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MONTPELIER, NOV. 17, 1854.

STATE OF VERMONT.

BY STEPHEN ROYCE,

GOVERNOR,

A PROCLAMATION.

The year draws to its close.—The seed-time and the harvest are passed, and the laborers are returned from the field bringing with them the plenteous fruits of the season sufficient for man and beast.

God has blessed the people of this State with health and prosperity, and crowned the year with his goodness.

To express our gratitude as a Christian and an enlightened people, to the Author of all good and the Giver of all blessings;—and to perpetuate a goodly custom of our ancestors, I do hereby appoint THURSDAY, the THIRTIETH DAY OF NOVEMBER *instant*, to be observed by the citizens of this State as a day of Public Thanksgiving, Prayer and Praise.

Duty and propriety enjoin us to lay aside our ordinary labors on that day;—that we refrain from every irrational indulgence, and every unworthy amusement;—and with willing and grateful hearts assemble in our respective houses of worship, there to offer devout praise to Him whose loving kindness is over all his works.

On that day, let us praise God for the freedom and justness of our Government;—for the supremacy of good laws;—for the protection afforded to the lives, liberty, and property of all citizens of our commonwealth;—for the rewards and encouragements that honest labor receives;—for the beneficent influences of our institutions of Charity and Learning;—and above all, for the prevalence of the Christian religion.

Let thanks be offered to our Heavenly Father, that he has seen fit to grant to the citizens of this State so large a measure of health, while the pestilence that walketh in darkness, has so grievously afflicted many parts of our land;—that, while other lands are disturbed and oppressed by War, we are blessed with profound peace.

Let us, on that day, worship our Maker with humble and contrite hearts, confessing our individual and national sins. Let Him be invoked to perpetuate our Free Government;—that the Union of these States may long be preserved for the good of mankind;—that patriotism, wisdom, and virtue may guide our National Councils;—that harmony may be preserved among the States;—that the machinations of bad men to extend the sphere of human bondage, may be overruled;—that intemperance with all its woes may be overcome;—and all those sins, that mark us as a people, may soon be known no more in our midst.

As you gather around your firesides, and sit at the festive board, forget not the Widow and the Fatherless, but distribute bountifully to them who suffer by cold, hunger and want;—for by so doing, we shall hold a festival acceptable to the Most High.

Given under my hand and the seal of this State, in Executive Chamber, at Montpelier, this ninth day of November,
[L. S.] *in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four, and of the independence of the United States the seventy-ninth.*

STEPHEN ROYCE.

By the Governor,
Chauncey H. Hayden, *Sec.*

Legislature of Vermont.

Thursday, Nov. 9, 1854.

SENATE.

Mr. Denison, on leave, introduced a bill to pay the People's Bank, (expenses of pursuing a forger, $374,50.) read twice and referred to committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Waite, the vote passing the bill relating to Rail Road Corporations was reconsidered, and the bill laid on the table.

Reports.—From committee on Education, bill to incorporate the Vermont Episcopal Institute, with proposals of amendment. One amendment adopted and bill laid on the table. From committee on Finance, bill, fixing the salary of Bank Commissioner, ($500 proposed, altered by amendment to $400,) ordered to be engrossed and read 3d time.—From committee on Manufactures, bill to incorporate Montpelier Gas light company.—Read 3d time and passed.

Orders of the day.—Bills, relating to claimants under the Trustee process; to amend secs. 68 and 69, chap. 26 C. S.; to restore Hiram Rush, Isaac Rush, and Joseph Lackay to their legal privileges—severally read 3d time and passed.

In amendment of the General Banking Law, called up by Mr. Allen and advocated by Messrs. Warner, Allen, and Green, opposed by Messrs. Coolidge, Hoyt and Benedict; and the question, on passage of the bill, was decided in the negative—yeas 10, nays 19.

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ISSUED SIMULTANEOUSLY AT MONTPELIER,

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17,

Bills from the House.—To punish obstructions of highways and streets; read twice and referred to committee on Roads. For the benefit of the several towns in the county of Rutland; read twice and referred to General committee. In amendment of the C. S. entitled salaries and *fees*, fixing judges' salaries at $1,500; read twice and referred to committee on the Judiciary. Relating to Fencing Highways, read twice, and referred to committee on Roads.

Bill relating to Rail Road corporations was called up by Mr. Denison and recommitted. Adj.

HOUSE.

Prayer by Rev. I. D. Rust.

