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STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 26, 1875. }

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias,

Ordered, That the Clerk publish the proceedings of the House.

Read and passed.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, Clerk.

A true copy—Attest :

S. J. CHADBOURNE, Clerk.

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STATE OF MAINE.

AUGUSTA,
WEDNESDAY, January 6, 1875. }

Pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of the State, the members of the House of Representatives elect assembled in the Hall of the House, and were called to order by Sumner J. Chadbourne, Clerk of the House of 1874.

Prayer by the Rev. Dr. TEFFT of Brewer.

The following communication from the Secretary of State was read by the Clerk :

STATE OF MAINE.

To the Clerk of the House of Representatives :

In compliance with section 21, chapter 2 of the revised statutes, I hereby certify the following are the names and residences of the Representatives elect to the Fifty-Fourth Legislature, as appears by the reports of the Governor and Council, under date of October thirty-first and December second, A. D. 1874.

In testimony whereof I have caused the seal of the State to be hereunto affixed at Augusta, this sixth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

GEORGE G. STACY, *Secretary of State.*

The certified roll of Representatives elect was called by the Clerk, and one hundred and forty-seven members elect responded to the call, and a quorum found to be present.

On motion of Mr. COBB of Lewiston,
 Messrs. Cobb of Lewiston,
 Wilson of Bangor,
 Bray of Naples,
 Reed of Bath,
 Walden of Portland,
 Snow of Hallowell,
 Wade of Sangerville,

Were appointed a Committee to wait upon the Governor and inform him that a quorum of the members of the House of Representatives elect had assembled in the Representatives' Hall, and request his attendance to administer to them the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Mr. Cobb subsequently reported that the Committee had discharged the duty, and the Governor was pleased to say that he would forthwith attend upon the members elect for the purpose desired.

Thereupon the Governor attended by the Council, came in, and administered to the members elect, and they subscribed, the oaths required to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The Governor and Council then retired.

On motion of Mr. SNOW of Hallowell,
 Messrs. Snow of Hallowell,
 Buck of Orland,
 Cobb of Lewiston,
 Wentworth of Kittery,
 Leavitt of Eastport,
 Cleaves of Portland,
 Keegan of Madawaska,

Were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Speaker of the House.

Having attended to that duty, Mr. SNOW, from the Committee, reported :

Whole number of votes.....	144
Necessary for a choice.....	73
William W. Thomas, jr., had.....	86
John C. Talbot.....	58

The report was read and accepted, and Hon. W. W. Thomas,

jr., declared duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the current political year.

The SPEAKER was conducted to the Chair by Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, and addressed the House as follows :

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

Your vote confers on me high honor. An election is an experiment ; a re-election an endorsement, and for this re-election to the Speakership of the House of Representatives of Maine, I return to you my profound and heartfelt thanks.

We are met, gentlemen, each the representative of his own district ; but in a higher, nobler sense each is the representative of our whole State of Maine. Let us then approach every question which presents itself for our deliberation, with a spirit as broad as the State we represent ; and while frowning upon all schemes that would benefit one section by heaping undue burdens upon any other, let us legislate for the best good of all.

The most grievous burden now resting upon the people of our State, is taxation, consequent on debt. True it is, the financial condition of Maine is sound ; true also that our taxation is less than many of our sister States ; but these considerations however gratifying to our State pride, make our burden none the lighter. The debt of the past we cannot prevent ; but the debt of the future is now within our control. A generous people have elected us guardians of the treasury, and our duty it is to rigidly scrutinize every measure which demands a dollar from the public purse, and, while avoiding parsimony, to work and vote in accordance with the dictates of a wise economy.

Thus shall we use aright the trust committed to us ; thus shall we do our part towards removing the greatest obstacle that lies in the pathway of the progress of our beloved Commonwealth. Gentlemen, I am now ready to proceed with the business of the House.

On motion of Mr. WENTWORTH of Kittery,

Messrs. Wentworth of Kittery,
McGilvery of Searsport,
North of Augusta,
Randall of Island Falls,
Sturgis of Auburn,
Talbot of East Machias,
Hawes of Deering,

Were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Clerk.

Having attended to that duty, Mr. WENTWORTH, from the Committee, reported :

Whole number of votes.....	144
Necessary for a choice	73
Sumner J. Chadbourne had.....	92
John C. Benson	52

The report was read and accepted, and Sumner J. Chadbourne was declared duly elected Clerk of the House for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Bangor,

Messrs. Wilson of Bangor,
Davis of Portland,
Powers of Houlton,
Fernald of Wilton,
Mitchell of Gardiner,
Little of Brunswick,
Treat of Winterport,

Were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Assistant Clerk.

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee, reported :

Whole number of votes.....	137
Necessary for a choice	69
Oramandal Smith had.....	84
Charles B. Morton	53

The report was read and accepted, and Oramandal Smith declared duly elected Assistant Clerk.

On motion of Mr. KEEGAN of Madawaska, that gentleman was directed to conduct the Clerk and Assistant Clerk to the Governor, to take and subscribe the necessary oaths to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Mr. Keegan subsequently reported he had discharged the duty assigned him, and Sumner J. Chadbourne, Clerk, and Oramandal Smith, Assistant Clerk, had been duly qualified.

Thereupon the Clerk and Assistant Clerk appeared and entered upon the discharge of their official duties.

ATTEST :

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE,

Clerk of the House of 1874.

Mr. GILE of Alfred, presented the following order:

Ordered, That James B. Walker be Messenger, J. R. Prescott Assistant Messenger, Charles H. Gatchell 2d Assistant Messenger, and Charles H. Day, Folder.

The order was amended, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, by striking out all words relating to Folder, and passed.

A message was received from the Senate through Mr. Haskell of Cumberland, informing the House of the organization of that branch by the election of Hon. Edmund F. Webb, President, and S. W. Lane, Esq., Secretary.

On motion of Mr. WALDEN of Portland, that gentleman conveyed a message to the Governor informing him of the organization of the House, by the election of Hon. William W. Thomas, jr., Speaker, and Sumner J. Chadbourne, Clerk.

Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, conveyed the same information to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. STONE of Bridgton,

Ordered, That the Speaker appoint Pages for the House, not to exceed two in number, for the present session.

The SPEAKER appointed Thomas S. Elliot and Walter Stinson Pages.

On motion of Mr. STURGIS of Auburn,

Ordered, That the Rules of the last House be adopted as the Rules of this House until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. NORTH of Augusta,

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to invite the clergymen of Augusta, Hallowell and Gardiner, to officiate in rotation as Chaplains during the present session.

On motion of Mr. STURGIS of Auburn,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House be directed to furnish to each member, officer and chaplain of the House, one copy of the Daily Kennebec Journal, and one other daily paper printed in the State, such as each member, officer or chaplain may elect.

On motion of Mr. STONE of Bridgton,

Ordered, That the House hold one session each secular day,

commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., except on Saturdays, when it shall meet at 9 o'clock A. M., until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. SNOW of Hallowell,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to deliver to the Clerk of the House one copy of Worcester's Quarto Dictionary, one copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, one copy of the Holy Bible, and one copy of Cushing's Manual.

On motion of Mr. LYMAN of Machias, amended by adding the words, "and the same be returned to the Secretary of State at the close of the session."

The order as amended passed.

On motion of Mr. STONE of Bridgton,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House cause to be prepared for the use of the members, a catalogue, containing the names alphabetically arranged, with the residence, post office address, boarding place, occupation, politics, number of seat, and a diagram of the House, and the usual number of copies be printed and distributed.

The SPEAKER announced the Monitors of the House as follows:

1st Division.....	Cleaves of Portland.
2d " 	Hawes of Deering.
3d " 	Snow of Hallowell.
4th " 	Sturgis of Auburn.
5th " 	Randall of Island Falls.
6th " 	Stone of Bridgton.
7th " 	Allan of Dennysville.
8th " 	Butler of Avon.

A communication from the Secretary of State was received from the Senate-transmitting returns of votes for Governor.

On motion of Mr. TEFFT of Brewer,

Ordered, That the returns of votes for Governor, given in the several cities, towns and plantations of this State, for the current political year, be referred to a Joint Select Committee of one from each county on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join.

The SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. Tefft of Brewer,
Wagg of Auburn,
Hoyt of Fort Fairfield,
McIntire of Pownal,
Butler of Avon,
Grindle of Mt. Desert,
Burpee of Rockland,
Mitchell of Gardiner,
Montgomery of Boothbay,
Whitcomb of Norway,
Lane of Monson,
Purinton of Bowdoin,
Moody of New Portland,
Treat of Winterport,
Allan of Dennysville,
Shapleigh of Elliot.

This order was sent to the Senate.

Subsequently the order was returned from the Senate with the following joined as the Committee on the part of that branch :

Haskell of Cumberland,
Dyer of Franklin,
Campbell of Washington,
Prescott of Somerset,
Atwood of Waldo,
Hyde of Sagadahoc,
Morrison of Penobscot.

On motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Gray,
Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. MARTIN of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. LEAVITT of Eastport announced the attendance of Mr. Hall, member elect from the city of Ellsworth.

Mr. SNOW of Hallowell announced the attendance of Mr. Denison of Poland.

Mr. POWERS of Houlton announced the attendance of Mr. Shepherd of Skowhegan.

Mr. HAWES of Deering announced the attendance of Mr. Pitcher of Belfast.

These members elect were conducted to the Governor, where they took and subscribed the oaths required to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties, and they subsequently took their seats in the House.

Paper from the Senate.

Ordered, The House concurring, the Joint Rules and Orders of 1874 be adopted as the Joint Rules and Orders of this Legislature, until otherwise ordered.

This order came from the Senate and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Joint Select Committee on Gubernatorial Votes, came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and accepted in concurrence, and is as follows :

Whole number of votes.....	95,300
Necessary for a choice	47,651
Nelson Dingley, Jr., had.....	50,865
Nelson Dingley.....	2,093
Joseph Titcomb.....	41,898
Joseph Tittcom.....	43
Joseph H. Williams.....	22
Scattering.....	379

And Nelson Dingley, Jr., having a majority of all the votes returned, is elected Governor for the current political year.

Ordered, That a Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait upon Hon. Nelson Dingley, Jr., and inform him that he has been duly elected Governor of the State of Maine for the current political year.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and Messrs. Hyde of Sagadahoc, Emery of Hancock, and Cushing of Knox, appointed on its part.

The order was read and passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Wilson of Bangor, Talbot of East Machias, Barron of Topsham, True of Portland, Cobb of Lewiston, North of Augusta, and Keegan of Madawaska, were joined on part of the House.

Mr. WILSON subsequently reported that the Committee had discharged the duty, and the Governor elect was pleased to say, that he accepted the office to which he had been elected, and would meet the Legislature at such time as it might indicate to take and subscribe the oaths of office necessary to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

A message was received from the Senate, through Mr. Rounds of Androscoggin, proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature, this day, at 11 o'clock A. M., in the Hall of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of administering to Hon. Nelson Dingley, Jr., Governor elect, the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties, and receiving from him such communication as he may be pleased to make.

The Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, signifying the concurrence of the House in the proposition for a Convention.

The hour having arrived, the Senate came in, and a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of Oxford,

That Senator was charged with a message to Hon. Nelson Dingley, Jr., Governor elect, informing him that the two branches

of the Legislature were in Convention assembled in the Representatives' Hall, and ready to administer to him the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties, and receive from him such communication as he may be pleased to make.

Mr. Foster subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged, and the Governor elect was pleased to say he would forthwith attend upon the Convention.

Whereupon, Hon. Nelson Dingley, jr., Governor elect, attended by the Executive Council and heads of Departments, came in, and in presence of both branches of the Legislature in Convention assembled, before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Hon. GEORGE G. STACY, Secretary of State, then made the following

PROCLAMATION.

The votes for Governor, which have been returned to the office of Secretary of State, having been examined and counted by the Legislature, who have declared that a majority thereof were given to Nelson Dingley, jr., and that he is duly elected, and he having in the presence of the two branches of the Legislature in Convention assembled, taken and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to discharge the duties of that office, I therefore declare and make known to all persons in this State who are in the exercise of any public trust, as well as all good citizens thereof, that NELSON DINGLEY, jr., is *Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the State of Maine*, and that due obedience should be rendered to all lawful acts and commands as such.

God save the State of Maine!

The Governor then communicated to the Convention, by address, information upon the affairs and condition of the State, as follows:

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

Standing at the threshold of a new year, and confronted with grave public responsibilities, it is fitting that we should seek Divine guidance in the discharge of the duties respectively imposed upon us. For the abundance of the necessities and comforts of life, the general health, the uninterrupted peace and

good order, and the intellectual and moral influences with which we, as a people, have been favored during the past year, there is occasion for devout gratitude and thankfulness.

In laying before you the information required by the Constitution, it affords me gratification to be able to present so favorable a report of the financial, educational and other important interests of the State. So far as I am aware, every department has been conducted with fidelity, integrity and prudence, and with the single purpose of promoting the public welfare. I need not remind you, upon whom devolves the responsibility of authorizing and directing public expenditures, that, in the present depression of business, there is special and urgent necessity that every appropriation should receive the most rigid scrutiny. So far as my limited authority may reach, I shall most earnestly endeavor to apply the same economy, fidelity and scrutiny to public expenditures that a prudent business man would apply to his own affairs.

THE STATE FINANCES.

Considering the gigantic burdens imposed upon the people of Maine, as well as of every other loyal State, by the war for the preservation of national existence, the financial condition of this State is more favorable than could have been reasonably expected. It appears by the report of the State Treasurer that the aggregate receipts of the treasury during the past year including cash on hand at the beginning of the year, were \$1,853,904.38, and the disbursements during the same period \$1,537,718.54, leaving a balance of \$322,185.84 in the treasury January 1st, 1875.

Of the receipts, \$1,169,862 was from the State tax of five mills on the dollar, \$67,996 from public lands, \$142,258 from the tax on savings banks, (about \$72,000 of this tax being still unpaid,) \$13,828 from the tax on railroads, \$3,889 from interest on deposits, \$2,240 from duties on commissions, \$1,749 from licenses to peddlers, and \$1,422 from insurance department.

Of the disbursements, \$5,176 were on account of rents of shores belonging to the Penobscot Indians, and \$8,065 on account of taxes assessed on wild lands for the benefit of counties—sums which simply passed through the treasury—leaving the actual disbursements \$1,524,497. Of this amount, \$81,900 were paid on

account of special and exceptional appropriations for rebuilding the carriage shop in the State Prison, re-arranging and repairing the Reform School building, finishing the chapel building connected with the Insane Hospital, ventilating the State House, building roads and bridges mainly in Aroostook county, and in aid of the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, Maine General Hospital, and Industrial School for Girls.

Thus, after deducting these special appropriations, the expenditures of the past year appear to have been \$1,442,597. Of this amount, \$714,426 was on account of war debt, pensions to soldiers, and aid to soldiers' orphans, and \$407,477 on account of public and free high and normal schools, with a considerable sum still due on account of educational purposes. The ordinary expenditures, therefore, during the past year, have been \$320,694, or a little less than one and a half mills on the dollar of the State valuation. While this statement indicates that the expenditures of the State are controlled by considerations of economy to an extent rarely observed in public affairs, yet in my judgment there are some directions in which the expenditures authorized by law may be somewhat reduced without injury to the public interests. On this subject I shall communicate with the legislature at an early day.

THE STATE DEBT.

On the first of January, 1875, the State debt, after deducting the sinking funds, was \$5,561,076—a reduction of \$321,575 during the past year. The nominal public debt, however, as represented by uncanceled State bonds, was \$7,088,400—a reduction of \$50,000 during the same period, by the payment and cancellation of the loan to this amount which matured March 1st, 1874. The balance of the amount set apart for the reduction of the public debt (\$271,575,) has been paid to the sinking funds, which now amount to \$1,527,324. The aggregate payments from the treasury, on account of the State debt, during the past year, were \$679,558, of which \$352,959 was for interest, \$321,575 for maturing debt and sinking funds, and \$5,024 for premium on bonds purchased and expenses; although, under the sinking fund system a larger proportion than this is assigned to the interest account. As existing laws require a similar payment every year, on account of the public debt, an annual assessment of three mills on every

dollar of the State valuation is rendered necessary for this purpose. At the close of the present year, when the tax assessed for 1874 shall have been applied to the objects for which it was contemplated, the State debt will be reduced to about \$5,220,000.

Thus, in ten years nearly seven million dollars have been paid by the people of Maine on account of the State debt—nearly three millions being for reduction of principal and four millions on account of interest. Should the present rate of taxation be continued, the balance of this immense war debt would be extinguished in fourteen years from this date. Thus the same generation that met the personal responsibilities of the terrible contest to preserve the national existence, would also be called upon to bear all the financial burdens which it imposed upon the State, amounting in the aggregate to more than twenty millions of dollars, exclusive of burdens borne in contributions to the national treasury. Surely others, who are to share the fruits of a struggle which has scarcely a parallel in history, though they cannot participate in the terrible sacrifice of blood, will esteem it a privilege, as well as a duty, to aid in discharging the pecuniary liabilities which it entailed on the country.

So long as business was conducted on the speculative basis which it assumed during and immediately after the war, and profits were supposed to be unusually large, it was wise to take advantage of the opportunity to rapidly reduce the public debt. But in the present financial condition of the country, and indeed in the near future when business shall have resumed its normal state, so large an annual assessment as is required by existing laws, can but be severely felt. Should the legislature consider it advisable to reduce the assessment on account of the public debt to two mills, the proceeds would meet the interest on the outstanding debt, and extinguish the municipal war loan of 1868; which matures October 1, 1889, and which cannot be renewed without an amendment of the constitutional provision by which it was authorized.

The remainder of the outstanding loans, constituting about one-half of the public debt, mature mainly in 1880, 1883, and June, 1889, and as they are subject to no constitutional limits as to time of payment, they may be renewed by the legislature. Should it be deemed expedient to authorize such a renewal, I suggest that the new bonds be made payable in sums of \$200,000 annually,

commencing with 1890, in order that the necessity of a sinking fund may be avoided; and that they be issued only as, by exchange or sale and purchase, they can be substituted for bonds of at least an equal amount of the loans which they renew. As a long bond is a more desirable investment than one maturing earlier, the treasurer would undoubtedly have no difficulty in substituting the new for the old loans, long before the latter should mature.

THE SINKING FUNDS.

To provide for the payment of the war loans of nearly four millions, negotiated in 1863 and 1864, at their maturity in 1880, 1883, and June, 1889, the legislature in 1865 directed an annual assessment of three-fourths of a mill on every dollar of State valuation, and set apart the sum so paid and the income thereof, as a sinking fund, to be invested in bonds of this State or of the United States. This is known as the sinking fund of 1865, which now, including premium on United States bonds and cash amounts to \$1,047,087. Again, to provide for the payment of the municipal war debt loan of \$3,083,900, negotiated in 1868, at its maturity October 1, 1889, the legislature in 1868 directed another annual assessment to be made sufficient for that purpose, and set apart the sum so raised in a similar manner. This is known as the sinking fund of 1868, which now amounts to \$480,237. Both funds aggregate \$1,527,324, of which \$1,443,300 is invested in State bonds, and \$83,300, including premium, in bonds of the United States.

Obviously nothing is gained by a sinking fund, except so far as it may be rendered necessary where a public debt has been contracted so as to mature in larger sums than can be provided for by taxation in any one year. There is nothing in the machinery of a sinking fund which can add a single dollar to the amount paid by the people through taxation, on account of the public debt. On the contrary, it is a complicated and by no means economical financial device, having in it the elements of insecurity; and should be avoided whenever feasible. By authority of an act of the last legislature, this insecurity has been guarded against in the case of the sinking funds of this State, so far as possible; but experience shows that so long as such funds exist there is some danger of their misappropriation.

Under the acts creating the sinking funds of this State, by which investments can be made only in bonds of Maine and of the United States, another difficulty has manifested itself during the past year, and is likely to increase from year to year. Under the influence of frequent purchase of bonds of this State for the sinking funds, their market price has advanced so that it is now impossible to obtain our securities without paying from one to two per cent. premium. This may be a good thing for the holders of Maine bonds, but hardly just to the tax payers who faithfully discharge every obligation when they provide means for payment of State bonds at their par value. If either or both of the sinking funds are to be continued—and the sinking fund of 1868 cannot be entirely dispensed with without an amendment of the constitution that will admit of a renewal of the municipal war debt loan which it was created to meet,—I recommend that the last difficulty to which I have referred be obviated so far as possible by authorizing the treasurer to make investments also in the securities of other New England States.

Should the legislature concur with me in the advisability of renewing that part of the public debt maturing on or before June, 1889, the sinking fund of 1865 may be abolished, the State bonds in the same cancelled, and the small amount of U. S. bonds in the fund transferred to the sinking fund of 1868. All the State bonds in the latter sinking fund may also be cancelled, together with all the bonds of this State maturing in October, 1889, which may hereafter be purchased. Thus there will remain in the sinking fund of 1868 only \$83,300 in United States securities, to be increased hereafter by such purchases of similar securities or of bonds of other New England States as may be rendered necessary by the inability to obtain bonds of this State at par. The probability indeed is that by such an arrangement not only the sinking fund of 1865 can be abolished, but also, by an exchange of securities which would be feasible when bonds of our State are no higher than of the other New England States, the maintenance of the sinking fund of 1868, in even a modified form, be rendered unnecessary.

THE RAILROAD TAX.

By requirement of an act of the last legislature, the governor and council have assessed a tax on the franchise of the following

railroad corporations, incorporated under the laws of this State or doing business therein :

Atlantic and St. Lawrence.....	\$30,078 84
Boston and Maine	26,342 25
Maine Central.....	23,416 47
Portland, Saco and Portsmouth.....	22,428 00
Dexter and Newport.....	1,189 50
Portsmouth, Great Falls and Conway.....	510 00
St. Croix and Penobscot.....	210 27
Portland Horse Railroad.....	894 00

This tax aggregates \$105,069.33, and according to the terms of the act, has been assessed on railroad companies whose stock has a market value. That portion of the tax which represents stock held in this State—about two-fifths—goes to municipalities, and the remainder, representing non-resident stock, goes to the State.

By the terms of the act one-half of the tax was payable July 1st, 1874, and the balance January 1st, 1875. The St. Croix and Penobscot Company paid the whole of the tax assessed on this corporation before it became due. The Portland Horse Railroad Company also paid the assessment on this corporation in a satisfactory manner. The Boston and Maine Company also promptly paid that part of the tax on this corporation which fell due July 1st; and, in a note to the State Treasurer, the President of the company has indicated a readiness to also pay that part of the tax which fell due January 1st, as soon as the directors shall be assured that the tax on the other corporations assessed is to be enforced. The Dexter and Newport Company appeared by their attorney before the governor and council to urge a claim for exemption from taxation in consequence of a provision in their charter which will hereafter be referred to, and also by virtue of a special act of the legislature in 1867, exempting the shares of stock in the corporation from assessment.

Neither of the other companies has paid any part of the tax assessed upon them, or given any explanation for non-payment. From unofficial sources it has been ascertained that the Atlantic and St. Lawrence and Maine Central companies claim that a clause in their charters exempts them from all taxation, until the directors of the corporation shall report to the legislature that the net income of the company is "ten per cent. on the cost of the road

and its appendages, and incidental expenses," (which report has not been and is not likely to be made) and even then that the only assessment on the corporation shall be a limited tax on the net income of the road above said ten per cent. So far as the Portland, Saco and Portsmouth, and the Portsmouth, Great Falls and Conway companies are concerned, no reason has been even unofficially intimated for their refusal to pay the tax assessed.

The act relating to taxation of railroad companies provides that "if any corporation fails to pay the tax assessed, the State Treasurer may forthwith commence an action of contract in the name of the State for the recovery of the same, with interest." By advice of the attorney general, concurred in by the executive council and myself, the treasurer has deferred commencing actions against the delinquent companies for the taxes due the State, until the legislature can have an opportunity to provide a method of enforcement of a tax assessed by State authority as prompt and effective as is given to municipalities for the collection of local assessments, and as other States have authorized for the collection of a similar tax on railroads. The remedy provided by the act would necessarily postpone the payment of a single dollar of the tax assessed on the railroad companies, until the legal points raised by those corporations should be finally settled by the court of last resort, which might cause a delay of several years. As it is competent for the Legislature to enlarge the remedy without impairing the validity of the tax already assessed, I recommend the immediate passage of an act amendatory of section third of chapter 258 of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-four, which shall authorize the Supreme Judicial Court, on information by the Treasurer of State, to issue an injunction restraining the further prosecution of the business of any delinquent railroad corporation, after reasonable notice, until all taxes due under the act shall be paid, with interest and costs.

It is certainly surprising that any railroad company should refuse to pay so light a tax, when it is unquestionably in the power of the legislature to authorize municipalities to make the same assessment upon the real estate of the corporation that is made on other property, which in the case of all the companies assessed under the act of 1874, would be at least twice, and in the cases of several companies, from four to eight times as large as the tax whose payment is refused. And even such an assessment would

be just and equal, for taxation proceeds upon the principle of the well-settled maxim that he who receives the protection and advantages of a State, ought to sustain the burdens in proportion to his ability. Certainly railroad corporations created, protected and given extraordinary powers and privileges by the State, ought to willingly contribute to the public expenses in proportion to their property. To whatever extent they escape just and equal taxation, to that extent every other tax-payer must bear more than his share of the public burdens.

It is claimed, however, that several railroad corporations assessed under the act of the last legislature, are legally exempted from the just obligation to bear their proportion of public expenditures, by a provision of their charters, that is alleged to be in the nature of a contract. The character of this provision, and the circumstances under which it was introduced, conclusively show, as it seems to me, that there was no intention on the part of the legislature which granted the charter, to more than temporarily exempt the corporations from taxation. If it had been supposed that the provision was so contrived as to exempt such corporations from all taxation for at least a quarter of a century, and practically for an indefinite period if not forever, no one believes that it would have received the least favor. There certainly can be no further equitable claim under so remarkable a charter exemption. Neither do I believe that there can be any substantial claim for exemption in law; for any provision in a charter which pretends to exempt a corporation from taxation, must be held to be void—first because it is not in the power of one legislature to bind successive legislatures not to exercise in behalf of the people so essential a sovereign power as the right to impose a tax, and secondly because such a provision is in contravention of the constitution of Maine, which declares that “all taxes upon real estate, assessed by authority of this State, shall be apportioned and assessed equally, according to the just value thereof.”

TAX ON INSURANCE COMPANIES.

An act of the last legislature requires the State Treasurer, between the first day of April and the first day of May annually, to assess a tax of two per cent. on the premiums received by insurance companies on contracts made in this State for the insurance of life or property during the year ending the 31st of December

next previous, after deducting the losses paid and certain other items ; and in the case of life companies, after deducting also the legal reserve on policies issued in this State during the year. A careful examination of this act, the first assessment under which will be made in April next, will probably suggest the importance of amendments in order to remove all doubts as to the construction of certain provisions, and to more effectually accomplish the object which the legislature had in view. As the returns of insurance companies for the year ending December 31, 1874, have not yet been received by the Insurance Commissioner, and especially as some deductions of a very uncertain, and it seems to me unwise character, are allowed under the act, it is impossible at present to even approximately estimate the revenue which will accrue to the State from this source. For the year ending December 31st, 1873, the excess of premiums received over losses paid in this State, was a little more than one million dollars, about three-fifths of which was on account of life companies ; but the returns for that year afford little light as to the probable amount of deductions to be made under the act.

