

XXXIXTH CONGRESS—FIRST SESSION. [CLOSE OF YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.]

SENATE.—Mr. Sherman (Ohio) called up the bill recently reported by him to aid in the construction of telegraph lines, and to secure to the Government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes.

Mr. Sherman in explaining the bill said the committee to whom the subject had been referred, had come to the conclusion that it would be impracticable for the Government to operate the telegraph as a part of the postal system.

After discussion by Messrs. Sherman and Morrill, the bill was postponed till tomorrow.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported the bill for continuing in force the Bureau for the Relief of Freedmen and Refugees with amendments striking out the fifth and sixth sections, and inserting in lieu thereof seven new sections providing for the allotment of certain lands for taxes to the freedmen.

The first section sets forth, in a preamble, that the direct tax commissioners for South Carolina, who were instructed by President Lincoln to sell and lease the lands of St. Helena and St. Luke at tax sales, and the time for redemption having expired, and the said lands having been sold in parcels of twenty acres, and the same being "school-farms," or less than thirty acres, more or less, the said taxes are hereby confirmed and established, and all leases made by the said commissioners shall be changed into contracts of sale, and all other lands similarly designated to be disposed of according to said instructions.

The next section provides that all other lands bid in by the United States, now in the hands of the tax commissioner, in St. Helena and St. Luke's parishes, except the "school farms" or less than thirty acres, shall be sold at public auction, and the proceeds thereof, in lots of twenty acres, at one dollar and fifty cents per acre, to such persons only as have acquired lands under General Sherman's field order, or his order, if any, of the same order, and of which lands have been dispossessed by the restoration of said lands to their owners, or, when such lands are sold, shall not be alienated by their purchasers within six years from the passage of this act.

The third section gives the commission power to seize, hold, use, lease or otherwise dispose of the lands of the States of St. Helena and St. Luke, and of the property owned by or claimed as the property of such States, and to use the proceeds therefrom in the same for the education of the freedmen, and when the bureau is withdrawn, States which have made provision for the education of their freedmen, and in such States, when the same shall receive the balance, if any, remaining unexpended, to be distributed among said States for educational purposes, in proportion to the number of freedmen in each.

means, and of all contributions that may from time to time be made to such repository.

SEC. 5. That for fitting up the apartments of said repository to be arranged in separate divisions or niches, allowed to the several States and Territories of the Union, and for other expenses incidental to its formation, including the rent of the premises for the first year of the establishment, the sum of \$25,000 be and is hereby appropriated out of any public money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and the said appropriation is to be paid in equal annual payments of \$5,000 each, for the first five years, and the balance to be paid in equal annual payments of \$2,000 each, for the next five years, until the sum of \$25,000 has been paid.

SEC. 6. That the superintendent of said repository shall annually prepare and transmit to Congress a full report of the condition of said institution; of the amount and character of the contributions made to the same, and by whom made; of the number of men and of foreign visitors who shall have resorted thereto; and of the expenses incurred in its management.

SEC. 7. That the heads of the several departments, annually, or oftener, from time to time, through the agency of the Secretary of the Interior, shall forward to said repository copies of all public documents issued by the respective departments.

SEC. 8. That the Secretary of the Treasury be and is authorized to direct to the Treasury to pay to General Benjamin F. Butler, President of the Board of Managers of the National Asylum for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of fifty thousand dollars, to be applied by him in aid of the payment of the Fifty Loan to the Government in St. Helena, Maryland, for the establishment of one of the "sites" of the "National Asylum for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers" and their families, so as to secure a title to the land of the Attorney General of the United States be made to the asylum, of at least three hundred acres of land, including that on which is situated the property of the United States, not built, and when such title shall so made, all the said property of the United States thereon shall be and become the property of said National Asylum.

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promising that if referred the committee would make a report.

Mr. Banks yielded for that purpose, and Mr. Schenck submitted the motion.

The previous question was seconded.

Mr. Hale moved to lay the resolution and substitute on the table, which was negatived—yeas 113, nays 115.

Mr. Hale moved to offer an amendment as a sort of compromise, but Mr. Ancona objected, and the question was taken on the reference of the original resolution and Mr. Schenck's motion to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The motion was agreed to—yeas 91, nays 24.

Mr. Hale subsequently, as a personal explanation of his position, and in regard to the resolution which he had wished to offer as a compromise, as follows:

Resolved, That the honor and good faith of the United States imperatively demand a just and vigorous enforcement of the neutral laws, and that this house will entertain no proposition looking to their repeal, evasion or violation.

Mr. Banks offered a resolution, which was adopted, requesting the President to communicate to the House any information which he may have received with reference to the despatch of military forces from Austria for service in Mexico.

Mr. Broomall (Pa.) introduced a bill to amend the act relating to habeas corpus, and regulating judicial procedure in certain cases. Read twice and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. English introduced a joint resolution, which was adopted, directing the Secretary of War to report to the House any information which he may have received with reference to the despatch of military forces from Austria for service in Mexico.

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Mr. Rousseau said he was aware of that, but that was not his (Mr. Rousseau's) fault, it was not here now he would be back, and he (Mr. Rousseau) was not going to leave him. He would not say that he would be responsible to him "here or elsewhere."

Mr. Coffroth (Pa.) introduced a bill to reorganize the clerical force of the Department of the Interior was taken from the Speaker's table, read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Ancona (Pa.) offered a resolution, which was adopted, calling on the Secretary of War for information as to persons drafted from the Republic for military service in Pennsylvania, from February, 1865, who had been previously drafted and paid commutation or furnished substitutes.

Mr. Johnson offered a resolution, which was adopted, instructing the Committee on Ways and Means to inquire into the expediency of providing for the erection of a fire-proof building in the principal city of each of the States.

Mr. Sigreeves offered a resolution, which was adopted, for the appointment of a committee to inquire into the expediency of presenting in the House a joint resolution, which may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to consider and report upon the provisions of the laws of the States, commemorative of the life and services of Lieutenant General Scott.

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