Resolution.—By Mr. Rice, for a committee of two to take mileage and make up debentures; adopted.

Reports.—By committee appointed by the Governor last year, on removal of the state house, proposals of the town of Burlington. They propose to erect a state house free of expense to the state, provided the legislature determine to remove the state house. Referred, on motion of Mr. Edmunds, to a select committee of five.

Engrossed Bills. To incorporate the Norton lumber co.; passed. To incorporate the bank of Hinesburgh: Mr. Page moved to dismiss. Mr. Judevine requested Mr. Page to withdraw this motion, for the purpose of an amendment making the stockholders personally liable for the redemption of the bills; but the motion to dismiss was not withdrawn. The dismissal was supported by Messrs. Edmunds, Field, Hunton, Deane and Stoughton, and opposed by Messrs. Beecher, Smith of Williston, Smith of Monkton, McLean of Cabot, Constantine and Ferrin.

[The three last named speakers opposed dismissal mainly on the ground that they desired to establish the principle embraced in Mr. Judevine's amendment; and this principle was opposed by Mr. Hunter as entirely unnecessary, the present safety fund and bonds of Directors giving ample security for the redemption of bills.]

The motion to dismiss was negatived, ayes 71, noes 134.

Mr. Judevine moved to commit for amendment as indicated above, which was agreed to.

The Militia.

The House proceeded to consider the bill in addition to the acts for organizing and governing the militia, requiring an enrolment, the appointment of a captain in each town, and making all provisions necessary for an organized military force, in the simplest form consistent with the provisions of the constitution and the laws of Congress; also exempting the poll tax for the encouragement of the uniform militia. The bill was supported by Messrs. Capen, Washburn, Spencer and Darling, opposed by Mr. Beecher, and ordered to 3d reading.

The Senate come in and the joint assembly on county officers was dissolved.

Special Order. The bill to incorporate the Waterford bank was supported by Mr. Darling, and the bill was ordered to a 3d reading, 88 to 78.

Messrs. White of Whiting and Adams of Fairhaven had leave of absence from and after to-morrow. Adj.

AFTERNOON.

SENATE.

Orders of the day.—Bills, for the improvement of State Library. Relating to the payment of County commissioner. Fixing salary of Bank Commissioner. Severally read 3d time and passed.

Reports.—From General committee, bill severing Goshen Gore from the town of Goshen, and annexing thereto a part of Brandon. From committee on Claims, bill for the support of a transient insane person.—From General committee, altering the names of Francis Lange. From same committee, altering the name of Alfred Hurd Hoar—said bills were severally read 3d time and passed.

The Select committee, to whom was referred that part of the Governor's Message, relating to the Missouri Compromise, presented a report and resolutions which were read and on motion of Mr. Williams, were laid on the table.

Reports.—From Select committee, that the bill relating to return of births, marriages, and deaths, ought to pass; ordered to be engrossed and read 3d time. From General committee, that the bill for the benefit of the several towns in Rutland county, ought to pass; read 3d time and passed. From Select committee, that the bill for the defence of liberty and to punish kidnapping, ought to pass. Ordered to be engrossed and read 3d time. Adj.

HOUSE.

Mr. Edmunds moved to reconsider the vote rejecting the bill (202) relating to common schools. Supported by Messrs. Rankin, Fletcher, Congdon, Wooster, Eddy and Washburn, opposed by Messrs. Bingham, Beecher and George, and carried, ayes 118, noes 76. Mr. Rankin then moved that the bill be referred to the committees on the judiciary and education: agreed to. Bill No. 203, on the same subject, was also reconsidered and so referred.

The Senate came in and Col. CYRUS CARPENTER of Guilford was elected Brigadier General 1st Division. [Col. Carpenter 155, Joshua Hallett 35, Lucy Stone 7, scattering 19.]

Bills referred. From the Senate, in addition to the liquor law, to the select committee on that subject; fixing the salary of bank commissioner, (at $400, to be paid by the treasurer and collected of the banks,) to general committee; to provide for the appointment of a railroad commissioner, to judiciary commitee; for the improvement of the state library, to committee on the library; for the payment of county commissioners, to the committee of ways and means; to amend secs. 68 and 69, chap. 26, relating to railroad corporations, to judiciary committee; to restore Hiram Rush, Isaac Rush, and Joseph Lackey to legal privileges, to general committee; in addition to chap. 81, relating to directors of railroads, and to claimants under trustee process, to judiciary committee; to incorporate St. Johnsbury Acqueduct Co., to committee on manufactures; in alteration of chap. 29, in relation to justices of the peace, to judiciary committee.

