

Also, by Mr. Greene:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, That the general appropriation bill for the year 1875 shall have passed both houses of the General Assembly on the third of February, 1875, and in a condition to receive the signature of the Governor.

Lies over.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Blunt:

Resolved by the Senate in regular session convened, That each and every member who was returned by the Returning Board and whose election was officially promulgated, and who have been duly sworn in as a member of this Senate, be and is hereby confirmed in their seats.

Lies over.

By Mr. Wharton:

Resolved, That no special committees shall be appointed which shall in any manner interfere with the duties of any standing committee, but this resolution shall in no manner relate to the creation of joint special committees.

Lies over.

ADJOURNMENT REFUSED.

Mr. Chadbourn moved to adjourn.

On being duly seconded, and on call of the yeas and nays by two Senators, the Senate refused to adjourn by the following vote:

Yeas—Alexander, Anderson, Brewster, Cage, Chadbourn, Dumont, Masicot, Stamps, Sypher, Twitchell, Wharton, Whitney—12.

Nays—Allain, Blunt, Breaux, Burch, Crozier, Detiege, Gla, Greene, Harper, Kelso, Landry, Pollard, Weber, Young—14.

Absent—Blackburn, Eustis, George, Grover, Herwig, Kelly, Ogden, Robertson, Stevens, White—10.

On motion of two Senators the Senate went into executive session.

Executive session having been raised, the following Senators answered to their names:

Present—Messrs. Alexander, Anderson, Allain, Blunt, Breaux, Brewster, Burch, Cage, Crozier, Detiege, Dumont, Gla, Greene, Harper, Herwig, Kelso, Landry, Pollard, Sypher, Twitchell, Wharton, Whitney, Young—23.

Absent—Messrs. Blackburn, Chadbourn, Eustis, George, Grover, Kelly, Masicot, Ogden, Robertson, Stamps, Stevens, Weber, White—13.

The President announced a quorum present.

Mr. Breaux offered the following motion:

I move that the committee appointed to investigate the Board of Levee Commissioners and the Louisiana Levee Company be and are hereby specially requested to ascertain the amount of cash received by the Levee Company, the number of cubic yards of levee built, and the amount paid therefore; that committee report the result of these investigations ten days from and after the adoption of the motion.

Mr. Cage moved to postpone the consideration of the motion till to-morrow, after reading the minutes.

On call of the yeas and nays, the Senate voted to postpone by the following vote:

Yeas—Anderson, Burch, Cage, Chadbourn, Crozier, Detiege, Dumont, Greene, Harper, Herwig, Masicot, Pollard, Stamps, Twitchell, Whitney, Young—16.

Nays—Blunt, Breaux, Gla, Landry, Sypher, Weber, Wharton—7.

Absent—Messrs. Alexander, Allain, Blackburn, Brewster, Eustis, George, Grover, Kelly, Kelso, Ogden, Robertson, Stevens, White—13.

The President declared the motion postponed.

Mr. Wharton asked for unanimous consent to take up a resolution offered by him this morning, as above, relative to special committees.

Unanimous consent was obtained and the resolution taken up.

Mr. Wharton moved to adopt the resolution.

On call of the yeas and nays by two Senators, the Senate voted to adopt the resolution by the following vote:

Yeas—Anderson, Allain, Burch, Cage, Chadbourn, Crozier, Detiege, Greene, Harper, Landry, Masicot, Pollard, Stamps, Sypher, Twitchell, Wharton, Whitney—17.

Nays—Blunt, Breaux, Weber, Young—4.

Absent—Alexander, Blackburn, Brewster, Dumont, Eustis, George, Gla, Grover, Herwig, Kelly, Kelso, Ogden, Robertson, Stevens, White—15.

Mr. Wharton moved to reconsider the vote just taken, and moved to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was adopted.

Mr. Chadbourn moved that the vote taken yesterday, by which the following resolution, offered by Mr. Whitney, was adopted, be reconsidered:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed by the President of the Senate, who, when appointed, shall proceed at once to an investigation of the Board of Levee Commissioners and Louisiana Levee Company.

Resolved, That the committee shall have power to send for persons and papers, and report by bill or otherwise. The investigation shall be made without expense to the State.

