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# Pennsylvania Legislature.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, Jan. 5, 1861. The House was called to order at 10 o'clock, A. M., and opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Stuart, of Allegheny.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of yesterday, when
Mr. COWAN moved that now and hereafter the reading of so much of the journal as relates

to petitions be dispensed with Pending the motion,

Mr. SELTZER called for the reading of the The Clerk finished reading the journal. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDITOR GENERAL. The SPEAKER laid before the House a com-

AUDITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,

HON, E. W. DAVIS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

DEAR SIR: In compliance with the 8th section of the Act of March 27, 1824, I have the tion of the Act of March 27, 1824, I have the honor to transmit to you, to be presented to the House of Representatives, a condensed statement of the reports of such companies, "incorporated for manufacturing and mining purposes, and for the improvement of mining lands," as have made report to this Department during the past year, in obedience to the provisions of said set.

> Very Respectfully, Yours, &c., THOMAS E. COCHRAN Auditor General.

Laid on the table.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE. Mr. BARNSLEY, from the Committee Accounts, made a report, which was read follows, viz :

House of Representatives of Pennsylvania To GRORGE W. PORTER, P. M. -Dr. For postage during the last session, from the 81st of March to the 3d of April, inclusive...

For postage during recess:...

For postage on letters and documents sent and received from Jan. 1st,

1861, to January 81st, inclusive Letters sent.
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Documents received.....

By amount appropriated last session.

Post Office, Harrisburg, Pa., | January 31st, 1861.

Received Payment. GEORGE W. PORTER, P. M. And that they have examined the same, and find it to be correct, and offer the following reso

lution, viz:

Resolved, That the Speaker draw his warrant on the State Treasurer in favor of George W. Porter, for the sum of three thousand six hundred and ninety-eight dollars and eighty-five cents, in full, for said bill

J. BARNSLEY, B. X. BLAIR, DAVID STONEBACK, H. C. BRESSLER.

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Yesterday an Act enticiary, (general.) I, therefore, move that the said year; and all laws of this Commonwealth Committee on Estates and Escheats be discontravening or inconsistent with the provisions charged from the consideration of the bill, and of this Act are hereby repealed, so far as the that it is referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, (general.) The motion was agreed to.

PRIVATE CALENDAR.

Agreeably to order, The House proceeded to consider bills on the Private Calendar, when the following were passed and laid aside for a second reading: Sen. 65. An Act to exempt the property of the Western and Spring Garden Soup societies

from taxation.

No. 93. An Act relating to the sale of meat in the city of Reading.

Mr. SELIZER offered the following amend

Add at the end of the 12th line, after the dogs in the county of Erie.

Sen. 38. An Act to extend the provisions of word "aforesaid,"
"And that it shall not be lawful for any re

streets, lanes or alleys of said city."
The amendment was agreed to.

No. 100. An Act to authorize the erection of lock-up in the borough of Temperanceville, in the county of Allegheny.
No. 111, An Act to authorize the trustees of

of M'Kean, Elk, Forest, Cameron, Clinton Potter, Jefferson and Warren.

out the word "Clinton."

The amendment was agreed to.
Mr. ELLIOTT moved to amend by striking
out "the county of Petter."

Agreed to.
No. 94. An Act in relation to vagrants, drunkards and disorderly persons in the borough of West Chester.
No. 95. An Act to authorize the appointment of additional notaries public in the city

of Pittsburg.
No. 98. An Act to authorize the appoint-

ment of an auctioneer in Armstrong county. No. 115. "Supplement to an Act to protect fruit, &c., and punish trespass in the counties of Huntingdon, Washington, Allegheny, Berks, Lancaster, Lycoming and Delaware."

Mr. HAYES moved to amend by adding

Union county. Agreed to.
Mr. DIVENS moved to amend by adding

"Clarion county." Acreed to

Mr. ROLLER moved to amend by adding 'Blair county.''

Agreed to.

No. 116. "An Act to repeal part of the Act of April 2, 1860, entitled 'An Act for the preservation of fish in Crawford county."

No. 117" "An Act for the improvement of the breed of sheep in certain counties," extended to the county of Westmoreland.

Tassed An Act to authorize the erection of a lock-up in the berough of Temperance ville, in the county of Allegheny.

Passed finally.

Telegraph.