Reports. By committee on Banks, bill to charter Fairfax bank, capital reduced, and it was ordered to 3d reading, but subsequently recommitted for amendment. By select committee, against Senate bill taxing Windsor county; bill supported by Mr. Washburn, and ordered to 3d reading. By select committee on mileage, bill on mileage, in amendment of chap. 116, (fixing the mileage of every member in the bill,) referred to committee on printing. By select committee on Orange county shires, against two bills, (unanimous report,) and they were dismissed.

The committee on Education was discharged from bills No. 194 and 213, and they were referred to the committees on Judiciary and Education, sitting jointly.

Petition referred. Of J. S. Austin and others, to committee on division of Windsor county. Adj. to 7 P. M.

THURSDAY, NOV. 9.—EVENING.

HOUSE.

Engrossed Bills. Relating to cemetery in Montpelier; to incorporate Hinesburgh bank, ayes 112, noes 71—passed; to incorporate West Randolph bank: Mr. Wright of Warren moved to commit for amendment, making stockholders holden to the amount of their stock, and also limiting stock in the hands of one person to one tenth of the whole capital: agreed to.

Mr. Capen of Goshen had leave of absence from and after Saturday morning next.

Reports. By committee on banks, S. bill increasing capital of Black river bank, without any expression of opinion: the bill was supported by Messrs. Deane, White of Whiting, Kirkland and Washburn, opposed by Messrs. Whitmore and Josselyn of P., and rejected—ayes 65, noes 100. Mr. Whitmore moved to reconsider this vote. Mr. Washburn moved to lay this motion upon the table; negatived. Mr. Rice moved to adjourn: negatived. The motion for reconsideration was then negatived.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, NOV. 10, 1854.

SENATE.

Mr. Leavens called up the bill for the relief of Samuel Perley and the same was ordered to be engrossed and read 3d time.

Mr. White, from the committee on Roads, reported the bill, to punish obstructions of Highways and Bridges, in favor of its passage. Mr. Denison moved that the Senate propose to the House to amend the title of said bill, by striking out the word "punish" and insert in lieu thereof the word "prevent" which motion was decided in the affirmative, and the bill was read the 3d time and passed.

Reports.—From General committee, bill to furnish permanent water for the State House, with amendment, and when amended in favor of its passage; recommitted for further statement of facts. From committee on Roads, bill relating to Rail Road corporations, with an amendment, and in favor.—Amendment rejected and after discussion by Mr. Coolidge, in opposition and Mr. Benedict in favor, the question of passage was decided in the negative—yeas 14, nays 15.—From Select committee, of three Senators, bill relating to shire of Caledonia county, against its passage. Laid on the table.

House Bills.—To incorporate the Norton Lumber Company: read twice, and referred to committee on Manufactures. To incorporate the Hinesburgh Bank; read twice, and referred to committee on Banks. Relating to a cemetery in Montpelier; read twice and referred to the General committee.

Resolution.—Rescinding resolution for final adjournment; read and laid on the table. Adjourned.

HOUSE.

Reports. By judiciary committee, asking to be discharged from bill relating to treasurers of railroads; agreed to, and the bill referred to the committee on *roads*. By committee of ways and means, against bill fixing pay of members of the legislature at $1 per day, and on motion of Mr. Fish, supported by Mr. Woodworth, it was dismissed.

Resolution. By Mr. Field, rescinding the resolution fixing the day of adjournment: supported by Messrs. Field, Josselyn of P., Hotchkiss of W., and Nichols, opposed by Mr. Edmunds, and carried, 118 to 91.

Mr. Field called up the bill chartering the Wantastiquet bank, (Fayetteville,) and moved to commit for an amendment reducing the capital to $50,000: agreed to.

Engrossed Bills. To charter the West Randolph bank, reported by Mr. Wright amended; supported by Mr. Bradford, opposed by Messrs. Bartholomew and Hunton, and rejected, ayes 65, noes 111. To encourage the science of agriculture: (to purchase ten copies of Mr. Waring's elements of agriculture, for each town;) on motion of Mr. Brigham, committed for amendment, to purchase one copy instead of ten.

