

tions, and that the bill as amended be adopted. The recommendations contained in the report of the committee were adopted. The bill was ordered engrossed and passed to third reading.

On motion of Mr. Robertson the bill was made the special order of the day for to-morrow (Friday), at 12 m.

QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. Morgan, rising to a question of privilege, referring to an editorial in the Evening States, sent up an explanation: "The charge is unfounded in fact. Mr. Speaker, an one who has refused to allow the party to drive me into the passage of bills fraught with terrible and dire injury to the community, and yet, sir, I am a Democrat, pure and simple. In my democracy there are many of those who attempt to assail me. Mr. Speaker, can you not recall and does not every gentleman here remember that when the city charter bill was before the House, the friends of the bill, although strong in numbers, were powerless, from the want of parliamentary sense, to pass it, but had finally to secure the services of the member from Iberville (Mr. Allison), and through him and his Republican friends, the bill was passed. Does not every one know that the leaders of the city charter bill became humble supplicants to this mighty parliamentarian, and did not each and every one of them about at his victory?"

Mr. Dudenhefer, on the same subject, submitted the following: "The States says: 'That the necessity of the caucus will be seen when it is considered that a handful of Democrats, having secured the support of the Republicans, attempt to control the Legislature.' I challenge any one to show, from the vote of this House on the suspension of the rules to take up any bill which has for its object the furtherance of legitimate legislation, when any number of members have objected, and as refuting the statement made refer to the journals of the last three days, which will show that whenever a bill has been acted on, which is of a nature and character necessary for the proper carrying on the legitimate business of the State, or for the putting into effect any provision of the constitution, and a suspension of the rules has been asked for, it has invariably been granted."

The States further says: "That the object of the caucus is to keep Democrats in line when they show a disposition to run after strange gods." This is a charge which means that some members of the Democratic party are disposed to vote for or carry through some measure which is not Democratic, and have thereby abstained from the caucus.

I, Mr. Speaker, deny the charges most emphatically, and assert that the analysis of the votes of the House will not bear any such interpretation. The members of the House are willing to go into caucus on any subject which is political, or has for its end and aim the well-being of the State, but will not be forced to accept measures which will be and are attempted to be forced upon them under the plea of Democratic caucus rules, which neither refers to politics or to the State, but simply to a fight between rival corporations.

On motion of Mr. Feazel, and under a suspension of the rules, House bill No. 293. An act to empower the Governor to contract for the employment of special counsel in certain cases now pending in the Supreme Court of the United States, and which are or may be pending, or which he may deem proper to institute or prosecute or defend in the courts of this State or of the United States; to stipulate for the payment of certain fees contingent upon the success therein, and to appropriate two thousand dollars for the payment, costs of court, and for the traveling expenses of the said special counsel when employed, on purely contingent fees.

Was taken up on second reading under the favorable report of the Committee on Appropriations. On motion of Mr. Heldenhain the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House to take into consideration the above entitled House bill No. 293.

HOUSE BUSINESS RESUMED. The committee, on rising, reported through its chairman, Mr. Robertson, that they had under consideration the above entitled House bill No. 293, and recommends that the bill be adopted.

The report was received and adopted. The bill was ordered engrossed and passed to third reading. Under a suspension of the rules, House bill No. 240. An act making an appropriation to pay balance of salaries due parish judges for the year 1879.

Was taken up on second reading. On motion of Mr. Farmer the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House to take into consideration the above entitled House bill No. 240.

HOUSE BUSINESS RESUMED. The committee, on rising, reported through its chairman, Mr. Robertson, that they had under consideration the above entitled House bill No. 240, and recommends to the House the adoption and passage of the bill.

The report was adopted. The bill was ordered engrossed and passed to third reading. SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY. House bill No. 104. An act to repeal act No. 101, approved April 30, 1877, and to provide for the appointment of a registrar of voters for the parish of Orleans, and clerks of registration throughout the State; fixing their compensation; defining their duties and powers; providing for a new registration for the city of New Orleans; to provide for the keeping of a registry of legal voters; to define the duties of certain officers; to prescribe the penalties for violations of this act, and to regulate the manner of registering voters throughout the State, and to provide for the appointment of special canvassers, etc.

Being the special order of the day, was taken up on second reading, under the favorable report of the Committee on Registration, with the following amendments: Section 1, in line 13, strike out the words "four thousand dollars," and insert the words "twenty-seven hundred dollars per annum, payable monthly on his own warrant."

Section 2, in line 25, after the word "exceed," strike out the words "fifteen hundred dollars" and insert the words "twenty-two hundred dollars per annum, payable on his own warrant."

Section 2, in line 30, after the word "from," strike out the word "ten" and insert the word "nine" in lieu thereof.

Section 2, in line 36, after the word "exceed," strike out the words "twenty-six," and insert in lieu thereof the word "twenty." Section 2, in line 39, after the word "then," strike out the words "three and a half" and insert in lieu thereof "two and a half."

Section 1, in line 5, after the word "with," insert the words "two good and solvent securities, to be approved by the court, and for the payment of such damages as may be sustained by his failure to discharge such duties; and said securities shall be examined and questioned before the judge of the Civil District Court for the parish of Orleans."

Mr. Farmer moved as a substitute for the committee amendment in section 2, line 13, to strike out "4000" and insert "3600" in the bill. Mr. Jones moved to adjourn until 11 a. m. to-morrow.

