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MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 1861. The Senate met at 11 a. m. The SPEAKER in the chair. Prayer by Rev. JAMES CORDA.

The SPEAKER called for the reading of the communication from the Auditor General, in response to the resolution of the Senate, adopted on the sixteenth instant, on the subject of the payment of taxes into the State Treasury by the Delaware and Hudson Canal company.

On motion of Mr. CLYMER, the same was ordered to be printed in the Legislative Record.

Mr. HALL called for the reading of the communication, when it was partly read; the further reading of the same being dispensed with, on motion of Mr. SMITH.

A number of extracts from the Journal of the House of Representatives were caps read by the clerk.

On motion of Mr. SMITH, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of one of the series of extracts just read, relative to an approval of the conduct of Governor Hicks, of Maryland.

The extract was read as follows: Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, That the patriotic and conservative course of Gov. Hicks of Maryland, in refusing to convene the Legislature in this trying period of our national history, meets our cordial approbation, and calls for our warmest sympathy for all those who are struggling to maintain the integrity of our common country.

We hereby commend the high and patriotic ground his Excellency has taken in defence of the Union, and we pledge to the State of Maryland the fellowship and support of the State of Pennsylvania in the holy purposes advocated by her patriotic son.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Governor of Maryland. On the final passage of the first resolution, The yeas and nays were required by Messrs. SMITH and HALL, and were as follows: Yeas—Messrs. Benson, Blood, Boughter, Bound, Clymer, Connell, Crawford, Finney, Fuller, Gregg, Hall, Hamilton, Hiestand, Imbrie, Ketcham, Lawrence, Meredith, Nichols, Parker, Penney, Robinson, Smith, Thompson, Wharton, Palmer, Speaker—25.

Nays—None. So the question was determined in the affirmative. The second resolution was then read and agreed to.

The Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth, Mr. S. B. Thomas, being introduced, presented a message from the Governor, transmitting a communication received from Governor Morgan, of New York, entitled "Concurrent Resolutions, tending aid to the President of the United States, in support of the Constitution and the Union."

On motion of Mr. FINNEY, the same was read by the Clerk. LEAVE OF ABSENCE ASKED. Mr. BLOOD asked leave of absence for the Senator from Lehigh (Mr. SCHEIDT) for a few days from to-day.

Leave was granted. Mr. FINNEY asked leave of absence for a few days from to-day for the Senator from Centre (Mr. GREGG). Leave was granted.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE. Mr. CLYMER, from the Committee to Compare Bills and present them to the Governor for his approbation, made a report as follows: That they have prepared and presented to the Governor, for his approval, joint resolutions, entitled, "Resolution to pay Daniel F. Hemphrey for services rendered."

The report was read and journalized. BILLS READ IN PLACE. Mr. FINNEY read in place, by title, and presented to the Chair, a bill, entitled, "An Act to extend the provisions of an act for the protection of sheep and the taxing of dogs in Blair county, to the county of Crawford."

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And the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the same, dispensing with going into committee of the whole, when the bill passed finally.

Mr. SMITH moved that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from the further consideration of an Act authorizing the Governor to appoint two additional Notaries Public for the city of Philadelphia, and that the Senate consider the same. Agreed to.

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pensied with going into Committee of the whole, and proceeded to the consideration of the same. Mr. MEREDITH moved to include Armstrong county also.

Agreed to, and the bill as amended passed finally.

Mr. PENNEY moved to proceed to the consideration of Senate bill No. 84, a further supplement to acts relating to the building of bridges across the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers opposite the city of Pittsburg.

Agreed to, and the Senate went into Committee of the whole, Mr. FINNEY in the chair when, after a short time, it was reported as committed, and passed finally.

ELECTION OF STATE TREASURER. A committee from the House of Representatives, consisting of Messrs. HURN and McDONOUGH, was then introduced, and escorted the Speaker and members of the Senate to the hall of the House for the purpose of electing a State Treasurer, for the year 1861. At 12.15 p. m., the Speaker and members of the Senate returned.

Mr. BOUGHTER, teller on the part of the Senate in the convention for the election of State Treasurer, submitted a report, giving the number of votes cast for the several candidates for the office named.