Of the twenty-seven States which tax the business of life insurance, and of the thirty-two which tax the business of fire and marine insurance companies—on the just principle that whoever is protected by the State should contribute towards the public expenditures,—scarcely one of them imposes so light an assessment as that provided by this act. Undoubtedly so moderate an exercise of the just and necessary power of taxation, will lead to a corresponding moderation in claims for deductions, and to a prompt response to the requirements of the act. The license fees imposed by the statute on insurance brokers and on foreign insurance companies—and nearly nine-tenths of the insurance business of Maine is done by out-of-State companies—are so meagre as to fail to meet the expenditures of the insurance department and leave a fair balance to go into the State Treasury, as was intended ; inasmuch as the balance now paid into the treasury fails to meet the payments by the State for the printing of the department. I recommend, therefore, that these fees be moderately increased.

EQUALIZING BURDENS OF TAXATION.

While it is incumbent on legislators to restrict the State expenditures within the narrowest limits consistent with a due regard

to the public welfare, it is at the same time their duty to seek to so distribute and equalize the heavy taxation growing out of the war for national existence, as to avoid making the burden fall in undue degree on those employments and productive industries on which the prosperity of the State so largely depends. Without such a radical reformation as will lead all men to be honest and truthful in rendering statements of their property, it is of course impossible to devise any system of taxation which will be absolutely equal; as capital which is represented by stocks, bonds, loans and currency, cannot be reached by the assessor as readily as that invested in farms, houses, stores, mills, work-shops, ships, and other visible property. At the same time, this liability to inequality should be corrected so far as it is possible. So far as capital is invested directly or indirectly in banking, railroad, telegraph, express and insurance business, it may be and should be reached. The last legislature inaugurated steps in the right direction with reference to a part of these interests. I earnestly hope that you will continue to press forward measures looking to such a system of taxation as will tend to equalize the public burdens. In my judgment, it is possible—certainly so with an amendment of the State constitution—to ultimately provide for all expenditures for State purposes by a just tax on national and savings banks, railroad, insurance, telegraph, and express companies, wild lands, and a few other interests, without assessing a single dollar on the several towns and cities.

REVENUE FOR THE PRESENT YEAR.

Under the practice which has always prevailed in the Treasury Department, of distributing the State funds in moderate sums in banks located at convenient points in the State, without charging or receiving anything for the use of the same, the State has received only the small revenue derived from deposits in Boston, where most of the interest on the State debt has been paid. I see no reason why the cash balances in the hands of the Treasurer, averaging \$250,000, should not all be deposited in such banks as are willing to pay a moderate interest for the use of the same; and I recommend legislation to this end.

Under existing laws the tax on shares in National Banks owned out of the State, goes to the municipalities where the banks are located. There seems to be eminent propriety in having the tax

on such non-resident shares go into the State treasury for the benefit of all the people of the State, as is the case in Massachusetts and Rhode Island; and I recommend legislation to this end. Should the legislature think it expedient to impose a tax on the receipts of express companies and on the property of telegraph companies, additional State revenue could be derived from these sources. It may be reasonably expected that the revenue derived from these sources, and from Savings Banks and public lands, during the current year, will be equivalent to the amount that will be required to meet the ordinary current State expenditures.

There will then remain to be provided for by taxation a sum equivalent to the appropriations on account of the public debt, and for public and free high school purposes—about two mills on the dollar of the State valuation for schools, and a similar assessment on account of the public debt in case it shall be decided to renew a portion of the loans, and otherwise three mills. Could reliance be placed on the prompt payment of the tax on railroads and insurance companies during the year, a State tax of three and a half mills on the dollar, instead of four, would be sufficient to meet all State expenditures,—a reduction of one and a half mills from that of last year, which would extend gratifying relief to the people of the State.

THE EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS OF THE STATE.

The statistics presented in the report of the Superintendent of Common Schools, unmistakably indicate a gradual improvement in the educational interests of the State. Notwithstanding there has been no material change in the census number of scholars, yet the number of pupils registered during the past year, the average attendance, the average length of the schools, the number of school-houses in good condition, and the amount of school money voted by municipalities, as well as that distributed by the State, for school purposes, have all materially increased. During the past decade the amount of money appropriated per scholar for school purposes has been doubled, the compensation of male teachers increased fifty per cent., and of female teachers nearly one hundred per cent., and the length of schools ten per cent., while the quality of the instruction has greatly improved. Ten years since there was no normal school in the State; now there are two in successful operation. A decade since the permanent

school fund, now increased to \$361,893, was less than half that sum. Within that period the amount of money distributed to municipalities by the State for common school purposes has been increased from less than fifty thousand dollars to more than three hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars, and including the amount contributed by the State for free high schools and normal schools, to more than four hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars; and will reach the present year more than four hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Of the aggregate expenditures for public school purposes, about three-fifths are paid by municipalities and two-fifths by the State,—whereas ten or fifteen years since nearly all was paid by municipalities.

The free high school system adopted two years since, has been more successful than its most ardent friends dared to hope, and promises to exert a still greater influence for good in the future. During the past year 161 towns have maintained 340 terms of free high schools, giving instruction to about 14,000 pupils, at a cost of not far from \$100,000, of which a little less than \$40,000 will be contributed by the State.

Probably the legislature will not consider it prudent, under existing circumstances, to take any steps at the present session looking to the establishment of a system of school supervision intermediate between the State Superintendent and the several School Committees. The best interests of the State, however, unquestionably demand the early inauguration of such a system of school supervision and inspection as will give increased efficiency to our public schools. It is not so much more school money that is needed, as it is a more systematic and profitable use of the means now devoted to this vital interest. Our Normal Schools are doing most valuable service for the State in furnishing the common schools with trained teachers; and these institutions should receive generous consideration at the hands of the legislature. A proposition from the Trustees of Bridgton Academy, offering to transfer to the State the property of that institution, on condition that it be used for Normal School purposes, I am informed, will be presented for your consideration.

In the judgment of many of our best educators, the time has arrived for this State to enact a law making attendance upon some school a certain portion of the year obligatory upon children between the ages of eight and fourteen years. In my annual

address one year since, in view of the dangerous increase of illiteracy among certain classes of the population, I urged the justice and importance of an enactment of this character whenever public sentiment should be advanced sufficiently to secure its enforcement to any considerable extent. The discussions which have taken place on this question within a year or two, have certainly aroused public attention to the danger which threatens free institutions from the increasing ranks of ignorance; and the indications are so hopeful that such an enactment would not be suffered to remain a dead letter, but would on the contrary prove in many cases an instrument for good, that I commend the important subject to your favorable consideration.

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND MECHANIC ARTS.

The report of the Trustees of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts represents that institution as rapidly increasing its number of students and its usefulness; and my own observation confirms these conclusions. The trustees ask for an appropriation of twenty-seven thousand dollars to meet current expenses and outstanding liabilities, purchase apparatus, erect a farm-house, and make preparation for the construction of another college building. There is no doubt that this sum is much needed the present year to put the institution in a condition of the highest usefulness, and that large sums beyond the interest of the fund derived from the national grant, will always be required from year to year, from some sources, in order to effectually carry out the object for which this college was established. When the legislature accepted the national grant, and thus became the sponsor of the new institution, it deviated from the wise and well-established policy of leaving the interests of the higher education to private liberality and care, supplemented by such occasional incidental State aid as might be needed to encourage individual effort. The reasons for this departure from a traditional policy, had their basis in a desire to take advantage of the liberal national grant, and more particularly in the belief of many eminent men that a new class of higher institutions of learning was needed, which should so direct their educational work as to turn out young men to be better farmers, carpenters, blacksmiths and artisans generally, instead of so generally graduating them for professional life.

While these considerations undoubtedly controlled the legislature, yet none of the most ardent advocates of the new departure imagined that they were establishing an institution which was to depend entirely on public appropriations for its support. It was supposed that while the new college would be an especial object of public regard, its principal support would come from private citizens. I regret, therefore, to observe a growing tendency to regard this institution as a child of the State, which needs no private aid or care. I regret this not simply from the fact that it will necessarily entail a large annual expenditure on the State Treasury, but also because I believe that it would be better for the college to bring itself into such close sympathy with the people as can only be secured by relying largely on private contributions to further its work.

STATE INSTITUTIONS.

The reports of the Trustees of the Insane Hospital and Reform School, and of the Inspectors of the State Prison, show that these State institutions are in an unusually favorable condition.

THE INSANE HOSPITAL.

The Hospital continues to be in a very crowded condition, over 400 names appearing on the roll, notwithstanding the discharge of 47 incurable and imbecile patients, as directed by law. In accordance with a resolve of the last Legislature, the Governor and Council have finished the uncompleted and unused chapel building erected several years since, so as to furnish excellent accommodations for about forty patients, at an expense of \$4,200. The balance of the appropriation of \$5,000 has been turned over to the Trustees, for the purpose of aiding in furnishing the rooms. The Trustees ask for an appropriation of \$1,700 to complete the furnishing; and also one of \$2,000 for an additional boiler for heating purposes, and \$25,000 for a needed chapel, hall and culinary department, in the rear of the present hospital buildings.

The additional accommodations provided for patients will only temporarily meet the demand, and measures should be at once inaugurated looking to the early erection of another and separate hospital, either on the present grounds or at some other point in the State. Long before new buildings could be completed, addi-

tional accommodations will be imperative. It has been suggested that the United States Marine Hospital at Cape Elizabeth might be purchased by the State on very advantageous terms, and easily converted into a hospital for the treatment of the insane. It should be borne in mind that within twenty years the number of insane patients in our hospital has doubled—not because of an increase of insanity, but because of the constantly increasing disposition to place persons suffering from a diseased mind in some public hospital for treatment. The current expenditures of the hospital for the past year have been about \$100,000, about two-fifths of which are paid by the State and the balance by individuals and towns. Formerly towns and individuals paid nearly all the expense of patients, but within ten or fifteen years the laws have been gradually modified so as to throw a large proportion on the State.

THE REFORM SCHOOL.

In accordance with authority given by the last legislature, the Trustees have thoroughly re-arranged and repaired the south wing of the Reform School building, at a cost of about \$6,000, so as to admit of grading the boys into three sections. By this arrangement the better class of boys are not in danger of being corrupted by others of vicious tendencies, and an opportunity is given to encourage good conduct by promotions to a higher class and by allowing no discharges to be made except from the highest grade. Already has the healthy influence of this system been felt in the school, and inspired a well-founded hope that, by carrying out and extending the policy inaugurated, all the good results hoped for in such an institution will be attained. The Trustees ask for an appropriation of \$4,000 to re-arrange and repair the north wing, and thus complete the system inaugurated. The current annual expenditures of the Reform School are about \$14,000 in excess of receipts from the labor of the boys.

THE STATE PRISON.

The Inspectors report that the current expenses of the State Prison for 1874 have been \$30,904, and the net income from the manufacturing operations carried on by convict labor, \$28,019, leaving a balance of \$2,885 against the prison. This showing is hardly so favorable as for several previous years, but the Inspec-

tors think that it is as well as could have been reasonably expected considering the business depression and the fact that the fire in the prison one year since, and the building operations during a large part of the past year, have seriously interfered with the industrial operations of the prison. A new brick carriage shop, 180 feet long and 38 wide, with two stories wholly above ground, and three basement stories—to replace the old building destroyed by fire—has been completed the past season at a cost of \$22,000. The Inspectors ask for an appropriation of \$10,000 to meet the balance due on the cost of this building and the expenditures for the erection of a carpenter shop, and for repairs during the year. The prison is now in excellent condition, and for the first time fully prepared to advantageously carry on the industrial operations in which the convict labor is employed.

HOME FOR SOLDIERS' ORPHANS.

The Bath Home for orphan children of soldiers and sailors, to which an annual appropriation of \$10,000 has been made for several years, has fifty-five children under its care, and is deserving the continued assistance of the State.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

The Industrial School for Girls, to which an appropriation of \$12,000 was made by the last legislature, is about to open with flattering prospects. The importance of such an institution, whose object it is to provide a home and healthy training for girls in danger of falling into evil ways, can hardly be overestimated; and it will doubtless receive from time to time such encouragement and substantial assistance as it may deserve.

MAINE GENERAL HOSPITAL.

The Maine General Hospital at Portland, which the State has aided by large appropriations, has been opened for the reception of patients, and can but prove of great public service.

STATE CHARITIES.

The expenditures of the State for charitable and reformatory purposes have largely increased during the past twenty years, and afford evidence of the humane character of our people. About

\$38,000 have been expended in supporting the insane poor, about \$6,000 for support of paupers in unincorporated places, \$15,314 for education of deaf, dumb and blind children, \$12,553 for aid to the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians, (a part of which, however, is the interest of a trust fund guaranteed by the State,) \$14,000 for Reform School, \$12,500 for Industrial School for Girls, \$5,000 for increased accommodations for insane, \$6,000 for improvements in Reform School building, and \$25,000 for Maine General Hospital—an aggregate of \$114,367. In addition to this, \$12,000 has been expended to provide a home for children of deceased soldiers.

THE FISH COMMISSIONERS.

The report of the Fish Commissioners gives a valuable and interesting account of the efforts to re-stock our rivers and ponds with valuable fish. The expenditures of the Commissioners have been \$4,458.

STATE INSPECTORS OF STEAMBOATS.

Under the provisions of an act of the last legislature, the gentlemen who were acting as U. S. inspectors of steam vessels in Maine waters outside of the jurisdiction of this State, have been also appointed State inspectors; and have discharged their duties with fidelity and success. By an oversight of the last legislature, no appropriation was made for the compensation of these officers, and consequently they have not been paid.

THE STATE CENTENNIAL BOARD.

By authority of a resolve of the last legislature, a board of directors has been appointed to look after the interests of the State with reference to the proposed Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia in 1876, and to aid in promoting the success of the celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the nation's existence.

THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

The report of the Adjutant General shows that the Volunteer Militia of the State, comprising ten assigned and two unassigned companies of infantry and one battery of artillery, all having 918 enlisted men and 55 officers,—is generally in a good condition. The aggregate cost of supporting the military arm of the State,

has been nearly \$12,000, of which about one-half was for the State encampment at Bangor in September last.

The Adjutant General has also administered the pension department with rare fidelity and prudence. The payments from the State treasury to 632 pensioners, aggregate \$22,294.

THE LAND DEPARTMENT.

The report of the Land Agent gives a detailed account of the progress made in closing up the affairs of the land office. By authority of a resolve of the last legislature, such timber lands and rights to cut timber and grass as were not involved in the claims set up by the European and North American Railroad Company, were sold at public auction for the sum of \$145,553, a little more than one-third of which was paid in cash, and for the balance notes were given payable in one and two years. It was not thought expedient to sell any portion of the lands set apart for settlement until all questions affecting the title of the State to them should be finally settled. Most of these questions have been settled in favor of the State by a decision of the court rendered during the past year; and agreement has been entered into by the State authorities and the European and North American Railroad Company, by which the remaining controverted questions are to be immediately submitted to the court for settlement.

This will open the way for such a disposition of the 146,000 acres of vacant public lands set apart for settlement as may seem wise. It is estimated that not over 40,000 acres of the lands thus set apart are suitable for settlement, and that the remaining 100,000 acres are mainly valuable for timber. I recommend that these lands be examined early next season, and that such portions as are unfit for settlement, together with such other inconsiderable tracts of timber lands as may prove to be owned by the State, be sold. Whatever disposition may be made of the vacant State lands suitable for settlement, it seems to me highly important that nothing should be done to retard their conversion into cultivated farms. Indeed, it is desirable that you should inquire whether any measures can be devised to further encourage the settlement of wild lands held by proprietors, of which about 9,000,000 acres are owned by individuals, and 734,000 acres by the European and North American Railroad Company. It may be well to bear in mind

that most of these lands are located in unincorporated townships, and are subject to only about one-fourth of the assessment imposed on capital invested in improved lands and other property in incorporated places, in consequence of being taxed only for State and county purposes, and on a valuation, too, of only about five millions of dollars. This alone, it will be seen, is practically an indirect encouragement for capitalists to hold these lands as a permanent investment and discourage the opening of them to settlers.

A resolve of the last legislature provided for the abolition of the office of Land Agent and also for a discontinuance of the land office at Bangor and a removal of the books and papers to Augusta at the close of the year just passed. The Bangor office has been discontinued and the books and papers removed, as contemplated by the resolve. But as the office of Land Agent is thought by some to be created by the constitution, it is questioned whether its abolition can be effected only by an amendment of that instrument.

SWEDISH AND FRENCH SETTLERS.

The Land Agent makes a favorable report of the conditions and prospects of the Swedish colony. About \$1,000 have been expended by the State in supporting a school in the colony, and in aiding several needy families of Swedes under the law relating to the support of paupers in unincorporated places. It is believed that their condition has improved so much the past year that they will hereafter require little assistance. There are several families of Swedes which by some oversight were located by the State authorities in Woodland and Perham, where they have of course been assessed the same as other persons for the past two years, notwithstanding the pledge that they should be exempt from taxation till January, 1876. The amount of this tax is small; but as the faith of the State is pledged, I recommend an appropriation sufficient to cover the assessment.

The attention of the legislature is also directed to the unfortunate condition of a large number of citizens of French descent in the Madawaska territory, who occupy humble homes which they have made for themselves on lands that prove to be owned by proprietors instead of the State. Whatever relief can be afforded by the judicious intervention of the legislature, ought not to be withheld.

THE LAW DEPARTMENT.

The report of the Attorney General presents a valuable and interesting record of the success which has attended the administration of the criminal laws of the State during the past year. The suggestions which he makes relative to certain amendments of these laws, will doubtless receive that consideration which their importance demands.

ENFORCEMENT OF PROHIBITORY LAWS.

The Attorney General embodies in his report communications from the several county attorneys, furnishing important official statements and statistics relating to the enforcement of the laws prohibiting drinking-houses and tippling-shops. The statistics show that during the past year, in the Supreme Court alone, there have been 276 convictions, 41 commitments to jail and \$30,898 collected in fines under these laws—more of each than in any other year, and four times as many convictions and ten times as much in fines as in 1866, when the general enforcement of these laws was resumed after the close of the war, which had engrossed the public attention and energies. It is significant also that during these nine or ten years of gradually increasing efficiency in the enforcement of the laws against dram-shops, the number of convicts in the State Prison has fallen off more than one-fourth.

The report of the Attorney General and the statistics accompanying, conclusively show that the laws prohibiting drinking-houses and tippling-shops have for the most part been enforced during the past year more generally and effectively than ever before, and with corresponding satisfactory results in the diminution of dram-shops and intemperance. These results are due, to a considerable extent, to the increased efficiency given to these laws by the sheriff enforcement act, but more especially to the improved temperance sentiment which has been created by the active moral efforts put forth in this State within a few years. Experience has shown that however faithful officers may strive to be, their permanent success in the enforcement of any laws, and particularly laws opposed by unprincipled avarice and debased appetite, will largely depend on the strength and activity of the public sentiment which supports the object they have in view, in the several counties and municipalities. It is gratifying to know

that this sentiment has become so predominant as to secure the very general suppression of known dram-shops, and the consequent marked mitigation of the evils of intemperance in four-fifths of the State. In the remainder of the State, comprising some of the larger cities and villages, the results are not so satisfactory, although even there, as compared with the condition thirty years since, there has been an improvement.

I am happy to bear witness to the fidelity and efficiency with which most of the sheriffs and county attorneys—for the latter officers are as important in this work as the former—have labored to enforce the laws against dram-shops, as well as other laws of the State, as required by the act of 1872, and as directed by special orders of the Executive. No case has been presented to me involving such a “wilful refusal or neglect” on the part of any officer, as would probably afford ground for the legislature to cite him before that body for trial with a view to removal by address; although it has seemed to me that on the part of a few officers there has been a failure to do all in their power to secure the enforcement of the law in their respective counties. As sheriffs and county attorneys are not appointed or removable by the Executive—as they formerly were, and as it seems to me they should now be, in order to secure the highest efficiency in the execution of the laws,—but are elected by the people of the several counties, it is of the utmost importance that those voters who believe that the public interests will be promoted by a suppression of dram-shops, should endeavor to secure the election of officers who will efficiently discharge all the duties imposed upon them by law. At the same time it should be borne in mind that the primary duty of enforcing the laws against dram-shops, gambling-saloons and houses of ill-fame, rests on the officers of municipalities. It is of the highest importance that the large police force which is constantly maintained in cities, and which can enforce the laws much more efficiently than the smaller number of local deputy sheriffs, should be held by the people of those cities to the faithful discharge of the duty which the law and their oath of office impose upon them.

We should not, however, fall into the error of expecting too much of enactments against drinking-houses and tippling-shops. Laws prohibiting adultery, fornication, slander, fraud, gambling and Sabbath breaking, have always been on our statute book; but

no one has ever on the one hand denounced these statutes as a failure, or on the other hand concluded that their frequent non-enforcement proved official incapacity and dishonesty, because adultery, fornication, slander, fraud, gambling and Sabbath breaking still exist. And yet take the State as a whole, especially if two or three of our larger cities are omitted, and it is very questionable whether the laws against these crimes are much more effectively enforced than the laws against tippling-houses. Again, it should be remembered that laws against dram-shops are only subsidiary to moral efforts in the promotion of temperance, in the same manner as laws prohibiting gambling-places and houses of ill-fame are supplementary to moral inculcations in the promotion of virtue. Law will accomplish but little alone; but sustained and applied by a public sentiment which brings vividly home to a large majority of citizens the magnitude of the evils of intemperance, it has proved in this State to be an important and indispensable adjunct in the promotion of temperance.

THE LAWS FOR THE PUNISHMENT OF MURDER.

I renew the recommendation made in my annual address one year since, that the statute relating to the crime of wilful murder, be so modified as to establish such a penalty as legislators are ready to be held responsible for, and expect to have uniformly enforced. For the law-makers to avoid their proper responsibility in so important a matter, by imposing upon the Executive Department the duty of reviewing every case, and thereby creating in the minds of a large number of citizens the impression that the latter, rather than the former department, is responsible for the penalty enforced,—is a violation of that fundamental principle of our political system which assigns to the several departments distinct functions, subversive of the well settled doctrine that ours is a government of laws and not of men, contrary to the rule uniformly recognized in all other criminal laws of the State, and productive of mischievous consequences.

It is almost inevitable that, under a statute which seems to shift the responsibility of determining the penalty for the crime of wilful murder, from the law-making power where it belongs, to a majority of the Executive Council where it does not belong, there should be such a want of uniformity in the decisions of different

councils, made without the guidance of any rule of law, as to lead to irritating public discussions, tending to divert public attention from the consequences of crime, and even to create sympathy for the criminal. Such a state of things can but seriously weaken the wholesome influence of whatever penalty may be finally imposed, and thus to a certain extent defeat the object for which punishment is inflicted, viz: the protection of society.

Every consideration demands that the legislature should no longer treat this important question in an evasive and uncertain manner. If it is your conviction that the death penalty should be imposed and enforced in all or in any class of cases of wilful murder, let the law be so framed as to clearly require this, without any provision for its evasion. The constitution provides for rare exceptional cases where the intervention of the pardoning power may be wise and just. If legislators are not ready, so far as the statute goes, to unequivocally and finally provide that the penalty for murder of any degree shall be death, then there can remain but one consistent course, and that is to establish imprisonment for life as the penalty, and provide for its prompt, sure and uniform enforcement. No principle of criminal law is better settled than that the certainty of punishment is more important than its severity.

OUR DIVORCE LAWS.

Under the existing laws of this State, a divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed whenever any justice of the Supreme Court deems it reasonable and proper, conducive to domestic harmony and consistent with the peace and morality of society; and the court is required to grant a divorce when it appears that there has been three years' wilful desertion or abandonment without reasonable cause, and may do so for a less period. As hearings on libels may be and usually are held under circumstances which render it almost impossible for the court to reach all the facts—the libellant being usually the only person represented and publicity being avoided so far as possible,—and as decrees for divorce take effect at once and release the guilty as well as the innocent, it is by no means surprising that under so liberal, not to say loose a statute, divorces are rapidly multiplying, until it has been ascertained from official sources, that 487

have been decreed in this State during the past year, nearly half of them for desertion.

Thus the alarming fact confronts us that under the operation of our divorce laws very nearly one marriage out of every thirteen consummated in this State, is subsequently judicially dissolved. The knowledge of so grave a fact will undoubtedly give you, as it has myself, serious concern, and lead to an inquiry as to whether our divorce laws do not require amendment. Surely, every good citizen can but recognize the vital importance of cherishing the deepest convictions of the inestimable value and sacredness of the marriage bond. This is demanded not simply for the reason that in the family relation there are found the healthiest influences and purest happiness which this life affords, but also and especially from the fact that here is the home of the children and the hope of the State. When the sacredness of the family is lost sight of, the life of society is in danger of being corrupted in its source. It has been truly said that government so depends on the life of home, that for a homeless community anarchy or despotism would be the only alternative.

If our divorce laws are to leave so absolute a discretion to a single judge,—which seems to me very questionable—provision should be made to secure a more satisfactory presentation of the facts and arguments bearing against the application for a dissolution of the marriage contract. The present statute leaves out of sight the fact that in addition to the libellant and libellee, there is a third party, viz., the public, deeply interested in every divorce case. I suggest whether it would not be wise to require the County Attorney to represent the State at the hearing of a libel for divorce, and to resist the granting of a decree. I also suggest that instead of having decrees for divorce take effect when made, all such judgments be simply interlocutory, to take effect one year after being made, unless dissolved in the meantime by the court.

This mode of proceeding would serve to guard against fraudulent representations, and give opportunity for affection and reason to resume their rightful sway. It can be hardly otherwise than that supposed grievances which, under less accommodating laws of divorce, would be patiently and even cheerfully borne, and differences which time would reconcile to mutual advantage, are under our existing statutes often made the occasion for the hasty and unwise sundering of what should be the most sacred and

enduring tie on earth. Nothing is better settled than the fact that laws which make divorces easy to be obtained, encourage hasty and ill-considered marriages. And nothing conduces more to that mutual deference and forbearance on which "domestic harmony" so much depends, as the conviction of the parties to the marital contract that they have taken each other for better or for worse until death doth them part.

IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT.

Although our laws authorizing imprisonment for debt were long since modified so as to largely mitigate the evils of so extreme a remedy for the enforcement of the rights of creditors, yet they seem to me unjust and unwise. Practically they rarely aid in the collection of claims against a dishonest debtor; it is only the honest but unfortunate debtor that is reached by them. Our criminal laws are already sufficient, or may be made so, to reach dishonest debtors guilty of fraudulent acts. But statutes which authorize the imprisonment of a penniless debtor who cannot secure the means to pay the costs of a disclosure, where no fraudulent practice or intent is alleged, operate injuriously to the interests of industry and trade, foster an unwise use of the credit system to the ultimate disadvantage of the creditor and the not unfrequent oppression of the debtor and his unoffending family, and are contrary to a sound public policy and the spirit of the age.

RIGHT OF WOMEN TO HOLD OFFICE.

In response to questions propounded by the Governor and Council, a majority of the Justices of the Supreme Court have given an opinion that, under the constitution of Maine, women cannot act as Justices of the Peace, nor hold any other office mentioned in that instrument; but that it is competent for the legislature to authorize persons of either sex to hold any ministerial office created by statute. As there can be no valid objection to, but on the contrary great convenience in having women who may be acting as clerks in public or private offices, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgment of deeds, I recommend the passage of an act providing for the appointment of persons of either sex to perform such official duties. Indeed, if further legislation be necessary to establish that principle, I sug-

gest the justice and expediency of an enabling act recognizing the eligibility of women to office, in the same manner as men ; for I know of no sufficient reason why a woman, otherwise qualified, should be excluded from any position adapted to her tastes and acquirements, which the people may desire she should fill.

REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

As it may be found necessary for the legislature to provide for the submission to the people at the annual State election in September next, of an amendment of the constitution abolishing the office of Land Agent, I suggest whether it would not be wise to unite with this proposition such other amendments of the fundamental law of the State as may be found necessary. Indeed, it seems to me that no more favorable opportunity could be had to secure such a careful revision of many features of the constitution of the State, as has for some time appeared to many thoughtful citizens to be desirable.

