PA.LEGISLATURE.

[From the Penn. Intelligencer.]

SENATE. JANUARY 22.

The Socaler laid before the Senate an annual sistement of the Chestnut Hill & Springhouse Turnpike road company .--Also a petition from citizens of the city and county of Philadelphia against the passage of any law probibiting the introduction of Fire Apparatus into the city. Mr. Cornman one of like import.

Mr. Overfield three of like import. Mr. Crearraft three of like import. Mr. Darsie one of similar import. Mr. Benner five of like import.

Mr. Darsie, presented to the Senate the annual statement of the Inspectors of the Western Ponitentiary, for the year 1846. Mr. Mason a petition from citizens of Luzerne county asking for a new county to be called Lackawana.

Mr. Ross, five of similar import.

Mr. Mason one from citizeas of Bradford county asking for a law to abolish capital punishment.

Mr. Morrison one from citizens of Huntingdon county asking for a change in the license law.

Mr. Williamson two memorials from the Philadelphia bar, asking for the confirmation of Richard Coulter and Thomas S. Bell as Judges of the Supreme Court. Mr. Benner, a remonstrance from the stock-holders of the Beaver Meadow Railroad and Coal company against any interference with their charter.

Mr. Pottieger one from citizens of Berks county against any division of the

Mr. Smyser a memorial from Andrew Nebinger and other heirs of James Rankin, deceased, asking that certain property belonging to said Jas. Rankin's estate, which was confiscated, may be restored. Mr. Smith a petition from the Commissioners of Lancaster county praying that the expenses incurred in 1843 in conveying convicts to the Eastern Penitentiary shall be repaid by the Commonwealth to the said county.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES. Mr. Johnson from the Committee on Corporations reported a bill entitled, An act authorizing the incorporation of a company to make a Lock Navigation in the river Schuylkill. Also, one relative to the Trenton city Bridge company. Mr. Smith from the Committee on Chains reported a bill entitled An act to refund the money advanced by the citizens of Plusburg, for the repair of the Acqueduct opposite said city. Mr. Darsie, read in place, a bill entitled An act to incorporate the Pittsburg and Connellsville Railroad company.

quire into and report as to the cause of a sad casualty which happened near Reading about two years ago, when six persons were killed. 'The Doctor attributed that accident to Lightning-there being a storm at the time of the accident: but all In th he had been able to discover in regard to fro was that it was the result of shear carelessness; and all others who knew the facts connected with the affair, were satisfied of this fact.

Mr. Trego asked to explain. He did not refer, when he spoke of a raport that was made by citizens of Philadelphia in- to the cause of that accident, to the one made by Dr. Lardner. Scientific men and others who had examined into the matter by testimony and otherwise, did not agree with the Doctor. He referred to another and much more reasonable re-

Mr. Myers went on and referred to another a cident. when among others killed was a man who had TWENTY-FIVE children, all of whom were made orphans by this calamity, brought about as he believed by carelessness.

Mr. Knox sustained the resolution .--He thought the resolution a necessary one. He believed good would grow out of its adoption, and a consequent examination into the causes which resulted so disastrously to human life. He thought the action of the Legislature on this matter would be materially aided by the facts which would be disclosed to the committee; and that it was the duty of the Legislature to inquire into them. This was a creation of the Legislature, and as such, he believed it to be the right and the duty of the Legislature to inquire into the management which proved so fatal. He believed it to be a legitumate subject of inquiry for the House, and essentialy necessary, for he believed more accidents of a disastrous nature occurred on it, than almost any other road in the country, and it was the pury of the Legislature to stop them if possible. This was an effort towards it, and should be carried out. Mr. Bigham doubted the propriety of the resolution. This was a company work, and as such private property, which he thought scarcely came within the legitimate powers of this House to control or regulate. He would go for a bill that would have a general effect, the object of which would be to put an end, as much as possible, to these calamittes; but he did not see that this resolution would promote this end. Besides, the resolution would put the State to considerable expease which he wished to avoid. If a bill was proposed to take general effect, he would give it his support, but he did not like a special law to affect the Reading Railroad only. Mr. M'Curdy asked the gentleman from Berks (Mr. Myers) whether evidence could be procured without the Committee visiting the ground. His course on the resolution would be governed by this. If in the affirmative he would support it. If in the negative he would oppose it. Mr. Myers intimated that the evidence could be procured here. Mr. Evans proposed that the resolution e so amended as to make its application general.

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Mr. Ross, a bill in place entitled An act to incorporate the Wyoming Iron Company.

