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SENATE.
THURSDAY, February 28, 1861.

The Senate met and was called to order at 11 o'clock A. M.

Prayer was offered by Rev. William Bishop, of Harrisburg.

The Journal of yesterday was partly read, when

The Clerk of the House of Representatives being introduced presented an extract from the Journal of the House.

The reading of the Journal was then concluded.

SPEAKER'S TABLE.
The SPEAKER laid before the Senate a communication received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, transmitting a table of the population of the State of Pennsylvania by counties, under the census of 1860, from a statement received from the Superintendent of the Census, in the department of the Secretary of the Interior, Department of the United States.

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. FINNEY, ordered to be published in the Record.

The communication is as follows:

POPULATION OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA—CENSUS, 1860.

COUNTIES.	POPULATION.
Adams	28,012
Allentown	178,536
Armstrong	36,929
Berks	29,144
Berlin	26,737
Blair	93,819
Blount	27,829
Bradford	49,736
Bucks	68,579
Butler	35,596
Cambria	29,156
Carbon	21,083
Centre	27,100
Chester	74,538
Clearfield	24,944
Clinton	17,722
Columbia	25,065
Crawford	48,756
Cumberland	40,098
Cameron	—
Dauphin	46,757
Delaware	30,597
Elk	5,915
Erie	49,425
Fayette	39,909
Forest	598
Franklin	42,393
Fulton	24,484
Greene	24,448
Huntingdon	28,101
Indiana	38,687
Jefferson	18,287
Juniata	16,996
Lancaster	116,316
Lawrence	22,930
Lebanon	21,831
Lehigh	15,754
Luzerne	90,243
Lycaburg	37,898
McKean	8,859
Mercer	38,587
Mifflin	16,841
Monroe	16,759
Montgomery	70,600
Montour	18,063
Northampton	47,904
Northumberland	28,892
Perry	22,794
Philadelphia	665,531
Pike	7,150
Potter	11,470
Schuylkill	89,518
Snyder	15,035
Somerset	26,784
Sullivan	5,887
Susquehanna	86,287
Tioga	31,045
Union	14,145
Venango	26,044
Warren	19,190
Washington	46,804
Wayne	32,279
Westmoreland	53,786
Wyoming	12,840
York	68,200

Total population of Pennsylvania, 2,906,870

Camero county is not returned separately, but is included in the counties out of which it was created.

The SPEAKER also laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Girard College, transmitting the Annual Report of that institution for the past year.

Laid on the table.

Also, a communication from the President of the Mount Carbon Railroad company, transmitting an abstract of the accounts of that company for the past year.

Laid on the table.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, MEMORIALS, &c., PRESENTED.

Mr. PALMER, Speaker, presented a petition from citizens of East Brunsburg township, Schuylkill county, asking for the repeal of certain road laws.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Also, a petition of citizens of the same township, asking for a change in the place of holding elections in said township.

Referred to the Committee on Election Districts.

Mr. NICHOLS, one from citizens of Philadelphia, asking for a law taking from the Supreme Court the power of certain appointments.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, a remonstrance from citizens of Philadelphia, against the passage of a law authorizing the laying of railroad tracks on Lombard and South streets, in Philadelphia, without a provision providing for compensation to omnibus proprietors running on said streets, which was read, and

Laid upon the table.

Mr. SMITH presented a petition of citizens of Philadelphia, praying for compensation to owners of fugitive slaves when rescued by mobs, violence, &c.

Laid upon the table.

Mr. PARKER presented one of like import, signed by citizens of Philadelphia.

Laid upon the table.

Mr. THOMPSON, one of like import, signed by citizens of Blair county.

Laid upon the table.

Mr. GREGG, one of like import, signed by citizens of Bellefonte, Centre county.

Laid upon the table.

Mr. HALL, one of like import, signed by citizens of Blair county.

Laid upon the table.

Mr. BLOOD, one of like import, signed by citizens of Blair county.

Laid upon the table.

Mr. SMITH presented a petition of citizens and tax-payers of Philadelphia, asking for the passage of the bill to erect new public buildings in said city.

Laid upon the table.

Mr. PARKER, two of like import.

Laid upon the table.

Mr. SERRILL, one of like import.

Laid upon the table.

Mr. MEREDITH, one of like import.