Fifty-five years have passed since the constitution was framed ; almost two generations have come and gone ; and the conditions of life and demands on social and political organization have so changed as to require important modifications in the fundamental law of this, as well as other States. At different times within the past thirty-five years, we have endeavored to meet these demands by disconnected amendments, until our State constitution has become a piece of legal patch-work, in which the patches and out-of-date shreds cover half of the thirty-two pages which the revised statutes devote to the instrument, and the casual reader often finds it difficult to understand what is the fundamental law of the State. But aside from these difficulties, not to mention the ambiguity of some provisions, many vital questions are untouched which ought to be put at rest.

The constitution provides only one way to secure a modification of any of its provisions. Two-thirds of both houses of the legislature must first agree on amendments to be proposed, and then such amendments must be ratified by the people at the next annual election in September. It is obvious, however, that amid the pressure of the ordinary legislative business during the brief period allotted to the session, no committee of the legislature can give that prolonged and exclusive attention requisite to the care-

ful consideration of the various important constitutional questions which are claiming public attention. At first thought, there might seem to be a propriety in summoning a constitutional convention; but the doubt which exists in some minds as to the propriety of doing this without first submitting the question to the people; the delay which would necessarily ensue; the great expense of such a convention; the unsatisfactory manner in which so large bodies, composed in great part of men having no special qualifications for such labor, have done their work; and the fact that the present constitution needs only partial rather than general revision, suggests the propriety and wisdom of imitating the plan recently so successfully adopted in New York, where a commission consisting of a small number of eminent men of both political parties, was authorized to consider and frame such amendments as seemed desirable, for the action and approval of the legislature, and then for submission to the people.

If such a course should be thought advisable in this State, it would be entirely feasible for the legislature, in the early part of the present session, to authorize such a commission, to consist of perhaps ten members, who, with the aid of the suggestions of the committee on the Judiciary and of the members of the legislature, and especially with the light afforded by the recent constitutions of other States, could wisely and satisfactorily agree upon needed amendments, in season for the action of the two houses before the adjournment, and thus secure the decision of the people upon them at an opportune time, next September. The whole subject is commended to your considerate attention.

OUR RAILROAD INTERESTS.

The report of the Railroad Commissions furnishes interesting and important statistics relative to the condition of the several railroad corporations in the State, and makes recommendations which should receive your careful consideration. The anomalous condition of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad can but engage your attention. Two new railroads have been opened during the year—the Bucksport and Bangor and the Lewiston and Auburn; and two old railroads have extended their lines—the Bangor and Piscataquis, from Guilford to Abbot, and the Somerset, from Norridgewock to Madison. Other railroads are in contemplation which will supply much needed facilities for freight

and passenger traffic. The entire State can but take a deep interest in any movements looking to the opening of direct railroad communication with that extensive and fertile and in large part as yet unsettled portion of our State, included mainly within the county of Aroostook.

Without repeating the considerations and arguments urged in my address to the legislature one year since, I renew the recommendations then made for legislation that will impose upon railroad corporations such just responsibilities and restraints as will properly secure those public interests which they were created to promote. Railroads should be compelled to connect at such points as in the judgment of the Railroad Commissioners the public interests require; and, if the roads cannot agree on the conditions, then on such terms as the Commissioners may adjudge equitable. Authority should be given the Commissioners to require a railroad to furnish any town on its line such station and transportation facilities as they may judge necessary for the public convenience. Railroad corporations should be forbidden to issue stock or bonds except for a consideration of money, labor or property; or to expend money or purchase or hold real and personal property for other purposes than those necessary to carry on the business for which they are incorporated. A prompt, easy and practicable remedy should also be provided by law for the enforcement of the right of every citizen to be served by a railroad corporation on terms which shall be just and reasonable, without distinction and unjust discrimination.

OUR SAVINGS BANKS.

The annual report of the Bank Examiner shows that on the second day of November, the fifty-eight institutions for savings in this State, had deposits aggregating the large sum of \$31,051,963—an increase of \$1,495,439 over the deposits at the same date the previous year. This gratifying increase of deposits, notwithstanding the financial depression which has prevailed during the year; the marked improvement in the character of the securities held; and the satisfactory condition in which all our Savings Banks have been found by the Examiner, are calculated to increase the public confidence in institutions whose deposits are two and a half times as large as the deposits and circulation of all the national banks in the State. It is to be regretted, however, that

the trustees of our savings institutions have thought it necessary or advisable to invest out of the State eleven and a half million dollars, or more than one-third of the deposits of the people of Maine—capital which is needed at home for the development of the abundant resources of the State. It is claimed, however, that so long as the law forbids Savings Banks to loan on names alone, it is impossible for them to find opportunities at home for the investment of all their deposits. The Examiner presents some important facts bearing on this point, which will claim your considerate attention. The act of the last legislature, relating to Savings Banks, has been found defective in some particulars, and will require amendment. It is believed, however, that the State tax of one per cent. intended to be imposed on the deposits of savings institutions by the existing law, will be considered a finality, as it undoubtedly is the maximum assessment which could be made without causing deposits to be withdrawn and the revenue to the State to fall off, and at the same time is the minimum tax to which popular opinion would be likely to permanently assent.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL INTERESTS.

Notwithstanding the shadow of the great financial disaster which more than a twelvemonth since palsied the industries and business of the country, has rested on this State during the entire year just closed, yet there is reason to believe that our material interests have suffered less than those of a majority of sister States. So far as the increase of deposits in our Savings Banks is an index, it would seem as if the savings of labor and the profits of industry have not been so injuriously affected as might have been expected. The harvest of 1874 has been for the most part abundant in this State, and even above the average of the past five years, although hardly up to that of 1873. Our agricultural interests, whose overshadowing importance demands a just and favorable consideration in the distribution of the burdens and benefits of government, have mainly been affected by the depreciation in the prices of farm products, for which, however, there has been a compensation in the general reduction of prices of merchandise.

While ship building in Maine has largely increased in tonnage the past year, yet our lumbering, commercial, manufacturing and other industrial interests have been more or less depressed, in

common with similar industries in all parts of the country, and indeed in much of the civilized world. It is believed, however, that the worst is past; and that early in the year business will begin to revive on a healthier basis. The country is simply paying the penalty for indulging in a decade of unparalleled extravagance and speculation, growing out of the gigantic expenditures imposed and the feverish business habits engendered by the war to preserve the national existence, and aggravated by an excessive and depreciated currency to which the necessities of the crisis obliged us to resort. The financial panic fifteen months since, exposed the delusive character of a prosperity measured by a false money standard and resting largely on credit, and convinced a whole people that they were living too fast.

The past year, therefore, has been a period of contraction in expenditures and payment of debts, resulting naturally in a decreased demand for merchandise of all kinds and a consequent depression of business. The operation has been a painful but inevitable one, and it can but result in ultimate good. To be sure the primary causes of the financial difficulties which we are encountering, are deeper than any questions of legislation. They cannot be remedied simply by acts of Congress, but rather by the slow and painful operation of business and social laws. And yet so far as a depreciated currency has aggravated, and in the absence of any steps looking to a change of policy must continue to aggravate these causes, the obvious remedy lies in an ultimate restoration of the currency to the basis recognized by the civilized world.

CONCLUSION.

Gentlemen of the Legislature! to you, who have been selected by your several constituencies, and who immediately represent the people of Maine, is committed the care of the varied interests of this State, so far as they may be affected by legislation. I doubt not that these interests will receive at your hands that considerate attention which their importance demands. And in whatever measures you may devise that may seem calculated to promote the welfare of our beloved State, it will afford me pleasure to earnestly co-operate.

At the conclusion of the Address, the Governor and suite retired, and the Convention was dissolved.

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

On motion of Mr. LYMAN of Machias,
Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. ALLEN of Farmington.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. STEVENS of West Waterville, presented the following order:

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the Governor's Address be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the House.

The order was amended, on motion of Mr. LEAVITT of Eastport, by striking out the word "one," and inserting the word "two," and passed.

On motion of Mr. STONE of Bridgton,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to furnish the Messenger of the House, one copy of the Acts and Resolves of 1874, for each member.

On motion of Mr. STURGIS of Auburn,

Ordered, That the Maine State Pomological Society have the use of this Hall upon the afternoon and evening of January 20, 1875.

On motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Gray,

Ordered, That the Senate concurring, when this Legislature adjourns, it be till Monday next, January 11, at 2 o'clock P. M.

This order was sent to the Senate.

Mr. WEED of Veazie, presented remonstrance of Lewis F. Stratton against the right of Lloyd W. Drake to a seat in this House.

Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, presented remonstrance of Chapman N. Reed against the right of John Montgomery to a seat in this House.

Mr. SNOW of Hallowell, presented the remonstrance of James W. Withee against the right of William Lamb to a seat in this House.

The foregoing were laid on the table.

Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, presented resolve providing for a Constitutional Commission, which was read twice, rules being suspended, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

A message was received from the Senate, through its Secretary, S. W. Lane, Esq., proposing a Joint Convention in the Hall of the House, this day, at 11 o'clock, for the purpose of electing a Secretary of State, Attorney General, Adjutant General, and seven Executive Councillors, for the current political year.

The Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, signifying the concurrence of the House in the proposition for a Convention.

The hour having arrived, the Senate came in, and a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. CUTLER of the Senate,

Messrs. Cutler of Penobscot,
Hyde of Sagadahoc,
Wheelwright of Bangor,
Reed of Bath,
Stevens of West Waterville;
Cleaves of Portland,
Nadeau of Fort Kent,

Were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Secretary of State.

Having attended to that duty, Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee, reported:

Whole number of votes.....	144
Necessary for a choice.....	73
George G. Stacy had.....	101
T. J. Goodwin.....	43

The report was read and accepted, and Hon. George G. Stacy declared duly elected Secretary of State for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. HALL of the Senate,

Messrs. Hall of York,
Russell of Androscoggin,
Tapley of Saco,
Lyman of Machias,
McIntire of Pownal,
Mason of Biddeford,
Pillsbury of Farmington,

Were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Attorney General.

Having attended to that duty, Mr. HALL, from the Committee, reported :

Whole number of votes.....	149
Necessary for a choice	75
Harris M. Plaisted had.....	102
S. C. Strout.....	47

The report was read and accepted, and Hon. Harris M. Plaisted declared duly elected Attorney General for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. FOSS of the Senate,

Messrs. Foss of Piscataquis,
Foster of Oxford,
Webster of Orono,
Vose of Augusta,
Johnson of Waterboro',
Anderson of Gray,
Martin of Camden,

Were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Adjutant General.

Having attended to that duty, Mr. FOSS, from the Committee, reported :

Whole number of votes.....	145
Necessary for a choice.....	73
Benjamin B. Murray, jr., had.....	97
A. W. Bradbury had.....	48

The report was read and accepted, and Gen. Benjamin B.

Murray, jr., declared duly elected Adjutant General for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. DYER of the Senate,

Messrs. Dyer of Franklin,
Stevens of Somerset,
Shepherd of Skowhegan,
Mitchell of Gardiner,
Hall of Ellsworth,
Weed of Veazie,

Were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for seven Executive Councillors.

Having attended to that duty, Mr. DYER, from the Committee, reported :

Whole number of votes.....	142
Necessary for a choice.....	72
J. M. Mason has.....	96
George Warren.....	96
William Grindle.....	96
Henry Williamson.....	96
Fred E. Richards.....	97
Charles Buffum.....	96
Fred C. Perkins.....	97
Edwin Stone.....	46
P. G. Blanchard.....	46
J. F. Stetson.....	46
A. P. McMaster.....	46
E. B. Averill.....	46
S. C. Belcher.....	45
Charles A. Spofford.....	45

The report was read and accepted, and J. M. Mason, George Warren, William Grindle, Henry Williamson, Fred E. Richards, Charles Buffum, Fred C. Perkins, were declared duly elected Executive Councillors for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. SNOW of Hallowell,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Convention be directed to inform George G. Stacy of his election as Secretary of State, Harris M. Plaisted of his election as Attorney General, Benjamin B. Murray, jr., of his election as Adjutant General, and J. M. Mason, George Warren, William Grindle, Henry Williamson,

Fred E. Richards, Charles Buffum, Fred C. Perkins, of their election as Executive Councillors for the current political year.

The purpose for which the Convention assembled having been accomplished, it was dissolved, and the Senate retired.

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

On motion of Mr. TEFFT of Brewer,
Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. ECOB of Augusta.

The Journal of Friday was read and approved.

Remonstrance of James W. Withee against the right of William Lamb to a seat in this House, and

Remonstrance of Lewis F. Stratton against the right of Lloyd W. Drake to a seat in this House,

Were taken from the table.

The House, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering the foregoing.

Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, was appointed Chairman, who subsequently reported that the Committee had had the subject under consideration, and recommended the adoption of the following resolves:

Resolved, That William Lamb of Clinton, is not entitled to a seat as a member of this House.

Resolved, That James W Withee of Winslow, is entitled to a seat as member of this House.

Resolved, That Lloyd W. Drake of Springfield, is not entitled to a seat as member of this House.

Resolved, That Lewis F. Stratton of Mattawamkeag, is entitled to a seat as member of this House.

The foregoing resolves were adopted.

The SPEAKER announced the Standing Committee of the House, as follows :

On Ways and Means.

Messrs. Reed of Bath,
Cobb of Lewiston,
Hall of Ellsworth,
Hawes of Deering,
Shepherd of Skowhegan,
White of Bucksport,
Davis of Portland.

On Business of the House.

Messrs. Snow of Hallowell,
Cobb of Lewiston,
Cleaves of Portland.

On Leave of Absence.

Messrs. Crosby of Arrowsic,
Heald of Harmony,
Purinton of Bowdoin,
Merrill of West Gardiner,
Butler of Avon,
Lawler of Baileyville,
Blanchard of Yarmouth.

On Change of Name.

Messrs. Randall of Island Falls,
Keegan of Madawaska,
Snow of Hallowell,
Reed of Bath,
Wentworth of Kittery,
Whitney of Friendship,
Hall of Ellsworth.

On Bills in the Third Reading.

Messrs. Hawes of Deering,
Smith of Whitefield,
Locke of Paris,
Montgomery of Boothbay,
Butler of Hancock,
Mason of Biddeford,
Martin of Camden.

On Engrossed Bills.

Messrs. Stone of Bridgton,
Judd of Presque Isle,
Fernald of Wilton,
Gilmore of Dedham,
Warren of Orneville,
Grindle of Mt. Desert,
Moulton of Scarboro'.

On Elections.

Messrs. Powers of Houlton,
Barron of Topsham,
Buck of Orland,
Clark of Lincoln,
Cleaves of Portland,
Mason of Biddeford,
Wakefield of Lewiston.

The Joint Standing Committees of the Legislature on the part of the Senate, came from that branch, were joined on the part of the House, and are as follows :

On the Judiciary.

Messrs. Emery of Hancock,
Foster of Oxford,
Swasey of Oxford, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Wilson of Bangor,
Tapley of Saco,
North of Augusta,
Talbot of East Machias,
Stevens of West Waterville,
Cleaves of Portland,
Keegan of Madawaska, *of the House.*

On Legal Affairs.

Messrs. Donworth of Aroostook,
Hinckley of Hancock,
Prescott of Somerset, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Powers of Houlton,
Barron of Topsham,
Clark of Lincoln,
Vose of Augusta,
Leavitt of Eastport,
Mason of Biddeford,
Anderson of Gray, *of the House.*

On Financial Affairs.

Messrs. Holbrook of Cumberland,
Palmer of Penobscot,
Russell of Androscoggin, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Reed of Bath,
Cobb of Lewiston,
Hall of Ellsworth,
Hawes of Deering,
Shepherd of Skowhegan,
White of Bucksport,
Davis of Portland, *of the House.*

On Federal Relations.

- Messrs. Prescott of Somerset,
 Hanson of York,
 Hyde of Sagadahoc, *of the Senate* ;
 Messrs. North of Augusta,
 Wilson of Bangor,
 Talbot of East Machias,
 Tefft of Brewer,
 Lyman of Machias,
 Buck of Orland,
 True of Portland, *of the House.*

On Education.

- Messrs. Foster of Oxford,
 Corthell of Washington,
 Lord of York, *of the Senate* ;
 Messrs. Tefft of Brewer,
 Shepherd of Skowhegan,
 Stone of Bridgton,
 Gile of Alfred,
 Moulton of Scarboro',
 Grindle of Mt. Desert,
 Ferguson of Shapleigh, *of the House.*

On Railroads.

- Messrs. Hall of York,
 Palmer of Penobscot,
 Haskell of Cumberland, *of the Senate* ;
 Messrs. McGilvery of Searsport,
 Snow of Hallowell,
 Wentworth of Kittery,
 Leavitt of Eastport,
 Walden of Portland,
 Morse of Bangor,
 Dutton of Lewiston, *of the House.*

On Commerce.

- Messrs. Hyde of Sagadahoc,
Goold of Cumberland,
Kent of Lincoln, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Wheelwright of Bangor,
Allan of Dennysville,
Allen of Brooklyn,
Sawyer of Millbridge,
Simpson of Sullivan,
Welt of Waldoboro',
Blanchard of Yarmouth, *of the House*.

On Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

- Messrs. Campbell of Washington,
Goold of Cumberland,
Hall of York, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Buck of Orland,
Lyman of Machias,
Folsom of Lyman,
Whitney of Dixmont,
Locke of Paris,
Brackett of Cornish,
Martin of Camden, *of the House*.

On Banks and Banking.

- Messrs. Rounds of Androscoggin,
Hyde of Sagadahoc,
Cushing of Knox, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Denison of Poland,
Reed of Bath,
Wheelwright of Bangor,
Barnard of Calais,
Pinkham of Chesterville,
True of Portland,
Watts of Thomaston, *of the House*.

On Manufactures.

- Messrs. Cutler of Penobscot,
Rounds of Androscoggin,
Morrison of Penobscot, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Cobb of Lewiston,
Walden of Portland,
Fernald of Wilton,
Mitchell of Gardiner,
Dodge of Freedom,
Burpee of Rockland,
Haines of Biddeford, *of the House*.

On Agriculture.

- Messrs. Atwood of Waldo,
Cushing of Knox,
Lord of York, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Rogers of Windham,
Hubbard of Berwick,
Wheeler of Winthrop,
Whitney of Dixmont,
Fogg of Readfield,
Stanley of Levant,
Little of Brunswick, *of the House*.

On Military Affairs.

- Messrs. Swasey of Oxford,
Hall of York,
Dyer of Franklin, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Wentworth of Kittery,
Snow of Hallowell,
Fernald of Wilton,
Johnson of Waterboro',
Montgomery of Boothbay,
Lane of Monson,
Hoyt of Fort Fairfield, *of the House*.

On Interior Waters.

- Messrs. Morrison of Penobscot,
Cross of Cumberland,
Atwood of Waldo, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Webster of Orono,
Rogers of Windham,
Johnson of Waterboro',
McGilvery of Searsport,
Denison of Poland,
McKenney of Hollis,
Weed of Veazie, *of the House*.

On State Lands and State Roads.

- Messrs. Hinckley of Hancock,
Cutler of Penobscot,
Donworth of Aroostook, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Randall of Island Falls,
Burnham of Bethel,
Gilpatrick of Somerville,
Oak of Garland,
Macomber of Durham.
Barker of Weston,
Milliken of Baldwin, *of the House*.

On Ways and Bridges.

- Messrs. Palmer of Penobscot,
Holbrook of Cumberland,
Stevens of Somerset, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Judd of Presque Isle,
Nutter of Corinna,
Merrill of West Gardiner,
Wagg of Auburn,
Lamb of Harrison,
Harmon of Thorndike,
Clark of Wiscasset, *of the House*.

On Fisheries.

- Messrs. Kent of Lincoln,
Haskell of Cumberland,
Morrison of Penobscot, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Davis of Portland,
Park of Mexico,
Parker of Lincolnville,
Wade of Sangerville,
Tolman of Deer Isle,
Wakefield of Lewiston,
Kiff of Vinalhaven, *of the House*.

On Counties.

- Messrs. Foss of Piscataquis,
Richardson of Waldo,
Thurlough of Penobscot, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Butler of Hancock,
Taylor of Windsor,
Shapleigh of Elliot,
Stowe of Sumner,
Merrill of Cumberland,
Baker of Sidney,
Trott of Alton, *of the House*.

On Towns.

- Messrs. Cross of Cumberland,
Foss of Piscataquis,
Thurlough of Penobscot, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Pitcher of Belfast,
Cunningham of Washington,
Randall of Island Falls;
Tuttle of Perry,
Harris of Brownfield,
Woodbury of Litchfield,
Trickey of Cape Elizabeth, *of the House*.

On Indian Affairs.

- Messrs. Thurlough of Penobscot,
Rounds of Androscoggin,
Campbell of Washington, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Tuttle of Perry,
Page of China,
Moulton of Lagrange,
Sanders of Livermore,
Lawler of Baileyville,
Whitcomb of Norway,
Moody of New Portland, *of the House*.

On Claims.

- Messrs. Corthell of Washington,
Richardson of Waldo,
Dyer of Franklin, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Treat of Winterport,
Gilmore of Dedham,
Jones of Mercer,
Edes of Burlington,
Whitney of Friendship,
Bray of Naples,
Doten of Cooper, *of the House*.

On Pensions.

- Messrs. Stevens of Somerset,
Hanson of York,
Prescott of Somerset, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Mitchell of Gardiner,
Sturgis of Auburn,
Evans of Waldo,
Haley of Dayton,
Brawn of Oldtown,
Tinkham of Anson,
Stratton of Mattawamkeag, *of the House*.

On Insane Hospital.

- Messrs. French of Kennebec,
 Stevens of Somerset,
 Russell of Androscoggin, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Sturgis of Auburn,
 Porter of Newport,
 Smith of Whitefield,
 Colson of Monroe,
 Durell of Oxford,
 Pillsbury of Farmington,
 Roberts of Westbrook, *of the House*.

On Reform School.

- Messrs. Dyer of Franklin,
 French of Kennebec,
 Campbell of Washington, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. McIntire of Pownal,
 Folsom of Lyman,
 Frost of Sweden,
 Eaton of Livermore,
 Hanson of Sanford,
 Anderson of Gray,
 Vickery of Pittsfield, *of the House*.

On State Prison.

- Messrs. Russell of Androscoggin,
 Cross of Cumberland,
 Prescott of Somerset, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Stone of Bridgton,
 Allan of Dennysville,
 Gile of Alfred,
 Warren of Orneville,
 Lyford of St. Albans,
 Butler of Avon,
 Berry of Damariscotta, *of the House*.

On Public Buildings.

Messrs. Hanson of York,
Kent of Lincoln,
Cutler of Penobscot, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Hubbard of Berwick,
Wiggin of Rockland,
Smith of Jonesport,
Pease of Lexington,
Eastman of Gorham,
Bearce of Eddington,
Gleason of Union, *of the House.*

On Library.

Messrs. Goold of Cumberland,
Emery of Hancock,
Holbrook of Cumberland, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Purinton of Bowdoin,
Heald of Harmony,
Withee of Winslow,
Crosby of Arrowsic,
Payne of York,
Nadeau of Fort Kent,
Conant of Madrid, *of the House.*

Paper from the Senate.

WHEREAS, it appears that agreeably to chapter 258 of the public laws of 1874, a tax was duly assessed upon the several railroad companies doing business in this State, amounting to the sum of \$105,069.33, and that only \$14,275.39, of that sum has been paid by said railroad companies, leaving a balance of \$90,793.94, still unpaid, thus imposing unjust burdens upon the citizens and tax payers of this State, therefore

Ordered, That the Judiciary be required to determine forthwith what further legislation is necessary to compel the payment of taxes assessed as aforesaid on the several railroad corporations of this State.

This order was passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, the remonstrance of Chapman N. Reed, against the right of John Montgomery to a seat in this House, was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Elections.

Remonstrance of John Millett of Pittsfield, against the right of Nelson Vickery to a seat in this House, was referred to the Committee on Elections.

“Resolve providing for a Constitutional Commission,” having had two several readings and passed to be engrossed, was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. BARRON of Topsham,
Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. HINES of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of the Treasurer of State came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs, and was referred in concurrence.

Ordered, That a Joint Committee on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed on the Governor's message, who shall report a reference of its several subjects to appropriate Committees.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and

Messrs. Cutler of Penobscot,
Goold of Cumberland,
Cushing of Knox,

Appointed on its part.

The order passed in concurrence, and
Messrs. Snow of Hallowell,
Shepherd of Skowhegan,
Tefft of Brewer,
Pitcher of Belfast,
Brawn of Oldtown,
Vose of Augusta,
Were joined on the part of the House.

Ordered, That a Joint Select Committee consisting of three on part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to contract with some suitable person or persons to do the State printing and binding for the current year, subject to the approval of the Legislature.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and
Messrs. Palmer of Penobscot,
Emery of Hancock,
French of Kennebec,
Appointed on its part.

The order passed in concurrence, and
Messrs. Denison of Poland,
Hubbard of Berwick,
Montgomery of Boothbay,
Tefft of Brewer,
North of Augusta,
Wheelwright of Bangor,
Mitchell of Gardiner,
Were joined on the part of the House.

Ordered, The House concurring, that a Joint Select Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to negotiate the purchase of the Maine State Year Book.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and
Messrs. Cross of Cumberland,
Corthell of Washington,
Foss of Piscataquis,
Appointed on the part of that branch.

The order passed in concurrence, and
Messrs. Walden of Portland,
Purinton of Bowdoin,
Allan of Dennysville,
Barnard of Calais,
Hawes of Deering,
Pillsbury of Farmington,
Moody of New Portland,

Were joined on the part of the House.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of abolishing imprisonment for debt, and providing other means for obtaining a disclosure of debtors' affairs.

This order was passed in concurrence.

Communication from Benj. B. Murray, jr., signifying his acceptance of the office of Adjutant General.

Communication from George G. Stacy, accepting the office of Secretary of State.

These communications came from the Senate, and were read.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting the Report of the Insurance Commissioner, Trustees and Superintendent of the State Reform School, Commissioner of Fisheries and Attorney General, were received and read.

Communication from the State Treasurer, transmitting certain claims for bounty on wild animals, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Communication from the Treasurer of State, transmitting his annual report, was received and read.

Mr. ANDERSON of Gray, announced the attendance of Lewis F. Stratton, member elect, and conducted him to the Governor, where he took and subscribed the oaths necessary to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. Stratton subsequently appeared and took his seat.

Petition of the Selectmen of Chelsea, for an act to exempt said town from liability to support persons who have been inmates of the Military Asylum at Togus ;

Bill "an act additional to chapter 91 of the revised statutes, concerning mortgages and liens ;"

Petition of Jason Weeks, for an act to protect losses of stolen bonds ; and

Bill "an act providing for the regulating of judicial proceedings in criminal cases ;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Samuel Beals and others of Arrowsic, for abatement of valuation of said town, was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Bill "an act additional for the prevention of cruelty to animals," was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of F. R. Webber and others, for amendment of the pauper law, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of E. S. Coe and others, for incorporation of the Stedman Railroad Company ; and

Bill "an act relating to fencing of railroads ;"

Were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of E. S. Coe and others, for incorporation of the Stedman Slate Company, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of Eastern Bank, Bangor, for renewal of charter ; and

Petition of President, Directors and Company of Mercantile Bank, for renewal of charter ;

Were referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Petition of William Ayer and others, to set off part of Montville and annex the same to Liberty ;

Petition of A. D. Mathews, in aid of the same ;

Petition of inhabitants of East Hampden, to set off part of said town to the city of Bangor ; and

Petition of B. L. Townsend and others, for the division of the city of Auburn ;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of the the Selectmen of Brewer, for power to establish wharf limits along the river front in said town ; and

Petition of the Bangor Water Company, for extension of charter ;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Bill "an act to regulate the salary of the Judge of Probate for the county of Sagadahoc, was referred to the Sagadahoc County Delegation.

