FORTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

Consideration of the Legislative Bill Continued.

Proposed Invasion of State Sovereignty—The Federal Government to Buy Diseased Cattle—Happy Escape of the States—The Matter Referred—Efforts to Adjourn Over—Promises Kept.

SENATE.

SATURDAY, April 12, 1879.

The Senate was not in session to-day.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. STEPHENS asked leave to present a memorial of the American Philological Association, asking for the appointment of a commission to report how far changes in orthography may be introduced into public documents and accepted in civil service examination.

Mr. CONGER objected.

The House then (at 12:15) went into Committee of the Whole (Mr. Blackburn in the chair) on the legislative appropriation bill, the pending amendment being that offered by Mr. Hunton, increasing from $25,000 to $250,000 the appropriation for eradicating contagious diseases among domesticated animals.

Mr. REAGAN offered an amendment providing that the sum appropriated shall be expended by the Secretary of the Interior under such rules as he may prescribe, and making it his duty to report his action to Congress showing the amount of money expended and for what purposes.

Mr. CANSON (Ill.) moved to amend Mr. Reagan's amendment so as to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to prescribe rules under which cattle afflicted with pleuro-pneumonia may be seized, appraised, and slaughtered, and payment therefor made out of the money hereby appropriated. Agreed to.

Mr. ROBINSON said that he fully appreciated the gravity of the subject under consideration; but it was a very grave question in his mind whether Congress had the power to deal with it. At any rate Congress should not attempt to do so on an appropriation bill, but should refer the whole subject to a committee.

Mr. LORINO expressed himself as entirely in favor of clothing some Federal officer with the power to seize this cattle disease on the threshold, and put an end to it, whether it came from the seaboard or from Territories on the other side of the continent. He hoped that no consideration of State authority or of so-called economy would in any way prevent some officer of the Government from being clothed with the authority to protect the agricultural portion of the country. If the Government officers had had that authority when the disease had made its appearance in Massachusetts that Commonwealth would have been saved $125,000, and the farmers would have been saved incalculable mischief.

Mr. HAWLEY agreed with Mr. Robinson that it was a constitutional question whether Congress could go into the States and condemn, kill, and pay for diseased cattle. The matter should be referred to a committee, which could prepare a bill, vesting in Federal officers all the powers they might properly exercise.

Mr. HUNTON argued in favor of his amendment. It would be of little avail for the State of Virginia to stamp out within its limits the disease of pleuro-pneumonia among cattle, because it would immediately be brought in again from the District of Columbia. If the disease was not promptly eradicated it would in a few years cost the country more than the late war had done.

Mr. WRIGHT advocated the amendment. He would willingly vote to appropriate $500,000 for the purpose of stamping out the cattle disease.

Mr. BILL opposed Mr. Reagan's amendment. If it were given out that the Government would buy all cattle afflicted with the pleuro-pneumonia, every sick cow, no matter what would be the matter with it, would have the pleuro-pneumonia, a disease about which the farmers knew little and cared less.

Mr. CARLISLE argued in regard to the unconstitutionality of Mr. Reagan's amendment. If it were adopted every effort to resist the authority of Federal officers in killing diseased cattle would be successfully made. That was a power belonging exclusively to the State.

Mr. BRAGG also opposed the amendment. He was surprised to find Representatives who had, a few weeks ago, opposed a bill for a national quarantine become so affected by a sick cow or two in their districts as to call on Federal doctors to help them. The grand panacea, the great balsam for the cattle disease, was to be an immense appropriation out of the Federal Treasury, to be distributed among men who knew nothing at all about the matter.

Mr. HAYES and Mr. YOUNG (of Tenn.) desired prompt action in the matter, and for that reason they favored the whole subject being presented in a separate bill, as the present appropriation bill might not pass for some months.

Mr. STEPHENS opposed Mr. Reagan's amendment. It involved a great question of constitutional law and should have the careful consideration of some committee.

Mr. HAWLEY offered as a substitute for the whole subject (the original proposition in the bill, together with the amendments of Messrs. Hunton and Reagan thereto) a recommendation to the House that it direct the Committee on Agriculture to take into consideration the whole subject-matter and report promptly by bill or otherwise. The substitute was agreed to—ayes, 125; noes, not counted.

On motion of Mr. HASKELL the appropriation for investigating the habits of the cotton worm and other injurious insects was placed under the control of the United States Entomological Commission.

The political portion of the bill having been reached it was passed over for the present.