BILL CONSIDERED AND PETITION PRESENTED. On motion of Mr. PARKER, the Committee on Finance was discharged from the further consideration of bill entitled, "an Act relative to the enrollment tax on certain acts of Assembly," and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the same, dispensing with going into Committee of the whole.

The bill being read, the same was laid over for the present.

On motion of Mr. KETCHAM, the Senate (at 12.30 p. m.) adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, JAN. 21, 1861. The House was called to order at 11 o'clock A. M., by the Speaker, and opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Carson, as follows:

O Lord, Thou art our God, and beside Thee there is none other. Thou art our guide. Thou art clothed with honor and majesty. Thou coverest thyself with light, as with a garment. Thou walkest upon the wings of the wind. When we thus reflect on thy glory, we are filled with wonder at the vastness of thy condescension toward us. Well may we say, "what is man, that Thou art mindful of him?" We rejoice that we are under the government of a Being whose will is Almighty but perfectly righteous, wise and good—whose Providence numbers the very hairs of our head. We bless Thee, our Father, for personal, for individual blessings. Goodness and mercy have followed us all the days of our lives; and we may to-day call upon our souls and all that is within us, to bless and magnify Thy great and holy name. We bless Thee for national blessings. In looking back upon the past dealings of Providence toward our country we can say to-day with full and honest hearts, "The Lord hath not done so with any people." And yet we have provoked Thy just and severe displeasure by our national transgressions. But, O Lord, we rejoice that Thou hast not dealt with us after our sins; Thou hast not rewarded us according to our iniquities; for if Thou hadst, we should not to-day have a name or a place among the nations of the earth. We bow ourselves, as it were, in the dust before Thee. We confess with humility of soul that we sinned against Heaven and in thy sight; and we now implore Thee to turn upon us the light of Thy reconciled countenance.

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corner of Penn and Front streets, provided said north-west ward is divided in two election districts.

Referred to Committee on Elections and Election Districts.

Mr. M'GONIGAL, one from citizens of Westmoreland county, praying for the passage of a law for the improvement of the breed of sheep in said county.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Manufactures.

Mr. LICHTENWALLNER, one from citizens of Lehigh county, praying for the repeal of the 9d and 4th sections of the Act of March 3d, A. D., 1857, and for the re-enactment of the 10th section of the Act of March 1st, A. D., 1850.

Referred to Committee on the Judiciary, (general).

Mr. HAYS, a remonstrance from citizens of Perry township, Snyder county, against changing the place of holding elections in said county.

Referred to the Committee on Election Districts.

ORIGINAL RESOLUTIONS. Mr. HURN moved that a committee of two members be appointed to conduct the Speaker and members of the Senate into the Hall of the House of Representatives for the purpose of electing a State Treasurer.

The motion was agreed to, and Messrs. HURN and McDONOUGH said committee.

AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT ON RAILROADS. Mr. COWAN submitted the following: Resolved, That three thousand copies of the Auditor General's Report on Railroads be printed for the use of the House.

The resolution was read a second time, and Mr. SHEPPARD moved to amend by striking out "three thousand copies," and making the resolution read, "That the Auditor General's Report on Railroads be printed in the Legislative Record." I think that the printing of three thousand copies of this Report in pamphlet form is entirely unnecessary. Every purpose will be answered by its publication in the Legislative Record.

The amendment of Mr. SHEPPARD was not agreed to.

Mr. COLLINS. I think it altogether unnecessary to print this Report at all. It contains information that can be of any use. A great many of the railroad companies have paid no attention to the interrogatories which have been addressed to them by the Auditor General. I think that the printing of the Report, in any form, altogether useless, and does it not will not be done.

Mr. HURN. I disagree with the gentleman as to the necessity of printing this Report. In the country which I in part represent on this floor, there are a great many lateral and other railroads. At least fifty persons, not only those connected with the German language, but other citizens, have requested me to copy this Report. They desire to know what reports have been made to the Auditor General by the different railroad companies. I think the Report will be useful as a matter of general information, and I hope it will be published.

Mr. LICHTENWALLNER. I move to amend the original resolution by adding the words: "one thousand thereof in the German language." I think that great injustice is often done to our German population by not printing documents of this nature in their language.

The amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. AUSTIN. I do not see the necessity of publishing this report. Last year we refused to print a similar document; and our action, I believe, gave general satisfaction. The printing of this document, with all its calculations, statistics, and other details, would be an expense which would be of all proportion with any benefit that can possibly result from its printing. I do not think it is the desire of our constituents, except a few individuals, that this document shall be printed. Certain calculations were made last year as to the expense of publishing a similar document, and although I can not remember the precise figures, I know that the cost would be very great, and that the printing would not be agreed to.

Mr. GORDON. I ask, for information, whether this document is not printed at all events?

Mr. COLLINS. It is printed in the Auditor-General's office, for the use of those in the office.

Mr. GORDON. Then I do not suppose that the additional cost of striking off some more copies would be any great expense.

Mr. COLLINS. If we order the document, the charge for setting up will be made, as though it had not been set up for the Auditor-General's office.

The information contained in this report is, I believe, as to the number of miles of Railroad in the State, the number of crossings, the amount of capital owned in England, the capital owned in Pennsylvania, etc. The matters embraced are those in reference to which an ordinary railroad guide, costing ten cents, will give more information.

Mr. SHEPPARD. I, for one, shall be compelled to vote against this resolution, from the fact that I think the printing proposed would be a piece of extravagance. The information afforded by this report is not sufficient to justify the expenditure proposed. Last year we had the same question up, and a similar report was, I believe, then ordered to be printed in the Legislative Record. It is well understood that, although this document may have been already set up, it will be again charged, if we should order the document. It seems to me this is merely a job for the State Printer. I think the expenditure altogether unfeared for and unnecessary. I desire to record my vote against it, and I shall ask the yeas and nays upon it.

Mr. BUTLER, (Crawford). If I deemed this document of any value to the people of the Commonwealth, I should vote in favor of the printing of it. But taking the statement of the Auditor General himself, it is a worthless concern. A large number of roads have not reported at all. As to those that have reported, their reports in many instances are not considered reliable. This being the state of facts, the document, if printed and disseminated, would merely mislead the people.

In regard to the expense, there is no doubt that, if a dozen separate orders for the same document were sent to the State printer, he would, in each case, charge for setting up.

Mr. RANDALL. In order to ascertain whether the printing of the Report is feasible, I move that a committee be appointed to ascertain and report to this House the expense of printing this document.

Mr. GORDON. I rise to correct what I understand to be a false impression which has been created by some remarks made here. It has been stated that, although this document has been already set up, in order to furnish the necessary copies for the Auditor-General's office, yet if we order the document, there will be another charge for composition. I have just been informed that this is an entire mis-

take—that the only charge which we shall incur by ordering the document will be for the press-work and the folding. I believe the Senate have ordered three thousand copies of this document, and this is all that has been charged for. It do not mean the expense of the paper by the resolution is considerable. The deduction of the charge for composition makes, of course, a great difference. I think that the expenditure proposed by the resolution, is one which, under the circumstances, we can afford.

The SPEAKER. Does the gentleman from Philadelphia (Mr. RANDALL) move for the appointment of a select committee on this subject?

Mr. RANDALL. After the explanation which has been made I do not suppose such a committee will be necessary. I therefore withdraw my motion.

Mr. COLLINS. I renew the motion. The information which has been received by the gentleman from Jefferson (Mr. GORDON) may be correct; but if the fact is as he states it is not in accordance with the former practice of the State printer. I was in the Auditor General's Office, and I there saw bills returned for composition, at least three times for the same thing. If the same rule is applied to this case, we shall pay not only for the press work, but for the composition. In order that the facts may be ascertained officially, I move that a committee be appointed to ascertain and report the expense.

The motion was agreed to.

And Messrs. COLLINS, RANDALL and WILLSON were named as the committee.

Mr. HAPPEL submitted the following, which was agreed to: Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire whether a more effectual mode of ascertaining the amount of money in the hands of bankers, brokers, and individuals, now not returned, under the tax laws of this Commonwealth, cannot be devised.

FINAL REPORT OF THE STATE GEOLOGIST. Mr. MARSHALL submitted the following: Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth is hereby directed to furnish to the Governor, the Heads of Departments, and Assistants, Clerks, and the members, Chief and Assistant Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives of the present session of the Legislature, one copy of Rogers' "Geological Survey" of this State, with the accompanying maps.

