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Pennsylvania Legislature.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, March 21, 1861.

The House met at 10 A. M., and was called to order by Mr. SHEPPARD, Speaker pro tem. The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of yesterday, when

On motion of Mr. HOOD the further reading of the same was dispensed with.

PETITIONS, &c., PRESENTED.

Mr. COVANN, one from A. Irvin, of Warren county, for the purchase of old Pennsylvania letters, &c., relating to the early annals of Pennsylvania.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. BRESSLER, one from inhabitants of Logan and Potter townships, Clinton county, for the release of the State tax from said township, and that the same be appropriated to repair Sugar Valley road.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. CLARK, one from the Friendship Fire company, No. 1, of the city of Harrisburg, praying for aid in the purchase of a first class fire engine.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. AUSTIN, one from inhabitants of Fulton county, for a law abolishing annual assessments in said county.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. GORDON, one from one hundred and eighty inhabitants of Pennsylvania, for an appropriation to clear the Susquehanna river.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. PRESTON, one from the marble masons of Philadelphia for the passage of an Act supplementing the Act for the measurement of marble and the appointment of a measurer.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. SHAFER, one from inhabitants of Chester county, for the extension of the Mechanics lien law so as to embrace materials furnished for repairs.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. EILLENBERGER, one from inhabitants of Northampton county, for an Act divorcing Simon and Margaret Lieb.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BLANCHARD, one from inhabitants of Lawrence county, for the passage of a law relative to the erection of a new township.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. TRACY, one from inhabitants of Bradford county for the passage of a law authorizing the erection of a poor house in the county of Bradford.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. GOEHRING, a remonstrance from tax payers of Allegheny county against the passage of an Act to change the mode of collecting taxes and creating a controller in said county.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. MULLIN, a petition from inhabitants of Cambria county, change the Act entitled "an Act to provide for the erection of a house for the employment and support of the poor of said county."

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. TRACY, one from inhabitants and tax payers of Overton township, in the county of Bradford, for a law to legalize the assessments of road taxes in said county, for the year 1858.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. ARMSTRONG, one from inhabitants of Mount Lairy township, Lycoming county, for a law to authorize the citizens of said township to elect a township treasurer.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. DOUGLAS, a remonstrance from 168 inhabitants of 6th ward, Pittsburg, against Senate bill No. 161 which contemplates abolishing the office of Auditor in said county.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BURNS, a petition from inhabitants of North Fayette township, Allegheny county, in favor of changing the financial system of said county.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. TRACY, one from inhabitants of Asylum township, in Bradford county, for a law to provide for the purchase of a farm, and the erection of a poor house for the employment and support of the poor of said county.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. ARMSTRONG, one from inhabitants of Pine township, Lycoming county, for an Act to appropriate \$500 out of the funds of the township for the construction and improvement of a certain road in said township.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. ASHCUM, a remonstrance of the board of Directors of the Bedford Mineral Spring company, against the passage of Senate bill No. 399, entitled "a further supplement to the Act to incorporate the Bedford Mineral Spring association."

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. BURNS, a petition of inhabitants of Pittsburg, in favor of a law to prevent the circulation of foreign bank notes of a less denomination than five dollars, and for the banks of this State to issue small notes.

Referred to the Committee on Banks.

Mr. BRESSLER, one from inhabitants of Clinton county, for a law to enable the banks of this State to issue small notes.

Referred to the Committee on Banks.

Mr. ARMSTRONG, one from inhabitants of Lycoming county, for an Act to tax dogs and protect sheep.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. BRESSLER, one of similar import.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. AUSTIN, one from inhabitants of Franklin county, for the repeal of a law preventing the catching of fish in Conococheague creek, and Falling Spring.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. WILSON, two from inhabitants of Beaver county, for a law for the protection of fish.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. PATTERSON, a remonstrance from inhabitants of Juniata county, against the passage of a law to tax dogs in said county.

