

that in most of the States of the Union have found it necessary to remove their seats from their principal towns.

Our predecessors followed this example, and established the State capital at Baton Rouge, a point accessible from all parts of the State, and which would become still more so when the railroads now chartered are completed.

I therefore recommend that authority be given to employ one or more competent persons to examine the building, and report its condition, and the cost of repairing it.

IMMIGRATION. The European war, in addition to its disastrous effect of depressing the price of cotton, has caused the suspension of the Hamburg steamship line to New Orleans, and interrupted for a time, the Bremen line.

During the last year, the Commissioners of Emigration have published largely in the Northern States and in Great Britain, and it is their intention to send a competent agent to Europe as soon as the war shall have terminated.

During the autumn there has been a large influx of laboring population from the Northwestern States.

LAKE BORGNE CANAL. Since the last session of the Legislature work on the Mississippi and Mexican Gulf or Lake Borgne Canal has been prosecuted with great vigor.

RECOMMENDATION AS TO THE NECESSITY OF AMENDING THE LAW RELATIVE TO PUBLIC PRINTING.

When the act in relation to the matter was passed, the State was in no condition to dispense money, but was obliged to issue warrants worth at that time only forty or fifty cents on the dollar in payment of the work.

REGISTRATION AND ELECTION. The disregard of the rights of franchise caused in many localities in the State in 1888, induced the last Legislature to resort to the most stringent measures for the protection of the people.

As reports have not been received from the Administrators of the Charity Hospital at New Orleans, of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum, Insane Asylum, Military Academy, and State Penitentiary, I am unable to submit them with my message, or to make any recommendations in their behalf.

On motion of Mr. Ray 1000 copies of the Governor's message were ordered printed, and the message referred to the appropriate committees.

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS. STATE OF LOUISIANA, AUDITOR'S OFFICE, New Orleans, January 10, 1861.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the list of delinquents with reference was made in the auditor's report was read by the Secretary.

Adopted. The communication of the Auditor, including the list of delinquents, was then referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Anderson asked leave of absence for Senator Daigle. Granted. Mr. Pierce asked a few days leave of absence for Senator Sypker. Granted.

The following standing committees were then elected by the Senate, on the call of the yeas and nays, by the following vote: Yeas: Anderson, Antoine Blackman, Bowman, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Lewis, Lynch, McMillen, Noland, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Swords, Sypker, Thomas, Thompson, Twitchell, Whitney, Wilcox—29.

Committee on Judiciary—Ray, Hunsaker, Jenks, Blackman, Futch. Committee on Finance—Lynch, McMillen, Campbell, Anderson, Bowman.

Committee on Militia—Herwig, O'Hara, Bowman. Committee on Enrollment—Pinchback, Wilcox, Ragan, Pierce, Fish, Daigle, Anderson.

Committee on Claims—Thomas, Daigle, Bowman, Jenks, Ingraham. Committee on Appropriations—McMillen, Sypker, Lynch, Bowman, Anderson.

Committee on Manufactures—Futch, Daigle, Kelso. Committee on Public Education—Pierce, Antoine, McMillen, Thomas, Daigle.

Committee on Printing—Jenks, Antoine, Swords, Thompson, Futch. Committee on Banks and Banking—Blackman, Thomas, Anderson, Gallup, Coupland.

Committee on Auditing and Supervising the Expenses of the Senate—Whitney, Anderson, Twitchell. Committee on Federal Relations—Pinchback, Butler, Thompson.

Committee on Penitentiary—Ragan, Swords, Ingraham, Futch, Thompson. Committee on Corporations—Lewis, Todd, O'Hara, Daigle, Bowman.

Committee on Charitable Institutions—Anderson, Bowman, Thomas, Jenks, Lewis. Committee on Public Lands—Hunsaker, Harris, Kelso, Futch, Anderson.

Committee on Parks and Public Buildings—Swords, Noland, Lewis, Todd, Blackman. Committee on Railroads—Campbell, Lynch, Wilcox, Thompson, Futch.

Committee on Levees—Bowman, Campbell, Thomas, Blackman, McMillen. Committee on Pensions and Gratuities—Gallup, Ragan, Harris, Thomas, Bowman.

Committee on Drainage, Canals and Inland Navigation—Sypker, Noland, Hunsaker, Anderson, Thompson. Committee on Apportionment and Election Districts—Wilcox, Ray, Hunsaker, Pinchback, Anderson, Blackman, Futch.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the President of the Senate to take into consideration that portion of the Governor's message in relation to bribery of State officials, who are hereby authorized to call for persons and papers, and that said committee be authorized to report by bill or otherwise.