The Senate bill, taxing Windsor county, was supported by Messrs. Washburn, Fletcher, George, Davenport, Hotchkiss of W., Adams of Fairhaven, opposed by Messrs. Hunton, Beecher and Josselyn of P., and passed, 80 to 37.

Mr. Bundy of Burke had leave of absence after tomorrow.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

SENATE.

Reports. From com. on the judiciary, bill fixing salaries of Judges at $1,500, in favor,—read 3d time and laid on the table, called up and motion to amend by changing salaries to $1750 negatived. $1600 substituted and the bill read 3d time and passed.

From comm. on Claims, against the resolution relating to raising the compensation of Members of the General Assembly, in which the Senate concurred. From Gen. comm., bill altering the name of B. W. Cook, in favor; read 3d time and passed. From comm. on Jud. similar bill, and similarly read and passed. Bill to incorporate W. Randolph bank was taken up and indefinitely postponed. From comm on Roads, bill in addition to chap 23 C. S.; adversely to its passage. 3d reading refused.

Bill introduced on leave. By Mr. Williams, in addition to bill amending the general banking law, read 1st and 2d times and referred to committee on banks.

Resolution. By Mr. Powers, directing the committee on claims to consider and report upon the propriety of raising the compensation of members of the General Assembly read and passed.

Bill for the relief of Samuel Perley taken up, read a 3d time and passed.

Orders of the day. Bill for the defence of liberty and the punishment of kidnapping was amended and passed. Bill relating to the registry and returns of births, marriages and deaths was read the 3d time and passed.

Bill relating to shire of Caledonia County

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called up by Mr. French, who proposed to amend by referring to a disinterested committee to fix the shire of the county; indefinitely postponed.

Select committee on Education reported a bill to establish a Board of Education; read and laid on the table, and ordered to be printed. Adj.

HOUSE.

The Speaker announced the following committees:

On removal of the State House—Messrs. Lyman of Royalton, Harvey of Barnet, Smith of St. Albans, Robinson of Bennington, Eddy of Mt. Holly.

On Debentures—Messrs. Batchelder, Hurd; Edwards, Town; Hall, Ransom; Boynton, Bartlett of West Windsor; Carpenter of A., Hasseltine; Smith of Tunbridge, Mowe; Lockwood, Saxton; Towle, Evans; McLaughlin, Ingalls; Larned, Armstrong; Tracy, Shattuck; Cole of Charleston, Hardy; Stevens of Brighton, Smith of Brunswick; Brown of Grand Isle, Pike of Isle la Mott.

Engrossed Bills. To charter the Wantastique bank: Mr. Congdon moved to recommit for amendments, making stockholders liable—limiting single subscriptions to 10 per cent. of capital—and imposing a tax of one per cent: supported by Messrs. Congdon and Lynde, opposed by Messrs. Field, Hunton, Bartlett of Lyndon and Hotchkiss of W., and negatived. The bill was supported by Mr. Harvey and passed, ayes 115, noes 81.

To amend proviso of sec. 86 of bank act of 1840, (may redeem in *either* Boston or N. York;) to incorporate N. E. Verd Antique marble company.—passed.

In addition to the several acts for organizing and governing the militia: Mr. Josselyn of P. moved to dismiss—supported by Mr. Josselyn of P. and Bicknell, opposed by Messrs. George, Davenport and Darling, and negatived. The bill was rejected, ayes 70, noes 116.

The committee on roads had leave to sit this afternoon.

Bills introduced. By Mr. Fletcher, to incorporate the Barton Academy; referred to committee on education. By Mr Smith of St. Albans, laying a tax on Franklin county; referred to members of that county.

Reports. By committee of ways and means, resolutions relating to Vermont and Canada railroad Co., instructing the State treasurer to institute proceedings in law and equity against said company and all others in like condition, to enforce the payment of the tax provided last year, and also to inquire whether said companies have not forfeited their charter by neglect—which were adopted. Also a bill, requiring clerks or treasurers of railroads, which pay dividends of six per cent. or more, to return to town clerks annually a list of stockholders in the town, and to the state treasurer annually a list of non-resident stockholders—imposing a tax of one per cent. on each share holden by non-residents, and on failure to pay, providing that the stock may be distrained — requiring clerks and treasurers to reside in the state—and repealing the act of last year; ordered to be printed. By committee on Banks, bill chartering Fairfax bank, amended. Mr. Judevine proposed amendments making the stockholders liable for the redemption of the bills: opposed by Messrs. Hotchkiss of W., Ferrin, Field and George, supported by Mr Judevine, and rejected, ayes 16, noes 118. Bill supported by Mr. Hotchkiss of W.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, Nov. 10.—EVENING.