Provided, That no member or officer who has already received a copy shall receive one under this resolution.

Mr. MARSHALL moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the consideration of the resolution.

The motion was agreed to, and the resolution was again read.

Mr. WILLIAMS. It is better, perhaps, that we should somewhat examine into this matter before we pass the resolution before the House. If I am correctly informed, the edition of this work is exhausted. It is an expensive work, costing perhaps from \$15 to \$20 a copy. I suppose it is not the purpose of the House to order a republication of the work. I suppose it has not been stereotyped. I do not know how the fact is. But I should like to have some information on the subject.

Mr. BUTLER, (Crawford). The late Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth informed me, just previous to his retiring from office, that four hundred copies of the book remained on hand.

Mr. HURN. I also was informed by Mr. Heister, the late Secretary of the Commonwealth, that a large number of copies remained on hand—how many, he could not tell at that time.

Mr. WILLIAMS moved to amend by adding "provided that there be a sufficient number of copies still on hand for that purpose."

Mr. MARSHALL. This is only a request that the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall furnish these documents, it is not a resolution to pay for them. He cannot furnish them unless he has them on hand.

Mr. WILLIAMS. My amendment is not by way of abundant caution.

Mr. BLOOD. I think there is some misunderstanding. I am clearly of opinion that according to the wording of the resolution, it would be construed as an order for the printing of this work, should there not be a sufficient number of copies on hand; and as a matter of course, we should, in that case, be bound to pay for them. Does not the gentleman from Allegheny (Mr. MARSHALL) so understand it? (Mr. MARSHALL made a reply in the negative.) The gentleman disclaims any intention of having the work reprinted or reissued.

Mr. MARSHALL. I understand that there was a sufficient number of copies on hand to meet the requisition of this resolution.

Mr. ACKER moved that the further consideration of the resolution be postponed for the present.

The motion was not agreed to.

On the final passage of the resolution as amended.

The yeas and nays were required by Mr. ACKER and Mr. BUTLER, Carbon, and were as follows, viz: Yeas—Messrs. Anderson, Austin, Ball, Bliss, Bressler, Burns, Butler, Crawford, Clark, Collins, Cowan, Craig, Douglas, Elliott, Goehring, Gordon, Happer, Harvey, Hayes, Hillman, Holsius, Huhn, Koch, Lawrence, Lowther, M'Gonigal, Marshall, Mullin, Ober, Paire, Pryston, Robinson, Seltzer, Sheppard, Stehman, Strang, Thomas, White, Wildey, Williams, Wilson, and Davis, Speaker—48.

Nays—Messrs. Acker, Boyer, Dismant, Donley, Lightenwaller, M'Donough, Morrison, Rhoads, Smith, (Berks), and Stoneback—11.

So the question was determined in the affirmative.

IN CONVENTION—ELECTION OF STATE TREASURER. Agreeably to order the hour of 12 M. having arrived, Messrs. HURN and M'DONOUGH, a committee appointed for the purpose, introduced the SPEAKER and members of the Senate for the purpose of proceeding to an election for State Treasurer.

The SPEAKER of the Senate acted as President of the Convention. Goehring, Gordon, Happer, Harvey, Hayes, Hillman, Huhn, Lawrence, Leisinger, Lowther, M'Donough, M'Gonigal, Marshall, Morrison, Mullin, Ober, Randall, Reiff, Robinson, Seltzer, Sheffer, Sheppard, Smith, (Philadelphia), Strang, Thomas, White, Wildey, Williams, Wilson, and Davis, Speaker—48.

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Referred to Committee on the Judiciary, (local).

Mr. GORDON, on leave given, presented a petition from citizens of Jefferson county for a State road in Jefferson and Indiana counties.

Referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

Mr. LEISENRING, bill relative to the auction laws, and for the benefit of E. M. De Pui, of the county of Northampton.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, (local).

Mr. SELTZER, one to incorporate the Mechanic's Insurance Company, of the City of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Mr. LEISENRING, one to change the name of the Harmonia Sacred Musical Society of Philadelphia.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. PRESTON, one relative to the Foot Legion Corps, of Philadelphia.

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