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CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS

Forty-First Congress—Second Session.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 1870.

SENATE.

Mr. Hamlin called up House bill to provide for the paving of Pennsylvania avenue, and moved an amendment requiring the railroad company to pave the space between the tracks. He said this amendment was right, and met the concurrence of the committee, which was agreed to.

Mr. Casserly thought 20 per cent. too high a rate for redemption of property sold for non-payment of the paving tax, and moved to strike out 20 and insert 12 per cent.

Mr. Davis said 20 per cent. was extortionate.

Mr. Vickers said the rate in Maryland was 25 per cent.; in Ohio 50 per cent., and he did not see that there was anything unreasonable in 20 per cent.

Mr. Davis said if that is the rate in Maryland or in Indiana, or in any other unsettled place, that does not make it right. It is most niggardly the part which the Government is to take in paving. For the Congress to impose upon the poverty-stricken people of this District the burden of paving these magnificent avenues was unjust and oppressive to the last degree.

Mr. Casserly was so confident of the justice of his amendment that he had not thought there would be the least objection to it.

The amendment of Mr. Casserly was then rejected—yeas 11, nays 40.

The bill was then passed.

Mr. Sherman, from the Finance Committee, reported that committee unanimously recommended non-concurrence in House amendments to the currency bill, and on his motion a committee of conference was asked of the House.

Mr. Sherman also reported from the same committee a bill that as construction of the internal revenue acts shall authorize the levying of a tax on any undistributed funds of insurance companies, which was passed.

Mr. Pomeroy introduced a bill to authorize the people of New Mexico to form a State Government under the name of the State of Lincoln.

On motion of Mr. Sherman the bill to reduce taxation was made the special order so soon as the consular and diplomatic appropriation bill is disposed of.

The unfinished business, being the Post Office appropriation bill, was then proceeded with, the question being on the amendment of Mr. Trumbull limiting the franking privilege to the Departments, and permitting public documents to be mailed free from Washington only.

Mr. Trumbull thought this would be much the cheapest way to settle this matter.

The amendment was then rejected—yeas 20, nays 25.

The Vice President appointed as the committee of conference on the currency bill Messrs. Sherman, Warren and Sprague.

Several other amendments were offered and voted down.

Mr. Nye offered an amendment to discontinue the publication of the *Congressional Globe* and of all public documents except such as are necessary to supply the Departments. As the franking privilege was to be abolished, as the natural sequence the publication of the Globe and all the documents must be stopped.

The amendment was rejected—ayes 23, noes 26.

Mr. Morrill, of Vermont, moved an amendment that in consequence of the adoption of the franking privilege that there shall be no allowance made of stamps or of increased compensation to any member of Congress, which was agreed to—ayes 33, nays 11.

The question then recurred on the amendment of Mr. Ramsey, as amended, when it was rejected, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Bayard, Buckingham, Cameron, Conkling, Cattell, Chandler, Conklin, Cragin, Davis, Ferry, Hamlin, Harlan, Howe, Morrill, McCreery, Morton, Pratt, Ramsey, Sprague, Stewart, Thayer, Thurman, Tipton, Wilson, Wright, Wilson and Yates—24.

NAYS—Messrs. Ames, Bayard, Brownlow, Carpenter, Cole, Corbett, Corbett, Dennis, Dorsey, Edmunds, Fenton, Fowler, Gilbert, Hamilton of Md., Hamilton of Texas, Harlan, McDonald, Merrill of Vermont, Nye, Osborn, Pomeroy, Pool, Rice, Robertson, Ross, Saulsbury, Sawyer, Schurz, Sherman, Stockton, Summer, Thayer, Vickers, Warner and Williams—29.

A number of Senators who were in their seats did not vote. Much amusement was expressed when the result of the vote was announced.

No further amendment being proposed to the bill, it was then passed.

The consular and diplomatic appropriation bill was then taken up.

Mr. Sumner, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, moved an amendment appropriating $4,000 for salary of a Minister Resident to Liberia. Adopted.