Petition of Hugh Jamieson, for deed of a lot of land ; and

Petition for aid to build road through Castle Hill ;

Were referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of S. J. Burgess and others, for an act to make free the Livermore and Livermore Falls toll bridge, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. MOULTON of Scarborough,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Prison, Insane Hospital, Reform School, Agriculture, Education and Military Affairs, be authorized to visit the various institutions they represent.

On motion of Mr. SNOW of Hallowell,

Ordered, That all business of the last Legislature referred to this, be taken from the files and referred to the appropriate Committees.

On motion of Mr. CLEAVES of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on Fisheries be requested to inquire into the expediency of so amending the Revised Statutes as to abolish the office of Inspector General of Fish, and to see what further legislation, if any, is required in relation to the inspection of fish.

On motion of Mr. CLARK of Lincoln,

Ordered, That, the Senate concurring, all petitions for legislation, except those for redress of wrongs and grievances, which may be presented to this Legislature after Wednesday the 27th inst., be referred to the next Legislature, and this order be published in the Daily Kennebec Journal, Daily Eastern Argus, Portland Press, Bangor Daily Whig, Bangor Daily Commercial, and the Lewiston Evening Journal.

The foregoing orders were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. STURGIS of Auburn,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish the Messenger of the House, one copy of the Revised Statutes and one copy of the Acts and Resolves of 1872 and 1873, for each of the Monitors, for the use of their several divisions.

Mr. LYMAN of Machias, presented the following order :

Ordered, That the Senate concurring, a message be sent to the Governor requesting him to postpone the execution of Louis H. F.

Wagner, now confined in the State Prison under sentence of death, until the close of the present session of this Legislature.

The order was refused a passage.

Communications from Hons. J. M. Mason, George Warren, William Grindle, Fred E. Richards, Charles Buffum, Fred C. Perkins, Councillors elect, signifying their acceptance, came from the Senate, and were read.

A message was received from the Senate, through its Secretary, S. W. Lane, Esq., proposing a Convention in the Representatives' Hall, this day at 11 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of administering to J. M. Mason, George Warren, William Grindle, Fred E. Richards, Charles Buffum, Fred C. Perkins, Councillors elect, the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate informing that branch of the concurrence of the House in the proposition for a Convention.

The hour having arrived, the Senate came in, and a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. REED of Bath,

The Secretary of the Convention was directed to notify J. M. Mason, George Warren, William Grindle, Fred E. Richards, Charles Buffum, Fred C. Perkins, that the two branches of the Legislature had assembled in Joint Convention, for the purpose of administering to them the oaths required to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The Secretary subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him, and the Councillors elect were pleased to say they would forthwith attend upon the Convention.

Thereupon, Hons. J. M. Mason, George Warren, William Grindle, Fred E. Richards, Charles Buffum, Fred C. Perkins, Councillors elect, came in, and in the presence of the Convention, before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The Councillors then retired.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of the Senate,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Convention inform the Governor of the qualification of J. M. Mason, George Warren, William Grindle, Fred E. Richards, Charles Buffum, Fred C. Perkins, as Executive Councillors for the current political year.

Having accomplished the purpose for which it assembled, the Convention was dissolved, and the Senate retired.

The House called to order by the SPEAKER.

On motion of Mr. TREAT of Winterport,
Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk*.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. DREW of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of Joseph Church and Company, for authority to extend a wharf into tide waters in the town of Bristol, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Commerce.

Bill "an act to abolish the death penalty;" and

Report of the Attorney General;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. WHITCOMB of Oxford, announced the attendance of Mr. Park, member elect from Mexico.

Mr. SNOW announced the attendance of Mr. Withee, member elect from Winslow.

These members were conducted to the Governor, where they took and subscribed the oaths required to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

They subsequently took their seats.

Communication from Hon. Henry Williamson, Councillor elect, signifying his acceptance, came from the Senate, and was read.

A message was received from the Senate, through its Secretary, Samuel W. Lane, Esq., proposing a Joint Convention in the Hall of the House, this day, at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes, for the purpose of administering to Henry Williamson, Councillor elect, the oaths required to qualify him to enter upon his official duties.

The Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, informing that branch of the concurrence of the House in the proposition for a Convention.

The hour having arrived, the Senate came in, and a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. SWAZEY of the Senate,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Convention be directed to notify Henry Williamson, Councillor elect, that the two branches of the Legislature are assembled in Convention for the purpose of administering to him the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The Secretary subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him, and Henry Williamson, Councillor elect, was pleased to say he would forthwith attend upon the Convention.

Thereupon, Hon. Henry Williamson came in, and in presence of the Convention, before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The Councillor then retired.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of the Senate,

The Secretary was directed to notify the Governor of the qualification of Hon. Henry Williamson as Councillor.

The purpose of the Convention having been accomplished, it was dissolved, and the Senate retired.

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

Petition of S. B. Swazey and others, for amendment of the law in relation to liens ;

Petition of D. W. Dyer and others, for an act to provide that owners of dry docks and marine railways shall have a lien on vessels for repairs ;

Petition of Nickerson and Rideout, in aid of the same ;

Petition of Selectmen of Verona, for an act to make valid the doings of said town ;

Bill "an act relating to the schools in the city of Portland ;"

Bill "an act to revive the charter of Ticonic Bank, for certain purposes ;"

Petition of C. Yates and others, for act to provide for a lien on bark ;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Alexander Martin and others, for authority to build and maintain a wharf into tide waters of Rockport harbor ;

Petition of N. E. Carpenter and others, for authority to build a toll dam at the foot of Wyttopitlock Lake ;

Petition of J. G. Archer and others, for authority to drain and flow Blunt's pond in Lamoine and stock the same with trout ;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of R. D. Porter, for deed of a lot of land ;

Petition of C. C. Sampson and George F. Sampson, for deed of a lot of land ; and

Petition of John L. Arnold and others, in aid of same ;

Petition of Shepard J. Higgins, for deed of a lot of land ;

"Resolve in favor of Indian township in Washington county ;"

Were referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of citizens of Milbridge, for an act to protect herring, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of B. H. Batchelder and others, for division of the town of Montville, was referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of inhabitants of Vinalhaven, for amendment of the charter of the North Haven and Vinalhaven Ferry Company ;

Petition of Benjamin Ryder, for authority to build wharf in Islesboro' ; and

Petition of citizens of Sullivan, for charter for steam ferry between Sullivan and Hancock ;

Were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of Isaac H. Esty and others, for incorporation of Prescott Cheese Association ; and

Petition of J. H. Bigelow and others, for incorporation of the Center Livermore Cheese Company ;

Were referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of William F. Haskell and others, for an act to make valid the doings of School District No. 2 in the town of Monroe, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. RANDALL of Island Falls, presented bill "an act to repeal chapter 314 of the resolves of 1874, abolishing the office of Land Agent, which was read twice under suspension of the rules, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

On motion of Mr. POWERS of Houlton, the vote by which the order in relation to the reprieve of Louis H. F. Wagner was refused a passage yesterday, was reconsidered, and the order amended by extending the time to the third Friday of March next.

The question then being on passing the same as amended, it was, on motion of Mr. POWERS of Houlton, taken by yeas and nays, and passed, by yeas 94, nays 29.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Haines,	Moody,
Allen of Brooklin,	Hall,	Moulton of Lagrange,
Barker,	Hanson,	Moulton of Scarboro',
Barnard,	Harmon,	Montgomery,
Barron,	Harris,	Morse,
Brackett,	Hawes,	Nadeau,
Buck,	Heald,	Oak,
Burpee,	Hoyt,	Park,
Clark of Lincoln,	Hubbard,	Parker,
Cobb,	Jones,	Pease,
Colson,	Judd,	Pillsbury,
Crosby,	Keegan,	Pinkham,
Cunningham,	Kiff,	Pitcher,
Davis,	Lamb,	Porter,
Dodge,	Lane,	Powers,
Doten,	Lawler,	Randall,
Durrell,	Locke,	Reed,
Dutton,	Lyford,	Roberts,
Eaton,	Lyman,	Rogers,
Evans,	Macomber,	Sanders,
Fogg,	McGilvery,	Shepherd,
Gilpatrick,	McIntire,	Simpson,
Gleason,	Merrill, W. Gardiner,	Smith of Whitefield,

Snow,	Vickery,	Wheeler,
Stanley,	Vose,	Wheelwright,
Stevens,	Wagg,	Whitcomb,
Sturgis,	Wakefield,	Whitney of Dixmont,
Taylor,	Walden,	Whitney, Friendship,
Tinkham,	Warren,	Wiggin,
Treat,	Webster,	Withee,
Trott,	Welt,	Woodbury—94.
Tuttle,		

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Anderson,	Leavitt,	Stratton,
Blanchard,	Little,	Talbot,
Brawn,	Martin,	Thomas,
Cleaves,	Mason,	Tolman,
Conant,	Nutter,	Trickey,
Eastman,	Paine,	True,
Edes,	Sawyer,	Wade,
Folsom,	Shapleigh,	Weed,
Frost,	Smith of Jonesport,	White—29.
Johnson,	Stowe,	

On motion of Mr. RANDALL of Island Falls,
Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. SARGENT of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of A. J. Lane and others, for bounty on bears, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Claims.

"Resolve abolishing the office of Deputy Commissioner of the Sinking Funds," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 135 of the revised statutes, relating to proceedings in capital cases," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting the annual report of Trustees, President, Farm Superintendent and Treasurer, of the Maine State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, which was read, and the report referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting the report of the Commissioner on Claims of Settlers on Proprietors' Lands in the county of Aroostook, was received, and the report referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting the report of the American Asylum for Deaf and Dumb.

Petition of Continental Mills Corporation of Lewiston, for authority to reduce its capital stock ;

Memorial of G. M. Weston, for repeal of resolves of 1860 relating to his claim against the State ; and

Bill "an act to incorporate St. Omar Commandery Knights Templar ;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Eli Goss of Portland, for increase of pension, was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Petition of citizens of Sullivan, for authority to build a wharf in said town, was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of Selectmen of Cape Elizabeth, for an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Cumberland county to lay out a highway into tide waters of Portland harbor for a ferry, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Petition of Charles Carleton, for a deed of a lot of land in Woodland, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Waterville Slate Company;" and Petition of the Oldtown Water Power and Manufacturing Company, for extension of time to complete works;

Were referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of European and North American Railway Company, to set off certain real estate from the town of Hampden to the city of Bangor; and

Petition of C. G. Stevens and others, in aid of the same;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of inhabitants of Concord, for bounty on bears;

Petition of John Allen of Maysville, for deed of a lot of land;

Petition of Charles W. and Mary A. Tibbetts, for compensation for taking care of small pox patients; and

Petition of County Commissioners for reimbursement to the county of Aroostook for money expended on road in township No. 8, Range 5;

Were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of the managers of the Children's Home of Bangor, for aid, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Petition of First North Yarmouth Aqueduct Company, for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

On motion of Mr. HAWES of Deering,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 11, section 3 of the revised statutes, relating to the abolition of school districts, so as to give larger powers to towns.

This order was sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. CLEAVES of Portland,

Ordered, That all matters, in the morning business, upon which members desire to be heard, shall be laid aside until the expiration of the morning hour, and then taken up in their order.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 314 of the resolves of 1874, abolishing the office of Land Agent," was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, amended as per sheet "A," passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. MASON of Biddeford,
Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. PURINTON of the House.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of W. B. Hayford and others, for incorporation of the town of Medway, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Towns.

Bill "an act relating to insurance and the office of Insurance Commissioner," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled an act to confer certain powers upon the city of Portland, approved March 24, 1863," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Alexander Martin and others, for authority to build and maintain a wharf in tide waters of Rockport harbor, referred by the House to the Committee on Interior Waters, came back from the Senate referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The House receded and concurred.

Order relating to the reprieve of Louis H. F. Wagner, passed by the House, came from the Senate refused a passage.

The order was laid on the table on motion of Mr. LYMAN of Machias.

A communication was received from Charles Randolph, Secretary of the National Board of Trade, transmitting memorials of

said Board for an act to compel persons doing business under a firm name to register with proper officers the name of such firm, together with that of each individual thereof; also, for legislation in relation to fixing rates of transportation for railroads, and for an act in relation to liability of persons associated for the purpose of doing business.

The several memorials were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill "an act to extend the time for building the Penobscot Bay and River Railroad;" and

Petition of A. F. Wright and others, for amendment of law for the protection of baggage on railroads;

Were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of E. C. Gates and others, for an act to incorporate the Calais Trotting Park Association; and

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the assessors and collector of the town of Naples;"

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of H. A. DeWitt and others of Augusta, for a law to prohibit the killing of moose for five years; also

Petition of Fayette Shaw and others, for incorporation of the Mattawamkeag Boat Company; and

Petition of William S. Young and others, for an act additional to the acts establishing the Auburn Aqueduct Company;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Edson C. Baker and others, for incorporation of the Ellitsville Star Slate Company, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of James L. Cunningham, for deed of a lot of land; and

Petition of John Tucker, for deed of a lot of land;

Were referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of Samuel W. Tinkham of Anson, for bounty on bears; and

Petition of A. J. Fisher and others, for same;

Were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of Samuel Randall and others, for incorporation of Talmadge plantation as a town, was referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of School Committee of Chester, for establishment of a normal school in northern Maine; and

Petition of Supervisor of Schools of Enfield, for same;

Were referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of William L. Prince and others, for incorporation of Cumberland Farmers' Club, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. LYMAN of Machias,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of amending section 1, chapter 45, of the revised statutes in relation to interest, so as to better secure the equitable rights of creditors.

On motion of Mr. RANDALL of Island Falls,

Ordered, The same Committee inquire what, if any, further legislation is necessary explanatory of chapter 225 of the laws of 1868, entitled "an act to equalize the Municipal War Debt."

On motion of Mr. WHEELER of Winthrop,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be instructed to draft and present to this Legislature a bill with a view of bringing about a uniformity of text-books in our public schools.

On motion of Mr. MARTIN of Camden,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of amending section 52, chapter 224 of the acts of 1874, relating to pressed hay, so as to more definitely determine the manner of branding or marking the same.

The foregoing orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on petition of Jason Weeks, bill "an act for the protection of owners of stolen bonds."

The report was read and accepted, and the bill ordered printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to revive the charter of the Ticonic Bank of Waterville for certain purposes;"

Mr. SNOW, from the Committee on Railroads, reported, on petition of E. S. Coe, bill "an act to incorporate the Stedman Railroad Company."

The reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, and Monday assigned for the third reading.

On motion of Mr. STEVENS of West Waterville, adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M., Monday.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. SANDERSON of Augusta.

The Journal of Friday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Communication from Harris M. Plaisted, accepting the office of Attorney General, came from the Senate and was read.

Petition of Joseph T. Grant and others, for an act to incorporate the Ellsworth Woodbine Cemetery Association, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of the Cumberland Bone Company, for authority to erect a wharf in tide waters in the town of Boothbay ; and

Petition of Michael Hurley, for leave to extend a wharf into tide waters of Union river in Ellsworth ;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of Molbry Kingman and others, for an act to prohibit the use of narrow rimmed wheels in Ellsworth, Otis, Mariaville and Waltham, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cranberry Isles Mutual Fish Company," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, with leave to withdraw, on petition of W. H. Vinal, from the files of the last Legislature, for an act to allow cattle to run at large in the town of Vinalhaven.

Report of same Committee, with legislation inexpedient, on order from files of the last Legislature, relating to the sale of eggs by weight.

Report of same Committee, reporting reference to the Committee on Claims, on certain claims for bounty on wild animals.

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 314 of the resolves of 1874, abolishing the office of Land Agent," came back from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

The House receded and concurred.

Petition of Henry Ingalls and others, with bill accompanying, to revive and amend an act to incorporate the Maine Episcopal Missionary Society and acts additional thereto; and

Petition of J. E. Brainard and others, for an act fixing the time of holding the annual shows and fairs of agricultural societies;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of David Rodick and others; and

Petition of Fountain Rodick and others, in aid of the petition of F. L. Roberts for authority to build a wharf in Bar Harbor; also,

Petition of A. J. Whiting and Obadiah Allen, for authority to extend a wharf in the town of Mt. Desert; and

Petition of Augustus C. Savage, for authority to extend a wier between Mt. Desert and Bear Island.

Were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of Sarah J. Vance, for deed of a lot of land; and

Petition of E. W. Sprague of Easton, for deed of a lot of land;

Were referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of John Allen and others of Presque Isle, for charter for railroad from Presque Isle to east line of the State, was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of the Bangor Water Power Company, for extension of time to complete works;

Petition of the city of Bangor for authority to build or purchase dams or water rights necessary to obtain a supply of pure water from Penobscot river;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Joseph Nash and others, for change of the time and place of holding court in the county of Washington, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of George B. Barrows and others, for establishment of a normal school at Bridgton, was referred to the Committee on Education.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. NORTH of Augusta,

Ordered, That the Committee on Insane Hospital inquire into the expediency of amending or repealing chapter 189 of the public laws of 1874, relating to idiotic persons in the Insane Hospital.

On motion of Mr. CLEAVES of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire if any further legislation is necessary relative to the appointment of an administrator upon the death of an administrator before he has completed his administration.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. MORSE of Bangor,

Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk*.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. ALLEN of Farmington.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting the report of the Joint Special Committee on Investigation of the affairs of the Maine State Prison in 1874, was received, and the report referred to the Committee on State Prison.

Paper from the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Portland and Ogdensburg Railroad Company," was read three times under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Petition of Josiah Merrill and others of No 7 ;

Petition of H. W. Daggett and others of Eaton ;

Petition of W. Johnson and others of Topsfield ;

Petition of W. W. Clark and others of Topsfield ;

Petition of L. Higgins and others of Codyville ;

Petition of J. H. Bosworth and others of Jackson Brook ; and

Petition of John E. Haley and others of Forest City, for a lien on bark ;

Petition of James Tuell, for incorporation of the East Machias Camp-Meeting Association ;

Petition of Nathaniel T. Talbot and others, for incorporation of the Rockport Ice Company, with bill ;

Bill "an act to secure the payment of laborers upon railroads ;"

Petition of Directors of the Dexter and Newport Railroad Company, to be relieved from the taxation of 1874 ;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of John McGray, and others ;

Petition of William B. Elwell of Whitneyville, ; and

Petition of C. H. Haskell and others, of Steuben, for change of time and place of holding court in Washington county ;

Bill "an act to legalize the doings of L. M. Partridge as justice of the peace ;"

Petition of John H. Kimball and others, for incorporation of the Maine State Association for Protection of Fish;

Petition of Harrison Piper and others, for incorporation of the Lincoln Masonic Fraternity;

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of city of Bangor, for authority to loan its credit in aid of the Piscataquis Railroad, with bill;

Petition of city of Bangor, for authority to loan its credit in aid of the Northern Aroostook Railroad, with bill;

Petition of the Cumberland County Central Railroad Company, for extension of charter, with bill;

Were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of County Commissioners of Aroostook County, for aid to build road in Crystal plantation;

Petition of Dennis Gatchell and others, for reimbursement for stumpage in Limestone;

Petition of B. R. Bachelder, for deed of a lot of land;

Were referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of the city of Bangor, for change of the law relating to election of superintending school committees; was referred to the Committee on Education.

Remonstrance of inhabitants of Hampden, against petition to set off part of said town to Bangor, was referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of Superintending School Committee of Lincoln, for normal school in western Maine, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Bill "an act to incorporate the North Wales Slate Company;"

Petition of Ezra Staples and others, for incorporation of the Mammoth Silver Mining Company;

Were referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of N. R. Pike and others, for incorporation of the Maine State Pure Blood Jersey Cattle Association, with bill, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of Biddeford Light Infantry, for reimbursement of money paid for uniforms, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Bill "an act to prevent the throwing of edgings and other refuse into Salmon Falls river and tributaries in the towns of Berwick and Lebanon;"

Petition of Stephen D. Jillson and others, for authority to take water from Moose pond in Otisfield ; and

Bill "an act amending act to supply Lewiston and Auburn with pure water ;"

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Charles Deering, for authority to extend wharf in tide waters in Eden ;

Petition of A. S. Edes, for authority to build wharf in tide waters of Rockport harbor ;

Were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of County Commissioners of Aroostook county, for increase of pay, was referred to the Aroostook County Delegation.

Petition of John A. French and others, for change in law relating to close-time on fish, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. LANE of Monson,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of amending section 16, chapter 30 of the revised statutes, relating to time of killing birds.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER of Hancock,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of legalizing the acts of School District No. 4 in the town of Lamoine.

On motion of Mr. CUNNINGHAM of Washington,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of providing by law for a record of all arrivals and all departures of persons in the towns and cities of the State, to the end that a saving may be made to said towns and cities as regards the pauper law.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Stedman Railroad Company ;" and

Bill "an act to revive the charter of the Ticonic Bank of Waterville, for certain purposes ;"

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Portland and Ogdensburg Railroad," having had three several readings and passed to be engrossed, was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. SNOW of Hallowell,

Ordered, That at 11 o'clock this forenoon, the House shall proceed to vote for a Senator in Congress in accordance with the laws of the United States.

The hour having arrived to vote for a Senator in the Congress of the United States, for the term of six years from the fourth day of March next, in the place of Hon. Hannibal Hamlin, and this being the second Tuesday subsequent to the meeting and organization of the Legislature of this State, the day designated by sections 14 to 19 inclusive, of chapter 1, title II, of an act of Congress approved June 22, 1874, entitled "an act to revise and consolidate the Statutes of the United States, in force the first day of December, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, and being in relation to the election of senators," the House proceeded openly and by a *viva voce* vote of each member present, on call of the roll, to name a person for Senator in Congress from this State, and with the following result:

Whole number of votes.....	140
Hannibal Hamlin had.....	85
John C. Talbot.....	50
Sidney Perham.....	3
William P. Haines.....	1
Joshua L. Chamberlain.....	1

Hannibal Hamlin had a majority of all the votes.

Those who voted for Hannibal Hamlin were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Butler of Hancock,	Dutton,
Allen of Brooklin,	Clark of Lincoln,	Eaton,
Barnard,	Cobb,	Evans,
Barron,	Colson,	Ferguson,
Buck,	Crosby,	Fernald,
Burnham,	Cunningham,	Fogg,
Burpee,	Dodge,	Folsom,
Butler of Avon,	Durrell,	Frost,

Gile,	Nutter,	Stevens,
Gilmore,	Oak,	Stone,
Gilpatrick,	Page,	Sturgis,
Grindle,	Park,	Tefft,
Hanson,	Parker,	Thomas,
Harris,	Pinkham,	Treat,
Hawes,	Pitcher,	Tuttle,
Heald,	Porter,	Vose,
Hubbard,	Powers,	Wagg,
Johnson,	Purinton,	Walden,
Jones,	Randall,	Warren,
Lane,	Reed,	Webster,
Locke,	Rogers,	Wentworth,
Lyman,	Sanders,	Wheeler,
McGilvery,	Sawyer,	Wheelwright,
McIntire,	Shepherd,	White,
Mitchell,	Simpson,	Whitney of Dixmont,
Moulton of Lagrange,	Smith of Whitefield,	Wiggin,
Montgomery,	Snow,	Wilson,
Morse,	Stanley,	Woodbury—85.
North,		

Those who voted for John C. Talbot were Messrs.

Anderson,	Harmon,	Shapleigh,
Baker,	Keegan,	Smith of Jonesport,
Barker,	Kiff,	Stowe,
Bearce,	Lamb,	Stratton,
Berry,	Lawler,	Taylor,
Blanchard,	Leavitt,	Tinkham,
Brackett,	Martin,	Tolman,
Bray,	Mason,	Trickey,
Clark of Wiscasset,	McKenney,	Trott,
Cleaves,	Merrill, Cumberland,	True,
Conant,	Milliken,	Vickery,
Davis,	Moody,	Wade,
Doten,	Moulton of Scarboro',	Watts,
Eastman,	Nadeau,	Weed,
Edes,	Payne,	Welt,
Gleason,	Pease,	Whitney, Friendship.
Haines,	Pillsbury,	

Those who voted for Sidney Perham were Messrs. Hoyt, Judd, Roberts—3.

The gentleman who voted for Joshua L. Chamberlain was Mr. Little of Brunswick.

The gentleman who voted for William P. Haines was Hon. John C. Talbot.

The following members were absent, Messrs.

Brawn,	Lyford,	Wakefield,
Denison,	Macomber,	Whitcomb,
Hall,	Merrill, W. Gardiner,	Withee—11.
Haley,	Tapley,	

A message was received from the Governor, transmitting a detailed statement of the expenditures of the State during the year 1874, which was read, ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. CRANE of Hallowell.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of Eli Jones and others of Vassalborough, for abolition of the death penalty ;

Remonstrance of R. A. Treat and others, against same ; and

Bill "an act to legalize the doings of Joshua H. Lamb as Justice of the Peace ;"

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Presumpscot Park Association, for amendment of charter, with bill, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Petition of Amos P. Cook and others, for reimbursement of money paid for property sold them by the State to which the State had no title, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of Joseph T. Grant and others of Ellsworth, for repeal of so much of chapter 191, private laws of 1869, as permits the taking of water from Hat Case pond in Hancock, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of David Bugbee and others, for incorporation of the Bangor and Ellsworth Steamboat Company, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of County Commissioners of Aroostook county, for authority to organize townships 16 and 17, range 10, into one plantation, and townships 16 and 17, range 11, into one plantation, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Towns.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Winterport Cheese and Butter Factory," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Agriculture.

Bill "an act additional to the several acts establishing the county of Piscataquis," came from the Senate read twice, amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

This bill was read three times, under suspension of the rules, Senate amendment "A" adopted, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The foregoing vote was subsequently reconsidered on motion of Mr. WILSON of Bangor, and referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Report of the Committee on Commerce, reporting on petition, bill "an act to authorize Joseph Church and Company to extend a wharf into tide waters in the town of Bristol."

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted, bill read twice, and tomorrow assigned.

Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Governor's Message, came from the Senate read and accepted, and is as follows :

That so much of the Governor's message as relates to enforcement of taxes on railroads, so much as relates to divorce, so much as relates to the laws for the punishment of the crime of murder, so much as relates to imprisonment for debt, so much as relates to amendments of the constitution, so much as relates to the right of women to hold offices, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

That so much as relates to public debt and sinking fund, so much as relates to taxation of telegraph companies, insurance companies, receipts of express companies, wild lands, non-resident bank shares, and to taxation in general, so much as relates to interest on State deposits, so much as relates to a reduction of appropriations and expenditures, be referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

That so much as relates to railroads, so much as relates to further legislation to protect the public interest, be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

That so much as relates to public schools, free high schools, normal schools, Industrial School for Girls, and making attendance upon some school obligatory, be referred to the Committee on Education.

That so much as relates to savings banks, be referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

That so much as relates to agriculture, and to the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

That so much as relates to militia, and Soldiers' Orphan Asylum at Bath, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

That so much as relates to State Prison, be referred to the Committee on State Prison.

That so much as relates to Insane Hospital, be referred to the Committee on Insane Hospital.

That so much as relates to Reform School, be referred to the Committee on Reform School.

That so much as relates to Fish Commissioners, be referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

That so much as relates to inspection of steamboats, be referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

That so much as relates to public lands, Swedish and French

settlers, be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

That so much as relates to the enforcement of the prohibitory law, be referred to a Joint Special Committee of three on the part of the Senate, and seven on the part of the House.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence.