HOUSE.

Resolution. By Mr. Nichols, limiting speeches to ten minutes. Mr. Brown of Sheldon moved to strike out "ten" and insert "five." Accepted; and the resolution was further amended by adding "unless permitted by the House." Resolution adopted.

Engrossed Bill. To encourage the study of the science of Agriculture in common schools; passed.

The bill to charter the Fairfax bank was supported by Messrs. Field and Brigham, opposed by Mr. Spencer, and ordered to 3d reading, 97 to 76.

Reports. By Mr. Kirkland, from majority of the select committee on the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, an elaborate report, accompanied by a series of resolutions substantially like those adopted in the state conventions at Rutland and Montpelier. By Mr. Drury, a minority report, in favor of "non-intervention," and "popular sovereignty," as alledged to be established by the Nebraska act, and against the restoration of the Missouri Compromise. By Mr. Beecher, also a minority of the committee, a series of resolutions, declaring that Freedom, not Slavery, is recognized by the Constitution—that the Nebraska act is unconstitutional, and a breach of faith that absolves us from all compromises—that the fugitive slave law is unconstitutional and should be unconditionally repealed—and, in other respects, agreeing substantially with the majority report. On motion of Mr. Stoughton, the several reports were ordered to be printed.

By judiciary committee, S. bills in amendment of chap. 65, of the homestead, amended and passed; in amendment of chap. 61; passed. By committee on the library, Senate bill for the improvement of the state library, and it was passed. By committee on education, bill to charter Barton Academy, and it was ordered to 3d reading. By judiciary committee, on petition of J. Brockway, a resolution for three commissioners to consider the subject of attachment, assignments, &c. and report to the next session; adopted.

By committee of ways and means, Senate bill relating to payment of county commissioners (under the liquor law,) and it was passed; Senate bill fixing salary of bank commissioner, with an amendment fixing the salary at $500—laid an the table. By general committee, S. bill to restore to Hiram and Ira Rush and Joseph Lackey their legal privileges, and it was passed. By committee on manufactures, bill to charter Rutland marble co., amended, and it was ordered to 3d reading.

Bills from the Senate. For the defence of liberty and to punish kidnapping, to judiciary committee; for registry of births, marriages and deaths, to a select committee of three.

Bill introduced. By Mr. Hunton, to pay committee appointed last year on removal of the state house $100; referred to committee of ways and means.

Senate bill relating to banks was taken up, when Mr. Page moved to strike out the first section, which prohibits banks from loaning to amount of more than one fourth of their capital stock out of the state. Supported by Messrs. Page, Washburn, Field and Blanchard, opposed by Messrs. Brigham and Congdon, and adopted, and the bill was passed.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, Nov. 11, 1854.

SENATE.

House Bill.—To incorporate the Wantastiquet Bank; read twice and committed.

Report.—From Select committee, to whom was referred the bill in relation to the Windsor County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, in favor; and it was ordered to be engrossed and read 3d time. From committee on Banks, bill to incorpotate the Bank of Richmond, against its passage. The question of 3d reading decided in negative—yeas 11, nays 18. From same committee, bill to incorporate Hinesburgh Bank, adverse; 3d reading refused. Motion, by Mr. Benedict, to reconsider the last vote, decided in the negative. Same motion in the Richmond case with the same decision. From committee on Claims, bill to pay the People's Bank the sum therein mentioned;—ordered to be engrossed and read 3d time. From General committee, bill to enlarge 8th school district, in Brandon; read 3d time and passed. The Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to the bill in amendment of chap. 61 C. S. The Bill and amendment of the House thereto, entitled relating to banks, was laid on the table.

House bill, to amend proviso to the 86th sec. chap. 81 C. S.; read twice, and committed to committee on Judiciary. To encourage the study of Agriculture in Common Schools; read and committed to committee on Agriculture. To incorporate the N. E. Verd Antique company; read and referred to same committee.

Joint Resolution.—Proposing to rescind a former resolution fixing on a day for final adjournment of the General Assembly;—called up by Mr. Green, amended and passed in concurrence—(proposing Thursday next, for day of adjournment.)

Resolution from the House, relating to the Vt. & Canada Rail Road corporation; referred to committee on Judiciary. Resolution, providing for commissioner to report upon the laws relating to attachment; referred to same committee. Adjourned.

