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## POETRY.

**AUTUMN SONG.**  
The gold corn in the field  
And the asters in the meadow,  
And the heavy clouds that yield  
To the hills a crown of shadow,  
Mark the ending of the Summer,  
And the autumn coming in,  
A crimson-eyed new comer,  
Whose voice is cold and thin,  
As he whispers to the flowers,  
"Lo, all this time is ours!"

I remember long ago  
When the soft June days were wasted,  
That the Autumn and the snow  
In the after heats were tasted;  
For the sultry August weather  
Burned the freshness from the trees—  
And the woods and I, together,  
Mourned the winter, that must freeze  
The silver-singing streams  
Which fed our summer dreams.

Through the yellow afternoon  
Rolls the wagon, harvest-laden—  
And beneath the harvest moon  
At the husking sings the maiden;  
While without, the winds are flowing  
Like long aerial waves,  
And their scy the sharp breath is mowing  
The flowers upon their graves.  
When the husking is all o'er  
The maiden sings no more.

## THE LEGISLATURE.

Saturday, Oct. 18.  
SENATE.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

**Petitions presented.** By Mr. Onion, of George Green and others of Swanton, referred to the committee on Education.—By Mr. Clittenden, of Oliver Beckwith, referred to the Judiciary committee.

**Reports.** By Mr. Morgan, from the Committee on Elections, in favor of the bill amending chapter 1st of R. S. relating to election by plurality, with an amendment, providing for additional trials, if there should be no plurality on the third ballot; the amendment was adopted. On the question of the third reading of the bill Mr. J. Barrett remarked that having introduced the bill it became him perhaps to express briefly his views in relation to it. To direct, unavoidable effect of the law as it now stands is well known to all. That effect has more especially manifested itself of late years, and never more so than during the present. No less than between thirty and forty towns, and some of them too the more important towns of the State, although as deeply concerned as any other in the promotion of the common weal are now perfectly voiceless in the other branch of our Legislature. This state of things all would acknowledge an evil, that loudly calls for a remedy. This bill none would deny would afford the remedy sought, and in his view it would be perfectly harmless in its operation. Although empowering minorities, under certain circumstances, to elect and thus apparently infringing the general principle of the right of majorities alone to govern, still in its practical working it would not operate unequally or unjustly. In political respect the results of elections thus gained through the State at large would probably counter-balance each other, and consequently could not greatly affect the relative standing of parties; and in reference to the general good which we are all alike trying to promote, a change in the existing law would certainly prove of no inconsiderable benefit to the State. Neither would it be introducing a novel principle into our political system. Our Co. Senators may always be elected by a plurality; so are our Representatives to Congress, if no choice is affected before the third trial. The same system prevails in almost every state out of New England, and if it succeeds elsewhere there is no reason why it should fail here. No great harm could result from the passage of the bill, and its necessary effect would be to correct a state of things, by which the people are deprived of a voice in that legislation which alike affects the rights and the interests of all.—He had no personal concern in this bill, but his regard for the welfare of the State caused him to wish ardently it might become a law.

On motion of Mr. Billings, the bill was ordered to lie on the table for examination.

**Bill introduced.** By Mr. Buton establishing a hospital at Castleton; referred to committee on Education.

**Bills from the House.** To incorporate the Winooski Mill Company; referred to the committee on Manufactures. In relation to fees of defendants in justice courts referred to the committee on the Judiciary. In relation to animals of foreign growth in agricultural fairs; referred to the committee on Agriculture.

**Engrossed bills.** To incorporate the Bennington County Bank. Mr. Vilas moved to lay the bill on the table to be made the special order for Tuesday morning next, carried.

**Engrossed Resolutions.** Providing for the purchase and distribution of 50 copies of Washburn's Digest; adopted.

**Resolution introduced.** By T. T. Barrett from the committee on Military affairs, instructing our Senators and requesting our representatives in Congress to use their exertions to recover, from the possession of the General Government, the cannon taken at Bennington; adopted.

Mr. Rich asked for the reconsideration of the vote ordering the third reading of the bill relating to the collection of moneys by attorneys and agents; carried. Mr. Vilas moved to reconsider the vote adopting the amendment making the bill prospective only, in its operation; carried; and the bill was laid on the table to be made the special order for Tuesday morning.

The Governor transmitted to the Senate a report from the commissioners appointed to examine into the consideration of the University of Vermont; referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Woodbridge moved that when the Senate adjourn, it adjourn to meet on Monday morning; carried. Adj.

**HOUSE.**

Mr. Stoddard obtained leave from the Committee on Claims to sit during the forenoon.

