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HARRISBURG, February 25, 1868.

SENATE.

The Senate Committee on Federal Relations reported the impeachment resolutions offered yesterday, amended as follows:

That the thanks of the people of the Commonwealth are due and hereby tendered, through their immediate Representatives, to the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, for its fidelity to the people and its promptness in preferring articles of impeachment against Andrew Johnson for his late acts of usurpation.

That the thanks of the people of Pennsylvania are due and hereby tendered to Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War, for his courage and fidelity in resisting the attempted invasion of his office, and violation of fundamental law, and his resolute resistance to Executive encroachment.

Mr. WALLACE, (Democrat), of Clearfield, offered the following substitute:

That in the passage over the veto, and re-passage of the Tenure of Office law, the Executive and Legislative branches of the Government, each claims for itself, the right, in the spirit of the Constitution, and there being a conflict of opinion therein, it was the privilege of either of said departments, when called to execute or obey the same, to bring it before the Supreme Court of the United States for adjudication.

That in the removal of Edwin M. Stanton from the office of Secretary of War and appointment of Lorenzo Thomas to his his stead, for the purpose of testing the constitutionality of said Tenure of Office law, the President of the United States was obeying his oath to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States, and was guilty of no crime for which he can legally be impeached.

That it is the duty of the Executive and Legislative branches of the government to respect and obey the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States on the question of the constitutionality of said Tenure of Office law, when announced by said Court.

The subject was made the special order for this evening.

BILLS PASSED FINALLY.

A supplement for the Peoples' Savings Bank of Pittsburgh, authorizing dividends out of net earnings.

Prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in Bullsbenton township, Fayette county.

BILLS PASSED FINALLY.

Afternoon Session.—Exempting benevolent of John S. Brady to Washington College from taxation.

Incorporating Pittsburgh and Colorado Silver Mining Company.

Declaring valid a certain conveyance in Webster township, Fayette county, to Wm. Beaman.

Exempting from taxation the Pittsburgh Church Guild, to the extent of fifty thousand dollars.

Authorizing Pittsburgh, Allegheny and Manchester Passenger Railway to sell and convey part of road.

Adjourned till evening.

The Senate, at half-past ten o'clock, was still discussing the impeachment resolutions, with indications that they will pass by a party vote.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. FORD, Allegheny, a supplement to the Pittsburgh Consolidation act, providing for school purposes in the several wards.

Mr. EDWARDS, of Lawrence, incorporating the New Castle Hall and Market Company.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The morning session was occupied in the first reading of over two hundred private bills without final action.

FREE RAILROAD BILL.

Afternoon Session.—The House refused to concur in the Senate amendments to the free railroad bill.

CANAL BILLS.

The bill authorizing the State Treasurer, Auditor General and Attorney General to examine and pay claims of George W. Case, Washington McClintock and Addison Leach, for injuries by abandonment of western division of Pennsylvania Canal, was considered.

Mr. MANN, of Potter, moved to confine the amount to ten thousand dollars. Lost.

Mr. FORD, Allegheny, moved to confine it to fifty thousand dollars. Lost. Pending discussion the House adjourned.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

The House discussed, until late hour, Mr. HICKMAN'S amendments, when they were made the special order for Tuesday evening next, when Mr. Hickman will close the debate and call the previous question.

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SENATE.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. WHITE, Indiana: Changing the time of holding Courts in Indiana and Westmoreland counties.

Relating to competency of witnesses in actions against railroads and other corporations, excluding stockholders to render them witnesses.

PASSED FINALLY.

Incorporating the Artisans Deposit Bank of Pittsburgh.

RESOLUTIONS ENDORSING IMPEACHMENT.

Lengthy resolutions sustaining Johnson's impeachment and endorsing Mr. Stanton were passed finally by a party vote.

CONFERENCE ON FREE RAILROAD BILL.

Mr. ERRETT, of Allegheny, moved the appointment of a Committee of Conference on the Free Railroad Law. Carried.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Errett, of Allegheny, Coleman, of Lebanon, and Wallace, of Clearfield, the Committee, being majorities for the House bill.