Mr. Whitney moved to table the motion to reconsider.

Mr. Wharton moved to adjourn.

Mr. Detiege made the point of order that the motion to table was in order.

As the roll had been ordered to be called on the motion to table, the President did not sustain the point of order, but put the question for adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Wharton, as aforesaid, the Senate voted to adjourn.

The President, in the chair, then announced that the Senate stood adjourned to meet at 12 M. Wednesday, the twentieth day of January, A. D. 1875.

P. E. BECHTEL,
Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Fourteenth Day's Proceedings.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, New Orleans, January 20, 1875.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Speaker Hahn in the chair.

The roll was called and the following members answered to their names:

Speaker Hahn and Messrs. Armstead, Butler, Baker, Carville, Crawford, Connaughton, Cousin, Drury, Davidson, Dewees, De Lacey, Dickenson, Demas, Guichard, Grant, Gracien, Hill of Ascension, Hill of Ouachita, Hubeau, Hunsaker, Jourdain, Johnson of Caddo, Johnson of De Soto, Jones of Point Coupee, Keating, Lowell, Levisse, Mathews of Tensas, Murrell, Milon, Marie, Parker, Pierson, Poindexter, Pile, Randall, Ridgely, Raby, Stewart, Sutton, Southard, Snaer, Sartain, Souer, Tyler, Triplett, Thomas, Ward, Wright, Yorke.

Fifty-one members present.

No quorum.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, of Jefferson, the Sergeants-at-Arms were despatched after absent members.

On motion of Mr. Dewees, of Red River, the House was adjourned until ten minutes after twelve o'clock, to-morrow.

WILLIAM VIGERS,
Chief Clerk.

THE SENATE YESTERDAY.

Fourteenth Day's Session.

SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, January 20, 1875.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Hon. C. C. Antoine, Lieutenant Governor of the State and President of the Senate.

The Senators on roll call were as follows:

Present—Messrs. Alexander, Anderson, Blunt, Breaux, Burch, Chadbourn, Crozier, Detiege, Dumont, Gla, Greene, Harper, Kelso, Landry, Pollard, Stamps, Twitchell, Weber, Whitney, Young, Brewster—21.

Absent—Messrs. Allain, Blackburn, Cage, Eustis, George, Grover, Herwig, Kelly, Masicot, Ogden, Robertson, Steven, Sypher, Wharton, White—15.

The President announced that there was a quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Secretary commenced to read the journal.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, the further reading of the journal was dispensed with, and the journal carrected and approved.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The President announced the appointment of the following special committee: Messrs. Whitney, Gla, Breaux, to investigate the Board of Levee Commissioners and Louisiana Levee Company.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. Detiege:

Resolved, That the Committee on Metropolitan Police be and is hereby requested and instructed to inquire into and investigate the affairs of the Board of Metropolitan Police of the city of New Orleans, said committee to have power to send for persons and papers.

Lies over.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The motion of Mr. Breaux, as follows, was taken up:

I move that the committee appointed to investigate the Board of Levee Commissioners and the Louisiana Levee Company be and are hereby specially requested to ascertain the amount of cash received by the Levee Company, the number of cubic yards of levee built, and the amount paid therefore: that committee report the result of these investigations ten days from and after the adoption of this motion.

Mr. Detiege moved that the motion to instruct the special committee made by Mr. Breaux, be referred to the standing committee of the Senate on Lands and Levees.

Mr. Twitchell offered the following amendment to be added, "at which time the special committee shall submit their final report."

Mr. Allain raised the point of order, that having adopted the resolution of Mr. Wharton on yesterday, as follows:

Resolved, That no special committees shall be appointed which shall in any manner interfere with the duties of any standing committee, but this resolution shall in no manner relate to the creation of joint special committes.

Therefore the special committee could not take cognizance of the matter about being referred to them as "instructions."

The President held that the standing committee would have the cognizance of all matter within their scope, in preference to special committees, but the Senate is the judge as what are the duties of the standing committee in this matter.

Mr. Young moved that the whole subject matter be laid on the table.

