

relative to restricting time for the duration of contracts. Mr. Penneyer did not like the provision of the bill making the bill take effect upon the acceptance of stockholders. Mr. Penneyer objected to being called a Receiver by Mr. Barnes. Mr. Muzzy moved the bill to committee of the whole. Mr. Jones hoped that the bill would be referred to committee of the whole. The State, he said, had suffered already by amending charters. Mr. Muzzy spoke to his motion to refer to committee of the whole; the Senator thought that he "smelt a rat" — there was evidently "a cat in the meat." Com. of the whole.

Mr. Conger offered a joint resolution to direct the board of State Auditors to re-examine the accounts of Jonas H. Titus, as State Prison Building Commissioner. Mr. Conger introduced a bill relative to highways.

Mr. Carpenter introduced a bill to renew internal improvement fund warrants. Mr. Brodhead introduced a concurrent resolution for the appointment of a select committee of two from the Senate and three from the House, to examine the State Treasury.

Mr. Conger moved to amend by making the number from the Senate "seven" instead of "three." Amendment prevailed, ayes 16, nays 12.

Mr. Brodhead moved to reconsider.

Mr. Conger thought that as the mover would be chairman, he was disposed to have the Senator accompanied by "Knatter" — this notice is a renewal of the old "Knatter" policy. It is the old story over again of which the people had enough last campaign. The committee would have to business in the vaults, or with the money, in case the resolution should pass.

Mr. Brodhead wanted to see the money — money is scarce, and we want to see it. Mr. Conger moved to lay on the table, which motion prevailed, ayes 20, nays 7.

Mr. Barnes moved up bill to provide for drainage of swamp lands, by a system of State roads, and made the special order for tomorrow at 2 1/2 o'clock P. M.

Mr. Brodhead moved to change the order of business, substituting "unfinished business" to be made second instead of sixth — lost.

Mr. Penneyer moved to adjourn — lost.

Mr. Dickson introduced a bill conferring certain rights upon owners of real estate in village lots.

Mr. Brown moved from the table Senate bill to amend the village incorporation act, Third reading.

Mr. Hayden moved from table and to Third reading, Paw Paw Railroad bill — carried.

Mr. Canfield moved up House bill to amend post law.

Mr. Dugson moved to except the city of Detroit. Tabled.

Mr. Barnes moved from table act to amend charter of Detroit Young Men's Society. Third reading.

Mr. Barnes moved from table bill to repeal act authorizing subscription to Michigan Journal of Education.

Mr. Canfield thought the subscription a judicious one, so far as he had information.

Mr. Gorham thought the matter should depend altogether upon the expense. If not too expensive, he thought the bill should not be repealed.

Mr. Birney moved to refer to committee of the whole.

Adjourned.

**Wednesday Morning, Feb. 2.**

Bill to cede jurisdiction to light house sites was passed under suspension of rules.

Mr. Barnes from committee on State affairs reported adversely to restore the death penalty.

Mr. Trowbridge presented a petition concerning a road in Avon and Troy, Okla-homa.

Mr. Warner from select committee, made a report as to the organization of a new county from Wayne and Washtenaw.

Mr. Porter offered a substitute for House bill to authorize Circuit Judge, to approve official bonds, in case the supervisor refuse to act. This bill is designed to meet the Grand Rapids case.

Senators Muzzy, Davis, Tower and others, took part in a debate upon the question. The design of the supervisors is to keep a certain land for ex-convict treasurer in office, by corruptly refusing to accept on the bonds of his predecessor. Mr. Porter ordered to a third reading, ayes 18, nays 8.

Mr. Dugson moved to commit to judiciary committee. Mr. Jones raised the point of order, decided in order. Lost, ayes 8, nays 21.

Mr. Hayden moved to amend the bill to incorporate the village of Marquette. Referred to committee on banks and incorporations.

**SPECIAL ORDER FOR 10 1/2 O'CLOCK.**

Mr. Trowbridge in the chair. Bill to organize the county of Muskegon.

Mr. Penneyer moved to strike out the third section of the bill, because the region of country which is to form the new county, does not contain the requisite number of inhabitants. Senators Porter and Davis advocated the measure. Rev. Penneyer returned thanks. Mr. Hayden had no objection to the bill. If a member should come up, from less than a constitutional constituency, he could go home again.