Mr. FISHER, of Lancaster, raised the point that a majority should be appointed in favor of the Senate bill.

Mr. WHITE, of Indiana, raised the point that it was not competent for the Senate, after asking the appointment of a Committee, to instruct.

The Speaker decided the latter point well taken.

Adjourned.

FREE RAILROAD CONFERENCE.

Afternoon Session.—Mr. WALLACE declined serving on the Free Railroad Conference Committee.

Messrs. FISHER and LANDON appealed from the Speaker on the propriety of his declaration:

"The Speaker having decided it not in order to instruct the Conference Committee, the undersigned appeal from the decision for the following reasons:

"That the Committee of Conference is not the creature of the Senate, and it is the right of the Senate to instruct that or any other Committee to reject its views either in whole or in part. The clerk of the House of Representatives has informed the Senate that the House had non-concurred in the amendments made by the Senate. The bill as amended by the Senate embraces a number of provisions of the House bill, and these have been adopted in both Houses, and are not matters of dispute. It is only upon the amendments that a conference is asked."

The decision of the Speaker was reversed by a vote of 15 to 14.

Mr. FISHER'S motion to instruct was lost by 14 to 15.

The Speaker appointed Mr. Barrett, of Monroe, on the Conference Committee, in place of Mr. Wallace declined.

BILLS PASSED FINALLY.

Incorporating the Beaver county Bank and Savings Association.

For an additional Law Judge in the Sixteenth District.

Making the par value of shares of the Indiana and Westmoreland Gas Company fifty dollars, and authorizing an increase of stock.

Authorizing St. Vincent's Congregation, at Latrobe, to sell real estate.

Correcting a mistake in organizing the White Sulphur Springs Company.

Authorizing the Orphans' Court of Westmoreland County, Penna., to borrow two thousand dollars.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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The bill to settle claims of George W. Case, Washington McClintock and Addison Leach, was referred back to Judiciary Committee, general.

BILLS PASSED FINALLY.

Authorizing the Auditor General to deliver to the Receiver of Petroleum Bank, of Titusville, United States bonds deposited as security for the issue of said bank.

Authorizing Thomas B. Smith to erect a ferry over the Allegheny at Venango.

Authorizing E. F. Housman to sell the interest of the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, East Salem, Fairview township, Westmoreland.

Supplement for Kittanning Gas Company.

Incorporating the General Insurance Company of Waynesburg. Capital, two hundred thousand dollars.

Incorporating the Venango Gas Company of Western Pennsylvania. Capital, twenty thousand dollars.

Incorporating the Keystone Co-operative Window Glass Manufacturing Company of Allegheny county.

Authorizing the people of Freeport, Armstrong county, to vote on a prohibitory liquor law at the next borough election.

Refunding to the Bank of Kittanning two thousand four hundred dollars, overpaid to the State Treasury.

Authorizing the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church, at Tarentum, Allegheny county, to remove dead bodies to Prospect Cemetery.

Authorizing Pittsburgh to borrow one million of dollars for new Water Works.

Authorizing the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Company to issue bonds secured by mortgage.

Authorizing Courts to divide election precincts in Allegheny county.

Extending the act for regulating line fences to School Directors in any district in Pittsburgh.

Authorizing Hampton township, Allegheny county, to levy a tax to reimburse John Grubbs, and Wm. Williams for county funds advanced.

Extending the Mechanics lien law to persons employed on oil tanks, &c., of oil refineries &c., in Allegheny, Armstrong, Venango and Warren counties.

The Afternoon Session was occupied in the, the first reading of the appropriation bill, pending which the House adjourned.

The Proposed Repeal of Pittsburgh Consolidation Act—A Committee from Pittsburgh.

HARRISBURG, Pa., February 25.—A Committee of twenty Councilmen of Pittsburgh, headed by Thomas Steele Esq., are here opposing the repeal of the Consolidation act. Mr. Steele appeared before the Allegheny county delegation, and spoke in opposition of the proposed repeal.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 27, 1868