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SENATE. WEDNESDAY, April 10, 1861. The Senate met at 10 o'clock, A. M., Mr. PENNEY in the Chair.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES. Mr. IMBRIE, (Election Districts), as committed, House bill No. 608, entitled "an Act to change the place of holding elections in the borough of Williamsport, Lycoming county."

Also, (same), as committed, House bill No. 822, entitled "a further supplement to an Act relative to the Lewisburg and Millburg turnpike road company."

Also, (same), as committed, House bill No. 828, entitled "a further supplement to an Act to incorporate the Lawrenceville and Sharpshooting turnpike road company."

Also, (same), as committed, House bill No. 829, entitled "an Act to lay out a State road in Berks and Schuylkill counties."

Also, (same), as committed, House bill No. 591, entitled "an Act to appoint road commissioners to take charge of a portion of the Millburg and Smithport turnpike road, in Elk and Cleona counties."

Also, (same), as committed, House bill No. 705, entitled "an Act to incorporate the Tidoute Bridge company of Warren county."

Also, (same), as committed, House bill No. 721, entitled "a further supplement to the Act to incorporate the Shenokin Steam Ferry and Tow Boat company."

Also, (same), as committed, House bill No. 724, entitled "an Act to incorporate the Euresco Oil company."

Also, (same), as committed, House bill No. 704, entitled "an Act to incorporate the Fulton County Fire Insurance company."

Also, (same), as committed, House bill No. 718, entitled "an Act to incorporate the Venango Petroleum company."

Also, (same), as committed, House bill No. 883, entitled "an Act to incorporate the Line Lexington Seminary Association."

Also, (same), as committed, House bill No. 884, entitled "a supplement to an Act to incorporate the Farmers' Hotel company, approved May 24, 1860."

Also, (same), as committed, House bill No. 1061, entitled "a supplement to an Act to incorporate the Seneca Improvement company, passed March, A. D. 1861."

Also, (same), as committed, House bill No. 1063, entitled "an Act to incorporate the Reading Farmers' and Miners' Insurance company of Berks county."

Also, (same), as committed, a supplement to an Act to incorporate the Union Canal company.

Also, a supplement to an Act to authorize the Governor to incorporate the Wilkesbarre Water Company.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations. Also, further supplement to an Act to improve the navigation of the river Lackawanna; which bill, on motion of Mr. KETCHAM was taken up immediately and

Passed finally. Mr. IRISH, a supplement to an Act extending Pennsylvania Avenue, in the city of Pittsburgh, to the intersection of Ross and fifth streets.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee. Ms. HALL, a supplement to an Act to consolidate, revise and amend the penal laws of this Commonwealth.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee. MOTION TO RE-CONSIDER A VOTE. Mr. BENSON moved to reconsider the vote negating the resolution offered by Mr. WHARTON yesterday afternoon on the bill relative to the claim of John Mong, of Somerset county.

Mr. LANDON seconded the motion. The motion to reconsider was agreed to, and the question recurring on the passage of the resolution.

On that question, The yeas and nays were required by Mr. M'CLURE and Mr. WHARTON, and were as follow, viz:

Yeas—Messrs. Blood, Clymer, Crawford, Hall, Hamilton, Ketcham, Mott, Nichols, Parker, Schindel, Smith, Thompson, Welsh and Wharton—14.

NAYS—Messrs. Benson, Bound, Connell, Finney, Gregg, Hiestand, Imbrie, Irish, Landon, M'Clure, Penney, Robinson, Serrill, Yardley and Palmer, Speaker—15.

So the resolution was again negative. Mr. WHARTON then moved to proceed to the consideration of the veto message of the Governor on said bill.

The motion was agreed to. On the question, Shall the bill pass notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? A majority to the requirements of the Constitution.

The yeas and nays were required, and were as follow, viz:

Yeas—Messrs. Blood, Clymer, Connell, Crawford, Fuller, Hall, Ketcham, Lawrence, Meredith, Mott, Nichols, Parker, Penney, Schindel, Serrill, Thompson, Welsh, and Wharton—18.

NAYS—Messrs. Benson, Bound, Connell, Finney, Gregg, Hiestand, Imbrie, Irish, Landon, M'Clure, Robinson, Yardley and Palmer, Speaker—13.

So the bill was negatived. AFFIRMATION OF THE STATE. Mr. M'CLURE moved to proceed to the consideration of Senate bill No. 834, entitled "an Act to divide the State into Congressional districts for the election of Representatives in the Congress of the United States."

The motion was agreed to, and The Senate resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, (Mr. BIESTAND in the Chair), when the first section of the bill was read.

purpose of making any objection to this arrangement, on political grounds, because it does not make any difference, one way or the other. The vote of the township of Lower Mahanoy is so small that it would not affect the political character of the district; but as a matter of policy, and in order not to complicate the political affairs of different counties, I think that they should be as nearly entire as possible.

I move to strike out in the 28th and 29th lines the words, "and lower Mahanoy township, in Northumberland county, not included in the twelfth district." If my amendment prevails, the population of the district will be almost the same and the political condition of things will not be affected.

I trust that the Senate will permit this slight alteration of the bill for the reason I have named. On the amendment of Mr. WELSH, The yeas and nays were required by Mr. WELSH and Mr. M'CLURE, and were as follow, viz:

Yeas—Messrs. Blood, Bound, Clymer, Crawford, Mott, Schindel, Welsh and Yardley—8.

NAYS—Messrs. Benson, Boughter, Fuller, Gregg, Hall, Hamilton, Imbrie, Irish, Ketcham, Landon, Lawrence, M'Clure, Nichols, Parker, Penney, Robinson, Serrill, Smith, Wharton and Palmer, Speaker—20.