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Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. HOOK, a petition from inhabitants of Highville and Lower Swatara townships, relative to streets, lanes and alleys.

Referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

Mr. REIFF, one from inhabitants of the borough of Dillsburg, York county, for the opening of a street in said borough.

Referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

Mr. RANDALL, a remonstrance against the extension of the Wismahickon turnpike to the Ridge turnpike.

Referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

Mr. GIBBONEY, a petition from inhabitants of Bratton township, Mifflin county, for a law authorizing the selling and repairing of public roads in said county.

Referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

Mr. BRESSLER, one from inhabitants of Clinton county to vacate a road in Lamar and Allison townships.

Referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

Mr. PATTERSON, one from inhabitants of Tell township, Huntingdon county, to be annexed to Juniata county.

Referred to the Committee on New Counties and County Seats.

Mr. DUFFIELD, one from inhabitants of the late townships of Byberry and Moreland, in the twenty-third ward, Philadelphia, to be annexed to Bucks county.

Referred to the Committee on New Counties and County Seats.

Mr. FRAZIER, three from inhabitants of Susquehanna county for a change in the place of holding elections.

Referred to the Committee on Election Districts.

Mr. BISEL, one from inhabitants of Chillisque township, Northumberland county, for a change in the place of holding elections in said township.

Referred to the Committee on Election Districts.

Mr. BOYER, one from inhabitants of Muhlenberg township, Berks county, for a reduction in the price of state licenses for the sale of spirituous liquors.

Referred to the Committee on Vice and Immorality.

Mr. ELLIOTT, one from inhabitants of Tioga county, for the passage of an Act relative to obtaining licenses for the sale of malt and spirituous liquors in said county.

Referred to the Committee on Vice and Immorality.

Mr. AUSTIN, one from inhabitants of Licking Creek School District, Fulton county, for an Act enabling them to draw appropriations for school year 1862.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. MOORE, a remonstrance from inhabitants of Philadelphia against the erection of Public Buildings.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. WILDEY, one of similar import.

Both of which were referred to a special Committee of the Representatives from Philadelphia.

Mr. HUNN, three remonstrances from inhabitants of Schuylkill county, against the incorporation of the Nesquehoning railroad.

Laid on the table.

Mr. AUSTIN, a petition from Huntingdon and Fulton counties, asking that a part of Dublin township, Huntingdon county, be annexed to Fulton county.

Laid on the table.

Also, one from inhabitants of Pennsylvania for an appropriation to the Pennsylvania Colonization Society.

Messrs. BLAIR and ARMSTRONG presented petitions of similar import.

All of which were laid on the table.

Mr. BLAIR, a remonstrance from inhabitants of Dublin township, Huntingdon county, against annexation to Fulton county.

Laid on the table.

Mr. HUNN, a remonstrance from inhabitants of Tamaqua and vicinity, Schuylkill county, against the incorporation of the Nesquehoning Railroad Company.

Laid on the table.

Mr. SELTZER, one of similar import.

Laid on the table.

Also, six remonstrances from inhabitants of Philadelphia against the repeal of the Act giving the Supreme Court power to appoint municipal officers.

Laid on the table.

ON LEAVE GIVEN.

Mr. HAPPER, a petition of inhabitants of Washington county in relation to the collection of county and military taxes.

Also, a petition of 180 inhabitants of Washington county for an appropriation in aid of the Pennsylvania Colonization Society.

Both of which were referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. WILLIAMS, one from inhabitants of Lawrence county for the repeal of the laws authorizing the appointment of collectors of taxes, and for a decision of the State.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. MANFOLD, one from inhabitants of York, of Stewartstown, and the township of Hopewell, York county, for the passage of an Act to annex their lands, now included within the limits of the borough of Stewartstown, to Hopewell township.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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evening, and insert "next Monday evening a week."

