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contributions, good chaste romances,
poetry, etc., if original, also well writ-
ten articles on any subject.

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

Baton Rouge, November 28.—In
the House the standing committees
were announced, and, on motion of
Mr. Estlin, the substitute resolution
adopted yesterday, requiring a three-
fourths vote to remove the General
Assembly to New Orleans, was recon-
sidered and laid on the table, and
Mr. Tappan's resolution to adjourn
to New Orleans by a majority vote
was then passed ayes, 54; noes, 38.

A bill to amend the charter of the
Pelican Fire Insurance Company
was passed through its several read-
ings.

The Senate's resolution to elect the
State printer on Monday next was
concurrent in.

The Senate refused to concur in
the resolution to elect Confederate
States Senators to-day. The House
insists, and a joint Committee of
Conference is appointed.

The Senate passed on first read-
ing the joint resolution to adjourn to
New Orleans. A motion made to
suspend the rules for a second read-
ing failed.

The two Houses met in joint ses-
sion to count the votes cast for State
officers.

[EVENING SESSION.]

Baton Rouge, November 28.—The
House has adopted a report from the
Joint Committee of Conference to
elect Senators at 12 o'clock to-mor-
row.

Dec. 2.—The Senate passed Mr.
Moore's bill prohibiting the sale of
property under execution, unless it
bring the full price of its appraised
value.

The Senate has also passed Mr.
Salomon's bill reducing the rates of
public printing. It is estimated that
this act will save the State \$15,000

per annum.

The Senate has refused to concur
in the resolution of the House for a
joint committee to investigate the ac-
counts of the State Tax Collectors
in the parish of Orleans.

In the House, the act to protect
the property of soldiers in the State
and Confederate service was passed
to a second reading, and referred to
the Judiciary Committee.

The House passed the Senate's
bill to subject the State printer to
alterations in the rates of compensa-
tion that may hereafter be made by
law.

Mr. Snyder introduced a bill for
the relief of the sheriffs and tax col-
lectors in the several parishes of the
State, which was referred to the Ju-
diary committee.

By Mr. Estlin—A bill to enable
the holders of the State bonds to
temporarily convert them into notes
of circulation, amounting to three
millions of dollars in the aggregate,
bearing 5 per cent. interest, redeem-
able in three years, and receivable
for all public dues, was referred to
the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Duhin, a bill to revise the
criminal law was referred to the Ju-
diary committee.

By Mr. Coleman—A joint resolu-
tion instructing the Finance and
Banking Committee to visit New Or-
leans to confer with the officers of the
bank, with the view to devising a
mode for the relief of cotton planters.

An amendment was proposed by
Mr. Mason and accepted, instructing
the committee to learn from the banks
upon what terms and at what rate of
interest they will loan to the State a
sum in specie sufficient to pay the
Confederate war tax. The resolution
as amended, was adopted.

Tom Bynum was elected State
printer with scarcely any opposition.
The mileage to members of travel-
ing committees was refused, and the
payment of actual expenses allowed.

The Senate bill appropriating
\$2000 for pay of Presidential elec-
tion passed.

The Senate's joint resolution for
the adjournment of the Legislature
until Thursday, the 12th inst., was
concurrent in by a close vote.

Standing Committees of the Senate.

On Elections.—Texada Gardere,
Barrow, Scudday and Gault.

On Claims. Leefe, Lott and
Newell.

On Unfinished Business. Law-
rence, Wilson, Moreland, Sanders
and Wall.

On Charitable Institutions. Leefe,
Buffington, Loughborough, Salomon,
Patterson, Labatut, Dupuy and San-
ders.

On the Penitentiary. Buffington,
Moore, Gardere, Patterson, Wall,
Weightman and Gault.

On Public Works. Laidlaw,
Newell, Lawrence, Lott, Weightman
and Taylor.

On the Judiciary. Moore, Pearce,
Flournoy, Barrow, Texada and
Dupuy.

On the Military. Labatut, Laid-
law, Moreland and Flournoy.

On Finance. Gardere, Pearce,
Salomon and Leefe.

On Enrolled Bills. Salomon,
Gardere, Laidlaw, Barrow and
Weightman.

On Commerce, Manufactures and

Agriculture. Lott, Wilson, Sanders,
Tete and Taylor.

On Parochial Affairs. Moore,
Moreland, Loughborough, Wilson
and Tete.

On Public Education. Pearce,
Lawrence, Patterson and Leefe.

On the State Library. Newelle,
Buffington and Taylor.

On Banks and Banking. Salo-
mon, Gardere, Newelle, Labatut,
Texada and Scudday.

On Amendments to the Constitution.
Barrow and Texada.

On Auditing and Supervising the
Expenses of the State. Laidlaw,
Labatut and Wall.

The Hero of Strawberry Plains.