On call of the yeas and nays the Senate refused to table by the following vote:

Yeas—Alexander, Anderson, Allain, Blackburn, Burch, Chadbourn, Crozier, Detiege, Gla, Masicot, Pollard—11.

Nays—Alexander, Blunt, Breaux, Brewster, Cage, Dumont, Greene, Harper, Herwig, Kelso, Landry, Sypher, Stamps, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton, Whitney, Young—18.

Absent—Eustis, George, Grover, Kelly, Robertson, Steven, White—7.

The amendment of Mr. Twitchell was adopted by unanimous consent.

The President announced that the pending question was to commit the whole subject matter to the Committee on Lands and Levees.

On call of two Senators, the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Senate refused to commit by the following vote:

Yeas—Allain, Burch, Detiege, Stamps, Young—5.

Nays—Alexander, Anderson, Blackburn, Blunt, Breaux, Brewster, Cage, Chadbourn, Crozier, Dumont, Gla, Greene, Harper, Kelso, Landry, Masicot, Pollard, Sypher, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton, Whitney—22.

Absent—Eustis, George, Herwig, Kelly, Ogden, Robertson, Steven, White, Grover—9.

The President declared the adoption of the motion was pending, as amended.

[Mr. Brewster in the chair.]

On call of the yeas and nays by two Senators, the Senate voted to adopt the motion:

Yeas—Anderson, Alexander, Brewster, Blunt, Breaux, Cage, Crozier, Gla, Greene, Harper, Kelso, Landry, Masicot, Pollard, Sypher, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton—18.

Nays—Allain, Blackburn, Burch, Detiege, Stamps, Whitney, Young—7.

Absent—Chadbourn, Dumont, Eustis, George, Herwig, Kelly, Ogden, Robertson, Steven, White, Grover—11.

The chairman declared the motion was adopted.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The veto of the bill to be 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.

Mr. Whitney moved that the bill do now finally pass, the veto to the contrary notwithstanding.

Mr. Wharton moved to commit the whole subject matter to the Committee on Railroads.

Messrs. Burch and Anderson raised the question that there was no precedent for the action of committing a veto message.

The Chair held that the bill could not be referred same as any bill.

Mr. Greene moved to table the motion to commit.

On call of the yeas and nays the Senate voted to lay the motion on the table by the following vote:

Yeas — Alexander, Anderson, Allain, Blunt, Breaux, Brewster, Burch, Cage, Chadbourn, Detiege, Dumont, Gla, Greene, Harper, Herwig, Kelso, Masicot, Pollard, Stamps, Whitney, Young—21.

Nays—Landry, Sypher, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton—5.

Absent — Chadbourn, Crozier, Eustis, George, Grover, Kelly, Ogden, Robertson, Steven, White—10.

The chairman declared that the question pending was the motion of Mr. Whitney to pass the bill, the veto to the contrary notwithstanding.

The bill was being read at length when Mr. Twitchell moved that the further reading be suspended, and the bill be postponed till next Saturday at two o'clock.

Mr. Burch called for a division of the question.

The President divided the question, the Senate divided, and the motion to suspend the reading was adopted: the Senate again divided and the motion to postpone as aforesaid was adopted.

NOTICE OF BILLS.

By Mr. Greene:

Of a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of the current expenses for the year 1875.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

Mr. Herwig, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution, which was taken up:

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives concurring, That the joint committee to examine the Auditor's and Treasurer's books be and they are hereby authorized to employ such clerical assistance as, in their judgment, may be necessary to secure a thorough and exhaustive examination, and that the committee be authorized to send for persons and papers.

Mr. Detiege moved to add to the resolution the words "without expense to the State."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Allain.

Mr. Wharton moved to table the motion to amend.

Tabled.

The President announced the pending question to be the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Burch moved to add after the word "examination" "that the number of clerks to be employed shall not exceed four."

Mr. Sypher suggested "five" instead of "four."

Mr. Burch so amended his motion as not to exceed "five" competent clerks.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cage moved to adopt the resolution as amended.

The President declared that the motion to adopt was in order.

On call of two Senators the Senate went into executive session.

