

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

The following are the Congressional proceedings of yesterday, continued from our Fourth Edition:—

WASHINGTON, February 1, 1867.

Mr. WILSON withdrew his motion and the bankrupt bill was taken up, the question being upon the amendment of the Senate Judiciary Committee to strike out of the list of exemptions the operations of the bill the following words:—And such other property not included in the foregoing exceptions as is exempted from sale upon execution by the laws of the State in which the bankrupt has his domicile at the time of the commencement of the proceedings in bankruptcy, to an amount not exceeding the value of the State exemption laws in force in the year 1864.

Mr. DOOLITTLE (Wis.) hoped this would not be stricken out, and expressed himself in favor of the Cabinet officers.

Mr. TRUMBULL (Ill.) contended that as the exemption laws of the States differed materially, he was in favor of the bill, and he would do so on the bill which in this paragraph it would not be a general bankrupt law, the only one which Congress has a right to pass.

The Speaker presented communications from the President as follows:—The report of the Secretary of War with information asked for by the House resolution of January 25th, respecting the execution of the act of July 23d, 1865, providing for the trial of military and naval officers to examine and report certain claims of the State of Iowa, laid on the table.

Transmitting the report of the Secretary of the Executive Departments, with information in regard to appointments to office, called for by the House resolution of December 26th, referred to the Select Committee on Civil Service.

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Mr. POLAND (Vt.) expressed the opinion that it would not be in the power of the States to change its exemption laws by increasing or decreasing the amount of exemption.

Mr. DONNELLY (Minn.) spoke in support of the bill, and offered an amendment to the third section providing that the bill should be held to have happened during the recess of the Senate, if the incumbent of the office was in the exercise of his duties on the day of the adjournment of the Senate.

Mr. STEVENS (Pa.) spoke in favor of the proposition, which he had offered some time since, to amend the Constitution so as to prevent the Senate from holding any public office for one year, and he offered an amendment to that effect.

Mr. WILSON (N. Y.) moved to reconsider the vote rejecting Mr. Williams' amendment, and to lay the motion on the table.

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being returned, he withdrew his motion, not caring to run the risk of another vote.

The other amendments offered by Messrs. Williams, Donnelly and Stevens were severally rejected, the latter by a vote of 37 yeas to 105 nays.

Mr. FARQUHAR (Ind.) moved to reconsider the vote rejecting Mr. Williams' amendment, and to lay the motion on the table.

Mr. HALE moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table. Negatived; 67 to 74.

Before proceeding further with the matter a motion was made for an adjournment.

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