**Petitions presented.** By Mr. Stevens of Napoleon Bonapart Bowdish, praying to change his name to George Washington Bowdish; referred to the General committee with instructions to report a bill granting the prayer of the petitioner. By Mr. Kellogg, of Thomas Robinson and others praying for the recharter of the Bellows Falls Bank referred to the committee on Banks. Of Lewis Hunt and 40 others of Shoreham, of J. C. Butler and 32 others of Berkshire, of David Goodale and 17 others of Middlesex; referred to the committee on Education. Of Isaac Thayer, praying that the State would subscribe for his book entitled statistics of the Woolen Manufacturers.

**Reports.** By Mr. Swift, from the Judiciary Committee, in favor of the bill permitting Mayor and Aldermen of Vergennes to bind over for breaches of the license laws; bill ordered to lie on the table. Mr. Fairbanks, from the committee on Education, in favor of the bill providing for the improvement of common schools, with certain amendments; the amendments were adopted and the bill was ordered to lie on the table, and 300 copies printed. By Mr. Russell, from the Judiciary committee, against the expediency of so altering the law as to require Town clerks to make out the list of voters previous to the election. By Mr. Swift, from the same committee, against the bill establishing the fees of trustees before Justices of the Peace; bill was dismissed. By Mr. Middlebrook, from the committee on Agriculture in favor of the bill granting premium on Silks; bill was laid on the table.

**Bills introduced.** By Mr. Barlow, repealing act of '41 for a Geological survey of the state. Repealing sixth section of the act '43 to promote agriculture; both referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**Senate bill referred.** In addition to chapter 28 of R. S. In addition to chapter 25 of R. S., entitled of the Supreme and County Courts.

**Bills ordered to a third reading.** Empowering the Troy Conference Academy to confer degrees. Repealing laws granting premiums on silk, by a vote of 84 to 64.

**Bills passed.** To incorporate the Winooski Mill Company. Relative to the fees of defendants in justice courts. Relative to foreign cattle in agricultural fairs.

**Resolution.** By Mr. Rice, that, whereas it is believed that the perpetuity of exclusive privileges is anti-democratic and dangerous to the dearest rights of a republican people, it is inexpedient to re-charter any banks at the present time; referred to a select committee, consisting of one member from each county.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate in the bill relating to offences against private property, and they were referred to the Judiciary committee.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Williams of Searsburg from Monday next.

Mr. Jones moved that when the House adjourn, it be to meet on Monday next at 10 o'clock A. M.; carried. H. Adj.

Monday, Oct. 20.

## HOUSE.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Manser.

Mr. Lynde of Guilford appeared, was sworn and took his seat.

The chair announced the select committee on the resolution declaring it inexpedient to recharter banks—Messrs Rice, Blackmer, Edgerton, Harlow, Middlebrook, Bill, Dorwin, Ordway, Kimball, Barlow, Wheelock, Waterman, Keyes, Davis.

Also the committee as to the boundary line between Bennington and Windham counties, Messrs Parsons, Rice, Aikens, Bachelier, Bishop, Stetson.

**Petitions referred.** Of Benja. Smith, jr. and others to committee on Banks; of 153 citizens of Williston to committee on Education. Of Sylvester Phelps, to committee on Claims.

**Bills introduced.** By Mr. Swift, relating to public squares and commons; referred to the General Committee. By Mr. Barlow, relating to licenses to retailers and inn-keepers (defining what shall be considered retailers, inn-keepers, &c., and authorizing selectmen to grant licenses to sell liquors, fixing penalties, &c.); referred to the Committee. By Mr. Lawrence, relating to prosecutions for support of illegitimate children; referred to the Judiciary committee. By Mr. Hall, to increase the capital stock of the Bank of Brattleboro' to \$100,000; referred to the committee on Banks. By the same, in amendment of chap. 80 R. S.; referred to the committee on Banks.

**Engrossed bills.** To repeal the act granting a bounty on silk; passed, 121 to 36. Empowering the Troy Conference Academy to confer certain degrees, (both to young gentlemen and ladies.) Mr. Stoddard and Briggs opposed this bill as giving this institution privileges beyond others of a like character, and also a tending to bring all degrees into contempt by lowering the standard of qualifications which should be required to warrant marks of literary merit; ayes 35, noes 118, so the bill was rejected.