Executive session being raised, the following were the number present and absent of the Senators:

Present—Messrs. Anderson, Allain, Blunt, Breaux, Brewster, Burch, Cage, Chadbourn, Crozier, Dumont, Gla, Greene, Harper, Herwig, Kelso, Landry, Masicot, Pollard, Stamps, Sypher, Weber, Wharton, Whitney, Young—24.

Absent—Messrs. Alexander, Blackburn, Detiege, Eustis, George, Grover, Kelly, Ogden, Robertson, Steven, Twitchell, White—12.

The President announced a quorum present and that the pending question was to adopt the resolution as amended.

Mr. Allain raised the question that the law of 1872 provided, in case special committees and standing committees are in need of clerks, other than certain committees named in the law, that the clerks should come from the Committee on Enrollment, and could not be appointed by the Senate committee.

Mr. Burch raised the question that the law had reference to the standing committees of the Senate.

The President decided that the appointment of clerks by the Senate committees, when authorized by the Senate, would be legal.

Mr. Cage moved the previous question, which was duly seconded.

On call of the yeas and nays the Senate voted to order the main question by the following vote:

Yeas—Anderson, Allain, Breaux, Burch, Cage, Gla, Greene, Harper, Herwig, Kelso, Landry, Masicot, Pollard, Sypher, Weber, Wharton, Whitney—17.

Nays — Blunt, Chadbourn, Detiege, Stamps, Young—5.

Absent — Alexander, Blackburn, Brewster, Crozier, Dumont, Eustis, George, Kelly, Ogden, Robertson, Steven, Twitchell, White, Grover—14.

The President announced that the main question had been ordered, that no debate was in order—the motion for the adoption of the resolution made by Mr. Cage, as amended, was pending.

Under the operation of the previous question the resolution was adopted as amended, by the following vote on call of the yeas and nays:

Yeas—Anderson, Blunt, Breaux, Burch, Cage, Gla, Geeene, Harper, Herwig, Kelso, Landry, Masicot, Pollard, Sypher, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton, Whitney, Young—19.

Nays — Allain, Chadbourn, Detiege, Stamps—4.

Absent—Alexander, Blackburn, Brewster, Crozier, Dumont, Eustis, George, Kelly, Ogden, Robertson, Steven, White, Grover—13.

Mr. Detiege moved to adjourn.

On call of the yeas and nays the Senate refused to adjourn by the following vote:

Yeas—Anderson, Allain, Brewster, Crozier, Detiege, Kelso, Young—7.

Nays—Blunt, Breaux, Burch, Chadbourn, Cage, Dumont, Gla, Greene, Harper, Herwig, Landry, Masicot, Pollard, Stamps, Sypher, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton, Whitney—19.

Absent—Alexander, Blackburn, Eustis, George, Grover, Kelly, Ogden, Robertson, Steven, White—10.

Mr. Young moved to reconsider the vote taken on adoption of the resolution of Mr. Herwig relative to clerks.

Mr. Young claiming to hold the floor for debate yielded it to Mr. Detiege.

Mr. Cage raised the point of order that there was no question before the Senate that had been stated by the Chair.

The President declared the point well taken; that when the motion was made the question should be put.

The President put the question and decided that the question for reconsideration was then pending.

Mr. Whitney moved to table the motion to reconsider.

The President stated the question to table.

Messrs. Young and Detiege called for executive business.

Mr. Burch raised the point of order, that the Senate could not go into executive session but once on one bill or resolution under rule sixteen, and that the same resolution was under debate when the Senate went executive session before, and that the same resolution is now pending on motion to reconsider when the motion is made to go into executive session.

The President did not sustain the point of order, as the resolution had been disposed of, and the question was on reconsideration of the vote now pending, another question had been raised, and this was the first call for executive session under this question.

The Senate went into executive session.

Executive session having been raised, the following Senators answered to their names:

Present—Messrs. Anderson, Allain, Blunt, Breaux, Brewster, Burch, Cage, Dumont, Gla, Greene, Harper, Herwig, Kelso, Landry, Masicot, Pollard, Stamps, Sypher, Weber, Wharton, Whitney, Young—22.

Absent—Messrs. Alexander, Blackburn, Chadbourn, Crozier, Detiege, Eustis, Grover, George, Kelly, Ogden, Robertson, Steven, Twitchell, White—14.