Also, an amendment to raise the rank of the American representative to Japan from Minister Resident to Minister Plenipotentiary, the object being, he said, to increase the salary to $10,000.

He read from a letter of Mr. Delong, our minister to Japan, showing that it is impossible for him to live in a manner befitting his station on the salary now paid him.

The amendment was then adopted.

Also, from the same committee, Mr. Sumner moved to increase the appropriation for contingent expenses of foreign intercourse from $50,000 to $150,000. The amendment was agreed to, and the bill then passed.

Mr. Morrill, of Me., then called up the naval appropriation bill.

Mr. Bayard presented the memorial of Wm. H. Smith, president of the International Ocean Telegraph Company, proposing for $500,000 a year for twenty years, to be paid by the United States to establish and maintain international telegraph cables from San Francisco to Japan and China, and a third line from the United States to Europe, conditional upon never consolidating with any existing transatlantic cable, and never charging more than $5 in gold for each message of ten words. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Various amendments reported from the Committee on Appropriations were agreed to, including the following:

Increasing appropriation for gunpowder from $50,000 to $150,000.

Increasing appropriation for labor at navy yards by $1,800,000.

For purchase and preservation of timber and general maintenance of the navy, $800,000.

To enable the Secretary of the Navy to discharge liabilities provided for by contracts made previous to March 4, 1869, $615,960.92.

Increasing amount for repairs of machinery of steamers, boilers, tools, transportation, &c., from $1,000,000 to $1,750,000.

The following proviso was struck out: That in the payment of funeral expenses no distinction shall be made between the officers of the line and the staff.

The following additional appropriations for the Naval Academy at Annapolis were concurred in:

For pay of one captain of watch, $912.50.

Four watchmen at $2.25 each per day.

For foreman, laborers, &c., at gas and steam heating works, $27,831.25.

For heating and lighting the academy and school ship's quarters, $30,000.

For purchase of books for the Library, $2,000.

For purchase of steam machinery, rent of buildings, uniforms for bands, telegraphing, &c., $26,000.

Mr. Drake, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported amendments in the nature of a pay list for the navy regulating the promotion of officers, and the placing on the retired list, and devising various regulations for the government of the navy.

[The pay is considerably higher than that fixed by the House.]

The Senate, without action on the amendments, adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Butler, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Reconstruction, reported a bill for a full and general grace and amnesty to all persons engaged in the war of the rebellion, which was ordered to be printed and recommitted.

Mr. Schenck, of Ohio, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported the funding bill without material amendment, and asked that it might be made the special order of Tuesday next.

Objection being made, Mr. Schenck withdrew the bill, giving notice that he would move a suspension of the rules on Monday to fix a day for its consideration.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of reports from the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Eis, of N. H., reported a bill, which was passed, conferring upon the Court of Claims jurisdiction in the case of Wm. D. Campbell, claimant for damages on account of a steamer seized by General Grant at Cairo, Ill., in 1862, to prevent it being used by the rebels, and subsequently sunk.

Mr. Washburn, of Mass., reported Senate bill to pay loyal citizens in the States lately in rebellion for services in taking the census of 1860, with an amendment that the claimants shall be required to show that they have received pay for such services from no source whatever. Amendment adopted and bill passed.

A large number of private bills from this committee were reported and disposed of.

At the expiration of the morning hour the case of Whittemore, claiming a seat as member from South Carolina, came up by previous assignment.

Mr. Logan, of Ill., offered a resolution reciting the action of the House and of Mr. Whittemore in February last, and declaring that the House decline to allow the said Whittemore to be sworn in as a member of the Forty-first Congress, and that his credentials be returned to him.

Mr. Logan said the Constitution authorized the House to prescribe rules and regulations for its government, and to expel its members. The offences for which a member might be expelled were not prescribed; it was therefore to be taken that it was for a violation of its rules and of the law.