Mr. YOUNG (Tenn.) offered an amendment providing that the agents investigating under the Southern Claims Commission shall give notice to claimants, whose claim it is proposed to investigate, of the place and time of taking testimony, who shall have a right to cross-examine witnesses, the agents also to examine any witnesses who may be presented by the claimants.

Mr. HOUSE stated that he had acted as an investigating agent, and he knew of instances where he had been misled by *ex parte* statements, and had reported against claims which should have been allowed. The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. BRAGG moved to strike out all provisions for the Southern Claims Commission and to insert a clause repealing the law creating that commission.

The consideration of the amendment was postponed till Tuesday next, Mr. Bragg stating that it was a grave proposition and one which could not be properly discussed under the five-minute rule, because he props sed to show that the Government had been paying these claims as a mere gratuity, and he thought that where gratuity was to be bestowed it should be a personal matter, and that Congress should not vote to give away what belonged to the people at large.

The committee then rose, and the chairman reported back the recommendation to refer the paragraph in regard to the pleuro-pneumonia cattle to the Committee on Agriculture, with instructions to report thereon forthwith. Agreed to.

Mr. HARRIS (Va.) offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Accounts to report what committees are entitled to clerks. Adopted.

Mr. HOUSE moved that when the House adjourn to-day it be till Tuesday. As the motion was understood to be made for the purpose of excluding the introduction of financial and other bills on Monday, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the motion was rejected—yeas, 105; nays, 108. All the Republicans voted in the affirmative, and in the negative all the Greenbackers voted, and all but the following eleven Democrats: Messrs. Bicknell, Blount, Clymer, Cocke, Covert, Deuster, Hammond, of Georgia; Hurd, Johnson, Morse, and Shallenberger. Among other pairs announced was that of the Speaker with a Republican. Mr. Kelley voted with the Greenbackers.

The House then, at four o'clock, adjourned—yeas, 111; nays, 91.

District Courts.

Circuit Court—Justice Cox.—Haynie vs. Haynie; judgment set aside; death of plaintiff suggested and Marian F. Haynie, executrix, made party, and judgment in favor of executrix. Tucker & Sherman vs. Bigelow; motion to quash garnishment overruled and judgment of condemnation against garnishee. National Metropolitan Bank vs. Bigelow; same action. Stern vs. Atzel; motion for judgment overruled. Russell vs. National Capital Insurance Company; inquisition of damages ordered; appeal. Smith & Wilmarth vs. Clark; judgment granted. Huntley vs. Kilbourn; judgment granted. Williams vs. Davis et al.; demurrer sustained. Boone vs. Godfrey; motion to quash granted.

ASSIGNMENTS FOR TO-DAY.

Supreme Court of the District.—No. 81, Trescott vs. Austin; No. 92, Dwight vs. White; No. 95, Hunt vs. Burche; No. 96, Kendrick vs. Norris; No. 97, Cole vs. Ried; No. 98, Palmer vs. Deane; No. 100, Smith vs. Chronicle Company; No. 104, Bemis vs. Taylor; No. 106, Bartley & Casey vs. Hebron; No. 110, Manson vs. Hanson.

Circuit Court—Justice Cox.—No 243, Homiller vs. Inland and Seaboard Coasting Company; No. 251, Brayfield vs. Meehan et al; No. 284, Bratson vs. Freeman; No. 290, Moore vs. Douglass; No. 297, Bond, president &c., vs. Street et al.; No. 299, Bond, president &c., vs. Bramball et al.; No. 294, Hill vs. Dunscomb, garnishee; No. 296, Wolf vs. Walsh; No. 296, Burns vs. Norment; No. 297, District of Columbia, use &c., vs. Brooker et al; No. 298, Harvey vs. Vechmeyer; No. 299, Hall & Hume vs. Scanlon; No. 302, Downing & Bro. vs. German.

Criminal Court—Justice MacArthur.—Edward Ray; assault with intent to commit rape; third trial.

Equity Court—Justice MacArthur.—No. 6, Campbell vs. Peck; No. 10, Tolles vs. Reed; No. 14, Griffin vs. Kilgour; No. 17, Howard vs. Carusi; No. 18, Ford vs. Hoskin; No. 19, Adler vs. Washington and Georgetown Railroad Company; No. 21, Gilmore vs. Chipman; No. 22, Beckett vs. Jackson; No. 23, McManus vs. Standish; No. 24, Bonsilla vs. Barnacle.

GEORGETOWN NEWS.

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Hermione Lodge, at its meeting on Friday evening last, resolved to change its meeting night from Friday to Wednesday night, commencing next Wednesday evening. Section No. 280 Endowment Rank will also change their meeting nights to Wednesday.