The President announced a quorum present.

The pending question was to table the motion to reconsider.

On call of the yeas and nays the Senate voted to lay on the table the motion to reconsider, as follows:

Yeas—Anderson, Blunt, Breaux, Burch, Cage, Dumont, Gla, Greene, Harper, Herwig, Kelso, Landry, Masicot, Pollard, Sypher, Weber, Wharton, Whitney—18.

Nay—Stamps—1.

Absent—Alexander, Allain, Blackburn, Brewster, Chadbourn, Crozier, Detiege, Eustis, George, Grover, Kelly, Robertson, Steven, Twitchell, Young—16.

On motion of Mr. Cage, as aforesaid, the Senate voted to adjourn.

The President, in the chair, then announced that the Senate stood adjourned to meet at twelve o'clock M. Thursday, the twenty-first day of January, A. D. 1875.

OFFICIAL.

Laws of the United States, Passed at the First Session of the Forty-Third Congress.

[GENERAL NATURE—No. 80.]

An act conferring jurisdiction upon the criminal court of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the criminal court of the District of Columbia shall have jurisdiction of all crimes and misdemeanors committed in said District, not lawfully triable in any other court, and which are required by law to be prosecuted by indictment or information.

SEC. 2. That the provisions of the thirty-third section of the judiciary act of seventeen hundred and eighty-nine shall apply to courts created by act of Congress in the District of Columbia.

Approved June 22, 1874.

[GENERAL NATURE—No. 86.]

An act to constitute Montgomery, in the State of Alabama, a port of delivery.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Montgomery, in the State of Alabama, shall be, and is hereby constituted a port of delivery, within the collection district of Mobile; and there shall be appointed a deputy collector of customs, to reside at said port, who shall receive a salary, to be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars per annum.

Approved June 22, 1874.

[GENERAL NATURE—No. 84.]

An act for the relief of settlers on railroad lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in the adjustment of all railroad land grants, whether made directly to any railroad company or to any State for railroad purposes, if any of the lands granted be found in the possession of an actual settler whose entry or filing has been allowed under the preemption or homestead laws of the United States subsequent to the time at which, by the decision of the land office, the right of said road was declared to have attached to such lands, the grantees, upon a proper relinquishment of the lands so entered or filed for, shall be entitled to select an equal quantity of other lands in lieu thereof from any of the public lands not mineral and within the limits of the grant not otherwise appropriated at the date of selection, to which they shall receive title the same as though originally granted. And any such entries or filings thus relieved from conflict may be perfected into complete title as if such lands had not been granted; provided, that nothing herein contained shall in any manner be so construed as to enlarge or extend any grant to any such railroad or to extend to lands reserved in any land grant made for railroad purposes; and provided further, that this act shall not be construed so as in any manner to confirm or legalize any decision or ruling of the Interior Department under which lands have been certified to any railroad company when such lands have been entered by a preemption or homestead settler after the location of the line of the road and prior to the notice to the local land office of the withdrawal of such lands from market.

Approved June 22, 1874.

[GENERAL NATURE—No. 78.]

An act to legalize entries of public lands under the homestead laws in certain cases.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases of entries of public lands heretofore made under the act entitled "an act to secure homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain," approved May twentieth, eighteen hundred and sixty two, where the affidavit required by section two of said act was made before the clerk of the county of the residence of the person making the entry, without having first made the settlement and improvement required by the provisions of section three of the act entitled "an act amendatory of the homestead law, and for other purposes," approved March twenty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, said affidavits be, and the same are hereby legalized and confirmed, so as to have the same force and validity as if the provisions of the said last named act had been strictly complied with: provided, that nothing in this act shall have the effect or be construed to impair the valid and paramount adverse rights of any person or corporation to any of such lands, except in so far as the right of Congress to protect the claims or rights of homestead settlers upon lands within the limits of grants of lands to any railroad company may have been reserved in the acts making such grants and be now lawfully existing.

Approved June 22, 1874.

[GENERAL NATURE—No. 98.]

