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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 1861. The House was called to order at 10 o'clock,

The CLERK proceeded to read the Journal of

nication from the Auditor General in reference to the tomage tax, which was read as follows;

AUDITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, Harrisburg, February 12, 1861. To the Hon. E. W. DAVIS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

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Speaker of the House of Representatives:
Sir: In answer to the resolution of the House of Representatives, adopted on the 11th inst., by which the Auditor General "is requested to inform the House what is the amount of arrears of tonnage tax now due and unpaid by the Pennsylvania Railroad company, and why the same is not paid," I have the honor to report:—

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The amendment was agreed to.
No. 176. An Act to authorize Edward Vail and Morgan Campbell, of the Society of Friends, in Fayette county, to sell and convey certain loss of ground.

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report:—
1. The amount of said tax due and unpaid is \$661,158 94, as follows :-

Balance due by company previous to July 21, 1858. Amount of said tax from July 21, 1858, to November 30, 1858,

both days inclusive, as per settle-ment made February 21, 1859. Amount of said tax from Dec. 1,

amount of said tax from Dec. 1, 1868, to July 19, 1859, both days inclusive, as per settlement made Angust 25, 1859.

Amount of said tax from July, 20, 1859, to November 30, 1859,

both days inclusive, as per settle-ment made January 17, 1860. Amount of said tax from December 1, 1859 to July 20, 1860, both days inclusive, as per settlement made September 26, 1860
Amount of said tax from July 21,

1860 to November 30, 1860, both days inclusive as per settle-ment made December 12, 1860

Total up to Dec. 1, 1860 No settlement has been made of the account of the Pennsylvania railroad company for ton-nage since December 12, 1860, as the returns are made to this Department twice in each year, one covering the time from December 1st, 'to July 20th; the other from July 21st to November 30th, both days inclusive.

The reason why this tax has not been paid is that the Pennsylvania railroad company appealed from all the above stated settlements, except these made on the 17th day of January, 1860, and the 12th of December, 1860, to the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphia county.— A certified copy of the account settled January 17, 1860, was placed in the hands of the At torney General on the day after its date. A similar copy of the settlement made on the 12th of December, 1860, will this day be placed in the hands of that officer, the time allowed for appealing having expired.

Very respectfully, THOS. E. COCHRAN,

Auditor General.
On motion of Mr. BARNSLEY, the above report was ordered to be printed in the Legislati

THE PRIVATE CALENDAR.

Agreeably to order

Lugerne, Pennsylvania.
Mr. WILSON. If I understand the purport of this bill, it is to exempt firemen from mili-tary duty. Certainly the House will not deem it proper that firemen, the most efficient body of menin the country, should be thus exempted.

I trust this bill will lie over.
The SPEAKER. Does the gentleman object to the bill?

Mr. WILSON. I do, on that ground-not from any other motive.

No. 149. An Act to incorporate the Philadel phia Turngemeinde, (Turner's society.)
No. 150. Supplement to an Act to incorporate

the Hilldale cemetery company, in Allegheny

county.
No. 154: An Act to amend the charter of the Presbyterian church of Frankford, approved the 9th day of April, A. D. 1808.

No. 156. A further supplement to the Actity incorporate the Harrisburg. Female. Seminary passed the eighteenth day of April sand eight hundred and fifty three. d the eighteenth day of April, one thou-

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No. 150: An Act relative to mad views for damages in Northumberland county.

Mr. WILSON, removed his objections to House bill, No. 148. entitled "an Act incorporating the Pittston Hose company, No. 1, in the county of Luzerne; Pennylvania, and the bill was passed and laid aside for second reading.

No. 160. A supplement to an Act to provide for the erection of a house for the employment and, support, of the poor, in the county of

and support of the poor in the sounty of Schuylkill, passed the fourth day of April sone thousand sight hundred and thirty-one No. 161. An Act to change the name of Ben-

No. 189. An Act relating to evidence in se-

tions in the city of Philadelphia.