**Reports.** By Mr. Russell, from the Judiciary committee, the bill to prevent the bringing of papers into this state from other states, and it was explained and supported by Mr. Russell and Kellogg, from the same committee, against the bill in addition to the act for the protection of personal liberty. Mr. K. said the object of the bill was exceedingly important and it had received the deliberate and earnest consideration of the committee but they could not resist the opinion that it is but justice to exempt the officers of the federal government from the operation of the present law. The bill was rejected almost unanimously. By Mr. Marston from the Judiciary committee the bill in addition to chapter 1 R. S., relation to the election of town representatives, who remarked that the committee reported the bill for the sake of bringing it before the House, rather than from any conviction that the bill ought to pass.—The bill was laid on the table. By Mr. Hall from the committee on Roads, bill granting a ferry to George Niles, which was ordered to a third reading.

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**Bill reported.** By Mr. Sabin from the committee on Education, providing for the improvement of common schools. Mr. Sabin stated that the bill was substantially like that of last year, and moved that it be laid on the table without reading, and 300 copies be ordered to be printed; carried.

**Bills introduced.** By Mr. Bradley, amending the charter of the Burlington

Mill Company; referred to the committee on Manufactures. By Mr. J. Bartlett, so amending chapter 74 of R. S., as to make it the duty of justices on application, in proper form, of any individual, to require from peddlers the production of their licenses; referred to the Judiciary committee.

**Resolution.** By Mr. Hodges, assigning Wednesday 10 o'clock A. M. for a joint assembly to elect judges of the Supreme Court; passed.

A message was received from the Governor, announcing that he had transmitted to the House of Representatives, for the use of the General Assembly, the report of a committee appointed under a joint resolution of '43 to examine the accounts, returns and all documents of the 16th Regiment of the Vermont Militia, relating to the assessment of fines and the collection and disbursement of the monies arising therefrom under the laws of '37 '39 and '40. Adj.

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The Senate took up the bill, repealing section 19 of chapter 97, which makes penal the administration of extra-judicial oaths, and after remarks by Messrs Woodbridge and Smith, in favor of, and by Mr. Vilas against the bill, it was refused a third reading by a vote of 19 to 7.

On motion of Mr. Noyes, the report of the select committee upon the Vermont Asylum was referred to the committee on Finance.

Adjourned.

## HOUSE.

**Petitions referred.** Of Josiah Morse and others, to committee on Education.

**Resolution.** From the Senate, to select Judges of the Supreme Court on Wednesday next, 10 A. M.; laid on the table.

**Reports.** Mr. Swift, from the Judiciary committee reported a statement of facts in the case of the sitting member from the town of Easthaven; declining, however, to give an opinion whether the town was legally organized or not, on the ground that it is a legal question for the courts, with which the House ought not to interfere. The facts were, that a meeting was duly notified to organize the town which met and a majority refused to organize and adjourned. Subsequently, on the same day, a portion of the people met and organized the town, and the freemen's meeting in September was holden, and both parties attended and voted. Mr. Marston introduced a resolution, on the reading of this report, declaring that John Walker jr., the sitting member of Easthaven, is not entitled to a seat as a member of this House.

This resolution was supported by Messrs Kellogg and Marston, opposed by Messrs Swift and Stevens, and a motion of the latter to dismiss was lost, 88 to 91; A motion to lay the resolution on the table was lost—88 to 79; and the resolution was passed, 95 to 79.

Mr. Swift from the same committee, reported the bill in addition to the act for the relief of the insane poor (which provides a commissioner of the insane) and it was ordered to a third reading; also the Senate bill in addition to the act chartering the village of Woodstock, and it was passed. Mr. Hall from the committee on Roads, reported the bill to facilitate the rendering of turnpikes free roads with an amendment, which was concurred in and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Kellogg from the same committee, reported a bill altering the time of holding the county court in Windham county, and it was ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Swift, the clerk was ordered to draw an order for the deposit of Mr. Walter, of Easthaven, after some sparring by Messrs Stevens, Kellogg Swift, Rice, and Russell—the latter being opposed to paying.

Mr. Rice moved a reconsideration of the vote of this morning rejecting the bill relating to Troy Conference Academy—agreed to, and the bill recommitted.

Mr. Harmon called up the bill to extend the charter of the Bank of Middlebury, which he understood to be reported and lying on the Speaker's table.

The Speaker decided that it was in order to call up business laid upon the table by the order of the House, but not in order to call up any business which was in regular progress; he therefore decided this call not in order.

Mr. Stevens appealed from this decision, objecting that it placed all business under the control of the Speaker.

Messrs Barlow, Kellogg, Rice and Marston, sustained the chair, and the appeal was withdrawn.

Mr. Buton from the committee on Banks reported the bill above called for, with amendments, and on motion of Mr. Marston it was laid on the table.