An act to protect persons of foreign birth against forcible constraint or involuntary servitude.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whoever shall knowingly and willfully bring into the United States, or the Territories thereof, any person inveigled or forcibly kidnapped in any other country, with intent to hold such person so inveigled or kidnapped in confinement or to any involuntary service, and whoever shall knowingly and willfully sell, or cause to be sold, into any condition of involuntary servitude, any other person for any term whatever, and every person who shall knowingly and willfully hold to involuntary service any person so sold and bought, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and, on conviction thereof be imprisoned for a term not exceeding five years and pay a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars.

SEC. 2 That every person who shall be accessory to any of the felonies herein declared, either before or after the fact, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and on conviction thereof be imprisoned for a term not exceeding five years and pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.

Approved June 23, 1874.

[GENERAL NATURE—No. 67.]

An act to create two additional land districts in the State of Kansas.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the western portion of the State of Kansas, included as follows, to wit, commencing at the northeast corner of township ten of range sixteen, and running thence west to the western boundary of the State; thence south, along said boundary line, to the fourth standard parallel; thence east, along said parallel line, to the southeast corner of Rush county; thence north to the place of beginning, be, and hereby is, constituted a new land district, to be called the western land district.

SEC. 2. That all the western portion of the State of Kansas, included as follows, to wit, commencing at the northeast corner of Barton county, and running thence west to the northwest corner of said county; thence south to the southwest corner of said county; thence west along the fourth standard parallel to the western boundary of the State; thence south along said boundary line to the southern boundary of the State; thence east along said boundary line to the southeast corner of Barbour county; thence north to the place of beginning, be, and hereby is, constituted a new land district, to be called the Arkansas Valley land district; and shall, in addition, include in the district the lands lying in Rice and Reno counties.

SEC. 3. That the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, is hereby authorized to appoint a register and a receiver for each of said districts who shall discharge like and similar duties and receive the same amount of compensation allowed to other officers discharging like duties in the other land offices of said State.

Approved June 20, 1874.

Joint resolution providing for a change in the name and title of the agent and consul general of the United States at Alexandria.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the name and title of the agent and consul general of the United States at Alexandria shall, from the passage of this joint resolution, be "agent and consul general of the United States at Cairo."

Approved January 8, 1874.

Joint resolution providing for the termination of the treaty between the United States and His Majesty the King of the Belgians, concluded at Washington, July seventeenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.

WHEREAS, It is provided by the seventeenth article of the treaty between the United States of America, on the one part, and His Majesty the King of the Belgians, on the other part, concluded at Washington on the seventeenth day of July, anno Domini eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, that "the present treaty shall be in force during ten years from the date of the exchange of the ratifications, and until the expiration of twelve months after either of the high contracting parties shall have announced to the other its intention to terminate the operation thereof, each party reserving to itself the right of making such declaration to the other at the end of the ten years above mentioned, and it is agreed that, after the expiration of the twelve months prolongation accorded on both sides, this treaty and all its stipulations shall cease to be in force;" and

Whereas, It is no longer for the interest of the United States to continue the said treaty in force; therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notice be given of the termination of said treaty according to the provisions of the said seventeenth article thereof for such termination, and the President of the United States is hereby authorized to communicate such notice to the government of the Kingdom of Belgium.

Approved June 17, 1874.

[GENERAL NATURE—No. 87.]

An act to prevent hazing at the Naval Academy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases where it shall come to the knowledge of the superintendent of the Naval Academy, at Annapolis, that any cadet midshipman or cadet engineer has been guilty of the offense commonly known as hazing, it shall be the duty of said superintendent to order a courtmartial, composed of not less than three commissioned officers, who shall minutely examine into all the facts and circumstances of the case and make a finding thereon; and any cadet midshipman or cadet engineer found guilty of said offense by said court shall upon recommendation of said court be dismissed; and such finding, when approved by said superintendent, shall be final; and the cadet so dismissed from said Naval Academy shall be forever ineligible to reappointment to said Naval Academy.

Approved June 23, 1874.

[GENERAL NATURE—No. 95.]