"INDEPENDENT IN ALL THINGS-NEUTRAL IN NONE."

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age the destruction of noxious animals in cer-tain counties. Mr. HAYES moved to amend by making the bill applicable to Union county.

onity of Wayne.

No. 120. An Act to change the place of holding elections in the township of Texas, Wayne

county.

No. 122. An Act authorizing the erection of a new election district in the Twenty-third ward of the city of Philadelphia.

No. 127. An Act to authorize the President

munication from the Auditor General, which was read as follows:

last Tuesday, were read and disposed of, as stated No. 59. An Act re-annexing part of Brady

Mr. ARMSTRONG: I object to the consider ation of that bill, not only because it is not on the calendar, but because the citizens of Ly coming county desire a better opportunity to be heard more fully upon this subject than they have yet had. I object to the consideration of

The SPEAKER. The bill must be read.
The CLERK read the bill. Mr. ARMSTRONG. I now renew my objection.

The SPEAKER. The bill being objected to last week, and now coming up as an objected bill, it cannot again be postponed on account of objection. Unless a majority of the House otherwise determine, it must be laid aside and

prepared for second reading.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Tobject to such a disposition of the bill, and I hope the House will concur in the view which I take. It is an important bill to citizens of Lycoming county, and persons interested desire such an opportunity of being heard as they have not yet had. It may be the constraint will be the constraint will be the constraint. be that amendments will be offered to the bill.

I prefer that it should not proceed to second reading until the parties interested have been heard.

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reading until the parties interessed have beard.

I would suggest to my friend from Lycoming to let the bill go to second reading, and then he can make a motion for postponement. By such a proceeding no interest will be prejudiced, and abundance of time will be allowed for hearing from his constituents, and also to perfect such amendments stituents, and also to perfect such amendments as may be deemed proper. Mr. ARMSTRONG. I am not desirous to de-

mr. ARMSTRONG: I am not desirous to de-lay action on the bill; and I have no; objection to its being heard by its merits at the proper time, but I'do not wish that the matter should be unduly pressed.

Mr. HAYES: This bill has been here two months, and I think the House is about as well

prepared to act on it now as it will be at any time hereafter a system of standard and the of the The bill was laid aside for second reading to No. 74. An Act to repeal an Act to increas

the pay of commissioners, jurors and witnesses, in certain counties of this Commonwealth, so far as the same relates to the county of Fay-

Mr. COLLINS moved to amend by striking out all after the word "that" and inserting, "From and after the first day of January, 1861, the County | Commissioners of Fayette county tled 'a further supplement to an Act for the shall be entitled to receive from the County greater security and more secure enjoyment of Treasurer two dollars per day for every day not real estate" was referred to the Committee on exceeding two church days occupied by him Estates and Escheats. As it proposes a general in the discharge of the duties of said office in law relating to trustees, I think it would be any one year, and one dollar only for each day better to refer it to the Committee on the Judi subsequently occupied by him as above during

Agreed to.
The bill was laid aside for second reading. No. 77: A supplement to an Act approved April 3, 1860, entitled an Act explanatory of an Act to provide for the erection of a house for the employment and support of the poor in the county of Carbon."

Laid aside for a second reading.

OBJECTED OFF THE CALENDAR.

The following bills were objected off the cal By Mr. BARTHOLOMEW, No. 89. An Act to refund certain moneys.

By Mr. TELLER, No. 113. An Act taxing

"And that it shall not be lawful for any regular butcher or butchers, their agents or serving of dogs in the country of Blair, to the country of Crawford, by Mr. SELTZER, No. 124. An Act to change

the place of holding the township elections in Tulpehocken township, Berks county. By Mr. GORDON, No. 125. Supplement to

the county of Allegheny.

No. 111. An Act to authorize the trustees of the St. Mary a church, in the borough of Lock Haven, to sell certain real estate.

No. 112. An Act relative to the destruction of wolves, bears and wild cats in the counties in the counties.

Lack Theorem 120. Supplement to an Act relative to the destruction will be called Cameron, approved March 29, A. D. 1860.

Lack Theorem 20. An Act relative to the destruction of wolves, bears and wild cats in the counties in the co lief of the sureties of Daniel Zeigler, late Treasurer of Mifflin county.