He held that if the House had the right to expel, it had the right to exclude for the same offence. Mr. Whittemore had deprived the House of the power to expel by resigning, thereby acknowledging his offence. He sent to the Clerk's desk and had read the law relating to offences of the class charged against Mr. Whittemore, and said that under the law, upon conviction, Mr. Whittemore would be disqualified. The court might or might not do its duty; whether it did or not the power vested in the House to expel a member for such an offence. If it had no right to exclude the right to expel amounted to nothing, for the member could avoid expulsion by resigning. It was never intended, while giving the authority to expel, to withhold the power to enforce it.

It had, he said, been urged that the House had no right to dictate to the people of Mr. Whittemore's district. Mr. Whittemore's vote interested the people of the whole country, and the people of that district had no right to send such a man here.

In referring to precedents Mr. Logan said there was no precedent in this country. Mr. Giddings had been arraigned, not for crime, but for treason, and he was censured, but neither was he expelled. He was censured and resigned his seat, and his people returned him. So in the case of Brooks, of South Carolina, a resolution to expel had failed to be adopted by a two-thirds vote, and he had been censured. He then resigned and went home and was re-elected. The same was done in the case of Keitt. Neither of them were charged with a penitentiary offence.

In the case of Matteson, in the Thirty-fourth Congress, he resigned and did not come back to the sane Congress. He had been elected to the Thirty-fifth Congress before the resolution of censure was passed. When he came into the Thirty-fifth Congress the question was raised, and it was held that the jurisdiction of the Thirty-fourth Congress had expired with that body. The only precedent was that of Wilkes in the British Parliament, who was an editor, and in his paper grossly slandered the Parliament, and he was four times expelled. On the fourth time another man ran against him, receiving but a few votes, yet Wilkes was expelled and the seat given to his opponent. The precedent was against Mr. Whittemore.

Mr. Farnsworth, of Ill., inquired if the record was not subsequently expunged.

Mr. Logan said it was. Mr. Wilkes was again elected, and before he could be admitted it was necessary to expunge the record against him. It, said he to Mr. Farnsworth, that is a precedent for this friend of yours—if you have to draw a line over that resolution and blot it out, he is welcome to the precedent.

Mr. Farnsworth disclaimed Mr. Whittemore's being in any special way a friend of his, but did not desire to see the case considered in this flippant way under the influence of outside pressure.

Mr. Logan did not intend to give offence by the expression, and would take it back.

Proceeding, he said that if this man was allowed to come back they were a weak-kneed, cowardly set of men, needing back-bone. He called the previous question, but gave way to Mr. Farnsworth to reply to his remarks.

Mr. Farnsworth said this was a very grave constitutional question—one which should not be acted on hastily or under outside influence. He was aware that the course he was pursuing was not a popular one.

He had voted for the expulsion of the member from Tennessee, and might vote for the exclusion of Mr. Whittemore, but he desired the case thoroughly examined by the Judiciary Committee with reference to the power of the House. The case of Wilkes had been referred to. In that case Wilkes had been allowed to expunge the record, and he had done it with his own hand by order of Parliament, which had reputated the former action as "subversive" of the rights of the whole body of electors of his kingdom.

Mr. Poland, of Vt., asked to offer a substitute, a resolution referring the whole subject, including former proceedings in the House, to the Judiciary, but Mr. Logan declined to do so, and the demand for the previous question being seconded—84 to 57—the resolution was adopted by an aye and no vote of 120 ayes to 38 nays, as follows:

Those voting in the negative were, Messrs. Arnell, Ayer, Brooks of Mass., Butler, of Mass., Cosens, Cobb of N. C., Coburn, Eis, Farnsworth, Hoar, Jenckes, Kelley, Knapp, Maynard, Morrill of Me., Newsham, Polsley, Roots, Sawyer, Smith of Tenn., Taffe, Taylor, Twichell and Whitemore, of Texas—38.

On motion of Mr. Dawes, the House went into Committee of the Whole upon the sundry civil appropriation bill.

The House in Committee of the Whole proceeded to consider the sundry civil appropriation bill.

The bill as reported to the House appropriates $11,778,130.

Among the items are for salaries and other necessary expenses of the Metropolitan police for the District of Columbia, $211,050, with the usual proviso in relation to the payment of the balance by the cities of Washington, Georgetown and the county.