HOUSE.

Correction. Mr. Harvey of Barnet on Thursday evening opposed the bill increasing the capital of the Black river bank. His name was unintentionally omitted.

Prayer by Rev. E. Copeland.

The bill providing for mileage was considered, when Mr. White moved to dismiss. [This bill is based upon the *time* required in travel, and expenses, instead of *distance*.]—The motion to dismiss was supported by Messrs. Scott, White of Panton, Fish, Beecher, Congdon, Josselyn of P., Harvey and Barton of Shaftsbury, on the ground of the inequality of the bill, opposed by Messrs. Judevine, Wheeler, Ransom, George and Ferrin, who deemed the principle of the bill to be more just than the present system.—Bill dismissed, 144 to 45.

Bills from the Senate. Changing names of sundry persons, referred to general committee; for support of Samuel Perley, to committee of ways and means.

The Speaker appointed the select committee on Senate bill relating to registry of births, marriages and deaths—Messrs. Blanchard, Bradford and Templeton.

The Treasurer transmitted a report of towns in arrear in payment of taxes, which was referred to the committee of ways and means.

Reports. By committee on banks, against bill to charter People's bank at Brandon, and it was rejected. Against bill to charter Windham county bank at Brattleboro': Mr. Kirkland moved to amend, reducing capital from $200,000 to $100,000; adopted. Bill supported by Mr. Kirkland, and after explanations by Mr. Page, showing notice defective—having been published only *two* weeks in *one* newspaper—it was rejected—ayes 54, noes 114. By committee on manufactures bills to incorporate Vermont Verd Antique Marble Co., Vermont gold mining co., Orange county lead and marble Co.,—all amended so as to subject the companies to the general law, and they were ordered to 3d reading. By committee on banks, against bill to charter Eagle bank, Castleton. Mr. Spencer moved to amend—the bank not to go into operation until the present bank of Castleton ceases to be a bank of discount: agreed to. Bill supported by Mr. Spencer.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

SENATE.

Reports.—From General committee, bill to furnish permanent supply of water for the State House, amended and ordered to be engrossed and read 3d time. Amendment directs an examination and report to next session of the General Assembly. From committee on 4th joint Rule, Joint Resolution relating to foreign postage; read and laid on the table. From committee on the Agriculture, house bill to encourage the study of agriculture in common schools; 3d reading refused.

Bill to pay the Peoples' Bank; read 3d time and passed. Mr. Denison, introduced a resolution directing the Sergeant-at-arms to plant additional trees in the State House yard; read and rejected. Bill relating to Windsor Co. Mut. Fire Ins Company, was read 3d time and passed. From comm. on Land Taxes, in amendment of chap. 80 C. S. adverse to its passage; 3d reading referred.

Mr. Atkinson moved the reconsideration of the vote of indefinite postponement of the bill in relation to the shire of Caledonia Co. which motion was reduced to writing, and on motion of Mr. French, was laid on the table.

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

Resolution. By Mr. White of Panton, directing the treasurer to collect arrears of taxes: Mr. Field proposed to add "forthwith:" accepted, and the resolution was referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Bartlett moved that when the House adjourns, it be to 10 o'clock on Monday—lost.

Engrossed Bills. To remove obstructions in Otter creek and its branches in Rutland county, committed to Mr. Page for amendment by excepting Wallingford, Danby, Mt. Tabor, Pittsford and part of Clarendon. To alter and amend s 21 c 29: Mr. Washburn moved to lay upon the table—opposed by Mr. Josselyn of P., and lost; the bil

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was supported by Messrs. Field and Josselyn of P., opposed by Messrs. Washburn, Beckwith, McLean, Davenport and Bicknell, and rejected, 100 to 69. In amendment of chap. 65, of the homestead; passed. To authorize the removal of obstructions in Otter Creek, &c. in Rutland county; passed.

The House resumed consideration of the bill to incorporate the Eagle bank at Castleton: supported by Messrs. Spencer and Fish, explanation made by Mr. Farnham as to Poultney bank, opposed by Mr. Field, and rejected.

The amendment of the Senate to the resolution for adjournment (fixing on Thursday morning next, 6 o'clock,) was concurred in. Mr. Blanchard proposed Wednesday, and after considerable discussion the motion was agreed to.