Mr. Smith introduced a joint resolution in relation to the publications of tavern licenses, during the January term of the Court for the year 1847, in Lancaster county. Not agreed to.

The bill relative to Auctions and Auctioneers was taken up on third reading, and after some discussion, passed.

Mr. Crabb offered a resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Joint Library Committee to draw his warrant on the State Treasurer, in favor of Mr. Chapman, for services rendered as Librarian. Referred to the Committee ou Finance.

On motion of Mr. Darsie the Senate proceeded to consider the bill as omended by the House, relative to the election of State Printer, which was agreed to, and the amendment concurred in.

Mr. Crabb moved the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill entitled An act to incorporate the Western Saving Fund of Philadelphia. The bill was taken up and passed a third reading.

Several communications from the Canal Commissioners were received by the Speaker, and laid before the Senate, relative to private claims. Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES JANCARY 22, 1847.

The annual statement of Chesaut Hill and Spring House turnpike road company was laid before the House by the Speaker.

Mr. Myers then introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That a special committee of five be appointed by the Speaker, to inquire into the causes of the recent dreadful accident and deplorable loss of life which has occurred on the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, and report to this House, by bill or otherwise, whether the further destruction of human life can be prevented without impairing any of the chartered rights of said corporation.

Mr. Trego objected to the immediate adoption of the resolution. He wanted some time to reflect before he could vote for it. He thought the appointment of this committee unnecessary-that it would not secure satisfactory information: and he thought it was not exactly within the A fine harbor has been discovered on the provision of the Legislature, to meddle with the private affairs and arrangements of this Railroad Company. He thought New Orleans, a distance of sixty miles, the gendeman from Berks, (Mr. Myers) could suit his end, and all that could he city quicker and at a cheaper rate, the reached, by the introduction of a bill to apply to the regulation of the management of Locomotives on the road. He de plored the loss of life on it and was ready 10 sustain any measures which would prevent it, but he did not see how the resolution would bring about that result. He was apposed to the resolution because of the expense it would incur; and because he did not believe a committee of the House, could discover and report such ! parts as were essential to a proper understanding of the causes which led to these fatal accidents. Mr. Myers replied to the gentleman sent from the city of Philadelphia to in- Senate."

The House agreed to this modification: and the resolution was then adopted.

The committee are Messrs, Myers, Lowrence, Mather, Thompson and Mcurdy.

Mr. Lawrence, from the Committee on llaims, was instructed to report a bill for the relief of Thomas M'Namara.

Mr. Gould, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported the bill to prevent Millers from packing flour in old barrels -with a recommendation that the bill be negatived.

Mr. M'Curley, from the Committee on Education, was instructed to report a bill extending the boundaries of the M'Keespart school district, and for other purpo-

Mr. Mathias, from the Committee on Corporations, was instructed to report a all providing for the incorporation of the Lutheron Church at Shippensburg.

Mr. Patterson, from the Committee on Lands, was instructed to report a bill re!ative to the sale of unseated Lands in this Commonwealth.

Mr, Fernon, from the Select Committee composed of the members from the city and county of Philadelphia, was instruced to report the bill as committed, authorizing the incorporation of the Globe Fire Engine company.

Mr. Daly, from the same committee, reported the bill authorizing the Passyunk road in the county of Philadelphia to be paved, by the consent of the county board.

The principal objection to making N. Orleans the terminus for the line of transatlantic steamships has been the bar at the mouth of the Mississippi. But for this it would long ago have had a line of steamers plying between there and England. Gulf, and from this place, known as Cat Island, it is proposed to run a Railroad to which will enable passengers to reach the distance from the bar being only one hundred and ten miles. The Railroad is now being constructed, and there is every probability that Cat Island will be made a terminus for the British W. India Steamships.

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OHIO LEGISLATURE.

The Ohio Statesman of Tuesday says. "The contested seat in the Senate was, this morning, settled as follows. Mr. Wilford deposites his resignation, to take effect at the adjournment of the present session, and Mr. Cox withdraws his contest, and the whole matter goes from the city (Mr. Trego) by saving that he was glad to hear from him on this mat-Mr. Cox draws his pay the same as ter. He said that Dr. Lardner, had been though he had occupied a seat in, the

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Clerk to Comm'rs.

IN compliance with an act of Assembly in such case made and provided. WE, the undersigned Commissioners of So-merset County, do publish the foregoing statement of the receipts and expenditures of said county, for the year 1846, which we hereby certify to be correct. Witness our hands and seal of office, this 8th day of January, A. D. 1847.

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JOHN R. KING, PETER BERKEY, JOHN MONG. Commissioners.