Government Hospital for the Insane, $149,893.

Columbia Deaf and Dumb Asylum, $141,893.

Columbia Hospital for Women and Lying-in Asylum, $18,000.

National Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home, $15,000.

Smithsonian Institution, $20,000.

Botanical Garden, $14,675.

Repairs of custom-house building at Baltimore, $20,000.

For casual repairs of the Navy Yard and upper bridges, $3,000.

For repairs of the Long bridge, $10,000, provided that no part shall be expended until the toll-gate is removed beyond the Arlington road.

For repairs of all kinds at the Washington navy yard, $50,000.

For the preservation of the yard and all necessary repairs at Norfolk, $30,000.

For furnishing and repairing the work on the Capitol extension, and for curbing and flagging upper terraces, $100,000.

Annual repairs of the old portion of the Capitol building, $10,000.

Continuing the work of grading and filling the grounds around the Capitol, $25,000.

Erection of glass structures for the culture of medical textile and economic plants by the Agricultural Department, $85,000.

Labor in the improvement of the grounds, $6,000.

Mr. Dawes, in introducing this the last of the regular appropriation bills, briefly reviewed the work of the House, and of the Committee on Appropriations, in the course of his remarks explaining away his remarks made early in the session, in relation to the extravagance of the estimates for the coming fiscal year, compared with the estimates for the present fiscal year. He had a summary recently made out at the Treasury Department which showed that there were several errors in the statements of each year; those in the statement for the latter year being more than the estimate, and those in the statement for the former year making the estimate less. The real difference was $6,098,343.13 against the estimates for the year ending June 30, 1871.

The estimates for the next fiscal year had been $119,080,797.65, and the amount reported from the committee $141,759,803.45, showing a reduction of $13,343,225.17. This did not include the regular annual amounts appropriated by law, such as the payment of interest on the public debt, collection of customs, &c.

These amounts included, the total amount of the estimates would be $296,318,949.60.

And the appropriations, including these amounts, would be $284,978,617.44, leaving the difference about the same as by the other calculation.

The bill was then considered by paragraphs.

Mr. Churchill, of New York, made an ineffectual attempt to introduce a clause repealing that portion of the civil appropriation bill for the year ending June 30, 1869, which directs the laying up of five of the six revenue cutters on the lakes, and to allow the Secretary of the Interior to put such in commission as he may deem necessary.

Mr. Beaman, of Mich., moved to strike out the paragraph appropriating $94,097 for completing the main central building of the Columbian Institution for the Deaf and Dumb.

Mr. Dawes opposed the amendment, and explained that the work was in progress, and could not be abandoned without serious loss.

Mr. Butler, of Mass., questioned the propriety of attempting to overcome the almost insurmountable obstacles in the way of the collegiate education of the deaf and dumb, while there were so many boys, with all their senses, who could not obtain such an education.

Mr. Garfield, of Ohio, supported the institution as a necessity for educating teachers for the deaf and dumb in all the country. There was no other institution in the country where it could be done.

Mr. Mungen, of Ohio, opposed the appropriation as a waste of public money.

Mr. Dawes earnestly defended the institution, and showed what had been done under its assistance. He trusted the House would hesitate long before it turned its back upon this institution, which began in private benevolence, and, fostered and encouraged by Congress, had become one of the brightest ornaments of the city and of the nation.

Without action on the proposed amendment the committee rose, and the House, at 5:45 p. m., adjourned.

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The Courts.

CIRCUIT COURT—Judge Olin.—The case of McCarthy vs. Murtagh, reported in another column, occupied the whole time of the court yesterday.

CRIMINAL COURT—Judge Humphreys.—Frank Jackson, indicted for stealing a lot of bottles, was convicted, and sentence deferred until to-day.

Charles Bayliss, indicted for larceny in stealing a piece of marble delphin from Moses Ballmeiner on the 16th day of January last. He was convicted and sent to jail for six months, the Judge saying that the taste would have justified an indictment for robbery.

Same, for the larceny of a board from Samuel Norment. The accused was acquitted.

Adjourned.

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