Adjourned.

## SENATE.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

**Petition presented.** By Mr. Smith, of the Directors of the Bank of Montpelier, praying for an investigation into that part of the Bank Commissioner's Report, which charges the Bank with violating its charter by over issues. (The charge is predicated upon such a construction of the law as would preclude the Bank from making its deposits the basis of any discounts.) The petition was referred to the committee on Banks.

**Bill introduced.** By Mr. Vilas, to distribute among the several towns of the State, for the support of common schools, the income of the State school fund; referred to the committee on Education.

**Bill from the House.** Making penal the introduction of paupers from other States into this State; referred to the Judiciary committee.

**Resolution.** By Mr. J. Barrett, that the

committee on Finance be instructed to notify the Bank Commissioner of the memorial of the Directors of the Bank of Montpelier, before acting thereon; passed.

The Bill, incorporating the Bennington County Bank to commence operations in '48, was taken up, and after the adoption of an amendment, submitted by Mr. Hurd, restricting the time of keeping the books open to six months previous to the banks doing into operation, was supported by Mr. Hodges, and was opposed by Messrs Vilas, J. Barrett and Richardson, upon the ground of the inexpediency of legislating so far in advance; and the third reading of the bill was refused by a vote of 20 to 10.

The amendment to the bill, relative to the collection of moneys by attorneys, proposing that the act should be prospective only in its operation, was taken up, and after remarks by Messrs Woodbridge and Richardson in favor of, and by Mr. Vilas against the amendment, it was adopted by a vote of 23 to 7; and the bill itself was ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Onion moved to reconsider the vote refusing a third reading to the bill relating to election by plurality; carried, and on motion Mr. Noyes, the bill was laid on the table.

A communication from the Governor was received transmitting a report from the State Geologist, estimating the expense of the survey for the year ensuing; referred to the committee on Finance.

Adjourned.

## HOUSE.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Eaton.

**Petitions referred.** Of J. D. Farnsworth and others, to committee on Education; of Orrin Sholes and others, to Judiciary com.

**Bills introduced.** By Mr. Adams, repealing the proviso of the 24th section of the act of 1840, relating to banks; referred to the committee of Ways and Means. By Mr. Russell, incorporating the Winooski Cotton Company; referred to the committee on Manufactures.

**Resolution.** By Mr. Swift, instructing the judiciary committee to inquire into the expediency of publishing a volume of reports of decisions of Supreme Court in 1843, together with decisions in the hands of Judge Royce; adopted.

**Engrossed bills.** To prohibit the bringing papers from other States into this State; granting a ferry to George Niles; altering the time of holding Windham county courts to the fourth Tuesday of April and September; to facilitate the rendering of turnpike roads free roads; severally passed. In addition to the act for the relief of the insane poor (making an appropriation of \$5000 annually in lieu of the sum heretofore appropriated, and providing for a State commissioner.) Mr. Aiken moved to strike out 5000 and insert 3000, on the ground that this appropriation involves the question whether the state debt shall be constantly increased; \$3000 he thought enough to induce the towns to send the insane to the hospital, without encouraging speculation upon this unfortunate class. Mr. Rice said this sum was not sufficient. Mr. Swift suggested that 5000 would cover but half the expenses required, which was confirmed by Mr. Hall, who sustained the appropriation, as also did Messrs Barlow, Stevens, Russell and Rice, who would appropriate money for this object in preference to almost any other—and it was truly economical to do so, in their judgment, since the insane would be provided for more humanely and cheaper by the state than by the towns. The effect of a too small appropriation was to induce towns to send only desperate cases, incapable of cure, while those who may be cured by early treatment, are retained at home and suffered to go on into the stage of hopeless insanity. Money they regarded as not worth consideration when compared with the restoration of multitudes of this unfortunate class to sanity and society. Mr. Aiker then withdrew his motion to amend and moved to commit the bill to a select committee. Mr. Swift suggested the same committee which had already considered the bill. Mr. Kellogg concurred in this suggestion, so as to learn all the facts in the matter, remarking that he was anxious to bring the expenses of the state within the usual revenue, but he was not prepared to reject any necessary appropriation even if the revenue of the state might prove insufficient. The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Swift called up the bill to extend the charter of the Bank of Middlebury, when Mr. Thomas moved to lay it on the table. After some conversation by Messrs Thomas, Swift and Barlow, this motion was agreed to.

**The Easthaven case.**

Mr. Crowley moved to reconsider the vote of yesterday, ejecting the member from Easthaven—remarking that he was convinced that the decision was wrong. Mr. Thomas moved to lay this motion on the