Laid upon the table.

Mr. CONNELL, one of like import.

Laid upon the table.

Mr. PARKER, also presented a remonstrance against the passage of said bill.

Laid upon the table.

(The bill passed finally yesterday.)

Mr. CONNELL presented four petitions, signed by two hundred and fifty citizens of Frankford, Philadelphia, praying for the passage of a law authorizing the use of steam power on the Southwark and Frankford Railroad above Berks street.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. THOMPSON presented the remonstrance of one hundred and twenty-four citizens of Kippack and Perkiomen townships, Montgomery county, against changing the place of holding their elections.

Laid upon the table.

Mr. YARDLEY presented a petition, signed by citizens of Bucks county, asking for such a change in the common school laws of this Commonwealth as will enable parents to send their children to school in adjoining districts, the same length of time in the year as they can in their own immediate district.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Also, the memorial of members of the congregation of Indian creek and Tolickon congregations, of Bucks county, asking authority to sell certain real estate.

Referred to the Committee on Estates and Escheats.

Also, the petition of Caroline Lambert and others, praying for a law for the assessment of damages done their property by the raising of the banks of the Delaware Division, Pennsylvania Canal, in 1858.

Referred to the Committee on Private Claims and Damages.

Mr. SCHINDEL presented a remonstrance of citizens of North and South Whitehall townships, Lehigh county, against the formation of a new election district out of parts of said townships.

Referred to the Committee on Election Districts.

Mr. BENSON presented a petition of citizens of Homer township, Potter county, asking for a law to collect additional road taxes in said township.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. GREGG presented six petitions of citizens of Lycoming county, asking for the passage of the bill to amend the act relating to the Sunbury and Erie railroad bill, now pending in the Senate.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Also, three of like import from citizens of Clinton county.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. GREGG also presented a petition of citizens of Lycoming county for the repeal of a law relating to noxious animals in said county.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

Mr. BOUND presented a petition of citizens of Conyngham township, Columbia county, asking for the extension of a certain road law to said county.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. BOUND also presented a remonstrance of citizens of Penn township, Snyder county, against the repeal of the tonnage tax and against granting relief to the Sunbury and Erie Railroad company.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. CRAWFORD presented a remonstrance of citizens of Mifflin county against the repeal of the tonnage tax on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. WHARTON, one of like import from citizens of Huntingdon county.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. MEREDITH presented the resolutions and a copy of the proceedings of a county convention, held in Indiana county, remonstrating against the repeal of the tonnage tax.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. FULLER, one against the same from citizens of Fayette county.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. ROBINSON, one of like import from citizens of Mercer county.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. BOUGHTER presented a petition of citizens of Lebanon county for a law authorizing and directing the county Commissioners of said county, to appropriate \$400 towards erecting a bridge across a certain creek.

Referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

Mr. HAMILTON presented the memorial of Ruth McCoy, widow of an old soldier, asking for relief.

Referred to the Committee on Pensions and Grants.

Mr. WELSH presented a petition of citizens of Springfield township, York county, praying that the school directors of said county may be directed to erect a new school-house in said township.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. WHARTON, a petition of citizens of Huntingdon county in favor of a stay law.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. MEREDITH presented one from citizens of Armstrong county of similar import.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. WHARTON, three petitions from citizens of Cassville, and of other portions of Huntingdon county, praying for a liberal appropriation to the starving poor of Kansas.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. WHARTON, also presented three petitions of citizens of Huntingdon county in favor of the repeal of the tonnage tax.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. HALL, four of like import from citizens of Blair county.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Also, one of similar import from citizens of Bedford county.

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Mr. MEREDITH, one of like import from citizens of Armstrong county.

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Mr. HALL presented two petitions of citizens of Blair county, asking for a law for the protection of fruit and fruit trees in said county.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

Also, a remonstrance of citizens of Cambria

county, against the incorporation of companies to sink wells for oil.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. MEREDITH presented a remonstrance of citizens of Pittsburg, against the repeal of a certain Act for the widening of Virgin alley in said city.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. LAWRENCE presented a petition of citizens of Washington county, praying for a change in the mode of collecting taxes in said county.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, a remonstrance of citizens of Bellville borough, Washington county, against any alteration in their borough limits.

Referred to the Committee on Election Districts.