No. 170. An Act to vest the eschested estate of Lydia Price in her nephew Reese P.

Walter. Mr. ARMSTRONG moved to amend by adding the following proviso:

Provided, The same be subject to the pay-Provided, The same be subject to the payment of the collateral inheritance tax and the
payment of all costs and charges which may
have legally accrued by reason of the same
have legally accrued b



Telegraph.

Passed finally.

Passed finally.

Allegheny.

The amendment was agreed to

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NO. 35.

"INDEPENDENT IN ALL THINGS-NEUTRAL IN NONE."

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HARRISBURG, PA., WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 13, 1861,

The amendment was agreed to. No. 171. An Act to authorize the sale of the Walnut Hill school property, in the late town ship of Byberry, twenty third ward, Philadel-

No. 172. An Act to authorize the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church of Bloody Run, in Bedford county, to convey certain real es-

Supplied that

The Claisian proceeded to read the Journal of yesterday, when,

Mr. FIERCE moved that the further reading of the same be dispensed with.

The motion was agreed to the same be dispensed to the Society of Friends, in Richland township, Bucks county, to sell certain real estate.

No. 174 A supplement to an Act relative to the escheated estate of John Chase, a negro man, passed 18th April, A. D. 1854.

No. 175 An Act authorizing William Hall; nication from the Auditor General in reference of Blakely township, Luzerne county, to sell certain real estate.

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M. PUGHE moved to amend by striking out in the tenth line the word "two" and inserting "three: "it was a second of the second

Middletown, in said county.

No. 188: An Act to lay out a State road in Clarion and Venango counties.

Mr. HOFIUS moved to amend by striking: out the name of R. Irvin, wherever it occurs, and insert in lieu thereof the name of R.A.

The amendment was agreed to No. 185. Supplement to an Act appointing commissioners to lay out and open a State road in the counties of M Kean and Elk, passed the 21st day of March, A. D. 1856.

No. 186. Supplement to an Act to incorporate the Marietta and Maytown Turnpike Road company approved April 15, 1857

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ting the Lancaster and Ephrata Turnpike or Plank Road company.

No. 189. An Act authorizing the qualified voters of Stoney Creek township, Somerset councty, to elect one additional Supervisor.

Mr. WILDEY withdrew his objections to Senate bill No. 37, entitled "a supplement to the Act incorporating the Spinnerstown and Goshenhoppen, and the Steinburg and Milford Square Turnpike road company. The bill then passed, and was laid aside for a second reading. No. 191. An Act to incorporate the Clearfield and Bennett's Branch Turnpike Road company. and Bennett's Branch Turnpike Road company No. 192. An Act to extend the charter of the Glen Hope and New Washington Turnpike and Plank Road company. No. 198. An Act appointing commissioners to

lay out and open a State road in the counties of M'Kean, Elk, Forest and Clarion.

No. 195. A supplement to an Act to incorporate the Beaver Dam Plank Road and Turnvike Road company, approved April 20, A. D. 1852. BILES OBJECTED OFF THE CALENDAR.

The following bills were objected off the Calendar By Mr. SMTTH, (Philadelphia,) No. 145. An Act to incorporate the North American Oil com

By Mr. TAYLOR, No. 147. A supplement to

the Act incorporating the Allegheny Mountain Health Institute.

By Mr. WILSON, No. 148. An Act incorporating the Pittaton Hose Company number one, in the county of Luzerne, Pennsylvania.

By Mr. TAYLOR, Sen. 49. An Act to incorporate the Arlesto Oil company porate the Ardesco Oil company.

By Mr. PRESION, No. 155. An Act to incor porate the Eagle Cotton works.

By Mr. BUTLER, (Crawford,) No. 162. An

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:
No. 142. An Act to incorporate the Fishing Creek Improvement company.
No. 148. An Act to incorporate the American Submarine and Salvage company.

Mr. WILDEY moved to amend by striking out the word "two" in the eighth line, and in serting: "four."