Information was received from the Senate, that Mr. Emery of Hancock, had been excused from the Committee on Printing and Binding, and that Mr. Atwood of Waldo, had been appointed to fill the vacancy.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting the report of the Trustees and Resident Officers of the Maine Insane Hospital, for the year 1874, which was read, and the report referred to the Committee on Insane Hospital, on motion of Mr. PORTER of Newport.

Petition of A. J. Nelson and others, for abolition of the death penalty;

Bill "an act to incorporate the Hubbard and Blake Manufacturing Company;"

Bill "an act to authorize the Cobb Lime Company to increase its capital stock;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Thomas W. Porter and others, for normal school in northern Maine;

Petition of Superintending School Committee of Lowell;

Petition of Supervisor of Schools of Burlington;

Petition of Superintending School Committee of Passadumkeag;

Petition of J. F. Robinson and others;

Petition of Alexander Webb and others;

Petition of H. H. Fisk and others;

Petition of M. B. Pinkham and others; and

Petition of School Committee of Winn, for same;

Bill "an act to incorporate the Trustees of the St. Augustine School for Boys at Topsham;"

Were referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of Edmund W. Goodwin, for leave to build a wharf in York river; and

Remonstrance of S. Y. Crockett and others, against changing ferry landing in Vinalhaven ;

Were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of J. R. Means and others, for incorporation of the Morrill Cheese and Butter Factory Company, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of James Wood and others, for charter for a railroad from Lewiston to Augusta, was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of George W. Ayer, for pension, was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Petition of E. G. Willard, for change of law relating to inspection of fish, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of Albert L. Burbank, for authority to improve Cedar brook in Grafton, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of A. W. Watts and others of Thomaston, for remuneration on account of property destroyed by the burning of the carriage shop at the State Prison, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Bill "an act to amend, so far as the county of Cumberland is concerned, the sixth section of chapter 133 of the laws of 1873, entitled 'an act to improve the jail system of the State,'" was referred to the Cumberland County Delegation.

Petition of Henry Poor and Son, for appropriation for the repair of Mattawamkeag bridge ;

Petition of Samuel W. Coombs and others ; and

Petition of William Shaw and others, for same ;

Petition of Francis A. Reed and others, for reduction of stumpage ;

Were referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. CLARK of Lincoln,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending section 3, chapter 198 of the public laws of 1874, so that the provisions of said act shall not apply to any island in this State which is connected with the main land by a bridge or bridges.

On motion of Mr. PARK of Mexico,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of changing the laws relating to the sale of non-resident proprietors' land for unpaid taxes, so that under possible contingencies other than the town treasurer may complete the sale.

On motion of Mr. FROST of Sweden,

Ordered, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of further legislation in relation to damages to land holders on the location of town roads.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on Interior Waters inquire what, if any, legislation is necessary for the protection of the lives and property of persons residing below the artificial reservoirs which have been created in the State for manufacturing purposes.

On motion of same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State inform the Legislature whether any corporation chartered by the laws of this State have failed to make the returns of stock, together with the names of stockholders, to his office, as now required by law, and report their names, if any such there be.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on petition of S. B. Swazey, bill "an act to amend section 7, chapter 91 of the revised statutes, in relation to liens on vessels."

The report was read and accepted, and the bill ordered to be printed.

The report of the sub-committee of the Committee on Agriculture for the year 1874, appointed to visit the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, by the last Legislature, was received, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. ROGERS, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported reference to the Committee on Railroads, on memorial of the National Board of Trade, relating to rates of railroad transportation.

The same gentleman reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act providing for the regulation of judicial proceedings in criminal cases."

These reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. KEEGAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on petition, bill "an act to make valid the assessment of taxes in the town of Verona for the year 1874."

Mr. CLEAVES, from the same Committee, reported, on petition of Henry Ingalls, bill "an act to revive and amend an act to incorporate the Maine Episcopal Missionary Society, and an act additional thereto."

Mr. STEVENS, from the same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate St. Omar Commandery Knights Templar."

Mr. COBB, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Trescott Cheese Association."

Mr. WHEELWRIGHT, from the Committee on Commerce, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Sullivan and Hancock Steam Ferry Company."

Mr. ALLAN, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act authorizing A. Martin to build and maintain a wharf in the tide waters of Rockport harbor."

Mr. ALLEN, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act authorizing Augustus C. Savage and others to construct weirs between Mt. Desert and Bear island."

Printed bill "an act for the protection of owners of stolen bonds."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, and tomorrow assigned.

The SPEAKER announced the Committee on County Estimates, as follows:

Messrs. Buck of Orland,
North of Augusta,
Lyman of Machias,
Shepherd of Skowhegan,
Reed of Bath,
Wheelwright of Bangor,
Judd of Presque Isle,
Frost of Sweden,
Wade of Sangerville,
Folsom of Lyman,
Eaton of East Livermore,
True of Portland,

Messrs. Treat of Winterport,
Smith of Whitefield,
Pillsbury of Farmington,
Martin of Camden.

Ordered, That the House concurring, the two branches assemble in Joint Convention on Wednesday, the twentieth day of January instant, at twelve o'clock, noon, for the purpose of comparing the Journals of the two Houses, and performing all the acts necessary and proper, in Joint Convention, to be performed, in relation to the election of a person to represent the State in the Senate of the United States for the term commencing on the fourth of March, 1875, in accordance with the act of Congress to regulate the times and manner of holding elections for Senators in Congress.

This order was passed in concurrence.

The hour of twelve, meridian, having arrived, the time fixed by an act of Congress for the two Houses of the Legislature to meet in Joint Assembly, for the purpose of comparing the votes cast for a Senator in Congress for the term of six years from the fourth of March next, the Senate came in, and a Convention formed.

IN CONVENTION.

So much of the Journal of each House of the preceding day as relates to votes cast for United States Senator, was read, and Hon. Hannibal Hamlin having received a majority of all the votes in each House, was declared duly elected Senator in the Congress of the United States for the term of six years, commencing on the fourth of March next.

On motion of Mr. HASKELL of the Senate,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Convention be directed to inform the Governor that Hannibal Hamlin has been duly elected by the Legislature a Senator in Congress from this State for the term of six years, commencing on the fourth day of March next.

The Convention dissolved, and the Senate retired.

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

On motion of Mr. CLARK of Lincoln,

Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk*.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. ALLEN of Orono.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of Jeanne M. Strickland, for deed of a lot of land, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of Mary S. Webb, for pension for minor child, was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Petition of Josiah C. Towle, for authority to improve the navigation of Olamon stream, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 64 of the revised statutes, relating to executors and administrators," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Bill "an act to incorporate the People's Savings Bank in Camden," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Petitions for change of time and place of holding court in Washington county, referred by the House to the Committee on Legal Affairs, came back from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The House adhered on motion of Mr. LYMAN.

Report of the Committee on Towns, with leave to withdraw on petition of John A. Green and others, to be set off from Bluehill to the town of Surry, from the files of the last Legislature.

Report of same Committee, with leave to withdraw on petition, from the files of last Legislature, of inhabitants of Crystal plantation to be annexed to the town of Sherman.

These reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on Treasurer's accounts, came from the Senate, and is as follows:

We have examined the books in the Treasurer's office, and find the accounts correctly cast, properly vouched, and agreeing with his report presented to the Legislature.

We find the amount of cash on hand, December 31, 1874, \$322,185.84. Of the amount, \$52,771.72 in State of Maine bonds and \$4,583.33 in bank bills in the treasurer's office, \$198,687.01 deposited in National banks of this State, and \$66,143.78 in the Suffolk National Bank, Boston, their respective cashiers certifying to the amount in each, agreeable to the accompanying schedule.

The bonds and coupons paid during the past year, coupon bonds received in exchange for registered bonds, and registered bonds surrendered by holders, like amount being re-issued to other parties, we have destroyed by burning and made due record of the fact.

(Signed)

S. A. HOLBROOK,
J. W. PALMER,
EDMUND RUSSELL,
EDWIN REED,
J. L. H. COBB,
ANDREW HAWES,
R. B. SHEPHERD,
AMBROSE WHITE,
WM. G. DAVIS.

January 20, 1875.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence.

A communication was received from the Constitutional Commission, inviting members of the Legislature to make such suggestions in relation to amendment of the Constitution as they deem proper.

Remonstrance of Frank Gilmore and others, against lien on bark;

Bill "an act relating to the meeting of the Grand Jury of Oxford county at the December term of the Supreme Judicial Court;"

Bill "an act in relation to the Supervisor of Schools in the city of Portland;"

Petition of County Commissioners of Knox county, for reimbursement by the State of the expenses of the trial of Charles T. Robbins;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of S. H. Bradley and others, for change of time and place of holding court in Washington county, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of William Gilchrist and others, for an act to make valid the doings of School District No. 3 in St. George ;

Petition of F. E. Nute and others ; and

Petition of David S. Plumly and others, for normal school in northern Maine ;

Were referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of Sebatis Newell and others of Penobscot Indians, for unexpended portion of appropriation of last year for agricultural purposes ;

Petition of Sabatis Dana and others of Penobscot Indians, for repeal of section 1, chapter 103 of resolves of 1867 ;

Petition of Joseph Socabeson, for appropriation to purchase seed for Penobscot Indians ;

Petition of Sabatis Dana, for increase of allowance to widows of Penobscot Indians ;

Remonstrance of Sabatis Dana, against appropriation to build watch house on Oldtown Island ;

Were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Petition of inhabitants of Mero plantation, for incorporation ;

Remonstrance of certain inhabitants, against the same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of D. M. Mortland and others, for compensation to B. C. Mathews for building certain roads in Waldo county ; and

Petition of William Percival and others, in aid of the same ;

Petition of Joseph B. Fletcher and others, for charter to build a bridge over tide waters in Kittery ;

Were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Petition of Luther Maddocks and others, for incorporation of the Menhaden, Marine and Fire Insurance Company, with bill, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of Luther Maddocks, for leave to extend wharf in Boothbay harbor, was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of Selectmen of Brunswick, for act to erect a soldiers' monument in said town, was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bowdoin Paper Manufacturing Company," was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Bill "an act for the protection of fish in Chase's pond," was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Remonstrance of N. W. Bryant and others, against certain legislation to prevent cruelty to animals, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of Thomas H. Getchell, for allowance of claim for furnishing rations to troops in 1874, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Petition of D. L. Kelley, for deed of a lot of land, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. MORTON of Camden, presented "resolve to authorize the county of Knox to procure a loan," which was read twice under suspension of the rules, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, presented the following:

WHEREAS, By a resolve of the Legislature, approved February 27, 1873, the claims of several towns against the State, were referred to the Adjutant General, together with the Governor and Council; therefore,

Ordered, That the Governor and Council be requested to inform the House what action, if any, has been had in regard to the same.

On motion of Mr. STONE of Bridgton,

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House be authorized and instructed to procure the printing of 500 copies additional of the report of the Warden and Inspectors of the State Prison, for the use of this House.

On motion of Mr. RANDALL of Island Falls,

Ordered, That the use of this Hall be tendered to Dr. William Thompson, to-morrow, Friday evening, January 22, for the purpose of delivering a lecture on the creation and progress of man.

Mr. MCGILVERY, from the Committee on Railroads, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to fencing railroads."

The report was read and accepted, and the bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. McGILVERY, from the Committee on Railroads, reported, on petition, bill "an act additional to an act entitled an act to enable the city of Bangor to aid the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company."

Mr. BARRON, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to make valid certain doings of the Assessors and Collector of the town of Naples."

Mr. CLARK, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Trustees of the Lincoln Masonic Fraternity."

Mr. FERNALD, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Waterville Slate Company."

Mr. MITCHELL, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Center Livermore Cheese Company."

Mr. WALDEN, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Elliotsville Star Slate Company."

Mr. ALLAN, from the Committee on Commerce, reported, on petition, bill "an act authorizing George C. Lyman, Newton C. White and associates, to build a wharf in tide waters of Sullivan."

Mr. EDES, from the Committee on Claims, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of the county of Aroostook."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read three times and resolve once, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of the bills, and Wednesday of next week for the second reading of the resolve.

Bill "an act to revive and amend an act to incorporate the Maine Episcopal Missionary Society, and an act additional thereto."

Bill "an act authorizing A. Martin to build and maintain a wharf in the tide waters of Rockport harbor."

Bill "an act to make valid the assessment of taxes in the town of Verona for the year 1874."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Trescott Cheese Association."

Bill "an act to incorporate St. Omar Commandery Knights Templar."

Bill "an act authorizing Augustus C. Savage and others, to construct weirs between Mt. Desert and Bear island."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Sullivan and Hancock Steam Ferry Company."

Bill "an act for the protection of owners of stolen bonds."

These bills were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, the latter amended as per sheets "A" and "B," passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to authorize Joseph Church and Company to extend a wharf into tide waters in the town of Bristol," was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Lane, the Secretary, proposing a Convention of the Legislature in the Hall of the House, at 10 o'clock and 45 minutes A. M., for the purpose of electing a Treasurer of State for the current fiscal year.

The Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, concurring in the proposition for a Convention.

The hour having arrived, the Senate came in, and Convention formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. HOLBROOK of Cumberland,

Messrs. Holbrook and Rounds of the Senate, Vose of Augusta, Sturgis of Auburn, Stevens of West Waterville, Mason of Biddeford and Tolman of Deer Isle, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Treasurer of State.

Mr. HOLBROOK, from the Committee, reported :

Whole number of votes.....	149
Necessary to a choice.....	75
Silas C. Hatch has.....	103
S. W. Hoskins.....	40
Samuel W. Hoskins.....	5
Franklin J. Rollins.....	1

The report was read and accepted, and Silas C. Hatch declared duly elected Treasurer of State for the current fiscal year.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Convention be directed to

notify Silas C. Hatch, that he has been duly elected Treasurer of State for the current fiscal year.

The purpose for which the Convention assembled having been accomplished, it was dissolved, and the Senate retired.

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

On motion,
Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. McCULLY of Hallowell.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of A. S. Bean, for an act to confer additional powers upon the Supreme Judicial Court, relating to railroads, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill "an act to incorporate the National Temperance Camp-Meeting Association;" also

Petition of David W. Campbell and others, for an act to protect the rights of the owners of Petit Menan point in the town of Steuben, with bill; and

Bill "an act to amend section 12, chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to highway surveyors;"

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Eliphalet Thorpe and others, for abolition of the office of Inspector General of Fish, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Fisheries.

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Centennial Board," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Petition of D. W. Campbell and others, for incorporation of the Petit Menan Cranberry Company, with bill, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of George W. Ayer, for State aid, referred by the House to the Committee on Pensions, came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Claims.

The House receded and concurred.

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, inquire into the expediency of reporting a resolve in favor of aid to repair the road from Abbot to Greenville in the county of Piscataquis.

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture be directed to inquire into the expediency of allowing the Maine Poultry Association representation on the Maine Board of Agriculture.

These orders were passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Commerce, reporting, on petition, bill "an act authorizing the Cumberland Bone Company to build a wharf into the tide waters in the town of Boothbay."

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Bill "an act relating to savings banks," was presented by Mr. REED of Bath, and on his motion ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Petition of D. A. Murray and others; and

Petition of J. H. Fisk and others, for normal school in northern Maine;

Were referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of John Pond and others, for incorporation of Woodville, was referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of Newell S. Rumery and others, for change of time and place of holding court in Washington county, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of County Commissioners of Penobscot county, for authority to procure a loan, was referred to the Penobscot County Delegation.

Petition of Thomas Lovely of Castle Hill plantation, for correction of chapter 257, resolves of 1874, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Topsham and Brunswick Twenty-Five Cent Savings Bank," was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. DURELL of Oxford,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 59, chapter 11 of the revised statutes, by striking from said section the following words, "and all necessary travelling expenses."

On motion of Mr. LYMAN of Machias,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire if any additional legislation is necessary in order that contested election cases may be more speedily determined.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. JUDD, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported legislation inexpedient, on order from the last Legislature, inquiring into the expediency of requiring that all bridges hereafter built at an expense of \$2,000 or more, shall be maintained at the expense of the several counties.

The same gentleman reported leave to withdraw on petition of William B. Hayford, for aid to build bridge at Medway, from the files of the last Legislature.

Mr. KEEGAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to promote the efficiency of the police in the city of Portland," from the files of the last Legislature.

Mr. STEVENS, from the same Committee, reported reference to the Committee on Agriculture, on petition of H. A. DeWitt and others, for an act to protect moose.

Mr. PITCHER, from the Committee on Towns, on petition of Nason Ingalls and others, from the files of last year, to set off certain lots from Woodville plantation to Mattawamkeag, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. NORTH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient on order relating to expediency of providing by law for a record of arrivals and departures of persons

in towns and cities, with reference to a saving to said towns and cities as regards the pauper law.

These reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. COBB, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Stedman Slate Company."

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Hubbard and Blake Manufacturing Company."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, and tomorrow assigned for the third reading.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Elliotsville Slate Company."

Bill "an act additional to an act entitled an act to enable the city of Bangor to aid the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Waterville Slate Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Center Livermore Cheese Company."

Bill "an act to make valid certain doings of the assessors and collector of the town of Naples."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Trustees of the Lincoln Masonic Fraternity."

Bill "an act authorizing George C. Lyman, Newton C. White and associates, to build wharf in tide waters at Sullivan."

These bills were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. KEEGAN of Madawaska,

Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

No Chaplain present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of C. L. Small and others of Cherryfield, for change of time and place of holding court in Washington county, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Bill "an act to authorize Charles W. Howard to dredge a bar in Rangely lake, and navigate said lake by steam," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of James Brown and others, for bounty on bears, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Claims.

Bill "an act to incorporate the People's Loan and Building Association," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of increasing powers of Port Wardens in relation to position of vessels in port.

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of so amending section 7, chapter 166 of the acts and resolves of 1874, so that the third line shall read, "shall annually appropriate twenty per cent."

These orders were passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, with ought to pass, in a new draft, on bill "an act additional to an act approved March 24, 1863, entitled 'an act to confer certain powers on the city of Portland.'"

Report of the Committee on Commerce, reporting, on petition, bill "an act authorizing T. L. Roberts to build a wharf into tide waters in the town of Eden."

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with legislation inexpedient, on order in relation to appointment of administrators.

Report of the same Committee, with legislation inexpedient, on memorial of National Board of Trade in relation to corporations.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, reporting same, on order from the last Legislature, relating to standard of weights and measures; also

Reporting leave to withdraw, on petition, from files of the last Legislature, of Frank Ingalls and others, for an act to allow cattle to run at large in Passadumkeag.

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, bills read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, and Monday assigned for the third reading of the former. The latter bill was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. SNOW of Hallowell.

The Joint Special Committee on Temperance, came from the Senate, and was joined on the part of the House, and is as follows:

Messrs. Emery of Hancock,
Russell of Androscoggin,
Palmer of Penobscot, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Wheelwright of Bangor,
Cobb of Lewiston,
Mitchell of Gardiner,
Barnard of Calais,
Butler of Hancock,
Haines of Biddeford,
Eastman of Gorham, *of the House*.

The following communication was received from the Governor:

STATE OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Augusta, January 22, 1875. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

In response to the order of the House, asking what action, if any, has been had by the Governor and Council and Adjutant General on certain claims referred to them by resolve of the Legislature, approved February 27, 1873, I have the honor to inform you that it does not appear from the Journal of the Council of 1873, that any action was taken on the subject in that year.

The Resolve was brought to the attention of the Council of

1874, and the character of the claims partially investigated ; but in consequence of a decided difference of opinion as to their merits, and in view of the fact that their allowance would involve a much larger sum than had been supposed, for the payment of which no appropriation had been made, it was thought proper to remit the claims to the Legislature.

(Signed)

NELSON DINGLEY, Jr.

The foregoing was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting, in response to an order of the House, the names of such corporations as have made returns of stockholders to the office of Secretary of State, which was laid on the table on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

Petition of David Farnsworth and others of Jonesboro', for change of time and place of holding court in the county of Washington ;

Petition of C. S. Leighton and others ; and

Petition of B. L. Smalley and others, for same ;

Remonstrance of David B. Kendall and others, against petition of William Haskell, to make valid the doings of School District No. 2, in Monroe ;

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Leonard Hilton and others, for appropriation to aid in repairing of road in Kingsbury ;

Petition of inhabitants of Frenchville, for aid to build bridge over Gagnon stream ;

Were referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of Magloine Michaud and others, for reimbursement of money collected by the State for lumber cut on their land, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Memorial of the Female Orphan Asylum of Portland, for aid, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. LANE of Monson,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of amending section 148, chapter 6, of the revised statutes, so as to fix a rate per cent. which towns shall not exceed in making abatements on taxes under said section.

On motion of Mr. WHITING of Dixmont,

Ordered, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of providing for a lien on pressed hay, in favor of the persons who perform labor in pressing the same.

On motion of Mr. WARREN of Orneville,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of further legislation in regard to the laws of public schools.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. TEFFT of Brewer,

Ordered, That the use of this Hall be tendered to J. A. Richardson, on Thursday evening next, for the delivery of a lecture on the introduction of water into the towns and cities of this State.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Marginal Railway Company," from the files of the last Legislature.

Mr. VOSE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported leave to withdraw on petition of F. R. Webber, for amendment of the pauper law.

These reports were read and accepted and sent to the Senate.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the East Machias Camp-Meeting Association."

Mr. BARRON, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Calais Trotting Park Association."

Mr. LEAVITT, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Maine State Association for Protection of Fish."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 7, chapter 91 of the revised statutes, in relation to liens on vessels."

Mr. RANDALL, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of John Tucker;" also

Reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Bant Hanson."

Mr. RANDALL also reported from same Committee, on Governor's Address, "resolve in favor of schools in Woodland and Perham plantations."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, resolves once, and Monday assigned for the third reading of the bills, and Wednesday of next week for the second reading of the resolves.

Bill "an act authorizing the Cumberland Bone Company to build a wharf into tide waters in the town of Boothbay," was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Hubbard and Blake Manufacturing Company;" and

Bill "an act to incorporate the Stedman Slate Company;"

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Stedman Railroad Company."

Bill "an act to revive the charter of the Ticonic Bank of Waterville, for certain purposes."

These bills having had three several readings and passed to be engrossed, were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. STEVENS of West Waterville,
Adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M., Monday.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. STRATTON of Augusta,

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, That a Joint Select Committee, consisting of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to consider in what manner the expenses of the State can be reduced.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and Messrs. Atwood of Waldo, Cushing of Knox, and Foster of Oxford, appointed on the part of that branch.

The order was read, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. HAWES of Deering.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, with ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Winterport Cheese and Butter Factory;" also

Reporting same on bill "an act to amend chapter 209, section 4 of the special laws of 1873, in relation to the Maine Poultry Association;" also

Reporting on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Morrill Cheese and Butter Factory Company."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, bills read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Petition of John McIntire and others of Camden, for amendment of sections 28 and 31, chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to meeting-houses, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Luke Sawyer and others; and

Petition of John Wasson and others, for charter for railroad from Augusta to Lewiston;

Were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of E. H. Treat and others, for normal school in northern Maine; and

Petition of Joseph Starret and others, for repeal of the law establishing free high schools;

Were referred to the Committee on Education.

Bill "an act to amend 'an act to incorporate the Martha's Grove Camp-Meeting Association.'"

Petition of J. R. Ames and others, for change of the time and place of holding court in Washington county;

Petition of Henry Clark and others, of Tremont; and

Petition of J. D. Parker and others, for protection of deer on the island of Mt. Desert;

Petition of Selectmen of Amity, for an act to legalize the doings of said town;

Petition of S. E. Bryant and others, for incorporation of the Arundel Mutual Relief Society;

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Putnam Rolfe of Princeton, for bounty on bears; and

Petition of Leonard C. Foster and others, for same;

"Resolve in favor of the town of Lubec and five other towns;"

Were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of Peter P. Hill and others, for repeal of law prohibiting cattle from running at large in Gouldsborough;

Bill "an act to establish the Dexter Park Association;"

Were referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of Henry A. Wood and others, for incorporation of the Wood and Bishop Foundry Company, with bill.

Petition of Edward Partridge and others, for incorporation of the Stockton and Prospect Cheese Factory;

Petition of M. E. Rice, for incorporation of the Bridgewater Cheese Manufacturing Company;

Were referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Saccarappa Savings Bank;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Portland Safe Deposit Company;"

Were referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

"Resolve in favor of Island Falls;"

Petition of J. W. Ambrose, for deed of a lot of land;

Petition of Fernald F. Smith and others, for deed of a lot of land;

Petition of A. F. Owens and others, for conveyance of land ;

Petition of S. E. Benjamin and others ; and

Petition of inhabitants of Crystal plantation, for aid to build a road in said plantation ;

Petition of John Sterling and others, for compensation for labor performed on road in Aroostook county ;

Petition of James Timony and others, for aid to build bridge across east branch in Mattawamkeag ;

Petition of Sabine F. Berry and others, for deed of lot No. 11 in Township 5, Range 3 ;

Petition of inhabitants of Fort Fairfield, for aid to build Aroostook River Railroad ; and

Petition of citizens of Caribou, in aid of the same ;

Petition of Andrew K. Higgins of Oakfield, for deed of a lot of land ;

Were referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of Alonzo Hayward and others, for repeal of the law relating to taking of lobsters, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Bill "an act to prevent fraud in certain cases ;" and

Petition of Portland Stone Ware Company, for an act to increase its capital stock ;

Were referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of D. W. Kincaid and others, for incorporation of a ferry between Cape Elizabeth and Portland, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Petition of D. C. N. Webster, for authority to extend wharf at Eastport ;

Petition of C. H. Haskell and others of Steuben, for authority to extend wharf in said town ;

Petition of Henry B. Cleaves and others, for authority to extend wharf on Little Chebeague island ;

Were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of James Johnson, for pension, was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Petition of A. M. Young and others, to be set off from Hampden to Bangor ; and

Petition of Joshua M. Leighton and others, to be set off from Steuben to Milbridge;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. LAWLER of Baileyville,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending the law as regards damages on highways, so that no person can maintain an action for damages unless the selectmen or road commissioners, or at least one of their number, be previously notified of the defect in said way.

On motion of Mr. NORTH of Augusta,

Ordered, That the same Committee inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to prevent the judges of courts from expressing their opinion on the facts in cases on trial before juries; also

That the same Committee inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to protect the rights of parties in court against the misconduct of juries.

On motion of Mr. CLEAVES of Portland,

Ordered, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending section 65, chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to injuries on highways.

On motion of Mr. KEEGAN of Madawaska,

Ordered, That the same Committee inquire whether any further legislation is necessary in relation to the pay of stenographic reporters of the court for writing out their short-hand reports.

On motion of Mr. VOSE of Augusta,

Ordered, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of providing by statute that the evidence in equity suits may be taken up at the trial courts before the presiding justice, and reported by the official reporter of the court.

On motion of Mr. MERRILL of West Gardiner,

Ordered, That the Committee on Ways and Bridges inquire into the expediency of recommending the passage of a law, providing that all bridges now existing and hereafter required for public travel in this State, on any county road, whose estimated cost be two hundred dollars or more, shall hereafter be built, maintained and kept in repair at the expense of the county in which said bridge or bridges are located.

On motion of Mr. WHITE of Bucksport,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire if any further legislation is necessary for the protection of pedestrians on public highways, and for the prevention of the fast driving of horses within the limits of cities and villages.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. CLEAVES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to the schools in the city of Portland."

The report was read and accepted, and the bill ordered to be printed, on motion of Mr. CLEAVES.

Printed bill "an act relating to fencing railroads," was read twice, and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. RANDALL, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Thomas Ball and William P. Ball;" also

"Resolve in favor of John A. Rowe."

Mr. BARKER, from the same Committee, reported ought to pass, in a new draft, on "resolve in favor of roads passing through Indian Township in Washington county."