Mr. BRESSIER moved to amend by striking SECOND READING OF BILLS ON PRIVATE CALENDER On motion of Mr. SHEPPARD the House proceeded to the second reading and consideration of bills on the private calendar, when the follow-

from taxation of the Mr. ABBOTT moved to amend by adding at the end of the proviso, the words, "or to exempt said property from taxation for a longer time than it shall be used for such purposes."

Agreed to.
The bill then passed finally.
No. 93: An Act relating to the sale of meat in the city of Reading.
On motion of Mr. SMITH, (Berks,) the bill was postponed for the present.
No. 94. An Actin relation to vagrants, drunk-

ards and disorderly persons in the borough of West chester. On motion of Mr. PIERCE the bill was post-

poned for the present.
No. 95, An Act to authorize the appointment of additional. Notaries Public in the city

No. 111. An Act to authorize the trustees of the St. Mary's Church, in the borough of Lock Haven, to sell certain real estate.

Passed finally.
No. 112. An Act relative to the destruction

Agreed to, Mr. ELLIOTT moved to amend by striking out "the county of Potter," where it occurs in

ward of the city of Philadelphia.

No. 127. An Act to authorize the President and Directors of the Citizens' Passenger Railway company of the city of Philadelphia, to sell and convey certain real estate.

No. 135. A supplement to an Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors, approved the sale of intoxicating liquors, approved the 13fst day of March, A. D. 1856, so far as if reliates to the city of keading.

Mr. BOYER moved to amend by inserting in the seventh line "the first day of March and the first day of May."

The motion was agreed to.

No. 115. "Supplement to an Act to protect fruit, &c., and punish trespass in the counties of Huntingdon, Washington, Allegheny, Berks, Lancaster, Lycoming and Delaware."

Mr. BUTLER (Carbon) moved to amend by inserting "the county of Carbon."

Agreed to.

The bill then passed finally.

Mr. SELIZER moved to re-consider the vote on the postponement of House bill No. 98, entitled "an Act relating to the sale of meat in the city of Reading."

The motion was agreed to.

No. 115. "Supplement to an Act to protect fruit, &c., and punish trespass in the counties of Huntingdon, Washington, Allegheny, Berks, Lancaster, Lycoming and Delaware."

Mr. BUTLER (Carbon) moved to amend by inserting "the county of Carbon."

Agreed to.

Agreed to:
Mr. KOOH moved to amend by inserting "the county of Schuylkill." Agreed to.
Mr. ROLLER moved to amend by inserting

'the county of Blair." Agreed to. Mr. COLLINS. I move to amend by making

on the call of Mr. COWAN, the bill was, again read, and also the original Act, which it

Mr. TAYLOR moved to amend by inserting "the county of Westmoreland."

Agreed to.

Mr. HILLMAN moved to smend by inserting the county of Luzerne. Mr. GORDON moved to amend by making the

bill's general law.

- Mr. BARNSLEY moved to postpone the bill

for the present.

The motion was not agreed to.
On the amendment of Mr. GORDON,
The yeas and nays were required by Mr.
BREWSTER and Mr. WILSON, and were as

ollows, viz : YEAS—Messrs. Abbott, Acker, Alexander, An-

out of Lycoming county. The change will not affect their business interests; they will come to Williamsport when they must come, whether it is or is not their own county seat.

This bill last session passed both houses, but was vetoed by Gov, Packer, upon the ground that the proposed annexation brings the line of this township within six miles of the borough of Williamsport, making the county entirely lop-sided, and removing the interests of the township from the centre of business.

There seems to be no pressing necessity for this measure. On the contrary, the people of the township themselves are largely divided upon the question; and the persons resident within the section which it is proposed shall remain with us are decidedly and uncompromisingly hostile to it. Under circumstances like these, upon a purely local question, with both members from this district decidedly opposed to the measure, are the members of thi prepared to vote for a division of the township hope that such will not be the action of the

Mr. HUHN. Mr. Speaker, it is not my desire to interfere with the local matters of any county outside of the county of Schuylkill. But during last summer I had occasion to visit Brady town ship, in Lycoming county. I am well acquainted with the citizens of that township, or White Deer Valley as it is called—that section which it is proposed to cut off from Lycoming and an-nex to Union county. While I was there, some of the citizens (I refer to Mr. Hutter, Mr. Gute-kunst and other citizens of Brady township.) endeavored to demonstrate to me the disadvant sges resulting from their connection with the county of Lycoming. They are attuated, I be-lieve, on the south side of the Bald Eagle mountain. They say that when the citizens of

that township are summoned to the courts, or have business at the county seat of Lycoming, they have to pay toll upon one or two toll-bridges; they have to cross a large mountain. They say that the county seat is entirely too far removed from them; and the expenses necessarily attendant upon their going to, and re-furning from the county seat, make the present connection with Lycoming county, a great in-

the county.