Resolutions.—By Mr. Baker, instructing the committee on mileage to adopt the table published in the journals of 1835; laid on the table. By Mr. White of Panton, to publish the mileage of members; adopted.

Reports. By committee on education, against petition of Anson Soule and others, and they had leave to withdraw. By committee on military affairs resolutions for compensation by Congress to volunteers in the war of 1812; adopted. Adj.

The Elections.

New York.—An extraordinary result: every party is defeated in one shape or another, and of all parties, the Know Nothings are the most unfortunate: they have succeeded in securing the election of Seymour—the candidate of the Nebraskaites, rummies, catholics, and other "furriners." The unofficial vote for Governor, in all but eight counties, is as follows:

Seymour, Democrat and Rum,	69,191
Ullman, Know-Nothing,	58,880
Clark, Whig, Repub. and Temperance	58,857
Bronson, old line Dem. or "Hard,"	13,742

On the full vote, Clark will probably lead Ullman, and Seymour will probably lead Clark. A plurality elects.

Congress—12 whigs elected, 2 Nebraska dem., and 2 anti-Nebraska dem.

House—44 whigs elected, and 13 dem.

The reports from Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and New Jersey indicate an anti-Nebraska triumph in each.

Later.

New York.—Returns for Governor foot up as follows:

Seymour	96,150
Clark,	90,596
Ullman	88,074
Bronson,	34,740

Congress—Whigs 23, locos 8, of whom 2 are anti Nebraska.

Assembly—whigs 68, locos 29.

Illinois. A perfect anti-Nebraska sweep—Douglas is repudiated at home. The following is the result on Congressmen: 5 whigs, 1 Republican, 1 anti-Nebraska democrat. Two districts to come in. Richardson, who was the tool of the administration and slavocrats in managing the Nebraska bill in the House, has been defeated. The legislature is strongly whig and anti-Nebraska. [It must be remembered that the whigs have been elected by the united vote of whigs and Republicans, and the term whig only indicates the former political standing of the persons elected.]

Michigan. Anti-Nebraska candidates ahead so far.

Education.

We learn from the "Excelsior" that the citizens of Northfield have voted a sum of $3000 to build three school houses, with a view of adopting a system of graded schools, in connection with Northfield Academy.—The example is an excellent one, and we commend it to others. At the same time we invite attention to the following call.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

FRIENDS OF PUBLIC EDUCATION.

Would you co-operate with teachers and other friends of Education in organizing and rendering *effective*, a COUNTY ASSOCIATION, for the purpose of awakening a deeper interest in, and elevating our common Schools, by frequent meetings, interchange of thought, united action; by lectures, discussions, reports, the formation of town associations of teachers and others, and by whatever means deemed best to *secure* the great and normal object of the Association?

The above circular, in form, having been sent to many of the friends of Education in the County, and thus far a universal assurance of "deep sympathy and hearty co-operation" having been received, the *first* meeting will be held in the Church at NORTHFIELD (Depot village) on FRIDAY, Nov. 24th, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The following named gentlemen, among many others, are signers to this call:

R. M. Manly,
I. N. Perrin,
W. F. Woodworth,
G. N. Brigham,
C. W. Kellogg,
J. Sargeant,
P. Kellogg,
D. M. Camp,
A. Webster,
Benj. Reed,
R. S. Sanborn,
B. S. Tracy,
John Hamilton Graham.

Let all the *true* friends of Common Schools be present, if *possible*, to aid by their wisdom, and to *show* by their attendance and action, that they *have* an interest in the all-important subject.

The citizens of Northfield will give a welcome reception to all present.

Northfield, Nov. 1854.

The best iron horse. Happening to pass over a part of the Central Railroad on Wednesday, we found the handsomest engine ever put upon the road—glistening with polished metals, and gay with numerous pennons. It happens also to be one of the best machines ever constructed, and to be under the charge of an engineer who will run any where, and a little faster than any body else—track or no track. The engine is the "ROYALTON," and the engineer is HENRY STEBBINS. Mr. Stebbins lately tried the "Royalton" on the Northern (N. H.) road, matching it with a favorite Northern engine, named the "Franklin Pierce." Frank was beaten. The time of the "Royalton" from White River Junction to Canaan was made five minutes shorter than ever run by the Northern road.

American Artists' Union. Beautiful specimens of engravings, published by this Company, (and advertised in this paper,) may be seen at our office, together with a catalogue and terms.

Legislative Agricultural Society.