The reports were read and accepted, resolves read once, and Wednesday of next week assigned for the second reading.

Bill "an act additional to an act approved March 24, 1863, entitled 'an act to confer certain powers on the city of Portland,'" was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Calais Trotting Park Association;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine State Association for Protection of Fish."

Bill "an act to incorporate the East Machias Camp-Meeting Association."

Bill "an act to amend section 7, chapter 91 of the revised statutes, in relation to lien on vessels."

These bills were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third

Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. MARTIN of Camden,
Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Dr. TEFFT of the House.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, That the Committee on Education consider the subject of compulsory education as the most desirable means to secure a larger attendance upon the public schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of so amending the pauper laws, that the State shall reimburse towns for all necessary expenditures on account of poor who have no legal settlement in this State.

These orders were passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, with ought to pass in a new draft, on bill "an act additional to the several acts establishing the county of Piscataquis;" also

Reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Cranberry Isles Mutual Fish Company;"

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting on petition, bill "an act to amend 'an act entitled an act to incorporate the Presumpscot Park Association,' approved March 23, 1870."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, bills read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting the report of the Superintendent of Common Schools, came from the

Senate, and was read, and the report referred in concurrence to the Committee on Education.

Petition of H. A. Lucas and others, for abolition of the death penalty ;

Bill "an act to amend section 9, chapter 32 of the revised statutes, as to days of grace ;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill "an act relating to assessment of damages for land taken for railroads ;"

Bill "an act to extend the time for the location and completion of the Georges Valley Railroad ;"

Remonstrance of citizens of Caribou, against charter for railroad from the east line of the State to Presque Isle ;

Were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of inhabitants of Blue Hill falls ;

Petition of inhabitants of Mt. Desert ;

Petition of inhabitants of Isle au Haut ;

Petition of William Rumery and others ;

Petition of inhabitants of St. George ;

Petition of N. H. Carver and others ;

Petition of R. L. Bowman and others ;

Petition of inhabitants of Swan's island ;

Petition of J. T. R. Freeman and others of Tremont ;

Petition of William Babbidge and others ; and

Petition of inhabitants of Deer Isle, for repeal of the law for protection of lobsters ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Bill "an act to amend section 15, chapter 72 of the revised statutes, relating to probate courts ;"

Petition of Joseph Farwell and others, for change of law relating to meeting-houses ;

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of John F. Clifford, for division of Auburn ;

Remonstrance of Lucius Packard and others, against the same ;

Petition of Harrison Berry and others, to set off part of Palermo to Liberty ;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of O. B. Quinby, for change of ferry landing in Vinal-haven ;

Remonstrance of Joel Philbrook and others, against same ;
Were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of C. J. Barker and others, for incorporation of the People's Savings Bank in Lewiston, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

"Resolve in favor of Rufus Coffin," was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of Assessors of Deer Isle, for change of valuation of said town, was referred to the Hancock County Delegation.

Petition of the Selectmen of Baldwin, for reimbursement of money expended on county road and bridge in said town, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Petition of J. W. Toward and others, for pension to G. W. Ladd, was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Petition of Augustus Howard and others, for bounty of bears, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of William H. Brown and others, for incorporation of Bald Hill Brick Manufacturing Company, with bill, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. LANE of Monson,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire what further legislation, if any, is needed to secure the speedy construction of roads in cases of urgent public necessity.

On motion of Mr. CLEAVES of Portland,

Ordered, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of further legislation to facilitate and simplify the proceedings in appeals from the decisions of commissioners upon insolvent estates.

On motion of Mr. TEFFT of Brewer,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 124 of the laws of 1873, relating to free high schools, as to authorize the State Treasurer to deduct from the school fund before its apportionment, the amount annually expended by the State for free high schools.

On motion of Mr. GRINDLE of Mt. Desert,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of amending section 1, chapter 124 of the public laws of 1873, in relation to free high schools, by inserting immediately

before the word "December" in the 12th line, the words "June and;" also, of amending section 2, by striking out the word "decline" in the 8th line, and inserting the words "neglect or refuse at its annual meeting;" also, of amending section 5, by inserting after the word "supervision" in the 12th line, the words "of a supervisor chosen by such district or districts; but if such district or districts neglect or decline to choose a supervisor, then such school shall be under the supervision of the superintending school committee of such town;" also, of amending section 8, by inserting immediately before the word "December," in the third line, the words "June and."

On motion of Mr. TEFFT of Brewer,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of so amending our laws in relation to divorce, as to discourage the growing frequency of divorces granted by our courts.

On motion of Mr. HOYT of Fort Fairfield,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims investigate the claims of the town of Fort Fairfield against the State, for money paid the State under the call for soldiers of October, 1863.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Whitefield,

Ordered, That the Committee on Interior Waters inquire into the expediency of amending the law, so that the owners of small waters, who do a business of less than three hundred dollars per year, shall not be allowed the right of flowage only for the time that it is actually required for manufacturing purposes.

On motion of Mr. VOSE of Augusta,

Ordered, That the Committee on Fisheries inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 220 of the private and special laws of 1869.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias,

Ordered, That the Senate concurring, the Committees of the Legislature be instructed to make their final reports on or before the 5th day of February next.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias,

Ordered, That the Clerk publish the proceedings of the House.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Winterport Cheese and Butter Factory;" and

Bill "an act to incorporate the Morrill Cheese and Butter Factory Company ;"

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act relating to fencing railroads," was reported, read the third time, amended as per sheet "A," on motion of Mr. POWERS of Houlton, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 209, section 4 of the special laws of 1873, in relation to the Maine Poultry Association," was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, amended as per sheet "A," on motion of Mr. ROGERS of Windham, and passed to be engrossed.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Trescott Cheese Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the St. Omar Commandery Knights Templar."

Bill "an act to make valid the assessment of taxes in the town of Verona for the year 1874."

Bill "an act authorizing Joseph Church and Company to extend a wharf into tide waters in the town of Bristol."

Bill "an act authorizing A. Martin and Sons to build and maintain a wharf into tide waters of Rockport harbor."

Bill "an act authorizing the Cumberland Bone Company to build a wharf into tide waters in the town of Boothbay."

"Resolve authorizing the county of Knox to procure a loan."

These bills having had three, and the resolve two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills passed to be enacted, the resolve finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act authorizing T. L. Roberts to build a wharf into tide waters in the town of Eden," was taken from the table and assigned for Thursday next, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

Order providing for a Special Committee to consider in what manner the expenses of the State can be reduced, was taken from the table, and refused a passage.

On motion of Mr. BARRON of Topsham,
Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Miss HAYNES of Hallowell.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of David B. Ricker and others, for act of incorporation for granite company, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of George W. Johnson and others, for an act to incorporate the Carrabasset Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons ;

Bill "an act to incorporate the New York and Maine Granite Company ;"

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of the Portland and Rochester Railroad Company, for an act to amend the charter of said company, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Railroads.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Androscoggin Fish Company," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Fisheries.

Bill "an act relating to the Maine Central Institute," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Education.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Forrest Slate Company, in the town of Monson," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Manufactures.

Bill "an act to provide for the taxation of dogs, and the preservation of sheep," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of William F. Desisles and others, for leave to extend a wharf into tide waters in the town of Lamoine, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of John T. Crippin and Owen Byron, for reimbursement on account of failure of title of lands purchased of the State ;

Petition of Orrin Foster and others, for bounty on bears ;

Petition of Simon F. Walker, for payment of services in arresting criminals ;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Claims.

Bill "an act to secure the education of youth in the State of Maine," was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of granting pecuniary aid to the Maine Industrial School for Girls ; also

Ordered, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of so amending the school mill tax, that municipal officers of the several towns in this State, may be notified of the amount due the several towns, as soon as the tax is apportioned to the towns, so the same may be divided by said towns with the other school moneys raised by vote of the towns.

These orders were passed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the towns of Anson, Solon, Lexington, Milford and Bradley," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Claims.

Communication from Hon. S. C. Hatch, Treasurer of State, signifying his acceptance, and transmitting his official bond for approval, came from the Senate, and the same was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of L. H. Hutchinson and others, for an act to establish a Municipal Court for the city of Auburn ;

Bill "an act to incorporate Mystic Tie Lodge Knights of Pythias of Saco ;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of inhabitants of Eastport, for an act to authorize said town to aid the construction of railroads ;

Petition of inhabitants of Eastport, for submission to the people of Washington county the question of the repeal of the Calais Court bill ;

Petition of Jonathan Darling and others, for change of the game laws ;

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of citizens of Perham plantation, for aid to the Aroostook River Railroad ;

Petition of George H. Freeman for conveyance of land ;

Petition of Otis J. Witham of Blaine, for conveyance of land ;

Petition of G. P. Smith and others, for compensation for opening of road in Township 6, Range 4, W. E. L. S. ;

Petition of inhabitants of Oakfield, praying that certain money paid for stumpage be refunded to Thomas Matherson ;

“ Resolve in favor of A. Young ; ” and

“ Resolve in favor of S. P. Bradford ; ”

Were referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of O. W. Davis, for charter for railroad from Milo to Brownville and Sebec ; and

Petition of John U. Hubbard and others, for railroad from Lewiston to Augusta ;

Were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Bill “ an act to incorporate the North Windham Manufacturing Company ; ”

Bill “ an act to incorporate the Monson Pearl Slate Company ; ”

Were referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of M. L. Durgin and others of Milo, for change of the law fixing the width of rims of wheels used on certain roads ; and

Petition of S. H. Macomber and others, for an act to prohibit the use of narrow rimmed wheels in Milo ;

Were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Petition of D. S. Parker and others, for protection of moose ;

Petition of Joseph C. Paine and others, for incorporation of Edgcomb and Newcastle Farmers’ and Mechanics’ Club ; and

Petition of C. H. Whitney and others, for incorporation of the Carmel, Hermon, Hampden and North Newburg Cheese Factory ;

Were referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Bill “ an act to repeal sections 81 and 82, chapter 11 of the revised statutes, relating to Teachers’ Institutes,” was referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of Richard Winslow and others, for an act to regulate the pilotage in and out of Penobscot bay ; and

Petition of Jotham S. Works, for incorporation of the Piper Pond Dam Company ;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Bill “ an act to prevent the double taxation of mortgaged real estate,” was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Frank Straing, for compensation for wood furnished troops at encampment at Bangor, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Bill "an act to authorize U. R. Sawyer to maintain and extend a wharf into the tide water in Milbridge;" and

Petition of William Rice and others, for enlargement of draw in Arrowsic bridge;

Were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of inhabitants of Deer Isle, for repeal of the law for protection of lobsters, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of the President and Directors of North Bank of Rockland, for extension of charter, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Remonstrance of Silas Hawes and others, against discontinuing of the publication of the report of the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Petition of J. H. Bigelow and others, for incorporation of the Livermore Mutual Insurance Company, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. CLEAVES of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of repealing the sheriff act, so called; and if its repeal is regarded impracticable, of so amending the law that the fees and costs under the same may be less burdensome and oppressive.

On motion of Mr. GILMORE of Dedham,

Ordered, That the same Committee so amend sections 60 and 61 of chapter 81, revised statutes, as to give owners of a house on the land of another, in the actual possession of the owner, the benefit of the homestead exemption, provided in said section.

On motion of Mr. HOYT of Fort Fairfield,

Ordered, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of legalizing the doings of the selectmen and assessors of the town of Lyndon in 1874.

On motion of Mr. HAWES of Deering,

Ordered, That the Committee on Railroads inquire if any legislation is needed for the better protection of life on mixed trains.

On motion of Mr. MASON of Biddeford,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the

expediency of repealing or amending chapter 215 of the laws of 1874, relating to notice and actions for damage on ways.

On motion of Mr. HAWES of Deering,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture inquire whether any legislation is needed to secure uniformity in the weight of grain.

On motion of Mr. WHEELWRIGHT of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on Temperance inquire into the expediency of amending section 34, chapter 27 of the revised statutes, by the enactment of a provision similar to the provisions of the United States law for the prevention of smuggling, that "if in transit the teams conveying liquors for illegal sale, known by their owners or employees to be such, shall also be declared contraband and forfeited."

On motion of Mr. DOTEN of Cooper,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of enacting a law allowing towns and plantations of the State that do not and cannot receive any practical benefit from the free high school law, on account of the sparsity of their population and other reasons, and shall raise and expend for the education of their youth any sum not to exceed two hundred dollars in excess of the amount now required by law, shall receive a like sum from the State Treasurer, to be appropriated among the several school districts of such towns and plantations, the same as other school money is apportioned.

On motion of Mr. KIFF of Vinalhaven,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce inquire into the expediency of amending the act of 1874, establishing a ferry between North Haven and Vinalhaven, so as to allow the town of Vinalhaven the privilege of establishing the ferry landing in said town.

On motion of Mr. SNOW of Hallowell,

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Common Schools cause to be printed, 5000 copies of the school laws of Maine, to include the laws of this Legislature, and to send one copy of the same to every city and town in the State.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. MARTIN, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to prevent fraud in certain cases."

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported, on petition, bill "an act to regulate the inspection of fish."

The reports were read and accepted, and the bills ordered to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to amend the act establishing the Cumberland and Oxford Canal Company," from the files of the last Legislature.

The same gentleman reported leave to withdraw, on petition of John A. French, for change of close time on fish in Androscoggin river; also

Reported same, on petition of D. T. Saunders and others, from the files of the last Legislature, for protection of trout in Wilson's pond; also

Reported same, on petition of Franklin Teague, for protection of eels in Damariscotta river and pond, from the files of the last Legislature; also

Reported same, on petition of R. D. Cummings, for protection of trout in Prospect and Stockton, from the files of the last Legislature; also

Reported same, on petition of Warren Leighton, for protection of herring; also

Reported same, on petition of Jonas Green, from the last Legislature, for protection of porgies.

Mr. ROGERS, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to time of killing birds.

Mr. BUCK, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act relating to Insurance and Insurance Commissioner."

These reports were read, accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. HAWES, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of F. Shaw, from the last Legislature, for change of the valuation of Vanceboro.'

Reported same, on petition for change of the valuation of Macwahoc plantation.

These reports were read and accepted.

Mr. HUBBARD, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported, on petition, bill "an act to repeal chapter 287, private and special laws of 1873, relating to cattle running at large in Gouldborough."

Mr. ROGERS, from the same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to establish the Dexter Park Association."

Mr. ALLEN, from the Committee on Commerce, reported, on petition, bill "an act to authorize Benjamin Ryder to extend wharf into tide waters in the town of Islesborough;" also

Reported, on petition, bill "an act to authorize Albert S. Eells to extend a wharf into tide waters of Rockport harbor."

Mr. WHEELWRIGHT, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to authorize Charles Deering to extend his wharf at Bar harbor, East Eden;" also

Reported, on petition, bill "an act authorizing Edward N. Goodwin to build a wharf in York river;" also

Reported, on petition, bill "an act authorizing Nathan Cleaves and Henry B. Cleaves to extend a wharf into tide waters of Casco bay;" also

Reporting, on petition, bill "an act to authorize Luther Maddocks to extend wharf in Boothbay harbor."

Mr. ALLAN, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to authorize inhabitants of Steuben to build and maintain wharf at north side of the bay;" also

Reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to authorize C. B. Paine to maintain a wharf in Eastport."

Mr. COBB, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported ought to pass, in a new draft, on bill "an act to incorporate the Bowdoin Paper Manufacturing Company."

Mr. LYMAN, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported "resolve in relation to printing the reports of the Insurance Commissioner."

Mr. WILSON, from the Penobscot County Delegation, reported, on petition, "resolve to authorize the county of Penobscot to procure a loan."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, resolves once, and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. REED, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported ought to pass, in a new draft, on "resolve in favor of the Maine Centennial Board."

Mr. WHITNEY, from the Committee on Claims, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Charles W. and Mary A. Tibbetts."

The reports were read and accepted, resolves read once, and Wednesday of next week assigned for the second reading.

“Resolve in favor of schools in Woodland and Perham plantations;” and

“Resolve in favor of the county of Aroostook;”

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the second time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

Bill “an act to incorporate the Cranberry Isles Mutual Fish Company.”

Bill “an act additional to acts establishing the county of Piscataquis.”

Bill “an act to amend an act entitled ‘an act to incorporate the Presumpscot Park Association.’”

These bills were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of Bant Hanson.”

“Resolve in favor of John Tucker.”

These resolves were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the second time and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill “an act to incorporate the Elliottsville Star Slate Company.”

Bill “an act to incorporate the Waterville Slate Company.”

Bill “an act additional to an act to enable the city of Bangor to aid the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company.”

Bill “an act authorizing Augustus C. Savage and others to construct weirs between Mt. Desert and Bear island.”

Bill “an act to revise and amend an act to incorporate the Maine Episcopal Missionary Society, and an act additional thereto.”

Bill “an act to incorporate the Sullivan and Hancock Steam Ferry Company.”

Bill “an act to incorporate the Central Livermore Cheese Company.”

Bill “an act to incorporate the Trustees of the Lincoln Masonic Fraternity.”

Bill "an act authorizing George C. Lyman, Newton C. White and their associates, to build a wharf in tide waters at Sullivan."

Bill "an act to make valid certain doings of the assessors and collector of the town of Naples."

These bills having had three several readings and passed to be engrossed, were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. REED of Bath,
Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. PARK of Gardiner.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Unity Park Association," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Agriculture.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Winterport Savings Bank," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Memorial of the President and Directors of the Maine General Hospital, for aid to said hospital, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Petition of the International Steamship Company and others, for repeal of sections 39 and 40, chapter 24 of the revised statutes, in relation to immigrants, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to ways," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Nathaniel French, for amendment of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, relating to insurance, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of the Castine and Ellsworth Railroad Company, for authority to extend its road to Calais and Eastport; and

Petition of Dirigo Slate Company, for authority to increase its capital stock to build a tramway railroad;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of H. D. Coombs and others of Gouldsbrough, for an act to divide said town into voting districts, was referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Petition of John Smith Jr. and others;

Petition of B. L. Blagdon and others;

Petition of Joseph D. Grover and others; and

Petition of F. J. Brookings and others, for the taxation of national securities;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary examine section 1, chapter 71 of the revised statutes, and report what, if any, verbal amendments of the same are necessary.

Ordered, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 215 of the public laws of 1874, so as to read after the words "or person," section 65, chapter 18, revised statutes, "six months" instead of "sixty days."

Ordered, That the Committee on Fisheries inquire into the expediency of changing the close time for taking trout in the tributaries of the Androscoggin river.

These orders were passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Towns, with leave to withdraw, on petitions for the division of Auburn, came from the Senate read and accepted, and was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on the official bond of S. C. Hatch, Treasurer of State, reporting that said bond had been duly examined and was correctly drawn, sureties responsible and sufficient, and recommending its approval.

The report came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bond approved, and was read, accepted, and the bond approved in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. NORTH of Augusta,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the time for the reception and reference of all matters for legislation, except petitions for redress of wrongs and grievances, be and hereby is extended to January 30; and that all matters presented after that date, be referred to the next Legislature without debate.

Petition of C. R. Whidden and others, for incorporation of the Calais Publishing Company;

Petition of Reuben T. Jones, for incorporation of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England;

Bill "an act to incorporate the Calais Red Granite Company;"

Petition of Charles Rolf and others, for lien on bark;

Remonstrance of S. G. Cushman and others, against abolition of the death penalty;

Bill "an act to incorporate the Odd Fellows Mutual Relief Association of Portland;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Remonstrance of the Selectmen of Montville, against division of said town;

Remonstrance of Martin Carr and others, against same;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of Sebattis Mitchell and others of the Penobscot Indians, for aid to support schools;

Petition of same, for aid to complete school-house on Mattanawcook island;

Petition of same, for the payment of the salaries of the Priest, Governor, and Lieutenant Governor of said tribe;

Petition of same, for appropriation to purchase seed for said tribe;

Petition of same, for an appropriation to purchase field notes of the survey of islands of said tribe;

Remonstrance of Sebattis Mitchell and others, against any change in treaties with Penobscot Indians;

Were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Remonstrance of certain inhabitants of Hampden, against

setting off East Hampden to the city of Bangor, was referred to the Committee on Towns.

On motion of Mr. GRINDLE of Mt. Desert,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be directed to investigate the claim of the town of Mt. Desert for money paid the State under the call for soldiers of October, 1863.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. STURGIS of Auburn,

Ordered, That the use of this Hall be granted to the friends of female suffrage during the afternoon and evening of Friday, February 12.

Mr. NORTH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw, on petitions for lien on bark; also

Reported same, on petition of John McIntire and others, for amendment of sections 28 and 31 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to meeting-houses.

The same gentleman reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act additional to chapter 9 of the revised statutes, concerning mortgages and liens."

Mr. COBB, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of D. Wellington and others, for incorporation of the State of Maine Mineral and Stone Company, from the files of the last Legislature.

Mr. PITCHER, from the Committee on Towns, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of inhabitants of Moro plantation, for incorporation as a town.

Mr. ROGERS, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to the right of owners of small water powers to right of flowage.

These reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. BURPEE, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported ought to pass in a new draft, on bill "an act to incorporate the North Wales Slate Company."

Mr. WALDEN, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Prospect and Stockton Cheese Company."

Mr. WEED, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Wytopitlock Lake Dam Company."

Mr. SNOW, from the Committee on Railroads, reported, on petition, bill "an act to extend the time for the location and completion of the Cumberland County Central Railroad."

Mr. RANDALL, from the Committee on Towns, reported bill "an act to incorporate the town of Talmadge, in the county of Washington."

Mr. ALLAN, from the Committee on Commerce, reported, on petition, bill "an act for the extension of the wharf of Dorcas C. N. Webster in Eastport."

Mr. TEFFT, from the Committee on Education, reported ought to pass, bill "an act to incorporate the Trustees of the St. Augustine School for Boys at Topsham."

Mr. BUCK, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Menhaden Fire and Marine Insurance Company."

Printed bill "an act relating to schools in the city of Portland."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Bill "an act to extend a wharf into the tide waters in the town of Islesborough."

Bill "an act authorizing Nathan Cleaves and Henry B. Cleaves to extend a wharf into the tide waters of Casco bay."

Bill "an act authorizing Edmund N. Goodwin to build a wharf in York river."

Bill "an act to authorize inhabitants of Steuben to build and maintain a wharf at north side of the bay."

Bill "an act to authorize Charles B. Paine to build a wharf in Eastport."

Bill "an act to authorize Luther Maddocks to extend wharf in Boothbay harbor."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bowdoin Paper Manufacturing Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Dexter Park Association."

Bill "an act to authorize Albert S. Eells to extend a wharf into tide waters of Rockport harbor."

Bill "an act to authorize Charles Deering to extend his wharf at Bar harbor, East Eden."

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 287 of the private laws of 1873, relating to cattle running at large in the town of Gouldsborough."

"Resolve to authorize the county of Penobscot to procure a loan."

"Resolve in relation to printing the reports of the Insurance Commissioner."

The foregoing were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read the third, resolves the second time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act additional to an act approved March 24, 1863, entitled an act to confer certain powers on the city of Portland."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Hubbard and Blake Manufacturing Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Morrill Cheese and Butter Factory Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Winterport Cheese and Butter Factory."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Stedman Slate Company."

These bills having had three several readings and passed to be engrossed, were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act authorizing T. L. Roberts to build a wharf into tide waters in the town of Eden," was taken from the table.

Mr. CLEAVES of Portland, moved the bill be indefinitely postponed, and the House ordered that the question be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken, was decided in the negative, by yeas 54, nays 72.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Anderson,	Haines,	McKenney,
Barnard,	Hall,	Milliken,
Barron,	Haley,	Moody,
Bearce,	Harris,	Moulton of Scarboro',
Bray,	Hawes,	Nadeau,
Butler of Avon,	Kiff,	North,
Cleaves,	Lamb,	Page,
Crosby,	Leavitt,	Payne,
Davis,	Locke,	Parker,
Eastman,	Lyman,	Pease,
Folsom,	Mason,	Pillsbury,
Gile,	McIntire,	Randall,

Sawyer,	Taylor,	Walden,
Shapleigh,	Tefft,	Watts,
Smith of Jonesport,	Tolman,	Weed,
Stratton,	Trickey,	Wentworth,
Talbot,	True,	Whitcomb,
Tapley,	Vose,	Withee—54.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Fogg,	Porter,
Allen of Brooklin,	Gilmore,	Purinton,
Baker,	Grindle,	Reed,
Barker,	Hanson,	Roberts,
Blanchard,	Harmon,	Rogers,
Brackett,	Heald,	Sanders,
Buck,	Hoyt,	Shepherd,
Burnham,	Jones,	Simpson,
Burpee,	Judd,	Snow,
Butler of Hancock,	Lane,	Stanley,
Clark of Lincoln,	Lawler,	Stowe,
Clark of Wiscasset,	Little,	Sturgis,
Cobb,	Lyford,	Tinkham,
Colson,	Macomber,	Wade,
Conant,	Martin,	Wagg,
Cunningham,	McGilvery,	Wakefield,
Dodge,	Merrill, W. Gardiner,	Warren,
Doten,	Mitchell,	Webster,
Dprrell,	Moulton of Lagrange,	Wheeler,
Dutton,	Montgomery,	Wheelwright,
Eaton,	Nutter,	White,
Evans,	Oak,	Whitney of Dixmont,
Ferguson,	Pinkham,	Wiggin,
Fernald,	Pitcher,	Woodbury—72.

The bill was then read the third time, amended as per sheet "A," on motion of Mr. TAPLEY of Saco; also

As per sheet "B," on motion of Mr. CLEAVES of Portland; and

Further amended as per sheet "C," on motion of Mr. LEAVITT of Eastport;

And, as amended, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. LAWLER of Baileyville,
Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. PECKHAM of Hallowell.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Remonstrance of B. M. Hight and others; and

Remonstrance of Daniel Brown and others, against reducing the number of copies of the report of the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, to be printed at expense of the State;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

“Resolve in favor of Linneus and Smyrna;” and

Petition of Thomas Kennedy, for payment of expense incurred in taking care of a State pauper;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Claims.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to devise some legislation which will compel a better observance of the statute defining the duties of town officers, relating to recording births, deaths and marriages, as set forth in chapter 59 of the revised statutes.

Ordered, That the same Committee inquire whether any further legislation be necessary to protect purchasers from the State, of lands in unincorporated places, sold for State taxes.

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire what, if any, change is needed in the course of study prescribed for the normal schools.

These orders were passed in concurrence.

Order directing the Superintendent of Common Schools to publish the school laws, passed by the House, came from the Senate amended, by providing that a copy shall be sent to the several town clerks, municipal officers and superintending school committees of the towns.

The amendment was adopted, and the order passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, with leave to withdraw, on petition of Stephen D. Jillson and others, for authority to take water from Moose pond in Otisfield.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Maine State Pure Blood Jersey Stock Association."

Report of the Committee on Commerce, reporting, on petition of David Bugbee and others, bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor and Ellsworth Steamboat Company."

Report of the Committee on Towns, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the town of Medway."

Report of the Joint Special Committee on Maine State Year Book, reporting "resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and bills and resolve passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, resolve once, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of the bills, and Wednesday of next week assigned for the second reading of the resolve.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting county estimates of the several counties in this State, was received, and the estimates referred to the Committee on County Estimates.

Petition of E. H. Hayden, for deed of a lot of land in Township No. 9, Range 6; and

"Resolve in favor of J. L. Young;"

Were referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of Ira Johnson, Jr., for normal school at Bridgton, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of C. A. Russ and others, for repeal of law relating to lobsters ; and

Petition of Charles O. Kilburn and others, for an act to prohibit the taking of fish in Otter pond in Bridgton ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Remonstrance of Nathan White and others of Dalton, against changing the name of said town, was referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of W. F. Hallett and others, for railroad from Lewiston to Augusta, was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of Assessors of Lakeville plantation, for reimbursement of State tax, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of J. B. Warren, for repeal of the Calais Court bill, was referred to the next Legislature.