I have been assured by members of the Hutter family (and the gentleman from Lycoming will bear me out in what I am about to say, There been assured by members of that family, who own a large portion of the property in Brady township, including some of its most yaluable farms—I have been assured on this authority, that they had promises from th gentleman from Lycoming, and from that district, that, although they could not sanction the bill, still they would not oppose it upon

onvenience to the citizens of that portion of

this floor.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. No, sir; I beg leave to interrupt the gentleman. Mr. Gutekunst is here and can answer for himself. No man has a right to say that I made such promises. I never made any promises of the sort, in any

tion advisable was, that without such a change, the citizens were obliged to cross a mountain, and suffer other inconveniences, in order to reach the county seat. Since that time the batable.

county seat of Union county has been removed to Lewisburg, eight miles from this section.— There is a good road from this township to Lewisburg along the river. But as the township Agreed to.
No. 112. An Act relative to the destruction of wolves, bears and wild cats in the counties obliged, in order to reach the county sear, to of McKean, Elk. Forest, Cameron, Clinton, bear of McKean, Elk. Forest, Cameron, Clinton, Potter, Jefferson and Warren.

Mr. BRESSLER moved to amend by striking a turnpike. They are obliged to pay turnpike and bridge toll. These things make it very in-

convenient to them.

This proposition has no political bearing whatever. The township last year polled, I believe, eight Republican yotes, and I do not suppose they could hurt any body. The people of the section proposed to be annexed are almost unani mously in favor of the proposition, and Union county is willing to receive them. That county has, of course, no particular interest in the matter, but is at all times glad to receive good citizens. Lycoming is a very large county, and she would not miss the small portion of territory to which this bill refers. The citizens of the second which this bill refers. The citizens of the sec-tion to be annexed, the persons most deeply interested, have been for the last two years pe-titioning the Legislature to make this change; and I think it but an act of justice that their

request should now be granted.

I withdraw my motion to postpone indefinitely.
Mr. ARMSTRONG. I renew that motion I hope this subject will be postponed for the reason that this measure proposes a change which must affect very materially the interests of Lycoming county. A vast body of the people of that county are decidedly opposed to it. I hope members will not consent to yote on this question and the consent to you on the call of Mr. COWAN, the bill was again read, and also the original Act, which it proposes to extend.

Mr. COLLINS. I withdraw my amendment.

Mr. HOFTUS moved to amend by inserting propriety of such a course, believing that bills should be judged on their merits as presented.

to this body.

The members from this district are decidedly opposed to this measure. It is a purely local

Mr. PATTERSON. Will the gentleman al low me to ask him a question?

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Certainly.

Mr. PATTERSON. Does the gentleman say.

that a large majority of the people of the terri-tory to be amexed protest against it?

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I cannot speak to the precise number. I can only say that several remonstrances have been sent here from citi-

zens of this township, a part of whom reside within the district proposed to be cut off. The situation of this township is a peculiar one. It lies on one side of a mountain, extend-Yas—Messrs. Abbott, Acker, Alexander, Anderson, Armstrong, Austin, Ball, Bisel, Bixler, Blanchard, Bliss, Boyer, Bressler, Burns, Butthe good roads which are perfected, leaving to land the good roads which are perfected, leaving to land the country of the township roads to be built over the mountain and through difficult parts of the township; yet no resources would be left to accomplish these improvements. With regard to the persons living in that part of the township that would remain connected with Lycoming. I believe that all of them are opposed to this measure; and they have sent to us remonstrances expressive of that opposition.