Mr. FRAZIER. I move to postpone the subject for the present. I will explain my object in offering this resolution. The bill which has been introduced and referred to the Judiciary Committee covers the whole ground. When that bill shall be reported by the Committee, the House can then at any time proceed to act upon it. Therefore I think the resolution of my friend from Philadelphia (Mr. RANDALL) is unnecessary.

Mr. WILSON. I hope that the gentleman from Susquehanna will withdraw his motion to postpone for the present, or that it will not be adopted by the House. If we appoint a special session, the bill will no doubt by that time have been reported from the Committee, and the minds of members will be prepared to act upon the subject.

Mr. ABBOTT. There is undoubtedly an entire absence of necessity for the resolution offered by my colleague (Mr. RANDALL), in view of the action already taken on the bill relating to the same subject, which has been taken in place by my friend from Lycoming (Mr. ARMSTRONG). My own impression is that that bill should have been the creature of the action of this House, and that, if the House wished to have such a bill before it, the Judiciary Committee should have been instructed to prepare such a bill. But as the proceedings have taken a different course, it is certainly not proper when this bill has been read in place and referred to a Committee, that a resolution of the same nature should co-exist. The one dispenses with the other. I think it best by far that the resolution should be suppressed or withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. FRAZIER to postpone, The yeas and nays were required by Mr. HILL and Mr. MOORE and were as follows: Yeas—Messrs. Abbott, Acker, Alexander, Anderson, Armstrong, Austin, Ball, Barnely, Blair, Blanchard, Bliss, Burns, Butler, Crawford, Clark, Cowan, Craig, Douglas, Elliott, Frazier, Gibboney, Goehring, Gordon, Graham, Happer, Harvey, Hayes, Hood, Hofius, Koch, Lawrence, Lowther, McGonigal, Mullin, Ober, Patterson, Pierce, Rely, Robinson, Schrock, Seltzer, Shafer, Strang, Taylor, Teller, Tracy, Walker, White and Williams—48.

NAYS—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bisel, Bixler, Boyer, Broadhead, Butler, (Carbon), Caldwell, Cope, Diamond, Divins, Donley, Duffield, Dunlop, Eilenberger, Gaskill, Heck, Hill, Hillman, Huhn, Kline, Lichtenwallner, McDonough, Manifold, Moore, Morrison, Myers, Osterhout, Preston, Randall, Reiff, Rhoads, Ruler, Sheppard, Smith, (Berks), Stoneback, Wildey and Wilson—39.

So the question was determined in the affirmative.

LEAVE TO WITHDRAW DOCUMENTS.

Mr. SCHROCK asked and obtained leave to withdraw certain documents.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. MOORE (Ways and Means), as committed, an Act for the relief of the securities of F. K. Morton, late treasurer of the county of Philadelphia.

Mr. MOORE moved to suspend the rules and proceed to consider the bill.

The motion was agreed to; and

The first and only section of the bill was read.

It appearing on discussion that the bill involved legal points,

Mr. TRACY moved to commit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary, general.

The motion of Mr. TRACY was agreed to.

Mr. BRODHEAD, (same), as committed, Sen. bill No. 424, an Act to authorize the guardians of the minor children of Jas. A. Senade, dec'd., to sell certain bank stock, and to authorize the trustee of real estate belonging to said minors to mortgage the same.

Mr. HOOD, (Judiciary, local), with a negative recommendation, an Act relative to county treasurers.

Mr. WILSON, (same), with amendment, an Act relative to the payment of costs in minor offences and relative to the jail in Allegheny county.

Mr. RANDALL, (same), as committed, an Act relating to the Courts of the county of Delaware.

Mr. TELLER, (same), with a negative recommendation, a further supplement to an Act relative to agencies of foreign insurance, trust and annuity companies.

Mr. HOOD, (same), as committed, an Act to authorize the Chestnut Hill Iron company, to borrow money and secure the payment thereof.

Mr. ROBINSON, (same), as committed, an Act authorizing the borough of Warren and the township of South West in Warren county, to levy an additional tax.