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his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid upon the table. SECOND SPECIAL ORDER. House bill No. 250. An act to levy, collect and enforce payment of an annual license tax upon all persons, associations of persons and corporations, pursuing any trade, profession, vocation, calling or business, except those who are expressly exempt from such tax by articles 206 and 207 of the constitution.

Being the second special order, was taken up on second reading. On motion of Mr. Ogden the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole to take into consideration the above entitled House bill No. 250.

HOUSE BUSINESS RESUMED. The committee, on rising, reported through its chairman, Mr. Billu, that they had under consideration the above entitled House bill No. 250, and reports progress and asks leave to sit again.

Mr. Billu, chairman, on behalf of the committee appointed to receive Gen. Grant, reported that Gen. Grant was present, and asked that he should be received by the House.

Speaker Ogden, on behalf of the House of Representatives, welcomed Gen. U. S. Grant, and spoke as follows: Gentlemen of the General Assembly, I have the honor to present to you one of America's greatest sons.

General Grant—It becomes my duty, as well as my pleasure, as a speaker of the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, to welcome you, sir, in the name of our people, to this their legislative hall. The blood-stained cloud which for years had veiled the better sentiments of the people, North and South, has passed away, and I trust, forever, and in its stead the brighter rays of fraternal love, reflecting confidence and earnest friendship, warm the heart of every patriot, unimpeded by geographical lines or narrowest by sectional prejudice.

There is not to-day in the heart of any man within the hearing of my voice anything but a feeling of loyal love and deep devotion to the American Union. We can, therefore, sir, receive in you a son of our common mother. And as sons of one common Union we can, together with the entire American people, rejoice at the honors laid at your feet—honors that stir with loyal and patriotic emotions the heart of every citizen. In the name, therefore, of the Representatives of the State of Louisiana, whose people speak to-day through me, I again welcome you to our legislative hall.

Gen. Grant replied: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives—It is rather an unusual thing for me to attend to any business in public halls; but I am delighted to hear such generous sentiments as were uttered by your worthy speaker, as they are my own.

I have always thought that differences between a man and a people which have been once settled should be forgotten. I shall always be pleased to see anything which will advance the prosperity of Louisiana. So long as the States stand together no foreign nation can conquer or break up the Union. If such an attempt should be made I believe that the bravest defenders of the Union would be found in the men before me. Nothing can affect one State without affecting the other, and what benefits one portion of the country will also benefit the other. In the name, therefore, of the Representatives of the State of Louisiana, whose people speak to-day through me, I again welcome you to our legislative hall.

On motion of Mr. Atkins a recess was taken for thirty minutes. HOUSE BUSINESS RESUMED. The House was called to order at 12:45. Present—Hon. R. N. Ogden, Speaker, and Messrs. Allison, Archer, Armstrong, Atkins, Barry, Baskin, Billu, Buchanan, Bulow, Cayolle, Cosgrove, Curley, Davidson, Deibel, Devereaux, Dickerson, Dillard, Dudenhefer, Essex, Farmer, Faulkner, Feazel, Franz, Frazier, Gardner, Gibson, Golsan, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hadden, Herring, Jones, Kirk, Klempner, Lancaester, Letten, Lucke, Lyons, Mahoney, Millaudon, Mixon, Morel, Munday, McDonald, McDowell, McLeroy, Newsom, Ogden, O'Brien, Pritchard, Quinn, Richardson, Robertson, Roche, Schneider, Shaifer, Shepherd, St. Clair, Taiton, Varnado, Verret, Vincent, Voorhies, Weems, Williams of Terrebonne, Wise, Yell, Young of Iberia—31.

The journal of Thursday, April 1, was read and adopted. SPECIAL ORDER. House bill No. 322. An act to enable the Citizens' Bank of Louisiana to make compromises and settlements with its mortgage stockholders; to enable said stockholders to free their real estate from said mortgages; to secure the application of the amounts realized from said mortgages to the payment of the State bonds issued in aid of the bank, and to use the legal liabilities and necessary expenses of said mortgage stock department; to increase the directors for the State on the board of said bank, and to confer on them certain duties and powers with reference to said compromise; to prescribe the conditions on which this act is passed and is to have effect, and to require and prescribe the mode in which the benefits of the act shall be accepted.

Being the special order, was taken up on third reading and read in full. The yeas and nays on the final passage of the bill resulted as follows: Yeas—Messrs. Allison, Archer, Armstrong, Atkins, Baskin, Billu, Buchanan, Bulow, Butler, Cade, Carron, Cosgrove, Curley, Davidson, Deibel, Devereaux, Dickerson, Dillard, Dudenhefer, Essex, Farmer, Faulkner, Feazel, Franz, Frazier, Gardner, Gibson, Golsan, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hadden, Herring, Jones, Kirk, Klempner, Lancaester, Letten, Lucke, Lyons, Mahoney, Millaudon, Mixon, Morel, Munday, McDonald, McDowell, McLeroy, Newsom, Ogden, O'Brien, Pritchard, Quinn, Richardson, Robertson, Roche, Schneider, Shaifer, Shepherd, St. Clair, Taiton, Varnado, Verret, Vincent, Voorhies, Weems, Williams of Terrebonne, Wise, Yell, Young of Iberia—31.

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