The amendment was agreed to.

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No. 146. An Act to incorporate the West Sunbury Academy, in Butler county.

No. 148. An Act incorporating the Pittston Hose company, number one, in the county of Luzerne. Pennsylvania. the Delaware county turnpike road company.

By Mr. MOORE. An Act to compel the ac

signees of the Bank of Pennsylvania to audit and settle their accounts.

By Mr. HILL, No. 182. A supplement to an Act to authorize the supervisors of Springfield township to subscribe to the capital stock of the Wisahickon turnpike road company, to incorporate the Odd Fellows' hall association of Centre. Square and to subhorize the Auditor

corporate the Ond Fenows har association of Centra Square, and to authorize the Auditor General to settle the accounts of the witnesses in the case of the Montgomery County Bank investigation, approved the 21st day of April,

investigation, approved the 21st day of April, A. D. 1852.

By Mr. HYLL, No. 184. A further supplement to an Act authorizing the Limerick and Colebrookdale tumpike company to extend their road, from or near Boyertown, in Berks county, to the township line of Douglass, near Jacob Bower's, mill, passed the twenty-sixth day of April, Anno Domini one thousand eight hun-

dred and fifty five.

By Mr. WILDEY, Sen. 87. A supplement to No. 167. An Act providing for copying the direction of the Act incorporating the Spinnerstown and Goshenhopen, and the Steinsburg and Milford Square turnpike road companies.

No. 168. An Act to change the name of the general transition.

the general turnpike, bridge and plank road law as to Eric county.

By Mr. MULLIN, No. 196. An Act to incor

by Mr. daskilli, see, see, an Act to hear porate the Idaho oil company.

By Mr. daskilli, see, se, a further supplement to an Act to incorporate the Philadelphia and Darby rallroad company. OBJECTED BILLS. The following bills, objected off the calendar

last Tuesday, were read and disposed of as sta No. 89. An Act to refund certain moneys.

Passed and laid aside for second reading.

No. 118. An Act taxing dogs in the count

jamin Welah.

No. 164. An Act to regulate appeals from the judgment of Aldermen in the city of Philadelphia.

No. 166. An Act relating to suction sales in the county of Union.

On 166. An Act relating to suction sales in the county of Blair, to the county of Union.

Passed, and laid aside for second reading.
No. 124. An Act to change the place of holding the township elections in Tulpehocken township, Berks county.

Mr. SELTZER offered the following amend-

ment : In the title, strike out the word "township"

having reference to the county of Berks. I can not see what motive the gentleman can have county and of the State—it has become necestary to concentrate capital and to form this

Mr. SELTZER. There are two sides to thi question. The gentleman has given one; and I will give the other. It appears that in the township of Tulpenocken there is a difficulty between two landlords. One holds the general election and the other the township election election and the other the township election. The man holding the township election is, it appears, a Republican, and on account of a little feud, some persons have hoped to come up here and insinuatingly get through a bill to take the election poll from him. Letters have been written to me in regard to this subject. I hope no good Republican will favor a proposition of this kind. This amendment will have the effect of leaving the lection poll, where it the effect of leaving the election poll where is

in. I hope the amendment will prevail.

Mr. BOYER. "I will state for the information of the House, that the petition for this change in the place of holding elections was signed by three hundred and fifteen citizens of the township, while the whole number of voters is four hundred and twenty nine. We thus have conclusive evidence that the people of the town-ship desire this change. Why the gentleman from Philadelphia (Mr. SELUZER) desires to con-nect this subject with any political question, I do not understand. Whether the man who now holds the election is a Democrat or Repub lican, I care not; but three fourths of the peo-ple of the township desire this change, and I think their wishes should be regarded by this egislature. I hope the amendment will be re-

The SPEAKER. Objection being made to the amendment, the gentleman will have to benew it on second reading.