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By virtue of a deed of trust to us, dated December 26, A. D. 1877, recorded in Liber No. 874, folio 300, one of the land records for Washington County, in the District of Columbia, and by the direction of the party secured thereby, we will sell at public auction, in front of the premises, No. 1222 Twenty-first street, on SATURDAY, the 26th day of April, 1879, at 5 o'clock p. m., all those certain pieces, parcels, or lots of ground situate, lying, and being in said Washington city, District of Columbia, and known and designated as parts of lots sixteen (16) and seventeen (17), in square numbered seventy (70). Beginning for the part of lot 16 at the northeast corner of said lot, and running thence west with the south side of North N street 37 feet 6 inches; thence south 90 feet; thence west 15 feet; thence south 31 feet; thence east 10 feet; thence north 20 feet; thence east 42 feet 6 inches, and thence north 101 feet to the place of beginning. Beginning for the part of lot 17 at a point in the west line of Twenty-first street 25 feet south of the northeast corner of said lot and square, and running thence west 100 feet to the east line of lot 16; thence south 30 feet; thence east 100 feet to Twenty-first street, and thence north 30 feet to the place of beginning, together with the improvements thereon.
Terms of sale: One-fourth of the purchase money to be paid at the time of sale in cash, and the balance to be paid in three (3) equal installments, at one (1), two (2), and three (3) years, with interest thereon from the day of sale, the notes of the purchaser or purchasers to be given for such deferred payments. But the purchaser or purchasers of the said property shall have the privilege of paying cash for the same on the day of sale or on the final ratification of the sale by the court. Said property will be sold clear of all taxes due and unpaid upon the same at the time of sale.
ENOCH TOTTEN, Trustee.
W. M. SMITH, Salesman. apl1-eod&ds

THOMAS DOWLING, Auctioneer.
By virtue of a deed of trust, dated the 18th day of November, A. D. 1872, recorded in Liber No. 704, folio 49, of the land records for the District of Columbia, and at the written request of the party secured thereby, we will offer for sale at public auction, in front of the premises on FRIDAY, the 25th day of April next, at 5 o'clock p. m., the following described real estate and premises, located in the city of Washington, in said District, and known as the ground rent of said city as a part of lots numbered 11, 12, and 13, in square numbered 297, and bounded as follows: Beginning for the same on Thirteenth street west, 70 feet from the southwest corner of said square; thence running north along said street 45 feet; thence east 56 feet 3 inches; thence south 15 feet, and thence west to the place of beginning, together with the improvements thereon.
Terms of sale: One-fourth of the purchase in cash, and the residue in six, twelve, and eighteen months, with interest from day of sale at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, to be secured by a deed of trust upon the premises sold, or all cash, at the purchaser's option. A deposit of $100 will be required of the purchaser on the day of sale. If the terms of sale are not complied with within five days, the trustees reserve the right to resell at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser.
HENRY A. CLARKE,
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BY WALTER B. WILLIAMS & CO., Auctioneers.
TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED PROPERTY ON MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, BETWEEN NINTH AND TENTH STREETS NORTHWEST.
By virtue of a deed of trust given to us, dated November 4, 1876, and duly recorded in Liber No. 856, folio 342, one of the land records of the District of Columbia, and by request of the party secured, we will sell on WEDNESDAY, April 16, 1879, at 5 o'clock p. m., in front of the premises, all that piece or parcel of land known and designated as part of the city of Washington, D. C., as part of lot three (3), square three hundred and seventy (370), viz: Beginning for the same at the southwest corner of said lot, thence with Massachusetts avenue southeasterly twenty-five (25) feet, thence at right angles to said avenue one hundred and six (106) feet, thence northwesterly twenty-five (25) feet five (5) inches, thence at right angles one hundred and one (101) feet and six (6) inches to place of beginning, being the same property conveyed to William Johnson by Edwin Green on the 21st day of August, A. D. 1866, together with the improvements, &c., consisting of a frame dwelling-house, with 4 rooms.
Terms of sale: One third, together with the expenses of sale, in cash; the balance in six and twelve months, secured by deed of trust on the property sold, with interest at 6 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, or all cash, at option of purchaser. A deposit of $100 required at time of sale. Conveyancing at purchaser's cost. If terms of sale are not complied with within ten (10) days from day of sale the trustees reserve the right to resell the property at the risk and cost of defaulting purchaser, after giving one week's notice of such resale in some newspaper published in Washington, D. C.
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