—We are gratified to learn that
James Keelan, the hero who so gal-
lantly defended and saved the bridge
at Strawberry Plains, in recovering,
though his wounds were at first con-
sidered mortal. He lost his left hand
entirely, and his right is seriously
and permanently injured, Mr' Keel-
an is a poor man, with a large family.
A fund is being raised for the purpose
of purchasing a small farm for them,
and we understand about eight hun-
dred dollars have already been sub-
scribed and paid.—Athens Post.

Recovery of a Missing Gun.—A
scouting party from Capt. White's
company—the Tennessee Mounted
Rifles, from this city—while on du y
on the Missouri shore, opposite a Col-
umbus, on Thursday last, found one
of the missing pieces of the Louisiana
Watson battery, sunk in the small
lake west of the battle field. It
was thought that the enemy had
succeeded in carrying off two pieces,
but this discovery shows that in the
hurry of their retreat from the ven-
geance of our gallant boys, they
found it necessary to abandon the
trophy. Strong expectations exist
that the remaining piece will be found
in the same neighborhood, and the
splendid battery be again on duty as
was originally intended by the gen-
tleman through whose munificence it
was placed in service. If these
hopes are realized the Federalists
who were engaged in the battle of
Belmont, will be destitute of any
token of their success in the early
part of the day.

From Texas.—The Weatherford
Whiteman says that on the 1st inst.,
a detachment of Capt. Carry's com-
pany of Rangers overhauled a party
of twenty Indians near the head of
Peas river, who they immediately
attacked, killing four and wounding
several others. Two of the whites
were slightly wounded. Several
horses were recovered, which had
been stolen by the red rascals.

Gen. W. H. T. Walker.—In re-
sponse to a letter from Gov. Brown,
tendering Gen. Walker the position
of brigadier-general of the Georgia
State troops, the latter writes as fol-
lows:

AUGUSTA, Nov. 20, 1861.
His Excellency, J. E. Brown:

DEAR SIR: I accept with pride
the position of Brigadier-General,
which you have in such flattering
terms tendered me. The position of
General on the Potomac I resigned
for reasons set forth in my resigna-
tion. The rank of General I would
never allow to be degraded in my
person. I am rejoiced that the rank

of major-general has been bestowed
on my gallant and chivalrous friend,
Gen. Jackson, and it will be my pride
to serve under him, and to render
him all the aid in my power in pre-
serving the soil of Georgia intact
from the ruthless footsteps of the in-
vaders.

With such a dashing leader backed
by the noble and gallant men of
Georgia, who will combat for all that
is dear and sacred, our wives and lit-
tle ones can lie under their own vine
and fig tree with none to make them
afraid.

Allow me to thank you for the high
(and underserved) appreciation you
place upon my character as a soldier,
and to assure you that at a moment's
notice I will be ready to battle for
my mother—Georgia.

I am, with great regard,
Your obedient servant,
W. H. T. WALKER.

What They Expect to Do.—The
Cincinnati Commercial, Nov. 19, tell
us that thirty-two regiments lately
in Western Virginia and Missouri
will soon be in Central and Western
Kentucky, while at least twenty regi-
ments from the Northwestern States
camps will be promptly sent across
the Ohio. These forces will swell
the Federal army in Kentucky to
about 120,000, with which it expect-
ed to penetrate through the Cumber-
land Gap, drive Buckner across the
Cumberland, and "come down the
Mississippi in a grand expedition,"
as the Commercial has it. Great is
Hoosierdom.

The Situation at Bowling Green.—
The Memphis Appeal, of Sunday,
says:

We are pleased to learn from an
acquaintance, who left Bowling Green
on Thursday evening, that the de-
fences at that point are progressing
in a most satisfactory manner. Gen.
Johnston and Buckner, while they
have preserved their equanimity,
have still been energetic and labori-
ous. They now have an excellently
armed and well appointed army,
sufficiently large in numbers to hold
their position, without fear of a suc-
cessful flank movement, against at
least 60,000 men. The enemy only
have 50,000, all told, between Green
River and Louisville.

The timber has been cut away for
three or four miles around Bowling
Green, so as to give our batteries a
fair sweep at the Hessians and pre-
vent them from resorting to their
favorite style of warfare, i. e., "bush-
whacking."

The impression among some of our
officers, we learn, is that the main
attack of the enemy will be made at
Bowling Green, and that the threat-
ened movement on Columbus is a
mere feint.

At the time our informant left, a
fight was whispered of in military
circles as not very far distant.

At the Book-store of Messrs. Hy-
ams and Bro., will be found a lot of
toys of every description. Give them
a call and see the sights.

Fire in Fernandina.—The town of
Fernandina, Fla., was visited by a
destructive conflagration on the 17th
instant, and property to the amount
of \$16,000 consumed. Five valu-
able houses were burnt, with the most
of their contents.