The bill was then passed, and laid aside for

second reading.
No. 125. "Supplement to an Act, entitled an Act erecting parts of Clinton, Elk, M'Kean and Potter counties into a new county to be called Cameron, approved March twenty-ninth, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixtv.

Passed, and laid aside for a second reading. No. 182: "An Act for the relief of the sure ties of Daniel Ze igler, late treasurer of Miffli county."
Passed, and laid aside for a second reading

EXPLANATION BY THE SPEAKER.

The Chair desires to State that the reason The Char desires to State that the reason why certain Senate bills, upon the Private Calendar, are not printed, is, that when bills are passed by either House, without printing, they are not printed by the House where they are last considered, unless specially ordered.

SENATE BILLS PASSED. Mr. CRAIG moved that the House proceed to consider Senaté bille entitled "an Act to incorporate the Kittaning water company, "township The motion was agreed to ; and said bill was taken up and passed finally.

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bill entitled "a further supplement to the Act
to incorporate the Trenton City Bridge Com-

pany.' The motion was agreed to ; and said bill was taken up and passed finally.

Mr. BUTLER, (Crawford,) moved to consider.

Sanate bill, entitled "an Act to extend the provisions of an Act for the protection of sheep and taxing dogs in the county of Blair to the county

The motion was agreed to, and said bill was taken up and passed finally.

DEFORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. STRANG, from the Committee appointed to Compare Bills, and present them to the Governor for his approbation, made report, which was read, as follows, viz:

That in conjunction with a similar Committee from the Senate they have admissred and

on Thursday, presented to the Governor for his approbation the bill as follows, to wit: House bill No. 81; an Act to incorporate the

Masonic hall association of East Liberty, in the masonic hair association of Hast Liberty, in the county of Allegiany.

On February 12th, 1861, House bill No. 85, an act to authorize the Governor to Theoryolatic decompany to erect a bridge over Clearfield creek, in Clearfield county, at Midera.

House bill No. 71. An act Incorporating the

Commissioners of Cameron county to borrow money.

House bill No. 91. An Act to change the place of holding elections in Moon township. Beaver county: The state of the county of the state of th

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Laid on the table.

Mr. SHEPPARD, (on leave given.) reported from the committee on Ways and Means, with amendment, a bill entitled an Act for the communication of the tonnage duties.

Mr. BRODHEAD. I notice in newspapers published in the city of Philadelphia, and in other parts of the State, a statement that the bill in relation to the Sunbury and Eric Balload, and that in relation to the communication of the tonnage tax, passed the Committee of Ways and Means unanimously. As a member of that Committee, I beg leave to say that that report is incorrect. I, with several others, opposed those bills in Committee, and shall oppose them before the House.

before the House SECOND READING OF BILLS ON THE PRIVATE CALEN On motion of Mr. SELTZER, the House proceeded to the second reading and consideration of bills on the Private Calendar When the following were considered and dis

posed of as stated: No. 142: An Act to incorporate the Fishing Creek improvement company.

Mr. ACKER offered the following amend ment, to come in as an additional section :

That the said corporation shall pay a bonus o one half of one per centum on the capital stock or said company payable in four equal annual instal-ments, the first payment to be made in one year from the date hereof; and shall pay such tax on dividends as is or may be provided by

Mr. HUHN. I am opposed to the amend ment of the gentleman from Chester (Mr. Acam.) This bill was arefully considered by the Committee on Corporations; and the amount of land; etc., to be field by the company was exceptilly restricted by the Committee at my suggestion. The bill merely provides for im proving land which cannot be improved by in-dividual capital in the county. Now, while the general sentiment of the people of the county is against any company for mining purposes, where individual capital could be employed with advantage, still, on account of the peculiar geological formation of the county, it is necessary in certain cases, to have companies with concentrated capital to work the veins where individual capital cannot be effectively

employed.

In the portion of the county where it is pro

company and some others of a similar nature. If a tax be imposed on these companies, in acordance with the proposed amendment, the effect will be at once to deter any parties from attempting to mine coal in the county by means of incorporated companies; it can have no of incorporated companies; it can have no other effect than crushing all consolidation of capital, and as a consequence defeating the development of the resources of the county and the increase of her coal tomage.