Mr. Conger was opposed to the bill. He did not believe that the people of that territory, as a whole, desired a new county organization. A bill was passed by stealth, at the close of the session of 1875, by which the people had no privacy. He read a memorial from the 16 supervisors of Ottawa, asking to be set back to Oceana — of course they don't desire a new county. Also, petition of 105 inhabitants of White River township, Ottawa county, asking to be set back to Oceana. Also, another with 30 or 40 petitioners to the same effect. Also, a memorial of 278 citizens of White River township, Ottawa county, asking to be set back to Oceana. Forty three petitioners ask for the organization of Muskegon county. Also, resolutions of Ottawa supervisors of Ottawa, asking for a new county.

Mr. Warner spoke against the bill.

Mr. Birney advocated the bill, but was in favor of striking out sec 2.

Mr. Davis advocated the bill, and opposed to striking out. He said the motion to strike out was made to defeat the bill.

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**AFTERNOON SESSION.**

A good show of fun was in order at the opening of the afternoon session, as there were no Secretaries present, and Mr. Penneyer having been elected Secretary pro tem.

Mr. Canfield moved up Senate bill to amend Supreme Court act. Tabled.

Mr. Pond introduced a bill to repeal provisions as to bequests to Religious Societies.

Mr. Hoyt introduced a bill to repeal the liquor law. He moved to refer to committee on expiring laws — lost ayes 9 nays 20. State affairs.

Mr. Crouse gave notice of a bill to change control of Agricultural College to a committee of practical farmers.

**Special order reached at 3 o'clock.**

Muskegon bill. Mr. Trowbridge in the chair.

Mr. Porter advocated the bill. Adjourned.

**Thursday Morning, Feb. 3.**

Mr. Jones, from the committee on finance, reported as follows:

The committee on finance, to whom was referred the special message of the Governor, of the 27th of January last, recommending a loan for the purpose of repaying the Salt Sea, Marine Ship Land, beg leave to report that, having had the same under consideration, and perused the opinion of the Attorney General, transmitted to the House of Representatives on the first of the month, the constitutionality of such a loan, a copy of which opinion is hereto attached, your committee are fully persuaded that the measure thus recommended by the Executive ought to be adopted.

From the last information that can be obtained, there would seem to be no doubt as to the necessity of the contemplated repairs. The State has voluntarily assumed the trust of building and preserving this great work. It is the existing lack of water communication between the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf waters of Lake Superior. Not only do the interests of our own State, and especially those of the Upper Peninsula, require of us the utmost vigilance in protecting it, but the commerce of the whole United States calls upon us, with an almost equal emphasis, to exert no reasonable effort to facilitate its progress, and to employ the power of the Legislature to use all necessary means to perform a duty which the State assumed to itself in accepting the grants made by the United States in 1852, for the construction of the canal.

The borrowing of money for that purpose is one of the obvious and reasonable instrumentalities, and the committee accordingly report a bill for that purpose, pledging the net proceeds of the canal for the redemption of the bonds, and guaranteeing the payment thereof in case the amount of the trust fund should at any time prove to be insufficient.

From what the committee learn, they are satisfied of the propriety and necessity of increasing the rate of tolls on the canal, with a view to meet contingencies. Surely shippers and owners will not indulge in any unreasonable complaints, when they are told that the State thus derives not a dollar of income from the canal, but that the whole amount is expended in repairing and operating it, and that an imperative necessity demands an increase in order that their commerce through it may be assured for the future. A necessity so well ascertained and so generally admitted, that it is to be regretted that by them in the same cheerful and beneficent spirit which prompted the original grant, and which now actuates the State in using its credit for their benefit.

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Mr. Conger, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred House bill No. 42, being a bill to amend section 1 of an act entitled in all respects supplementary to an act to define the limits, jurisdiction and powers of circuit courts, approved April 8, 1851, and to repeal an act supplementary to said act, approved June 27, 1851, approved Feb. 14, 1859, (compiled laws, vol. 2, section 2, 492.)