In pursuance of a call for an Agricultural meeting, a respectable number of the members of the Legislature, with many other gentlemen who were not members, assembled at the Representatives' Hall in Montpelier, Nov. 7th, at 7 o'clock P. M., and elected Hon. William L. Farnum of Poultney President, and Chauncey H. Hayden, Esq., of Rutland Secretary. Mr. Hayden not being then present, Mr. Frisbie of Middletown, was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

Mr. Marsh of Clarendon moved to organize a Legislative Agricultural Society, which was carried. On motion of Mr. Sumner, a committee of three was appointed to draft a constitution for the Society, which was carried. The committee appointed were Barnes Frisbie of Middletown, Gen. E. P. Walton of Montpelier, and Lieut. Gov. Fletcher;—and said committee were authorised to name the officers of the Society and to report during the session.

Mr. Hayden afterwards coming in, was called on to address the meeting upon the subject of educating the young for the business of farming, to which he responded in a very appropriate and acceptable speech. The importance of educating young men in the science of agriculture and educating them in the right way, was clearly set forth by Mr. Hayden.—There is work for the head as well as the hands, (he said) in the business of farming; and experience had proved that the successful farmer was the man who had industriously employed the faculties of his mind in this pursuit.

Lieut. Gov. Fletcher addressed the meeting in a few very sensible and pertinent remarks, which were mostly directed to the object of making the pursuit of farming attractive and agreeable. The erroneous idea which has hitherto been too prevalent that tilling the soil demanded physical labor only, has driven our young men into other pursuits, and into other sections of our country for employment.

Gen. Walton was next called out, who highly entertained and amused the audience in a speech of considerable length. He spoke eloquently, practically, and with marked effect. Remarks were also made by Messrs. Marsh, Farnum, Beecher, Frisbie and others, after which the meeting adjourned.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Nov. 8.

A meeting was again called by the President, when the committee appointed to draft a Constitution made a Report. The Constitution as reported by said committee was then taken up and amendments were proposed by Messrs. Brigham, Marsh, and Congdon—after considerable discussion upon the proposed amendments by Messrs. Brigham, Marsh, Congdon, Lieut. Gov. Fletcher, Gen. Walton, Sprague, and others, the amendments proposed by Messrs. Marsh and Congdon were adopted. The Constitution as amended was then adopted: which provides for a Legislative Agricultural Society, and all members of the Legislature are members of the Society, and any other person can become a member by signing the Constitution. The Governor of the State is the President of the Society—the Lieut. Gov. the Vice President, the Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs is the Secretary—and the Treasurer of the State is the Treasurer of the Society. The object of the Society, as stated in the Preamble to the Constitution, is "mutual consultation, and a free and familiar interchange of views and relation of experience and obvervation on the best and most profitable manner of cultivating the earth." The meetings of the Society are to be holden during the sessions of the Legislature at the Capital of the State—and the time and place of meeting to be announced by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. WM. L. FARNUM, Pres.

B. FRISBIE, Secretory.

English Rags.—The following paragraph written by a correspondent of the *London News*, shows where English rags go to in these days of paper making:

"I had a sample of rags offered to me by a Liverpool dealer the other day, and, after a little consideration, sent to buy them, when I found they had been bought up on American account. This led me to make inquiries, resulting in a knowledge of the fact that hundreds of tons are being sent of rags and similar material, to the United States, even during this year of famine. A large quantity of this consists of jute, to make a paper used for envelopes and similar purposes in America, but which hitherto the public taste has been too fastidious to use here. They have there acquired great skill in working it up with other materials that will not whiten or bleach, and thus produce a handsome and strong paper. I feel convinced that if the duty were taken off all the paper not white, that this and other material would be used, and that a larger supply of rags for white paper would be available. Not that I wish the duty, speaking as a manufacturer, kept on for one hour. It has become an antiquated nuisance, the extent of which cannot be estimated till it is seen what freedom in that respect can do in Canada and the States. In any case as the matter stands, it is clear that Americans can come and buy our materials under our very *eyes*, convey them three thousand five hundred miles, and make a profit by the transaction."

And yet although this country draws largely upon several European nations for rags, paper stock is becoming more and more scarce from year to year. So much for being a newspaper reading community.—*Boston Journal.*

William B Smith, described as of Hydepark, was arrested at Brunswick in this State a few days ago, and taken to South Berwick, Me., where he is charged with having murdered Charles F. Brewster in September last.