Mr. BOYER, (same), as committed, an Act authorizing the Chief Burgess and Town Council of the borough of Middleton, Dauphin county, to erect a lock-up house in said borough.

Mr. TELLER, (same), with a negative recommendation, an Act to divorce Edwin Geo. Wells from his wife Ellen.

Mr. ELLIOTT, (same), with a negative recommendation, an Act to authorize L. S. Kingsbury to maintain and keep up grounds for training and improving horses and stock.

Mr. BUTLER, (Carbon), (same), as committed, a further supplement to the Act for the assessment and recovery of damages upon the North Branch and Wyoming canals.

Mr. WILSON, (same), with a negative recommendation, an Act relative to Treasurer's sales in Warren county.

Mr. ROBINSON, (same), as committed, an Act changing the place of holding the appeals to commissioners for change on assessments in Washington county.

Mr. BUTLER, (Carbon), (same), with amendments, an Act to repeal parts of an Act approved May 14, 1857, increasing the width of Diamond alley, and for other purposes.

Mr. RANDALL, (same), as committed, an Act granting further powers to the Inspectors of the Philadelphia county prison.

Mr. BOYER, (same), as committed, an Act to authorize the school directors of the District of Honesdale, Wayne county, to borrow money.

Mr. RANDALL, (same), with amendment, an Act supplementary to an Act entitled "an Act to consolidate the city of Philadelphia."

Mr. TELLER, (same), with amendment, a supplement to the Act of March 20th, 1856, entitled "a supplement to an Act regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors."

Mr. HOOD, (same), with a negative recommendation, an Act to allow the Sheriff of Fayette county a fair compensation for trouble and expense in capturing escaped prisoners and convicts.

Mr. ELLIOTT, (same), with amendment, an Act for the better securing the compensation of labor in the county of Columbia.

Mr. BOYER, (same), as committed, an Act to vacate Fifth street, in the twenty-fourth ward, from the river Schuylkill to Lancaster Avenue.

Mr. HOOD, (same), as committed, an Act for the relief of the sureties of John H. Biggs, formerly Prothonotary of Clarion county.

Mr. BUTLER, (Carbon), (same), as committed, an Act to relinquish the purchase money and interest due the Commonwealth, and a certain piece of land in Lehigh county to the Jordan German Reformed congregation, and to perfect the title.

Mr. HOOD, (same), with a negative recommendation, an Act authorizing the extension of Dunn street, in the city of Philadelphia.

Mr. TELLER, (same), as committed, an Act to authorize the School Directors of the borough of Newport to borrow money.

Mr. ELLIOTT, (same), as committed, an Act to secure to farmers certain rights in the markets of the city of Philadelphia.

Mr. BUTLER, (Carbon), (same), as committed, an Act relative to assessors and assessments in the city of Philadelphia.

Mr. WILSON, (same), as committed, an Act relative to the pay of jurors in Clinton and Centre counties.

Mr. RANDALL, (same), as committed, an Act authorizing the Governor to appoint an auctioneer for the borough of Ebensburg.

Mr. ELLIOTT, (same), with a negative recommendation, an Act to vacate and annul a certain trust.

Mr. BUTLER, (Carbon), (same), as committed, an Act to relinquish the purchase money and interest due the Commonwealth, and a certain piece of land in Lehigh county to the Jordan German Reformed congregation, and to perfect the title.

Mr. TELLER, (same), as committed, an Act relating to constable's fees in Huntingdon county.

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Mr. TELLER, (same), as committed, an Act for the relief of the estate of Townsend P. DeWolf, late of Butler county.

Mr. HOOD, (same), with a negative recommendation, an Act to allow the State tax of the townships of Logan and Porter, Clinton county, to be appropriated to the construction of a wagon road.

Mr. WILSON, (same), as committed, an Act relative to the township of Greene, Indiana county.

Mr. BOYER, (same), as committed, an Act to rectify the account of F. H. Martin, late Treasurer of Venango county.