On the amendment of Mr. ACKER,

The yeas and nays were required by Mr. ACKER and Mr. M. GONIGAL, and were as follows: it can have no

ows, viz : Yeas.—Messrs. Acker, Alexander, Anderson, Collins, Craig, Dismant, Frazier, Hill, Hood, Hofius, M'Gonigal, Myers, Robinson, Stoneback, Taylor, Teller, Thomas, Tracy, Walker, Wildey, Wilson—21

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NAYS.—Messrs. Abbott, Austin, Bartholomew, Bisel, Blair, Bliss; Boyer, Bressler, Brodhead, Byrne, Caldwell, Clark, Cope, Cowan, Donley, Douglass, Duffield, Dunlap, Eilenberger, Elliott, Gaskill, Gibboney, Goeliring, Happer, Heck, Hillman, Huhn, Kline, Koch, Leisenring, Lichtenwaller, Lowther, M'Donough, Mannifold, Moore, Mullin, Osterhout, Patterson, Pierce, Preston, Pughe, Reiff, Rhoads, Ridgway, Roller, Shafer, Sheppard, Smith, (Berks,) Smith, (Philadelphia,), Strang, Davis, Speeke—51.

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The bill then passed finally.

No. 143. An Act to incorporate the American

bmarine and salvage company. Passed finally. Sen. 15: 'An' Act supplementary to an Act to incorporate the borough of Birmingham, in the ounty of Allegheny:

Passed finally.

No. 146. An Act to incorporate the West Sunbury academy, in Butler county.

Passed finally. No. 148. An Act incorporating the Pittston

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the third section.

The motion was agreed to; and the bill The motion was agreed to; and the bill passed finally.

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Passed finally.

No. 150. Supplement to an Act to incorporate the Hilldale cemetery company, in Allegheny county.

Passed finally.

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Passed finally,

No. 156. A further supplement to the Act to incorporate the Harrisburg female seminary; nassed that sighteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fitty-three.

Passed finally.

No. 157. An Act providing for copying the drafts and other papers in the county survey-or's office of Schuylkill county. Passed finally.

No. 158. An Act to change the name of Sam-uel M Langhlin. Passed finally.

No. 159. An Act relative to road views for damages in Northumberland county.

Passed finally:

No. 160. A supplement to an Act to provide for the erection of a house for the employment and support of the poor in the county of Schuylkill, passed the fourth day of April, one thous-and eight hundred and thirty-one.

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Passed finally.

Mr. ELLIOTT moved that for the purpose of onsidering bills, on the public calendar; the onsidering bills on the public calendar. House will hold a special session on Wednesday evening, commencing at 7 o'clock.

Mr. SHEPPARD moved to amend by adding

unless the calendar has previously been gone through with through with."

The amendment was agreed to; and the motion, as amended, was adopted.

No. 101. An Act to change the name of Benjamin Welsh.

Passed 6---

Passed finally.
No. 164. An Act to regulate appeals from the udgment of aldermen in the city of Philadelhia: Mr. ABBOT moved, to amend; by inserting, after the word "delay," in the first section, the

word "merely." The amendment was agreed to, and the bill assed finally.
No. 166. An Act relating to auction sales in

the county of Union. As I have a large Passed finally.

Passed finally.

No. 169. An Act relating to evidence in actions in the city of Philadelphia.

Passed finally.

No. 170. An Act to yest the escheated estate of Lydia Price in her/nephew Reese P. Walter.

Passed to third reading, when:

Mr. ARMSTRONG moved to postpone its fur-

her consideration for the present.
The motion was agreed to:
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No. 171. An Act to authorize the sale of the Walnut Hill school property, in the late township of Byberry, Twenty-third ward, Philadelphia.

Passed finally.