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On motion of Mr. Tower, the fourth section was struck out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof:

Sec. 4. The commissioners appointed by this act may make application to the circuit court of the county of Ionia during any session thereof, for the appointment of three commissioners, whose duty it shall be, when private property is to be taken for the use of said State road, to ascertain the necessity for taking such property,

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The compensation of the last mentioned commissioners, appointed as aforesaid, shall be one dollar and fifty cents per day for each day actually spent by them in the discharge of their duties under this act, and the appointment aforesaid, which shall be allowed and paid in the same manner as the first mentioned commissioners are allowed and paid.

**2 O'CLOCK, P. M.**

Senator Muzzy moved to third reading bill to authorize Ivey county to raise money for a road. Third reading.

Senator Trowbridge moved from the table joint resolution for amending the constitution, and to make it the special order for 4 o'clock this day.

Senator Carpenter introduced a bill to amend compiled laws relative to criminal proceedings before justices of the peace.

Senator Jones called the registry bill, and to make it the special order for Feb. 4, at 1 1/2 o'clock P. M.

Senator Brodhead, on leave, introduced a bill to more effectually guard the purity of elections. Tabled and printed.

Senator Mills moved up bill to lay out State road in Sanilac county. Senator Canfield called for the reading of the bill. Bill tabled.

Senator Muzzy moved the bill to amend bills as to the selection and designation of a homestead. Third reading.

A lengthy discussion grew up at this stage, in which Senators Conger, Muzzy, Birney, Hayden and Barnes took part, upon the question of striking out "the word 'attached' before 'lay.'" Carried — but that the whole amount is expended in repairing and operating it, and that an imperative necessity demands an increase in order that their commerce through it may be assured for the future. A necessity so well ascertained and so generally admitted, that it is to be regretted that by them in the same cheerful and beneficent spirit which prompted the original grant, and which now actuates the State in using its credit for their benefit.

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**LANSING STATE REPUBLICAN**

TUESDAY MORNING, FEB. 3, 1880.

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The secret ballot system is to be used in the election.

W. W. HARRIS, Secy.

W. W. HARRIS	P. W. WILLIAMS
A. J. WALKER	P. S. BROWN
M. S. WRIGHT	P. S. BROWN
C. W. WALKER	ALFRED PARKER
J. B. WALKER	ALFRED PARKER

City of Lansing.

**THE MESSAGE.**

The prospect now is, the great leading measures of the session will be the most part have become law, before the close of this week.

The foundation of the appropriation bills for the session, is laid for the passage of the bill and a quarter tax bill; and without nearly adequate appropriations will be made for nearly all of the objects recommended in the message of the Executive.

Very much of the time of the Legislature, in either branch, has been absorbed in attention to private bills, or those of interest only to a few individuals, or of certain corporations.

It would seem that had the people of the State, dissatisfied with their names, and have applied for a change thereof.

The early stages of the session were taken up in extending the time for the collection of taxes, in a very large number of townships; and after nearly every separate township decision of it, had been served with a separate extension, for fear that some township might have forgotten to petition, they passed a sweeping general act.

The Registry Act will without doubt be passed, as it is undeniably should.

Mr. Angell, of the Seymour House, Lower Town, will give an entertainment on Thursday evening. All his friends are invited. It will be the bill of the season, and everything that can be done to make his guests happy, will be done, we know.

**REPUBLICAN CAUCUS** — Pursuant to a call by the Town Committee, a meeting of the Republicans of Lansing, was held at the Union School House, in the Middle Tower, on Saturday, the 21st inst. H. H. Durkin was appointed chairman, and Robert D. Weeks Secretary.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the chair, to report the names of 10 persons as delegates to attend the County Convention to be held at Mason, on Saturday, the 12th inst, at 10 o'clock A. M. for the purpose of selecting six delegates to represent Michigan county in the Republican State Convention, to be held at Detroit on the 15th inst, to nominate a candidate for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

The Committee appointed under the above resolution reported the following names, as delegates to the county Convention:

A. W. Williams, H. Angell, H. B. Shack, J. P. Prior, I. M. Caswell, D. M. Bagley, M. K. North, H. H. Savage, R. Everett, M. Elder, Geo. Clappell, A. C. Winter, Geo. Eldie, P. S. Clark, P. C. Ayres, D. F. Rath.

A Good show — All of the public houses of Charlotte, Eaton county, have abandoned the sale of liquor. Senator Williams informs us, in accordance to public opinion of the place.