An act to protect lines of telegraph constructed or used by the United States from malicious injury or obstruction.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person or persons who shall willfully or maliciously injure or destroy any of the works or property or material of any telegraphic line constructed and owned, or in process of construction, by the United States, or that may be hereafter constructed and owned or occupied and controlled by the United States, or who shall willfully or maliciously interfere in any way with the working or use of any such telegraphic line, or who shall willfully or maliciously obstruct, hinder, or delay the transmission of any communication over any such telegraphic line, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction thereof in any district court of the United States having jurisdiction of the same, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than one thousand dollars, or with imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years, or with both, in the discretion of the court.

Approved June 23, 1874.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

Martin Soye vs. Joseph Dowery.

SIXTH DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH of Orleans, No. 7193.—By virtue of a writ of seizure and sale to me directed by the honorable the Sixth District Court for the parish of Orleans, in the above entitled cause, I will proceed to sell at public auction, at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, Royal street, between Canal and Customhouse streets, in the Second District of this city, on SATURDAY, February 6, 1875, at twelve o'clock M., the following described property, to wit—

A CERTAIN LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon, and all the rights, ways, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, situated in the late Suburb Delord, in the First District of this city, in the square bounded by Bauxite (late Bacchus), Carondelet (late Apollo), Calliope and Delord streets, and measuring twenty-three feet ten inches front on Delord street, twenty two feet eight inches seven lines in width in the rear by one hundred and thirty-one feet five lines deep on the dividing line of lot number three, and one hundred and thirty-two feet four inches five lines on the dividing line of lot number five, English measure. Being the same property acquired by the defendant herein by purchase from plaintiff herein by an act passed before Edgar Grima, notary public in this city on the fourth day of September 1872.

Seized in the above suit.

Terms—1. In cash for a sufficient amount to pay plaintiff's claim, say the sum of two thousand dollars, with interest thereon at eight per cent per annum from the fourth day of September, 1872, until the day of sale; five per cent attorney's fees and all costs of suit. 2. The purchaser to assume to the extent of the amount of his bid the payment of four promissory notes, secured by mortgage on the property above described, drawn by defendant to his own order, and indorsed by himself, dated on the fourth day of September, 1872, each for the sum of five hundred dollars, two payable at three years after date, and two payable at four years after date, and bearing interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum from date until paid. 3. And the balance of the price of adjudication, if any, cash on the spot.

EUGENE WAGGAMAN,
Civil Sheriff of the Parish of Orleans.

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Smithson H. Davis vs. John G. Wire.

SIXTH DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF Orleans, No. 7127.—By virtue of a writ of seizure and sale to me directed by the honorable the Sixth District Court for the parish of Orleans, in the above entitled cause, I will proceed to sell at public auction, at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, Royal street, between Canal and Customhouse streets, in the Second District of this city, on SATURDAY, February 6, 1875, at twelve o'clock M., the following described property, to wit—

A CERTAIN LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon, and all the rights, ways, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in the late Suburb Delord, in the First District of this city, in the square bounded by Bauxite (late Bacchus), Carondelet (late Apollo), Calliope and Delord streets, and measuring twenty-three feet ten inches front on Delord street, twenty two feet eight inches seven lines in width in the rear by one hundred and thirty-one feet five lines deep on the dividing line of lot number three, and one hundred and thirty-two feet four inches five lines on the dividing line of lot number five, English measure. Being the same property acquired by the defendant herein by purchase from plaintiff herein by an act passed before Edgar Grima, notary public in this city on the fourth day of September 1872.

Seized in the above suit.

Terms—1. In cash for a sufficient amount to pay plaintiff's claim, say the sum of two thousand dollars, with interest thereon at eight per cent per annum from the fourth day of September, 1872, until the day of sale; five per cent attorney's fees and all costs of suit. 2. The purchaser to assume to the extent of the amount of his bid the payment of four promissory notes, secured by mortgage on the property above described, drawn by defendant to his own order, and indorsed by himself, dated on the fourth day of September, 1872, each for the sum of five hundred dollars, two payable at three years after date, and two payable at four years after date, and bearing interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum from date until paid. 3. And the balance of the price of adjudication, if any, cash on the spot.

EUGENE WAGGAMAN,
Civil Sheriff of the Parish of Orleans.

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John A. Watkins vs. William W. Divine.