Credentials of Mitchell Paul Susup, delegate of the Penobscot Indians, was referred to the Committee on Indians Affairs.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Gray,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of so amending paragraph 5, section 6, chapter 6, revised statutes, so that all neat stock, less than three years old, shall be exempt from taxation.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of giving to movers of buildings a lien thereon, in the same manner as is now given to builders and repairers thereof.

On motion of Mr. PILLSBURY of Farmington,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire and report what additional legislation, if any, is required to enable holders of bills of banks for which receivers have been appointed under the law, to realize dividends from the assets of such banks sometime during their lives, if they live to common age of man.

On motion of Mr. KIFF of Vinalhaven,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be directed to investigate the claim of the town of Vinalhaven against the State, for money paid the State under the call for soldiers of October, 1863.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. TEFFT of Brewer,

Ordered, That the use of this Hall be tendered for a public and

free lecture, to be delivered by Rev. George Forsyth, A. M., on the evening of February 3, on the subject of modern aristocracy.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Bangor,

Ordered, That Llewellyn J. Morse, a member of this House from the city of Bangor, be excused from further attendance at this session of the Legislature.

Mr. CLARK, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to amendment of the divorce laws; also

Reported same, on order relating to damage to land holders on the location of town roads; also

Reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to prevent the double taxation of mortgaged real estate."

Mr. ANDERSON, from the same Committee, reported leave to withdraw, on petition for change of time and place of holding court in the county of Washington.

Mr. BARRON, from the same Committee, reported reference to the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of Joseph Farwell, for change of the law relating to meeting-houses; also

Reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to protection of pedestrians on public highways, and for the prevention of fast driving within the limits of cities and villages.

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported same, on order relating to damages on highways.

Mr. STEVENS, from the same Committee, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to secure the payment of laborers upon railroads;" also

Reported leave to withdraw, on petition of J. E. Brainard and others, for an act to make sections 17 and 18 of chapter 124 of the revised statutes, applicable to shows and fairs of incorporated agricultural societies.

Mr. MILLIKEN, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported same, on petition of Dennis Gatchell and others, for reimbursement for money paid for stumpage on lands owned by the State.

Mr. JUDD, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported same, on petition of Cape Elizabeth, for a highway in the tide waters of Portland harbor.

These reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. STURGIS, from the Committee on Insane Hospital, reported, on order, bill "an act to repeal chapter 187 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the Insane Hospital."

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill "an act to amend chapter 113 of the revised statutes."

These reports were read and accepted, and the bills ordered to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Printed bill "an act to prevent fraud in certain cases," was read twice, amended as per sheets "A" and "B," and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Printed bill "an act to regulate the inspection of fish."

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition, reported bill "an act authorizing the Continental Mills to reduce the par value of its stock, and to issue new shares."

Mr. MASON, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Arundel Mutual Relief Society;" also

Reported, on order, bill "an act to legalize the doings of School District No. 4 in the town of Lamoine."

Mr. CLARK, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to make valid the doings of School District No. 2 in the town of Monroe."

Mr. POWERS, from the same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the National Temperance Camp-Meeting Association."

Mr. LEAVITT, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act authorizing the inhabitants of Eastport to vote aid towards building a railroad from tide waters in said town to connect with Shore Line Railroad."

Mr. ANDERSON, from the same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Martha's Grove Camp-Meeting Association."

Mr. BARRON, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to protect the rights of the owners of Petit Menan point in the town of Steuben."

Mr. WEED, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Mattawamkeag Boat Company."

Mr. WEBSTER, from the same Committee, reported, on petition,

bill "an act to authorize Mellen Gilmore and Luther V. Gilmore to build a wharf and pier in Eddington and Brewer;" also

Reported, on petition, bill "an act additional to an act entitled an act to supply the city of Bangor with pure water."

Mr. REED, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Saccharappa Savings Bank;" also

Reported ought to pass, in a new draft, on bill "an act to incorporate the Portland Safe Deposit Company."

Mr. WHEELWRIGHT, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to renew the charters of the Eastern Bank and the Mercantile Bank of Bangor, and the North Bank of Rockland."

Mr. LITTLE, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Edgecomb and Newcastle Farmers' and Mechanics' Club."

Mr. MACOMBER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of John Sterling."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, resolve once, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of the bills, and Wednesday of next week for the second reading of the resolve.

Mr. WEBSTER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported, on petition, bill "an act to empower the town of Brewer to establish wharf limits."

The report was read and accepted, and the bill tabled, on motion of Mr. WILSON of Bangor.

Bill "an act relating to the schools in the city of Portland," was read the third time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. CLEAVES of Portland.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Wytopotlock Lake Dam Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Prospect and Stockton Cheese Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the North Wales Slate Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Menhaden Fire and Marine Insurance Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Trustees of the St. Augustine School for Boys at Topsham."

Bill "an act for the extension of the wharf of Dorcas C. N. Webster in Eastport."

Bill "an act to incorporate the town of Talmadge in the county of Washington."

Bill "an act to extend the time for the location and completion of the Cumberland County Central Railroad."

These bills were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve in favor of the county of Aroostook;" and

"Resolve in favor of schools in Woodland plantation;"

Were taken from the table, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the East Machias Camp-Meeting Association."

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Presumpscot Park Association,' approved March 23, 1870."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 209, section 4 of the special laws of 1873, in relation to the Maine Poultry Association."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cranberry Isles Mutual Fish Company."

Bill "an act to amend section 7, chapter 91 of the revised statutes, in relation to liens on vessels."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine State Association for Protection of Fish."

Bill "an act additional to the several acts establishing the county of Piscataquis."

These bills having had three several readings and passed to be engrossed, were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. JONES of Gardiner.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Lane, its Secretary, informing the House that in the absence of the President, Hon. L. A. Emery had been chosen President *pro tempore*.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill "an act amendatory of, and additional to, an act entitled an act additional to 'an act to incorporate the Portland and Ogdensburg Railroad Company,'" was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of J. F. Stetson and others, for leave to build a wharf in Camden harbor, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Commerce.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 1, chapter 125, public laws of 1873.

Ordered, That the same Committee ascertain what further legislation is necessary to protect executors in the payment of legacies where the legatee has deceased, and where it cannot be ascertained whether the legatee is living or not.

Ordered, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of so amending section 48, chapter 82 of the revised statutes, that the time allowed for filing account in set off in the Supreme Judicial Court, may be extended to any number of days or during term.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 255 of the public laws of 1874.

These orders were passed in concurrence.

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to furnish this Legislature with a detailed statement of all appropriations and

donations of money granted by the Legislature of this State for the last five years, and for what purposes granted.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and was read, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. SNOW of Hallowell.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, with reference to the next Legislature, on bill "an act to authorize Charles W. Howard to dredge a bar in Rangely lake and navigate said lake by steam."

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, with leave to withdraw, on petition of Railroad Commissioners for payment of certain claims, from the files of the last Legislature.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with legislation inexpedient, on the report of the Attorney General.

Report of the same Committee, making same report, on order relating to amendment of section 59, chapter 11 of the revised statutes, by striking out the words, "and all necessary travelling expenses."

These reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, reporting, on petition, bill "an act in aid of the Northern Aroostook River Railroad Company."

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Bluehill Granite Company;" also

Reporting, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Woodbine Cemetery Association."

Report of the Committee on Education, with ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to the Maine Central Institute."

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Petit Menan Cranberry Company."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, bills read twice, the latter amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, and Monday assigned for their third reading.

Bill "an act to authorize Charles Deering to extend his wharf at Bar harbor, East Eden," passed to be engrossed by the House,

came back from Senate amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded, adopted amendment "A," and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Petition of Henry Ward, for divorce, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Bill "an act authorizing pensions to soldiers' and seamen's orphans in Female Orphan Asylum of Portland, and Children's Home in Bangor," was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Bill "an act to legalize the doings of Louis M. Partridge of Stockton, as justice of the peace and quorum," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of John W. Hilton and others, for charter for railroad from Lewiston to Augusta, was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of C. H. Doughty and others, for incorporation of the Maysville Slate Company; and

Petition of Amos J. Osgood and others, for incorporation of the Cumberland Center Agricultural Society;

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Selectmen of Thorndike, for incorporation of the Thorndike Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of Benjamin Smith of Appleton, for pension, was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Petition of N. J. Vaneter Weyde and others, for an act to allow residents of Hurricane island to vote on said island, was referred to the Committee on Towns.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company;" and

Bill "an act to incorporate the York Brick Company;"

Were referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of A. Wiren, for deed of a lot of land; and

Petition of David Doe, for deed of a lot of land;

Were referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of Nelson Mullen of North Haven, for leave to build a wharf in said town; and

Petition of Ira D. Sturgis and others, for an act to compel the widening of draw in the Arrowsic toll bridge;

Were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Petition of Helen M. Merrill for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

On motion of Mr. VOSE of Augusta,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of amending section 33 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, by adding after the word "judge" in the third and sixth lines of said section, the words "or the official reporter of the court."

On motion of Mr. GILMORE of Dedham,

Ordered, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of giving a person who labors on a farm a lien on the production of said farm.

On motion of Mr. KEEGAN of Madawaska,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads inquire into the expediency of reporting aid to road through Township Letter F and Hamlin plantation; also

Ordered, That the same Committee inquire into the claims of Desire Violette, John Parent, William Hartt, Joseph Dubay and Jeremiah Dubay, for lots of land, and report thereon.

On motion of Mr. NADEAU of Fort Kent,

Ordered, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of reporting a resolve in aid of building a bridge over the Ouilette stream in St. Francis.

On motion of Mr. MERRILL of West Gardiner,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of recommending the repeal of the public laws of 1873, relating to free high schools.

On motion of Mr. CLARK of Lincoln,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 301 of the resolves of 1874.

On motion of Mr. FERNALD of Wilton,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be directed to investigate the claim of Eustis plantation against the State, for money paid the State under the call for soldiers of October, 1863.

On motion of Mr. TOLMAN of Deer Isle,

Ordered, That the same Committee investigate the claim of the town of Deer Isle against the State, for money paid the State for soldiers under the call of October, 1863.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. REED, from the Committee on Ways and Means, presented bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of the government;" and, on his motion, the same was ordered to be printed.

Mr. WHITNEY, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Carmel, Hermon, Hampden and North Newburgh Cheese Factory."

Mr. VOSE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on petition, bill "an act to make valid the doings of the town of Amity."

Mr. RANDALL, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Crystal plantation in the county of Aroostook;" also

Reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Sarah J. Vance;" also

Reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Etta W. Sprague."

Mr. MILLIKEN, from the same Committee, reported, on petition of Leonard Hilton and others, "resolve in favor of the town of Kingsbury."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, resolves read once, and Monday assigned for the third reading of the bills, and Wednesday of next week for the second reading of the resolves.

Bill "an act authorizing the Continental Mills to reduce the par value of its stock, and to issue new shares;" and

Bill "an act to prevent fraud in certain cases;"

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and laid on the table, the former by Mr. SNOW of Hallowell, and the latter by Mr. TEFFT of Brewer.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Saccarappa Savings Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Portland Safe Deposit Company."

Bill "an act to renew the charters of the Eastern Bank and the Mercantile Bank both of Bangor, and the North Bank of Rockland."

Bill "an act authorizing the inhabitants of the town of Eastport to vote aid towards building a railroad from tide waters in said town to connect with any shore line railroad."

Bill "an act to protect the rights of owners of Petit Menan point in the town of Steuben."

Bill "an act to incorporate the National Temperance Camp-Meeting Association."

Bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Martha's Grove Camp-Meeting Association."

Bill "an act to authorize Mellen Gilmore and Luther V. Gilmore to build wharf and pier."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Mattawamkeag Boat Company."

Bill "an act additional to an act entitled 'an act to supply the city of Bangor with pure water.'"

Bill "an act to legalize the doings of School District No. 4 in the town of Lamoine."

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of School District No. 2 in the town of Monroe."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Edgecomb and Newcastle Farmers' and Mechanics' Club."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Arundel Mutual Relief Society."

Bill "an act to regulate the inspection of fish."

These bills were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

A communication was received from L. J. Morse, resigning his position on the Committee on Railroads, which was accepted.

The SPEAKER appointed Mr. Barron of Topsham, to fill the vacancy.

On motion of Mr. MARTIN of Camden,
Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. THOMAS of Gardiner.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of Warren Hatheway and others, for incorporation of the Washington County Masonic Relief Association, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Thomas Hutchins and others, for bounty on bears, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Claims.

Bill "an act to regulate the rate of interest," came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The House non-concurred, and referred the same to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Ordered, That the Committee on Fisheries be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 2, chapter 157 of the private and special laws of 1874.

Ordered, That the Committee on Fisheries inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 248 of the public laws of 1874.

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be requested to inquire into the necessity of legislation to enable the Land Agent to complete sales of all State lands.

Ordered, That the Committee on Ways and Bridges inquire into the expediency of the law imposing on towns the expense of building and maintaining bridges on county roads.

The foregoing orders were read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Towns, with reference to the next Legislature, on petition to set off part of Hampden to the city of Bangor.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, with ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Unity Park Association."

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads,

reporting, on order, "resolve in aid of repairing the road from Abbot to Greenville in the county of Piscataquis."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, bill and resolve read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, resolve once, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of the bill, and Wednesday of next week for the second reading of the resolve.

Petition of J. C. Leighton and others, of Columbia, for repeal of the Calais Court bill;

Petition of Henry T. Knowles and others, to be set off from No. 7, Range 5, to Moro plantation;

Were referred to the next Legislature.

Petition of George W. Kallock, for deed of lot of land;

Petition of John Ryan, of Dalton, for deed of a lot of land;

Were referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads under suspension of the Rules.

Mr. POWERS, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on petition, bill "an act to amend section 146 of chapter 6, revised statutes, relating to abatement of taxes."

The report was read and accepted, and the bill ordered to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. POWERS, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 15, chapter 72 of the revised statutes, relating to probate courts."

The report was read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. LITTLE, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported, on petition from the last Legislature, bill "an act to incorporate the Bristol Agricultural Society and Farmers' Club."

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 113 of the revised statutes."

Mr. OAK, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Daniel L. Kelley."

Mr. BARKER, from the same Committee, reported, on petition of Freeman Ball and others, "resolve in favor of Richard D. Porter;" also

Reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Shepard I. Higgins."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, resolves once, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of the bills, and Wednesday of next week for the second reading of the resolves.

Bill "an act in aid of Northern Aroostook Railroad Company," was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. TEFFT of Brewer.

Bill "an act relating to the Maine Central Institute."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Woodbine Cemetery Association."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bluehill Granite Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Petit Menan Cranberry Company."

These bills were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, the latter being amended as per sheet "A."

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the town of Amity;" and

Bill "an act to incorporate the Carmel, Hermon, Hampden and North Newburgh Cheese Factory;"

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. LYMAN of Machias,
Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. THOMAS of Gardiner.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting the report of the Railroad Commissioners, which was read and the report referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of Augustus Welt and others, for incorporation of the Waldoboro' Savings Bank, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Petition of Augustus Welt, for an act to prevent the erection of fish weirs in Medomak river, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of E. A. Mitchell and others, G. W. Ryerson and others, Selectmen and others, of Newry, George Burnham and others, for repeal of the law authorizing the town of Bethel to collect toll on the bridge over Androscoggin river, were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Bill "an act relating to assessment of State tax of West Water-ville for 1873;" and

Bill "an act to further regulate appeals from the probate courts in certain cases and for other purposes;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Remonstrance of John Greely and others, against setting off part of the town of Palermo to the town of Liberty, was referred to the Committee on Towns.

On motion of Mr. SNOW of Hallowell,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Prison be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 9, chapter 133 of the laws of 1873, so as to give the Inspectors of State Prison authority to transfer prisoners from one jail to another.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. POWERS, from the Committee on Elections, on remonstrance of Chapman N. Reed against the right of John Montgomery to a seat in this House, reported as follows:

MAJORITY REPORT.

AUGUSTA, February 2, 1875.

The undersigned of the Committee on Elections, to which was referred the remonstrance of Chapman N. Reed of Boothbay, against the right of John Montgomery of said Boothbay, to a seat in this House, as Representative from the District comprising the towns of Boothbay, Southport and Westport, having heard the parties, their witnesses and evidence, and carefully examined the same, submit the following report thereof and their conclusions thereon.

The returns from the above named towns to the Secretary of State of the votes for Representative to the Legislature, are as follows :

BOOTHBAY—John Montgomery, 165		Chapman N. Reed, 161	Chapman Reed, 8
			C. N. Reed, 4
			Chap. N. Reed, 5
			Chap. Reed, 2
			C. H. Fisher, 1
SOUTHPORT—John Montgomery, 13		Chapman N. Reed, 18	
WESTPORT—John Montgomery, 27		Chapman N. Reed, 12	
		<u>205</u>	<u>191</u>
			<u>20</u>

Adding these returns, we find that John Montgomery has 205, and Chapman N. Reed 191 votes, without counting for him any of the remaining twenty votes thrown in Boothbay, of which he claims that nineteen were cast for him. Counting the nineteen for him, he will have 210, a majority of *five*.

The controversy in this case, or question to be decided, is this : Shall all, or a sufficient number to give him a majority of the before mentioned 19 votes, be counted for Chapman N. Reed ? In determining this, we are necessarily led to examine and decide whether or not the several voters at the time they deposited these nineteen votes, *intended* to vote and believed they were voting for Chapman N. Reed.

Several witnesses testified, and it was not denied, that there is no other man in the district by the name of Chapman Reed, Chatman Reed, Chap. N. Reed, Chat. N. Reed, or whose initials are C. N. Reed, or by any other name to which these votes could apply ; and that the contestant, Chapman N. Reed, was the regular nominee of the democratic party.

Nineteen ballots were produced before the Committee by Mr.

Reed, who testified that he received them from the Selectmen of Boothbay on the evening of the election of last September, and that they were delivered to him as the nineteen votes not counted for him, but he would not swear that they were the same ones from which the Selectmen made their returns or that they were ever in the ballot box ; yet he would and did swear that they were the identical votes delivered to him by the Selectmen.

Gilman P. Hodgdon testified, that he was one of the Selectmen of Boothbay, and presided at the polls at the last September election ; that on the evening of election, he gave to Reed the nineteen ballots from which he and the other Selectmen made up the returns of the nineteen scattering votes that Reed claimed were intended for him, and he believed that the ballots before the Committee were the identical ones he gave Reed ; but could not explain why the vote for Representative on these ballots did not agree with the returns. From this evidence and from the testimony of some eight other witnesses, who identified the ballots cast by them from among those produced, we are of the opinion that those nineteen ballots are in fact the very ballots from which the Selectmen made their return of the nineteen scattering votes before mentioned. Four of these are democratic ballots and fifteen republican. We believe an examination of the four democratic votes furnishes sufficient proof that the voters who threw them intended to vote for Chapman N. Reed for Representative, as we think the name of the Representative, as it is written upon them, may be read Chapn. N. Reed, an abbreviation of but two letters in the first name.

Thomas Boyd, testified, that he wrote the four votes for C. N. Reed, cast one himself, gave one to a man by the name of Reed and saw him put it in the box, and that he intended them all for Chapman N. Reed.

Levi N. Auld, testified, that he threw the vote for C. N. Reed for representative, with the county commissioner's name cut out of the ballot, and that he intended to vote for Chapman N. Reed.

An examination of the four votes for C. N. Reed, proves they are all in one hand writing, and as Thomas Boyd testifies that he wrote them all, intending them for the contestant, and as C. N. Reed are the initials for Chapman N. Reed, and as there is no other man in the District to whom they can apply, we respectfully submit they should be counted for him.

James C. Poole testifies, that he cast the vote for representative Chat. N. Reed That he had heard the contestant called "Chat," and supposed that was his name, that he intended to vote for Chapman N. Reed.

Willis W. Palmer testified, that he wrote and threw the vote for Chatman Reed, on the ballot which has the name of Leander Mor-ton erased, and that he intended to vote for Chapman N. Reed.

Capt. Wetherby Lewis testified, that he wrote the remaining two votes for Chatman Reed, and threw one of them, that he intended them for Chapman N. Reed ; that he did not know his name was Chapman N. Reed at the time he wrote the votes, and that was how he happened to make the mistake. There was no evidence as to who threw the remaining vote for Chatman Reed.

Willard Lewis testified, that he cast one of the votes for Chap. Reed, with Willard Deering's name as candidate for sheriff erased from the ballot, and that he intended it for Chapman N. Reed. There is no evidence who threw the other vote written Chap. Reed.

F. J. Houlton testified, that he threw one of the five votes for Chapman Reed, that he intended to vote, and believed he was voting for the contestant, Chapman N. Reed.

Frank Fisher, in his affidavit, which is herewith submitted, states that on Monday, September 14th, he wrote and circulated votes for Chapman Reed, intending them for Chapman N. Reed. There was no evidence who threw the remaining four votes written Chapman Reed.

It fully appeared that all the aforesaid witnesses were legal voters in and residents of Boothbay.

Mr. Reed, the contestant, testified, that Mr. Montgomery said to him at the close of the election, while they were standing at the left of the desk, just after the votes were counted, that he had no doubt those nineteen votes were intended for him.

Mr. John K. Cary testifies, that he heard Montgomery make this statement, and that he heard him also say he was willing they should be counted for him, but he could not swear that he heard all the conversation, or to whom Mr. Montgomery spoke when he said he was willing they should be counted for Reed.

Mr. Montgomery denies making these statements, and testifies as follows: "Reed said to me, he thought these scattering votes were intended for him. I told him I did not know but they were

—I said so because I did not wish to argue the point—I did not express any belief that they were intended for him, for all I knew about these votes led me to think different. I do not know for whom they were intended. I know of no man the names correspond to except Chapman N. Reed. I know of no man for whom they were intended.”

We believe the foregoing is a pretty full and fair report of all the evidence before the Committee which is material or pertinent to the issue. There was no suggestion of any fraudulent or illegal voting, and we see no reason to doubt that everything pertaining to the election of a Representative from this district was conducted fairly and honestly.

We believe that the nineteen scattering votes originated from clerical errors, and a misapprehension of the candidate's real and full name. It is a truth too well known to be disputed, that voters are not infrequently unacquainted with the full or real names of all the candidates upon their ballots.

The Governor and Council have no discretion under the law, and no authority to correct any errors or mistakes or in any way vary from the written returns in ascertaining to whom they shall send the certificate of an election to the Legislature.

But this House, by virtue of the Constitution, is the sole judge of the qualifications and election of its members. From that decision there is no appeal. We submit, then, that no party prejudice or bias ought in the least to control our judgment while exercising this Constitutional right; that in determining who should occupy a seat here we should earnestly endeavor thus to decide, that the candidate who was the real choice of a majority of the district he claims to represent should be declared elected; that no technical quibbles, clerical errors or mistakes, when the real intention of the voter is apparent, should ever deprive a man of his right to represent a district here when it is evident that a majority of the legal votes were intended for him. Guided by these views, and having endeavored to so consider and weigh the evidence in this case as to do justice in the premises, we are led to the conclusion and belief that the nineteen votes heretofore referred to were thrown by legal voters of the town of Boothbay; that these legal voters, at the time they deposited their ballots, supposed that they were voting for the contestant, Chapman N. Reed, for Representative to the Legislature, and that they hon-

estly intended to cast their votes for him, we therefore submit the following resolves :

Resolved, That Chapman N. Reed, having a majority of the legal votes in the district aforesaid, is entitled to a seat in this House.

Resolved, That John Montgomery, not having a majority or plurality of the legal votes of the District aforesaid, is not entitled to a seat in this House.

LLEWELLYN POWERS,
NATHAN CLEAVES,
SETH D. WAKEFIELD,
JOHN A. BUCK,
LUTHER T. MASON.

Mr. CLARK, from the Minority of the Committee on same remonstrance, reported as follows :

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. }
February 2, 1875. }

The undersigned, of the Committee on Elections, to whom was referred the remonstrance of Chapman N. Reed against the right of John Montgomery to a seat in this House, from the Representative District composed of Boothbay, Southport and Westport, in the county of Lincoln, after a careful and thorough investigation of the allegations and proofs of the contestant, and the proofs of the sitting member, find the whole number of votes polled at last September election in said District to be 418 for both candidates for Representatives, in the towns, and for candidates, as follows :

In Boothbay	{	For John Montgomery.....	165	
		Chapman N. Reed	161	
		Chapman Reed	8	
		C. N. Reed.....	4	
		Chap. N. Reed	5	
		Chap. Reed	2	
		C. N. Fisher.....	1	
				346
In Westport	{	For John Montgomery.....	29	
		Chapman N. Reed	12	
				41
In Southport	{	For John Montgomery.....	13	
		Chapman N. Reed	18	
				31
Total number of votes cast.....			418	

And we further find that out of this number John Montgomery has a plurality of 16 votes.

The contest is all about the scattering votes thrown in the town of Boothbay, there being twenty of them. Chapman N. Reed, the contestant, claims that nineteen of this number were intended for him by the voters who cast the ballots, which, if allowed, would give him a majority of one vote, and three votes more than the sitting member. To substantiate his claim to have the nineteen scattering votes cast in the town of Boothbay counted for him, the contestant puts upon the stand Thomas Boyed, Westbrook Lewis, Willis W. Palmer, James C. Poole, F. J. Houlton, Willard Lewis, Levi Auld and Charles C. Luce, eight in number, and all admitted to have had a voting residence in, and to have been legal voters in Boothbay.

These eight witnesses testified in substance, that they each cast one of the twenty scattering votes, and for Representative, intended to vote for the contestant, Chapman N. Reed. There was also before the Committee, the affidavit of one Frank Fisher, in which he stated that he threw one of the scattering votes in Boothbay, but intended at the time to vote for Chapman N. Reed.

So, that, admitting the affidavit of Fisher to be evidence, we have evidence of nine, and nine only, of the nineteen who threw scattering votes who intended them for Chapman N. Reed. To allow the other ten scattering votes thrown in Boothbay to be counted for Chapman N. Reed, without the testimony of the voters themselves that they intended to so vote, might not only be changing *ex parte* the manifest intention of the voter himself, but would be, in our opinion, a very careless way, to say the least, of handling so sacred a thing as the ballot.

We therefore conclude, that allowing Chapman N. Reed the votes of the nine whose testimony was before your Committee, the sitting member, John Montgomery, was elected by a plurality of nine votes, and should hold his seat.

W. C. CLARK,
GEO. BARRON,
Of Committee on Elections.

Mr. POWERS, from the same Committee, on remonstrance of John Millett, against the right of Nelson Vickery to a seat in this House, made the following report:

right to vote ; but we do not think that the evidence was sufficient to prove any of them were illegal votes.

It was also shown by said Vickery, that Levi J. Merrick of Pittsfield, offered a democratic ballot with Nelson Vickery's name on it as a candidate for Representative, and was refused, on the ground that he had received pauper supplies, which had not, as the Selectmen believed, been all consumed by him till within three months of the day of election. It was, however, conclusively proved, that the last supplies furnished to him were delivered to him June 12, 1874 ; hence he had received no supplies within three months of the day of election, and was clearly entitled to vote.

Your Committee have not reported the evidence, as it is very voluminous, and as they are unanimous in their conclusions.

Deducting from said Vickery's vote the vote illegally thrown for him by John Thornton, and allowing him the vote of Levi J. Merrick, which the Selectmen of Pittsfield erroneously refused to receive, and we do not change the original number, 459.

Allowing John Millett the vote of F. D. Bagley, which your Committee find was wrongfully rejected by the Selectmen of Pittsfield, and it will make the vote for Millett 458 ; leaving a majority of one vote for Nelson Vickery.