Mr. ARMSTRONG, (Estates and Executors), as committed, an Act relative to certain real estate of Edward Shippen, dec'd.

The following bills were reported from the Committee on Agriculture and Manufactures:

As committed, an Act to prevent the catching of fish in Shippenack creek, Butler county.

With a negative recommendation, an Act to extend the provisions of an Act to prevent cattle, horses, sheep and hogs from running at large in Delaware county to Allegheny county.

As committed, an Act to repeal an Act to tax dogs in Allegheny county.

With a negative recommendation, an Act to prevent cattle running at large in Philadelphia city and the counties of Delaware and Montgomery.

As committed, an Act for the protection of dogs in Delaware county.

With a negative recommendation, Sen. bill 123, an Act for the protection of speckled trout in the lakes, streams and ponds of Pike county.

As committed, an Act to repeal the bounty on fox scalps in Mercer county.

As committed, an Act to prevent the hunting of deer with dogs, in Wayne county.

As committed, an Act to prevent fishing in Head's creek, Chestnut Hill township, Monroe county.

As committed, an Act to protect sheep and tax dogs in Lycoming county.

As committed, an Act to extend the provisions of an Act for the protection of sheep and tax dogs in Blair county to Cambria county.

As committed, Sen. bill 418, an Act to protect fruit, &c., and punish trespass.

As committed, an Act to extend certain provisions of the Act of 1846, laying a tax on dogs, to boroughs and townships in Chester county.

As committed, an Act relative to fox scalps in Mifflin county.

As committed, an Act for the protection of deer in the counties of Cumberland, Franklin and Adams.

With a negative recommendation, a supplement to an Act to protect fruit, &c., and punish trespass in certain counties.

With a negative recommendation, a supplement to an Act for the protection of sheep and tax dogs in Blair county.

Mr. WHITE, (Vice and Immorality), as committed, an Act relative to licensing eating and beer houses in this Commonwealth.

Mr. DONLEY, (same), with a negative recommendation, an Act to restrain the sale of intoxicating liquors in Lawrence county.

Mr. SHAFER, (Education), as committed, an Act to extend the provisions of an Act relative to the selection of sites for school houses in Chester and Delaware counties to the county of Pike.

Mr. HUNN, (same), as committed, a supplement to the Act incorporating the Wetherill Zinc company.

Mr. WILDEY, (same), as committed, an Act to incorporate the Columbia Oil company.

Mr. SMITH, (Berks), (same), as committed, an Act to incorporate the Oakland Park Corporation.

Mr. HUNN, (same), as committed, an Act to incorporate the Ashland Cemetery company.

Mr. ROLLER, (same), as committed, a further supplement to an Act to incorporate the city of Philadelphia.

Mr. LAWRENCE, (same), as committed, an Act to incorporate the Fowleton Coal and Iron company.

Mr. HARVEY, (same), as committed, an Act to incorporate the Tivola Steam Fire Hose company of Philadelphia.

Mr. DUNCAN, (same), as committed, an Act to incorporate the Venango Petroleum company.

Mr. BISEL, (same), as committed, a supplement to an Act to incorporate the Farm Stock Association of Delaware county.

Mr. SMITH, (Berks), (same), as committed, an Act to incorporate the Tideoute Brigade company.

Mr. WILDEY, (same), as committed, an Act to incorporate the Pawner's Loan Association.

Mr. ROLLER, (same), as committed, an Act to incorporate the Eruca Oil company of Armstrong county.

Mr. HARVEY, (same), as committed, a supplement to the Act incorporating the borough of Columbus, Luzerne county.

Mr. DUNCAN, (same), as committed, an Act to incorporate the Traugh creek coal and iron company.

Mr. WILDEY, (same), as committed, a supplement to the Act incorporating the managers of the poor of the borough of Germantown.

Mr. LAWRENCE, (same), as committed, an Act relating to taxes in the borough