FIFTH DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF Orleans, No. 6254.—By virtue of a writ of seizure and sale to me directed by the honorable the Fifth District Court for the parish of Orleans, in the above entitled cause, I will proceed to sell at public auction, at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, Royal street, between Canal and Customhouse streets, in the Second District of this city, on TUESDAY, February 23, 1875, at twelve o'clock M., the following described property, to wit—

A CERTAIN LOT, with all the buildings and improvements thereon, etc., situated in the Suburb Saulet, in square bounded by St. Charles, Prytania, Clio and Erato streets, and being lot number twenty-five on a plan drawn by Zimpel, late surveyor, on the twenty-seventh of January, 1832, and measuring twenty-nine feet front on St. Charles street, by one hundred and thirty-five feet three inches four lines deep, between parallel lines; acquired from A. W. Hunter by act before S. Magner, late a notary public in this city, on the thirteenth of June, 1870.

THREE LOTS OF GROUND, and the improvements thereon, etc., situated in the Fourth District, in square bounded by St. Charles, Pleasant, Carondelet and Harmony streets, and being lots numbers eight, nine and ten, on a plan in the office of S. Magner, late a notary public in this city, as plan number one hundred and seventeen; said lots measure each thirty feet front on Carondelet street, by one hundred and twenty feet in depth, between parallel lines; acquired from R. M. Denman, by act before said Magner, notary, dated fifteenth of February, 1867.

A CERTAIN LOT OF GROUND, with the buildings and improvements thereon, etc., situated in the Fourth District, in square bounded by Washington, Sixth, St. Patrick and St. Denis streets, forming a corner of Sixth and St. Patrick streets, and measuring thirty feet front on Sixth street by one hundred and nineteen feet in depth and front on St Patrick street, between parallel lines. Acquired from A. Rohpitsch, by an act before A. Mazureau, late a notary public in this city, dated eighteenth September, 1868.

A SQUARE OF GROUND and improvements thereon, etc., situated in Faubourg Bouligny, now a part of the Sixth District, and being square No. 43, on a plan of said faubourg by C. F. Zimpel, late surveyor, on the eighth of March, 1834, deposited in the office of the late L. T. Caire, notary public in this city. Said square is bounded by Upperline, Lyon, Perrier and Plaquemine streets, and measures two hundred and one feet six inches front on Upperline street, two hundred feet front on Lyon street, twenty-two feet eight inches front on Perrier street, and forty-nine feet four inches front on Plaquemine street. Acquired from the heirs of P. E. Meader, by act before J. F. Coffey, notary public, dated tenth of July, 1859.

Seized in the above suit.

Terms—Cash on the spot.

EUGENE WAGGAMAN,
Civil Sheriff of the Parish of Orleans.

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Dr. P. R. Plussant vs. W. H. Campbell.

FOURTH DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH of Orleans. No. 40,120—By virtue of a writ of seizure and sale directed by the honorable the Fourth District Court for the parish of Orleans, in the above entitled cause, to W. P. Harper, late sheriff, and by said late sheriff to me transferred, I will proceed to sell at public auction, at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, Royal street, between Canal and Customhouse streets, in the Second District of this city, on SATURDAY, February 20, 1875, at twelve o'clock M., the following described property, to wit—

THREE CERTAIN LOTS OF GROUND, with all the buildings and improvements thereon, situated in the Sixth District of this city, late city and parish of Jefferson, in square number fifty or three hundred and thirty six, new plan, and bounded by Perrier, Prytania, General Taylor and Constantinople streets, the said portion of ground measuring ninety feet front on Perrier street, by one hundred feet in depth, and is composed of lots numbers twenty, twenty-one and twenty-two, as per plan of said faubourg, which property was acquired by the defendant herein by purchase from John Moylan, per act passed before F. E. Earhart, notary public in this city, on February 9, 1874.

Seized in the above suit.

Terms—Cash on the spot.

EUGENE WAGGAMAN,
Civil Sheriff of the Parish of Orleans.

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Peter Callery vs. Dr. P. J. Poelman.

SIXTH DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH of Orleans. No. 6982.—By virtue of a writ of fieri facias to me directed by the honorable the Sixth District Court for the parish of Orleans, in the above entitled cause, I will proceed to sell at public