With regard to the business interests of the township, the case is this. The few persons who are obliged to attend the Courts come generally by railroad. And with regard to other purposes which may call them to Williamsport, they will come whether this township is in or other the country. The change will not leave the content of the two sent to us remonstrances which may call them to Williamsport, while the country of the township in the case is this. The few persons who are obliged to attend the Courts come generally by railroad. And with regard to other purposes which may call them to Williamsport, they will come whether this township is in or other the country. The change will not leave the top of the mountain, which is made the dividing line. The whole body of good lint the township lis in the dividing line. The whole body of good lint the township is in the dividing line. The whole body of good lint in the township lis in the dividing line. The whole body of good lint in the township lis in the dividing line. The whole body of good lint in the township lis in the dividing line. The whole body of good lint in the township lis in the dividing line. The whole body of good lint in the township lis in the dividing line. The whole body of good lint in the township in the township in the township lis in Ober, Patterson, Peirce, Preston, Pughe, Ran dall, Reiff, Rhoads, Roller, Schrock, Seltzer, Shafer, Smith, (Berks,) Smith, (Philadelphia,) Stehman, Taylor, Teller, Walker, White, Wildey, Williams and Davis, Speaker—65.

NAYS Messrs Ashcom, Barnsley, Blair Brewster, Brodhead, Byrne, Caldwell, Clark Dismant, Dunlap, Gaskill, Heck, M'Donough, Moore, Morrison, Myers, Osterhout, Ridgway, Sheppard, Stoneback, Strang, Thomas and

So the question was determined in the affirmative The bill as amended was then passed. No. 116. An Act to repeal part of the Act of April 2, 1860, entitled an Act for the preser

vation of fish in Crawford county." Passed finally.

No. 117. An Act for the improvement of the preed of sheep in certain counties, extended to the county of Westmoreland.
Passed finally.

Passed finally.

No. 118. A supplement to an Act to encourage the destruction of noxious animals in certain counties. Passed finally.

No. 119. An Act to change the place of holding elections in the township of Caanan, in the ounty of Wayne.
Passed finally. No. 120. An Act to change the place of holding elections in the township of Texas, Wayne

ounty. Passed finally. No. 122. An Act authorizing the erection of a new election district in the 28d ward of the

ity of Philadelphia. Mr. DUFFIELD offered the following amend-

Strike out, at the 10th line, the words, "The voters residing within the limits aforesaid, shall, in the manner and form provided by law, select a proper place for holding the general municipal and special elections," and insert, "That the general, municipal and special elections in said 13th division shall be held at the house of Allen Vandegriff. Penn street The house of Allen Vandegrift, Penn street Taony.'

The amendment was agreed to:

The bill then passed finally.

No. 127. An Act to authorize the president and directors of the Citizens Passenger railway company of the city of Philadelphia, to sell and convey certain real estate. Passed finally.

No. 135. A supplement to an Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors, approved the sale of intoxicating liquors, approved the 31st day of March, A. D. 1856, so far as it re lates to the city of Reading.

The bill passed second reading, and was then laid over, the House refusing to have the bill transcribed for a third reading.

No. 59. An Act re-annexing part of Brady township, in Lycoming county to Union county.

Mr. ARMSTRONG moved that the consideration of the bill be postponed, for the present. Mr. PATTERSON. I trust this motion will here and can answer for himself. No man has a right to say that I made such promises. I not prevail. This measure has been before the never made any promises of the sort, in any manner or shape:

Mr. PATTERSON. I desire in some way, to coming part of Brady township, Lycoming Mr. PATTERSON. I desire in some way, to comity, to Union county. The tract proposed to be annexed is not the whole township, but, House, and therefore I submit a motion for indefinite postponement, which I shall hereafter withdraw.

This township, many years ago, belonged to Union county. It, was annexed to Lycoming county when the county seat of Union county in favor of the proposed annexation. I believe some eight or nine citizens of the township, in favor of the proposed annexation. I believe some eight or nine citizens of the township of the measure; but more recently four or five of them have assented to the bill.

The SPEAKER (Mr. Shrepard in the Chair.)

NO. 29.

Mr. HUHN. I spoke from information, and

have given my authority.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Well, sir, I felt com-

pelled to correct the gentleman's mistake.

