

THE WEEKLY CLARION

The following bill was offered in the House by Mr. Brown, of Yalobusha, as a substitute for the bill reported by the Joint Select Committee on Relief for the regulation of final process on judgments, etc.

Proceedings of the Legislature

swamp and overflowed lands was passed. House bill to amend an act to authorize the Board of Public Lands to erect toll bridges was passed.

The Legislature Yesterday

The Senate yesterday was principally engaged in considering the bill amendatory of the County Court law. This bill dispenses with the two associate justices, and provides that the Probate Judge shall be the Judge of the County Court. It also reduces the number of terms from twelve to four. The County Attorney is to be elected by the Boards of Police and hold office for two years. The discussion of the bill and pending amendments will be resumed this morning.

The House was mainly occupied in the discussion of the bill "to regulate final process on judgments and decrees," which finally passed by a vote of 29 to 28. The bill with the exception of a few unimportant amendments is the same as that published in our issue of Sunday last. It will doubtless come up in the Senate this evening or to-morrow. Several other bills on the same subject, were introduced and referred to the Joint Select Committee on Relief—among them, one by Mr. Montgomery for the relief of insolvent debtors. The discussion in the House on this subject, was unusually interesting. The Senate bill for the organization of a new county, to be called the county of "Lee," and to be formed from the counties of Pontotoc and Itawamba, passed the House after a protracted struggle on the part of Messrs. Morpha, Williams, and the opponents of the bill, to defeat it or to suspend action thereon until the January session of the Legislature.

A bill also passed the House to encourage the publication of a new State map. Both bodies seem firm in their purpose to take a recess after Saturday next, but it will require extraordinary industry to enable them to do so and dispose of the important measures now pending.

Important to our Merchants

The cotton shipping advertisement of the Southern (Miss.) Railroad in another column, should command the attention of forwarding merchants and the planters of the vicinity. The interests of the cotton grower are intimately linked with the facilities of transportation. The Southern Railroad proposes to forward cotton at four dollars per bale from Jackson to New Orleans; this sum covering insurance, &c., at Vicksburg. Since the completion of the bridge over Big Black River this Road has been making great progress, and has given evidences of much attention to the general welfare and the removal of all causes of complaint; and we now learn that the transportation over the Road is prompt and satisfactory, and that freights are delivered at Jackson in most cases on the evening of the day they are received for in Vicksburg.—The indefatigable industry and energy of the officers of the Southern Railroad should not be forgotten. When the chances of war had dealt a death blow to the Confederacy, the Southern Railroad like all the Roads of the South was almost worn out, in material and nearly crippled for want of finances, and its President, Dr. Emanuel, started immediately to consult with the creditors of the Road, both in the Northern cities and Europe; success was the result; the credits were extended and the Road remains in the hands of the Southern gentlemen, who spared no money and no means at their disposal to accomplish its completion. A little more patience on the part of the public, and it will find that there are no faults traceable to the officers of this road. All of them are well adapted to their peculiar line of business. The master of transportation—Mr. Lawrence—is a gentleman of great railroad experience, having spent all the business portion of his life on the road. It is well known the success of that road is an important consideration to the people of Jackson, and East Mississippi. The trade and prosperity of our city is closely allied with its success, and should not be overlooked. To encourage this road, will be to encourage the internal resources of Central Mississippi, and thereby benefit Jackson; for if there is a good channel of communication from the Eastern portion of the State through Jackson, we cannot fail to be benefited here at home by trifles like eggs, butter and chickens, and the greater things, such as cotton—our old king—as well as lumber and other articles of internal produce.

The Mississippi Press Convention will meet at Vicksburg on the first Monday next month. We hope to see every paper in the State represented. We notice that our Vicksburg friends have been making "arrangements" for the reception and entertainment of the brethren. We anticipate a pleasant time in the Hill City, in mingling with its clever citizens and in this second reunion of the knights of the quill and scissors.

The general court-martial which has been in session at Louisville for the past two months, adjourned on the 19th by order of Gen. Thomas. This is the last court of volunteer officers in the service, and its adjournment is an evidence that the trial of officers and others connected with the volunteer service, has ended.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, That a tax of twenty-five per cent. is hereby levied and assessed upon the amount of all executions and decrees for the payment of money, which may come into the hands of any Sheriff or other officer for collection before the first day of January 1867, and also upon the amount due upon any deed of trust or mortgage, or upon any decree, where the property named therein may be advertised for sale, before the first day of January, 1867, for the purpose of satisfying such deed of trust, mortgage or decree. Said tax shall be levied and collected by the Sheriffs of the different counties in this State, out of the proceeds that may be realized from the sale of any property sold under such execution, deed of trust, or mortgage, or decree. Provided, That said tax shall not in any case be collected where a sale of the property, under such execution, deed, decree of trust, or mortgage, shall be postponed until the first day of January, 1867.

Section 2. Be it further enacted, That no sale of transfer of any real or personal estate in this State, liable to execution, shall be valid unless thirty days prior thereto public notice of the sale, as now required by law in case of real estate by any Sheriff first given in the county of its proper situs, except by the consent, in writing, of the creditor or creditors of such property, or of the mortgagor or mortgagee, and applied in good faith to, and valid debt or debts already existing, according to priority of lien and the equity of creditors.

Section 3. Be it further enacted, That the said tax and provision herein provided for shall not be applied to, levied, or collected on any execution, deed of trust, mortgage or decree, transfer or sale, where the debtor shall not have received, or caused to be recorded, on or before the first day of March, 1867, his, her or their name, respectively, in a book to be procured and kept by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county of such debtor, at the expense of his county; to be called the "Debtors Registry;" but shall apply in all cases where persons who may by that time so register their name or names as such debtor or debtors.

Section 4. Be it further enacted, That the Sheriff of each county shall report to the Auditor of Public Accounts of this State, all taxes due and collected under this Act.

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

Resolutions.

Resolution granting leave of absence to Hon. A. M. Clayton.

AN ACT to incorporate the Pass Christian College in the County of Harrison.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, That Hilary James Housen, Vincent Grace Toussaint Dunfresne, Paul Gelinas, George Schell, and their associates and successors, are hereby created a body corporate and politic, under the name and style of the Trustees of the Pass Christian College, with power to establish and maintain an institute of learning in the county of Harrison in this State, in which name they shall have succession, and be capable of suing and being sued, of entering into contracts, and receiving and holding property, both real and personal, and of disposing of the same, in the same manner as a body corporate, and subject to the same laws, and regulations for the government of said institute, and appoint such Trustees, Agents, and servants as they may see proper, for the maintenance and conducting the said institute.

Section 2. Be it further enacted, That the Professors of the Pass Christian College, with the consent of the President and Trustees of the same, be and are hereby empowered to grant degrees, honors, and degrees as are usually granted by any University of Learning in the United States, in testimony thereof, to deliver suitable diplomas under the seal of the College and the signatures of the Professors and President and Trustees thereof.

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