So the amendment was not agreed to. Mr. THOMPSON, I move to amend in the nineteenth and twentieth lines, by incorporating into the sixth district the boroughs of Norristown, Plymouth and Consochochee, in the county of Montgomery.

I would state that the county which I have the honor to represent has been overlooked in this matter. If, however, my amendment prevails, the evil may be somewhat remedied.

There should be a general desire on the part of this Senate, in passing the bill before us, to equalize the population of the several counties, and to make the ratio as nearly even as possible, throughout the districts of the State. The bill shows the greatest inequality in this particular.

There may have been, in the opinion of the committee, a necessity for making it so; and I believe that they have discharged their duty as well as they could, considering the fact that they desire to make the congressional delegation as largely Republican as possible.

Mr. SERRILL. I hope that the amendment of the Senator from Montgomery will not be adopted. It is not desired by the county which I represent. It is of no advantage to any one, and it does not obviate the objection which the Senator makes to this portion of the bill.

He says that his county is cut up into three parts; but it still remains in that condition if the amendment is adopted. On agreeing to the amendment of Mr. THOMPSON, The yeas and nays were required by Mr. CONNELL and Mr. THOMPSON, and were as follow, viz:

Yeas—Messrs. Blood, Clymer, Connell, Crawford, Fuller, Hall, Hamilton, Ketcham, Lawrence, M'Clure, Parker, Serrill, Wharton and Palmer, Speaker—14.

So the amendment was agreed to. On motion of Mr. IRISH, the section was amended by adding the words "including Nevil Island to the twenty-first district" to which the amendment of Mr. THOMPSON was agreed to.

On agreeing to the motion to reconsider, The yeas and nays were required by Mr. SMITH and Mr. THOMPSON, and were as follow, viz:

Yeas—Messrs. Blood, Clymer, Crawford, Hiestand, Mott, Nichols, Robinson, Schindel, Thompson, Welsh and Yardley—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Benson, Boughter, Bound, Connell, Fuller, Gregg, Hall, Hamilton, Imbrie, Ketcham, Landon, Lawrence, M'Clure, Meredith, Parker, Penney, Serrill, Smith, Wharton and Palmer, Speaker—20.

So the amendment was not agreed to. The yeas and nays were required by Mr. WELSH and Mr. M'CLURE, and were as follow, viz:

Yeas—Messrs. Blood, Bound, Clymer, Crawford, Mott, Schindel, Welsh and Yardley—8.

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6th. Delaware county, Chester county, Upper and Lower Marion, borough of Bridgeport, in the county of Montgomery.

7th. Berks county and the balance of Montgomery county.

8th. Lancaster county.

9th. Schuylkill and Lebanon counties.

10th. Lehigh, Pike, Monroe, Carbon and Northampton counties.

11th. Susquehanna, Wayne and Luzerne counties.

12th. Bradford, Montour, Columbia, Sullivan and Wyoming counties, and the balance of Northumberland county not included in the thirteenth district.

13th. Dauphin and York counties and Lower Mahanoy township in Northumberland county, not included in the 12th district.

14th. Union, Snyder, Juniata, Perry and Cumberland counties.

15th. Somerset, Bedford, Fulton, Franklin and Adams counties.

16th. Cambria, Blair, Huntingdon and Mifflin counties.

17th. Tioga, Potter, Lycoming, Clinton and Centre counties.

18th. Jefferson, Erie, Warren, M'Kean, Elk, Cameron, Forest and Clearfield counties.

19th. Crawford, Mercer, Venango and Clarion counties.

20th. Indiana, Westmoreland and Fayette counties.

21st. Allegheny county south of the Ohio and Allegheny rivers, including Nevil Island.

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Mr. SMITH. I feel somewhat embarrassed in regard to this bill. I favor the project which is set forth, and I would have voted for the bill even if the amount had been greater, but I confess that circumstances have arisen within a few days which have tended much to shake my confidence in the propriety of my vote for the bill at this time.

Mr. M'CLURE. It is very manifest that if the Senate determines to make any appropriation at all they should appropriate the whole amount required by the necessities of the Farmers' High School.

I need hardly remind Senators in this body that there is no interest in our Commonwealth—not a single interest in our great State—that has been so much neglected, so wanting in rational progress, as our agricultural interest.

Mr. WELSH. I desire to say that I am opposed to appropriating to the Farmers' High School a single dollar out of the State Treasury at this time; and I have made a motion to strike out \$49,900 and insert \$25,000, in order to reduce the amount, if an appropriation is to be made, to as small a sum as possible.

Mr. FULLER. I am inclined to view this matter in the same light as the Senator from York. In the present exhausted condition of the Treasury, and in view of the large demands that must be made upon it in the near future, it would not be wise to incur such an obligation.

Mr. FINNEY. I have understood that this school was established for farmers especially. It was designed simply to give an agricultural education to those students who were sent there.

Mr. GREGG. I hope the amendment will not be agreed to. This school is now conducted as a part of a State institution, and a vast amount of money has been expended in its erection and support. The sum named in the amendment would not be sufficient to sustain the school, and the Legislature would be required, at an early day, to make further appropriations.

Mr. FINNEY. With regard to the probability of this State not being able to pay its debts, which is a matter entirely speculative on the part of those gentlemen suggesting such a state of affairs, I would state that I have had occasion to inquire into the likelihood of such an event; and I was informed by a gentleman well informed on the subject, that by a strict collection of taxes the State would, in such a case, be enabled to comply with all her constitutional requirements and still have \$250,000 in the Treasury.

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