Mr. HUHN. I will say that I had assurances from Mr. Hutter that not a single person in Brady township included within the part which is proposed to be annexed to Union county, but was perfectly satisfied and wished the annexation to be made. Persons residing in this portion of the township have experienced the inconvenience attendant upon their connection with the county of Lycoming. The house will be able to understand these inconveniences when it is stated that this section is rouse will be able to understand these incontrolled the county of the county of the county of the county of the county seat. Paranets go to Williamsport to attend to those intuated in the southern extremity of the county of the county seat. In order to reach the county seat, persons must cross a mountain, must pay toll upon several toll, bridges, and altogether to make travel a distance of sixteen or seventeen thiles from the county seat. Farmers generally it interested should control those matters use their own conveyances when going to the must travel a distance of sixteen or sevenant tricts interested should control those miles from the county seat. Farmers generally tricts interested should control those use their own conveyances when going to the entirely to suit themselves. But with regard to the case now before us, I desire simply to say the configuration of the case now before us, I desire simply to say the configuration of the case now before us, I desire simply to say the configuration of the case now before us, I desire simply to say the configuration of the control that The people of that portion of the township are, as I was informed upon good authority, unanimously in favor of the proposed annexation to the county to which they originally belonged. By this change the county seat will be much more conveniently located, the distance being By this change the county seat will be much more conveniently located, the distance being some six miles less, and the travel will be more tain persons who have been connected with Lyeconomical, by some fifty to seventy cents on the expenses of a trip. The wishes of these seede. That being their position, I should request granted. This legislature of the people's representatives is here, as I understand, to their leaving. persons success, and their people's request granted. This legislature of the people's representatives is here, as I understand, to legislate for the wishes of the people; and if the people of any township find that their connection with a particular county is inconvenient ways been opposed to secession; I am opposed also to any coercion, and I hope it may not be applied in this instance. lature to grant the wishes of those citizens and annex the section to the county which they

lature to grant the wishes of those citizens and annex the section to the county which they deem best for their interests—especially where the request, coming from the parties immediately interested, is unanimous.

Mr. PATTERSON. I am sorry to differ with my friend from Lycoming, (Mr. Armstrance) but he certainly is misinformed in regard to the remonstrances from the district proposed to be annexed. At the outside, not more than nine or ten land-holders have remonstrated against the passage of this bill. The petition in favor of the annexation is signed by over one hundred and forty citizens of the township. It is a safe rule for this Legislature always to consult afe rule for this Legislature always to consult however, the inauguration of the new doctrine

end of Lycoming, from which this district is proposed to be cut off, do not feel the inconveniences which, with those immediately interested, constitute the reason for this change: Of course, the people of Lycoming are inclined to object to any proposition which takes away a part of their territory and diminishes the aggregate receipts from taxes. But it is the duty of this Legislature to consult the wishes of the people living in the district, who pay the taxes and have a right to be consulted. They ask now to be connected with Union county. Why:

Because if the change be made they can reach the county-seat by a drive of an hour and a half, whilst now they must consume three or four hours in a tedious journey across the mountain.

The gentleman talks about going by railroad. That only increases the expense. You

mountain.

The gentleman talks about going by railroad. That only increases the expense. You all know that if a party is summoned as a witness the fees which he receives do not cover the expense and inconvenience which he suffers. Now it is the duty of this Legislature to reduce the expense of these receives in reaching the the expenses of these people in reaching the seat of government. One of the very objects of

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I hold in my hand a map or diagram of this township. By this it appears that the proposed division line cuts off the valley land, leaving of the valley land along the river in the township, only two hundred and ninty perches. The entire amount of taxation levied upon all that portion of the taxation levied upon all that tax taxation levied upon all that tax taxation levied upon all that portion of the township left by this division, amounts to only one hundred and seventeen dollars. If, then, this division be made, what is to become of this township? There is almost nothing left of it. It cannot by taxation raise enough to support the schools, to build and keep in repair the roads, to take care of any essential interests of the township. The gentleman talks about the expenses of attending Court. Why he knows very well that when poople go to Court, with railroad facilities, they never take their horses and wagons. They are compelled to cross the river whatever way they choose to go. By rail-road they are quite as far, if not farther, from the county seat of Union county than they are from Williamsport.

Mr. PATTERSON. I beg the gentleman's

pardon; the distance is only about one-third or one-half as far; it is only about eight miles. Mr. ARMSTRONG. I think the gentleman

is in error. The distance however, is not much; it is a mere trifle either way. But they never it is a mere trifle either way. But they never take their horses. The gentleman speaks of tolls. But the question of tolls is no proper consideration of the case, because upon other than Court business these people must go. consideration of the case, because upon other than Court business these people must go, whether the township be divided or not. The business interests of Williamsport are large; and men from all parts of the county are brought there by their business relations. They must of necessity go there frequently, because it is the centre of business, and because they can then attend to their business with greater facility and convenience. They combine in a large degree their general business interests with their Court business.