No. 1/4. An Act to authorize, the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church of Bloody Ran, in Bedford county, to convey certain real estate.

Sen. 91. A supplement to the Act incorporating the Lancaster and Ephrata turnpike or plank road company.

Passed finally.

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Passed finally.

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Passed finally.

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An Act to appoint commissioners to the house of another. I advocate this change because the people desire it, and have emphatically so declared. If there is any evidence that any of those three hundred and Passed finally. Glen Hope and New Washington turnpike and plank road company.

Passed finally. fifteen signers gave their names under false representations, let it be shown to the House. I No. 195. A supplement to an Act to incorporate the Beaver Dan Plank road and turnpike road company, approved April 20, A. D. 1858. Let him bring forth proof that may satisfy the minds of members, and not attempt by drag-

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Let him bring forth proof that may satisfy the minds of members, and not attempt by dragging in political questions to defeat a bill which ought not to be defeated.

No. 113. An Act taxing dogs in the county of Eric.

Mr. DOUGLASS moved to amend by including the township of Elizabeth, in the county of Allegheny.

The amendment was acreed to

themselves so mean upon this floor as to— The SPEAKER. The Chair can allow no And the bill as amended passed finally.

No. 124. An Act to change the place of holding the township elections in Tulpehocken personal reflections. The question is upon the amendment of the gentleman from Philadel-

And the bill as amended passed finally.

No. 124. An Act, to change the place of holding the township elections in Tulpehocken the township is elections in Tulpehocken the township here is no person here by petition asking for any such provision; but the people of Tulpehocken township have petitioned this Legislature to change the place of holding the fownship elections. Their petition is spired by three is no person here by petition asking for any such provision; but the people of Tulpehocken township have petitioned this Legislature to change the place of holding the fownship elections. Their petition is signed by three in hundred and fifteen of its legal voters, out of an aggregate of four hundred and twentry-nine; so that the voice of those most interested is decisively in favor of the change.

In regard to the political question which the gentleman from Philadelphia (Mr. Szuzzza) has endeavored to infrouce here, I would state that I have been informed by my colleague who reades very near this township, that this is a contest between two Republicans; the house from which the election poll is to be made. Therefore this cannot be made a party matter. The question is whether we shall recognise the right of petition is altered and fifteen in, an aggregate of four hundred and fifteen in, an aggregate of four hundred and fifteen in, an aggregate of four hundred and twenty nine of the people petition is the bace of holding their elections of the sort. Republicans have written to change in the place of holding their elections are solutions of this sort. Republicans have written to the people petition is detailed, the legislature of Pennsylvania for a change in the place of holding their elections are solutions of this sort. Republicans have written for petition is given by the people petition is detailed, their because of holding their elections of the gent have a c

"The right of petition is doubtless a glorious privilege, but it is probably more abused than any privilege we enjoy." Within the past few weeks numerous petitions have been presented in the Legislature by our members resented. Mr. BOYER moved to re-commit the bill to the Committee on Election Districts.

weeks numerous petitions have been presented in the Legislature by our members; praying for a sub-division of the different wards of Reading Act erecting parts of Clinton, Elk, M'Kean and into precincts. The only information that our citizens had of these precious documents was Cameron," approved March twenty-ninth, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and citizens had been presented, but by

the fact that they had been presented, but by whom they were signed was a mystery. One petition, we understand, for the division of one ward had four hundred signatures attached, and yet it would be difficult to find fifty persons in that ward who ever heard of its circulation. Recently a good joke was related to us of the manner in which these lengthy documents are prepared. A mammoth petition was sent to one of our members setting forth the increase in the number of building the persons in the number of lifetimes and the sent to one of our members setting forth the increase in the number of will be postponed for the prepared. A mammoth petition was sent to one of our members setting forth the increase in the number of will be postponed for the prepared. A mammoth petition was sent to one of our members setting forth the increase in the number of will be postponed for the prepared to the sure of bands of the sure of the sure of the sure of bands of the sure of the sure

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