Mr. PENNEY presented the remonstrance of the Commissioners of Allegheny county against the passage of Senate bill, entitled "an Act relating to Allegheny county."

Laid upon the table.

Also, a petition of citizens of Pittsburg in favor of the passage of the bill, entitled "a supplement to the Act incorporating the Guardians of the Poor of the city of Pittsburg."

Laid upon the table, as the bill has already passed the Senate.

Also, a remonstrance of citizens of Moon township, Allegheny county, against the passage of an Act to change the place of holding their elections.

Referred to the Committee on Election Districts.

Also, a remonstrance of citizens of Allegheny county against any change in the lateral railroad law.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Also, the petition of citizens of Venango and Crawford counties, in favor of a State road from Titusville to the mouth of Oil creek.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Also, a remonstrance of citizens of Ross and adjacent townships, against any law increasing tolls on plank roads.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Also, a remonstrance of citizens of Pittsburg, against the repeal of an Act opening Virgin alley, in said city.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. IRISH presented one similar to the last named.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. ROBINSON presented a petition of the school directors of the Mercer school district, praying for the passage of a law providing that the said directors shall not be required to keep open the schools in said district more than six months in the year.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Also, a petition of citizens of Mercer county, in favor of a revision of the general road laws of the State.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. BLOOD presented two remonstrances from citizens of Elk county, against the annexation of Benezet township, said county, to Cameron county.

Referred to the Committee on New Counties and County Seats.

Also, a petition from citizens of Jefferson county, setting forth that they are in favor of the compromise measure, known as the Crittenden amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

Referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Also, a petition from citizens of Clarion county, in favor of the repeal of the ninety-fifth and ninety-sixth sections of the revised penal code, and for the restoration of certain provisions of the Act of 1780.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, one from citizens of Jefferson county, of like import.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. KETCHAM presented twenty-five remonstrances from citizens of Luzerne county, against any division of said county.

Referred to the Committee on New Counties and County Seats.

Also, a petition from citizens of Newkely township, Luzerne county, in favor of the erection of a poor house in said township.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, a petition from citizens of Luzerne county, in favor of the repeal of a supplement to the Act incorporating the Milford and Owego turnpike road company so far as the same relates to said county.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, three remonstrances from citizens of Luzerne county, against any change in the mode of advertising sheriffs' sales, &c., in said county.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. LONDON presented a petition from citizens of Sullivan county, for a change in their road laws.

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regulating elections and election districts in Lycoming county.

Mr. CRAWFORD, (same,) as committed, House bill No. 322, an Act to extend the limits of the borough of Mechanicsburg, Indiana county.

Mr. MEREDITH, (Agriculture,) House bill No. 206, entitled an Act to extend the provisions of an Act for the better regulation of the Mercer county, Shenango valley, Montour and Allegheny county Agricultural Societies, to the Erie county Agricultural Society.

Mr. SMITH, (Finance,) as committed, House bill No. 240, entitled "an Act relative to a certain piece of ground in Berks county, belonging to the New Jerusalem (or so called Dunkel's church), and for other purposes."

Mr. SERRILL, (Agriculture, &c.), as committed, House bill No. 277, an Act repealing portions of an Act to prevent the destruction of fish within the county of Lawrence.

Mr. THOMPSON, (same,) as committed, House bill No. 285, an Act relating to deer in Centre county.

Mr. FULLER, (Compare Bills,) made a report which was read and approved.

Mr. SCHINDEL, (same,) as committed, House bill No. 89, entitled "an Act to refund certain monies."

BILLS READ IN PLACE.

Mr. WELSH read in place an Act relating to the poor of this Commonwealth.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. SCHINDEL, an Act to incorporate the Fairview Cemetery association of Kutztown, Berks county.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. THOMPSON, a supplement to an Act relating to the poor of this Commonwealth.

Referred to the Committee on Banks.

Mr. HAMILTON, an Act for the relief of Ruth McCoy, widow of Daniel McCoy, a soldier of the revolutionary war.

Referred to the Committee on Pensions and Gratuities.

Mr. BOUGHTER, an Act authorizing and requiring the Commissioners of Lebanon county to pay \$300 towards the erection of a bridge across a certain creek in said county.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Also, an Act to change the place of holding elections in the 5th ward of the city of Harrisburg.

Referred to