In the discussion upon this question the gen-

tleman forgets the interests of that part of the township which is left. What is to become of it? It must be attached to some other town-ship, because it will not be able to support the expenses of its organization.

The change is manifestly unjust to those re-

The change is manifestly unjust to those residing in that portion of territory which will remain after the division. They have right which ought to be considered. I hope the House will take this view of the case, and not inflict upon them a very serious injury.

M. PATHINDON WITH ASSISTANCE AS TESPECTS THE DISTRICT HOUSE has inflict upon them a very serious injury.

Mr. PATTERSON. With regard to the part

with Lycoming county, the gentleman admits that it is the smaller part of the township. The larger part is strongly in favor of this mee larger part is strongly in favor of this measure. Now, we all recognize the Democratic principle that the majority of the people should rule. If the majority of this township are in favor of annexation to Union county, and the smaller part secede and prefer to remain with Lycoming we cannot help it; let them stay; but the wishes of that small portion of people should not be suffered to overrule the desire of that larger body who are now earnestly petitioning for this measure.

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With regard to the business interests of Wilvith regard to the business interests of Wil-liamsport, the gentleman says that the people combine their Court business with their other business purposes, and attend to both together. This constitutes just what they complain of

that the gentleman from Lycoming (Mr. Armsrione) has heretofore interested himself in a

similar case, and that he is not now consistent with his own doctrines hitherto avowed. I have understood that gentleman heretofore

applied in this instance.

Mr. WILLIAMS. I have no inclination, of

under the auspices of our Supreme Court, that counties may be converted from public corpo-I know that the people living in the upper counties may be converted from public corpend of Lycoming, from which this district is rations into commercial partnerships — turned proposed to be cut off, do not feel the inconveninto railroad manufactories, without their own

may be debts to pay, and there ought to be some adjustment and distribution of the assets Mr. PATTERSON. I will say that the coun-

ty of Lycoming has no railroad bonds.

Mr. WILLIAMS. They are a happy people then. [Laughter.] I wish to make this remark—(and it is what has prompted me to speak seat of government. One of the very objects of this bill is to diminish the expenses of persons attending Court, the distance to Lewisburg being so much less than that to Williamsport. With regard to the former, they can attend Court in the morning and return in the evening, which they cannot do with regard to Williamsport. privilege of withdrawing from Allegheny county. He is on the northern side of the county adjoining Butler, which is comparatively a fa

The rest of us, by and by, if not relieved by of the valley the land lying upon the river—the Legislature of this State—if they will not cuts off about two and three-fourths miles of afford us the protection to which we are entivery well that when people go to Court, with tion to ascertain whether there is not now a

constitutional objection to changing the lines of any counties of the State.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I would remark that by a more careful examination of this map, I find that it is thirteen miles from Uniontown to Liewisburg, the county seat of Union county. Uniontown lies upon the very edge of this proposed division line, nearest to Union county. posed division line, nearest to Union county. The township line now proposed, as I have before remarked, brings the township within about six miles of the borough of Williamsport,

though we are happy in not having any railroad debts. We have been building a new Court House, and, whether it be any part of the intention of the citizens of this part of Brady township to avoid the payment of their proportion of the liability for the erection of that building, I am not here to say. It is sufficient to know that such would be the effect of the proposed division. A Court House is building, which is to cost some fifty thousand dollars, I presume cost some fifty thousand dollars, I presume—
perhaps more. The rich township of Brady
ought properly to pay a portion of this expenditure; and they ought not now to be permitted
to go out of the county, thus avoiding their
liabilities in this respect.

Mr. HAYES. I must differ from my friend

as respects the distance from Uniontown to Lew

been in contemplation a good, many years.

Mr. HAYES. It was only begun about one year ago.
Mr. ARMSTRONG. I think about two

years.

Mr. HAYES. At any rate the bill is a just one, and it ought to pass. I hope the House will saliction it.

The motion to postpone indefinitely was not agreed to.
The question recurring on the original motion, viz to postpone for the present,
The yeas and nays were required by Mr.

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