Adopted. Mr. Whitney moved to adjourn. Adopted. The President then announced that the Senate stood adjourned until Thursday, the twelfth instant, at 12 M.

CHARLES H. MERRITT, Secretary of Senate. Tenth Day's Proceedings. SENATE CHAMBER, Thursday, January 12, 1871.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Present: Hon. O. J. Dunn, Lieutenant-Governor and President of the Senate, and Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Blackman, Bowman, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Kelso, Lewis, Lynch, Noland, O'Hara, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Thomas, Thompson, Todd, Twitchell, Whitney, Wilcox—33.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Burch. Reading of the minutes of the previous day's proceedings dispensed with. The Secretary made the following correction, substituting the name of Senator Harris in place of that of Senator O'Hara, on the Committee on Corporations.

NOTICES OF BILLS. By Mr. O'Hara: Of a bill to be entitled an act instructing the Attorney General to forfeit the charter of the Barataria and Lafourche Canal Company, Nos. 1 and 2.

By Mr. Anderson: Of a bill to be entitled an act to authorize Mrs. Louisa Bourgeois, wife of Thomas Thaquere, to mortgage or alienate her dotal property.

By Mr. Pinchback: Of a bill to be entitled an act relative to elections. By Mr. Antoine: Of a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of William Halesworth.

By Mr. Hunsaker: Of a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of G. F. Roman et al., of St. James. Also, of a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the heirs of Marx Schouberg.

By Mr. Harris: Of a bill to be entitled an act to fix the terms of the District Courts of the Thirteenth Judicial District.

By Mr. Blackman: Of a bill to be entitled an act giving the vendor's privilege to cotton factors, five days after the sale and delivery of cotton.

By Mr. Campbell: Of a bill to be entitled an act authorizing the city of New Orleans to levy water rates upon all property on the lines of water pipes, laid or to be laid, and contiguous thereto; the collection of said rates and the power to sell and dispose of the present waterworks, and to contract with any incorporated company for the supplying of the inhabitants of the city with pure and limpid water, etc.

By Mr. Thomas: A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the estate of Mr. Dickson, of certain assessments for taxes that have been erroneously made, which passed its first reading.

The constitutional rule was then suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote, the bill put on its second reading, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Thomas: A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the succession of Mr. Dickson, which passed its first reading.

The constitutional rule was then suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote, the bill put on its second reading, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. O'Hara moved that Senate bill No. 8, entitled an act authorizing the assessment and collection of a special tax of twenty-five thousand dollars, to build a courthouse and build a parish-jail in the parish of Terrebonne, be printed and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Adopted. Mr. Ragan gave notice of a joint resolution relative to the removal of the seat of government.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Hunsaker introduced a joint resolution for the appointment of a special committee to investigate the late election riots at Donaldsonville and Baton Rouge, which passed its first reading.

The constitutional rule was then suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote, and the resolution put on its second reading.

Mr. Ray moved to amend the resolution by requiring the committee to report during the present session of the General Assembly.

Adopted. Mr. Thompson moved to lay the resolution on the table.

On a call of the yeas and nays, the Senate ordered the resolution to lie on the table, by the following vote: Yeas: Anderson, Barber, Blackman, Bowman, Daigle, Fish, Harris, Herwig, Lynch, Pierce, Pinchback, Swords, Thomas, Thompson, Wilcox—15.

Nays: Antoine, Campbell, Gallup, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Kelso, Noland, O'Hara, Ragan, Ray, Todd, Twitchell—12.

By Mr. Campbell: Resolved, That the press of the city, through its representatives, be furnished with a copy of all printed bills, and the daily journal of the Senate, at the same time Senators are furnished.

Rules suspended and resolution adopted. By Mr. O'Hara: Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to purchase postage stamps to the amount of ten dollars for each member of the Senate, to be paid for out of the contingent fund.

Rules suspended and resolution adopted. By Mr. Thomas: Resolved, That each committee be authorized to employ one clerk, and that the Committees on Enrollment and Engrossing Bills be authorized to employ as many clerks as may be necessary.

Rules suspended and resolution adopted. By Mr. Ingraham: Resolved, That all bills proposing changes in the act establishing a Metropolitan Police District be referred to a committee to consist of the Senators representing said police district in the Senate.

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