We are therefore led to believe that Nelson Vickery received a majority of the legal votes for Representative from said District, and should retain his seat in this House.

LLEWELLYN POWERS,
GEORGE BARRON,
W. C. CLARK,
NATHAN CLEAVES,
SETH D. WAKEFIELD,
JOHN A. BUCK,
LULHER T. MASON.

The several reports were laid on the table, and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. BUTLER, from the Committee on Counties, reported leave to withdraw, on petition from the last Legislature, for establishment of the new county of Appleton.

Mr. MOULTON, from the Committee on Education, reported reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs, on petition of

William Gilchrist for an act to make valid the doings of School District, No. 3, in St. George.

Mr. STONE, from the same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient, on order, relating to uniformity of text-books.

Mr. TEFFT, from the same Committee, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Joseph Starrett and others, for repeal of the law establishing free high schools.

These reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. LITTLE, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Cumberland Farmers' Club."

Printed bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 148 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to abatement of taxes."

Printed bill "to repeal chapter 187 of the public laws of 1874, relating to insane hospital."

This report was read and accepted, bills read twice, and tomorrow assigned.

Bill "an act to incorporate the town of Medway."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor and Ellsworth Steamboat Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Unity Park Association."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Pure Blood Jersey Stock Association."

These bills were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 113 of the revised statutes;" and

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bristol Agricultural Society and Farmers' Club;"

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act authorizing Benjamin Ryder to extend a wharf into tide waters in the town of Islesborough."

Bill "an act to authorize the inhabitants of Steuben to build and maintain a wharf at north side of bay."

Bill "an act to authorize Luther Maddocks to extend a wharf in Boothbay harbor."

Bill "an act authorizing Edwin N. Goodwin to build a wharf in York river."

Bill "an act to authorize Charles B. Paine and others to extend a wharf into tide waters at Eastport."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bowdoin Paper Manufacturing Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Calais Trotting Park Association."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Dexter Park Association."

"Resolve in favor of John Tucker."

"Resolve in favor of Bant Hanson."

These bills having had three, and the resolves two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to empower the town of Brewer to establish wharf limits," was taken from the table, read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Bill "an act in aid of the Northern Aroostook Railroad Company," was taken from the table, amended as per sheet "A," on motion of Mr. WILSON of Bangor, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act authorizing the Continental Mills to reduce the par value of its stock, and to issue new shares," was taken from the table on motion of Mr. SNOW of Hallowell, and passed to be engrossed.

These bills were sent to the Senate.

Mr. SMITH of Whitefield, said :

Mr. SPEAKER.—I rise to announce to the House the death of one of my colleagues, ORIN GILPATRICK, who died at his residence in Somerville on Sunday morning last.

Mr. GILPATRICK has been in attendance as a Representative up to the 22d of last month, when on account of indisposition he was obliged to return to his home. On Sunday morning he was summoned away from the active duties of life, as we trust, to that home where the "wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest."

In respect to the memory of the deceased, I move we now adjourn.

The motion was seconded by Mr. BERRY of Damariscotta, and the House

Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. JOHN ALLEN.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Remonstrance of A. D. French and others ;

Remonstrance of E. H. Harriman and others ;

Remonstrance of W. H. Simpson and others ;

Remonstrance of R. Libby and others, against extension of time for locating the Bay and River Railroad ;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Railroads.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Camden Railway," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Commerce.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Burleigh Lumber Manufacturing Company," came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, and was referred in concurrence.

Bill "an act relating to Mutual Fire Insurance Companies," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Bill "an act to make valid the organization of the Brown Slate Quarrying Company," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Manufactures.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Pittsfield and Burnham Cheese Factory Company," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of John T. Randlett and others, for incorporation of the Mechanic Savings Bank of Auburn, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Bill "an act to regulate the rate of interest," referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance by the Senate, non-concurred in by the House, and referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs, came back from the Senate, that branch insisting on its vote.

The House adhered to its vote.

Petition of Amos J. Osgood and others, for incorporation of the Cumberland Center Agricultural Society, referred by the House to the Committee on Legal Affairs, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

The House receded and concurred.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, with leave to withdraw, on petition, for protection of eels in Damariscotta river, accepted by the House, came back from the Senate, re-committed.

The House receded and concurred.

Bill "an act relating to fencing of railroads," passed to be engrossed by the House, came back from the Senate re-committed to the Committee on Railroads.

The House receded and concurred.

Report of the Cumberland County Delegation, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend so far as the county of Cumberland is concerned, chapter 133 of the laws of 1873, relating to the jail system of the State."

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Report of the Joint Special Committee on State Printing and Binding, reporting a contract made and concluded with Messrs. Sprague, Owen and Nash, for doing the State printing for the current year.

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, and the contract approved.

The report was read and accepted, and the contract approved in concurrence.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting report of the Agent of the Passamaquoddy Indians, was received, and the report referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Remonstrance of J. G. Dickerson and others ;

Remonstrance of Daniel Haraden and others, against extension of time for locating the Penobscot Bay and River Railroad ;

Were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of Nathan Hawks and others, of Appleton, for an act to make valid the doings of said town ; and

Bill "an act to amend section 4 of chapter 59 of the revised statutes, relating to marriage and its solemnization ;"

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Credentials of John Dana, delegate from the Passamaquoddy Indians ; and

Remonstrance of Mitchell Paul Susup, against any change of treaties with Penobscot Indians ;

Were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Petition of George L. Bucknam and others ; and

Petition of William H. Leighton and others, for repeal of the Calais Court bill ;

Were referred to the next Legislature.

Remonstrance of A. B. Latham, against making free the Livermore and East Livermore toll bridge, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Petition of Charles Hewins and others, for abolition of the death penalty, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Washington Carleton, for pension, was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Petition of W. H. Blanchard and others, for incorporation of the Cumberland Center Farmers' Club, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of Chandler Baker and others, for aid to repair bridge at the Forks of Kennebec and Moose river, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Petition of Stilman A. Reed and others, of Roxbury, for abatement of State tax of said town, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Bill "an act to prevent the throwing of edgings and other refuse

into the waters of Medomak river in the town of Washington," was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. VOSE of Augusta,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending section 6, chapter 63 of the revised statutes, as to authorize the granting of administration on the estate of persons who have been absent from home and unheard from, the term of time affording presumption of death at common law, upon satisfactory proof of such absence, before the Judge of Probate.

On motion of Mr. CLEAVES of Portland,

Ordered, The same Committee inquire into the expediency of allowing actions of trespass, *quare clausam*, to be brought in the same manner as is provided by statute for personal and transitory actions.

On motion of same member,

Ordered, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 49 of the revised statutes, relating to insurance, that no change of title or lien or incumbrance upon the property insured, shall prevent a party's recovery to the extent of his interests, in the absence of all fraud.

On motion of Mr. KEEGAN of Madawaska,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims inquire into the claim of the town of Linneus for reimbursement of money paid into the treasury under the call for soldiers of October, 1863.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. VOSE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend chapter 45, section 1 of the revised statutes, in relation to interest."

Mr. NORTH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported on petition, bill "an act relating to the settlement of persons connected with the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, at Togus, in the county of Kennebec."

Mr. WILSON, from the same Committee, reported, on order, relating to pay of stenographers, bill "an act regulating costs in certain cases."

The same gentleman reported, on order, bill "an act to amend section 3, chapter 198, public laws of 1874, relating to disclosures of poor debtors."

Mr. GILL, from the Committee on Education, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend chapter 166 of the public laws of 1874, relating to school money."

These reports were read and accepted, and the bills ordered to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. NORTH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw, on petition for an act to incorporate the Rockport Ice Company.

Mr. NORTH, from the Committee on Federal Relations, reported same, on petition of John Smith and others, for taxation of national securities.

Mr. COBB, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported same, on petition of M. E. Rice, for incorporation of the Bridge-water Cheese Manufacturing Company.

Mr. TREAT, from the Committee on Claims, reported same, on petition of John Allen of Maysville, for payment of his claim against the State; also

Reported same, on petition of George W. Ayer, for State aid.

Mr. DOTEN, from this Committee, reported same, on petition of Mayloine Michaud and another, for reimbursement of money collected by the State on lumber cut on their land.

Mr. SHEPHERD, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported same, on petition for change of the valuation of the town of Arrowsic.

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to expression of opinion by judges of courts; also

Reported same, on order relating to evidence in equity cases; also

Reported same, on order relating to misconduct of juries.

These reports were read, accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. CLEAVES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Odd Fellows' Mutual Relief Association of Portland;" also

Reported same, on bill "an act to legalize the acts of Joshua A. Lamb as Justice of the Peace."

Mr. WILSON, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to legalize the doings of Louis M. Partridge of Stockton, as a Justice of the Peace and Quorum;" also

Reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Calais Red Granite Company."

Mr. COBB, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the York Brick Company."

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Calais Publishing Company."

Mr. BUCK, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported, on petition, bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the Portland Stone Ware Company."

Mr. ALLAN, from the Committee on Commerce, reported, on petition, bill "an act to amend an act authorizing George Dyer to establish a ferry."

Mr. WHEELWRIGHT, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to authorize A. J. Whiting and Obediah Allen to extend a wharf into tide waters at Somes' sound, Mt. Desert."

Mr. BLANCHARD, from the same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to authorize M. R. Sawyer to hold, maintain and extend a wharf into tide water in the town of Milbridge."

Mr. TOLMAN, from the Hancock County Delegation, reported, on petition, "resolve apportioning to the town of Isle au Haut in Hancock county, its proportional part of the State valuation of town of Deer Isle in said county."

Mr. GILMORE, from the Committee on Claims, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Amos P. Cook."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, resolves once, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of the bills, and second reading of the first resolve, and Wednesday of next week for the second reading of the last resolve.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cumberland Farmers' Club."

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 87 of the public laws of 1874, relating to Insane Hospital."

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government."

Bill "an act to empower the town of Brewer to establish wharf limits."

"Resolve in favor of Sarah J. Vance."

"Resolve in favor of John A. Rowe."

"Resolve in favor of John Sterling."

"Resolve in favor of the town of Kingsbury."

"Resolve in favor of Charles W. and Mary A. Tibbetts."

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Centennial Board."

"Resolve in favor of Thomas Ball and William P. Ball."

"Resolve in favor of Ether W. Sprague."

"Resolve in favor of Crystal plantation, in the county of Aroostook."

"Resolve in favor of roads passing through the Indian Township, in Washington county."

These bills and resolves were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read the third, resolves the second time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual," was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 148 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to abatement of taxes," was read the third time, amended as per sheet "A," on motion of Mr. VOSE of Augusta, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to authorize Albert S. Eells to extend a wharf into tide waters of Rockport harbor."

Bill "an act to authorize Nathan Cleaves and Henry B. Cleaves to extend a wharf into the tide waters of Casco bay."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Blue Hill Granite Company."

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 287 of the private and special laws of 1873, entitled 'an act to authorize the town of Gouldsbrough to regulate the running at large of neat cattle in said town.'"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Petit Menan Cranberry Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Woodbine Cemetery Association."

Bill "an act relating to the Maine Central Institute."

Bill "an act to authorize Charles Deering to extend his wharf at Bar harbor, East Eden."

“Resolve to authorize the county of Penobscot to procure a loan.”

“Resolve in relation to printing the reports of the Insurance Commissioner.”

These bills having had three, and resolves two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill “an act to prevent fraud in certain cases,” was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed, on motion of M. TEFFT of Brewer.

Order requesting the Secretary of State to furnish a statement of all appropriations granted by the State for the last five years, was taken from the table, and amended, by adding the following: “Except appropriations for support of the State government.”

The order was then laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Elections, on the remonstrance of John Millett against the right of Nelson Vickery to a seat in this House, was taken from the table, and accepted, and Nelson Vickery declared duly elected a member of this House.

Report of the Committee on Elections, on remonstrance of Chapman N. Reed, was taken from the table.

Mr. CLARK moved to amend the report by substituting the Minority Report.

Mr. TALBOT moved, and the House ordered the question be taken by yeas and nays, and be so taken, was decided in the negative, by yeas 4, nays 130.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Barron,	Cunningham,	Clark of Lincoln,
		Wagg—4.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Barnard,	Buck,
Allen of Brooklin,	Bearce,	Burpee,
Anderson,	Blanchard,	Butler of Avon,
Baker,	Brackett,	Butler of Hancock,
Barker,	Brawn,	Clark of Wiscasset,

Cleaves,	Leavitt,	Simpson,
Cobb,	Little,	Smith of Jonesport,
Colson,	Lyman,	Snow,
Crosby,	Macomber,	Stanley,
Davis,	Martin,	Stratton,
Denison,	Mason,	Stevens,
Dodge,	McGilvery,	Stone,
Doten,	McIntire,	Stowe,
Durrell,	McKenney,	Sturgis,
Dutton,	Merrill, Cumberland,	Talbot,
Eastman,	Merrill, W. Gardiner,	Tapley,
Eaton,	Mitchell,	Taylor,
Edes,	Moody,	Tefft,
Evans,	Moulton of Lagrange,	Tinkham,
Ferguson,	Moulton of Scarboro',	Tolman,
Fernald,	Nadeau,	Treat,
Fogg,	North,	Trickey,
Frost,	Nutter,	Trott,
Gile,	Oak,	True,
Gilmore,	Page,	Tuttle,
Grindle,	Payne,	Vickery,
Gleason,	Park,	Vose,
Haines,	Parker,	Wade,
Hall,	Pease,	Wakefield,
Haley,	Pillsbury,	Walden,
Hanson,	Pinkham,	Warren,
Harmon,	Pitcher,	Watts,
Hawes,	Porter,	Webster,
Heald,	Powers,	Weed,
Hoyt,	Purinton,	Wheeler,
Hubbard,	Randall,	Wheelwright,
Johnson,	Reed,	Whitcomb,
Jones,	Roberts,	White,
Judd,	Rogers,	Whitney of Dixmont,
Keegan,	Sanders,	Whitney, Friendship.
Kiff,	Sawyer,	Wiggin,
Lamb,	Shapleigh,	Wilson,
Lane,	Shepherd,	Woodbury—130.
Lawler,		

The report was then accepted, and the following resolve adopted :

Resolved, That Chapman N. Reed, having a majority of the legal votes in the District composed of the towns of Boothbay, Westport and Southport, is entitled to a seat in this House.

On motion of Mr. MASON of Biddeford,

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to make up the pay of John Millett, up to and including to-day, at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents, with the usual mileage.

On motion of Mr. CLEAVES of Portland,

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to make up the pay of John Montgomery, at two dollars and fifty cents per day, to and including this day, with the usual travel.

Mr. TALBOT announced the attendance of Chapman N. Reed, and conducted him to the Governor, where he took and subscribed the oaths necessary to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. Reed subsequently took his seat in the House.

Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk*.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. CRAWFORD of Gardiner.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of William Conery, for right to extend wharf at Bluehill falls, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of Charles Megguire and others, for incorporation of the Corinth Savings Bank, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Petition of Sylvanus Poor and others, for incorporation of Andover Cheese Factory Company ;

Petition of John Howe and others, for incorporation of Canton and Dixfield Cheese Manufacturing Company ;

Petition of P. F. Pike and others, for incorporation of the Wayne Cheese Company ;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of A. P. Hutchinson and others, for change of close-time for taking trout in Androscoggin river ;

Petition of A. K. Knapp and others, for protection of trout in Hanover pond in the town of Hanover ;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Fisheries.

Remonstrance of Joseph Sockalexis, against change of election laws of the Penobscot Indians, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Petition of Moses Williams and others, for charter for railroad from Lewiston to Augusta, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of S. D. Greenleaf, for an act to require counties to build and maintain bridges in their limits, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Report of the Trustees of the Soldiers Orphans' Home at Bath, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of changing the laws in relation to the distribution of the State school funds among the several towns in the State.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 259 of the public acts of 1874.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire whether any further legislation under chapter 81 of the revised statutes is necessary to protect the rights of attaching creditors.

These orders were passed in concurrence.

Statement of receipts and expenditures of the Insurance Department for 1873 and 1874, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, with leave to withdraw, on petition of Nathaniel French, for amendment of section 49, chapter 49 of the revised statutes, relating to insurance.

Report of the Committee on Towns, with leave to withdraw, on petition for division of the town of Montville; also

Reporting same, on petition of William Ayer and others, to set off part of Montville to Liberty.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, with ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the New York and Maine Granite Company;" also

Reporting, on petition for repeal of sections 39, 40 and 41, chapter 24 of the revised statutes, relating to immigrants, bill "an act to repeal sections 39, 40 and 41, chapter 24 of the revised statutes, in relation to paupers."

Report of the Committee on Education, with ought to pass, in a new draft, on bill "an act to secure the education of youth in the State of Maine."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, bills read twice, and passed to be engrossed, the latter being amended as per sheet "A."

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with leave to withdraw, on petition for incorporation of the Rockport Ice Company, accepted by the House, came back from the Senate recommitted.

The House recessed and concurred.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting the report of the Bank Examiner, was received, and the report referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Petition of P. C. Tarbox and others, in aid of petition for incorporation of the People's Savings Bank at Lewiston, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Petition of inhabitants of Crystal plantation, in aid of road, was referred to the next Legislature.

"Resolve in favor of Silver Ridge plantation;" and

Petition of inhabitants of Woodland plantation, for aid to Aroostook River Railroad;

Were referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Education," was read twice, and passed to be engrossed under the suspension of the rules.

Remonstrance of Samuel Wasson and others, against reduction of the agricultural reports, was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. PILLSBURY presented the following order, which was referred to the next Legislature.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to make inquiry, and report what compensation for mileage members of the Legislature are legally entitled to; whether two dollars for each ten miles travel to the Legislature only, or to and from their several places of abode.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Prison be instructed to report a bill establishing the number and salaries, and compensation of all the officers and employees connected with the State Prison.

This order was sent to the Senate.

Mr. MASON, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on order, "bill an act to provide for the appointment of deputy town treasurers;" also

Reported, on order, bill "an act additional to an act in relation to contested elections."

Mr. WHEELWRIGHT, from the Committee on Temperance, reported, on order, bill "an act additional to chapter 27 of the revised statutes, relating to intoxicating liquors."

Mr. TEFET, from the Committee on Education, reported, on order, bill "an act relating to the city schools of Bangor."

These reports were read and accepted, and the bills ordered to be printed.

Mr. RANDALL, from the Committee on Towns, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Hiram Berry and others, to be set off from Palermo to the town of Liberty.

Mr. GILE, from the Committee on Education, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to the propriety of deducting from the school funds the amount expended for free high schools.

Mr. FERGUSON, from the same Committee, reported same, on order relating to repeal of the free high school law.

Mr. DENISON, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported reference to the Committee on Fisheries, on petition to prevent the erection of fish weirs in Medomak river.

Mr. WEED, from the same Committee, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of M. S. Drummond, for incorporation of the Allegash Dam Company.

Mr. CLARK, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same, on petition for change of the game laws.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to lien on farm products.

Mr. VOSE, from the same Committee, reported same, on order relating to repeal of chapter 255, public laws of 1874.

Mr. JUDD, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported leave to withdraw, on petition for steam ferry between Portland and Cape Elizabeth.

Mr. STURGIS, from the Committee on Pensions, reported same, on petition of G. W. Ladd, for pension.

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported reference to the Committee on Education, on petition of Joseph Farwell, for amendment of the law relating to meeting-houses.

Mr. NORTH, from the Committee on Federal Relations, reported finally.

These reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate Mystic Tie Lodge Knights of Pythias of Saco;" also

Reported same, on bill "an act to authorize the Cobb Lime Company to increase its capital stock."

Mr. ANDERSON, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Union Slate Company."

Mr. WEBSTER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported, on petition for improvement of Cedar brook in Grafton, bill "an act to incorporate the Cedar Brook and Swift River Improvement Company."

Mr. SNOW, from the Committee on Railroads, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to extend the time for the location and completion of the Georges Valley Railroad."

Mr. MITCHELL, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Bald Hill Brick and Manufacturing Company;" also

Reported, on petition, bill "an act in addition to chapter 665 of private acts of 1871, entitled 'an act to incorporate the Oldtown Water Power and Manufacturing Company.'"

Mr. WALDEN, from the same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company;"

Reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Monson Pearl Slate Company."

Mr. COBB, from the same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Mammoth Silver Mining Company."

Mr. COBB, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Wood and Bishop Foundry Company."

Mr. BURPEE, from the same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the North Windham Manufacturing Company."

Mr. WEBSTER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, re-

ported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend an act to supply the cities of Lewiston and Auburn with pure water."

Mr. SNOW, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported, on petition for reimbursement to Biddeford Light Infantry of money paid for uniforms, bill "an act additional to chapter 29 of the laws of 1869, concerning the militia."

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 45, section 1 of the revised statutes, in relation to interest."

Printed bill "an act relating to the settlement of persons connected with the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers at Togus, in the county of Kennebec."

Printed bill "an act regulating costs in certain cases."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 3, chapter 198, public laws of 1874, relating to disclosures of poor debtors."

Mr. STURGIS, from the Committee on Pensions, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Eli Goss of Portland."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, resolve once, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of the bills, and Wednesday for the second reading of the resolve.

Bill "an act to amend an act authorizing George Dyer to establish a ferry."

Bill "an act to authorize M. R. Sawyer to hold, maintain and extend a wharf into tide water in the town of Milbridge."

Bill "an act to authorize Andrew J. Whiting and Obediah Allen, to extend a wharf into tide waters at Somes' sound, Mt. Desert."

Bill "an act to incorporate the York Brick Company."

Bill "an act to legalize the acts of Joshua A. Lamb as Justice of the Peace."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Odd Fellows Mutual Relief Association of Portland."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Calais Red Granite Company."

Bill "an act to legalize the doings of Louis M. Partridge of Stockton, as Justice of the Peace and Quorum."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Calais Publishing Company."

Bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the Portland Stone Ware Company."

"Resolve apportioning to the town of Isle au Haut, in Hancock county, its proportional part of the State valuation of the town of Deer Isle in said county."

These bills and resolve were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read the third, resolve the second time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend, so far as the county of Cumberland is concerned, section 6 of chapter 133 of the laws of 1873, entitled 'an act to improve the jail system of the State.'"

This bill was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of School District No. 2 in the town of Monroe;" and

Bill "an act to incorporate the Trustees of the St. Augustine School for Boys at Topsham," being on their passage to be enacted, were laid on the table.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Carmel, Hermon, Hampden and North Newburgh Cheese Factory."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Prospect and Stockton Cheese Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor and Ellsworth Steamboat Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the North Wales Slate Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Menhaden Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company."

Bill "an act to extend the time for the location and completion of the Cumberland County Central Railroad."

Bill "an act to incorporate the town of Medway."

Bill "an act to incorporate the town of Talmadge, in the county of Washington."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Unity Park Association."

Bill "an act authorizing T. L. Roberts to build a wharf into the tide waters in the town of Eden."

Bill "an act for the extension of the wharf of Dorcas C. N. Webster in Eastport."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Pure Blood Jersey Stock Association."

"Resolve in favor of the county of Aroostook."

"Resolve in favor of schools in Woodland and Perham plantations."

These bills having had three, and the resolves two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act relating to schools in the city of Portland," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Order relating to publishing a list of the appropriations for the last five years, was taken from the table, and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

The SPEAKER appointed Mr. Reed of Boothbay, to fill the vacancy in the Committee on Military Affairs, occasioned by accepting the report of the Committee on Elections, declaring Mr. Reed duly elected a member of this House in place of Mr. Montgomery.

Mr. SMITH of Jonesport, was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, caused by the death of Mr. Gilpatrick of Somerville.

On motion of Mr. RANDALL of Island Falls,
Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. STANLEY of Hallowell.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, That the Secretary of Senate and Clerk of the House in making up the travel of Senators and Representatives, follow the rule, which provides their expenses "in travelling to the Legislature and returning therefrom, once in each session and no more, shall be paid by the State out of the public treasury to every member."

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and was read and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. LYMAN of East Machias.

Ordered, The House concurring, that the tenth Joint Rule be amended, so as to read as follows :

Every bill or resolve of a public nature, and every bill or resolve appropriating money, or disposing of State lands or other State property, reported in either House by a Committee, or laid upon the table by leave, shall be printed and distributed in both Houses, before having its first reading. The printed copies shall show by what Committee the bill or resolve was reported, or by what member laid upon the table.

The order was passed in concurrence.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 406 of the acts of 1850.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and was read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, with legislation inexpedient, on order relating to the course of study in the normal schools.

Report of the Committee on Commerce, reporting, on petition, bill "an act authorizing Michael Hurley to extend his wharf at the west end of Union River bridge in Ellsworth, into the waters of Union river;" also

Reporting, on petition, bill "an act to authorize H. E. and W. G. Alden to extend wharves in Camden harbor;" also

Reporting, on petition, bill "an act to authorize William F. Desisles and others to build a wharf in tide waters at Lamoine."

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, with ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Winterport Savings Bank."

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, with ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the South Pittsfield and Burnham Cheese Factory Company."

Report of the Committee on Pensions, reporting, on petition, "resolve granting a pension to Charles W. Owen."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, bills and resolve read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, resolve once, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of the bills, and Wednesday of next week for the second reading of the resolve.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting, on petition of County Commissioners of Knox county, for reimbursement by the State of the expenses of the trial of Charles T. Robbins, "resolve in favor of the county of Knox."

The report was read and accepted, resolve read twice, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Order requiring the Superintendent of Common Schools to publish the school laws, passed by the House, came from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House recessed and concurred.

Mr. PILLSBURY presented bill "an act to incorporate the Little Blue Slate Company," which was read three times, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Petition of Joseph Clark and others, for reimbursement of expenses incurred in pursuing and capturing the thief, George Sterritt, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Bill "an act relating to directors of railroads," was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Bill "an act relating to school districts," was referred to the next Legislature.

"Resolve in favor of compiling and printing the school laws," was referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire what, if any, legislation is necessary to harmonize the constitutional provision concerning mileage of members, and the statute upon the same.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. TOLMAN, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported, on petition, bill "an act amending an act entitled 'an act for the better protection of lobsters in the State of Maine;'" also

Reported, on order, bill "an act additional to chapter 258 of the public laws of 1874, relating to fishing."

These reports were read and accepted, and the bills ordered to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to administration of the estate of persons absent from home, and presumed to be dead; also

Reported same, on order, in relation to the rights of holders of bills of banks for which receivers have been appointed.

Mr. KEEGAN, from the same Committee, reported same, on order relating to the propriety of allowing actions of trespass, *quare clausam*, to be brought in the same manner as is provided by law for personal and transitory actions; also

Reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Charles Rolf and others, for a lien on bark.

Mr. EDES, from the Committee on Claims, reported same, on petition of Thomas Kennedy, for reimbursement from the State for keeping a State pauper.

Mr. DOTEN, from this Committee, reported same, on petition of Stilman Reed and others, for abatement of their State tax.

Mr. WHITNEY, from this Committee, reported same, on petition of Joseph T. Griffin and Owen Byron, for reimbursement on account of failure of title to land purchased of the State.

Mr. TOLMAN, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported

legislation inexpedient, on order relating to the propriety of amending chapter 157 of the special laws of 1874.

These reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. CLARK, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on petition, bill "an act legalizing the doings of School District No. 3 in the town of St. George, in the county of Knox."

Mr. REED, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the People's Savings Bank of Lewiston;" also

Reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Waldoboro' Savings Bank;" also

Reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Topsham and Brunswick Twenty-Five Cent Savings Bank."

Mr. FERNALD, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported ought to pass, in a new draft, on bill "an act to incorporate the Forest Slate Company."

Mr. WAKEFIELD, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported, on order relating to repeal of chapter 220 of the private laws of 1869, bill "an act repealing an act to prevent the taking of pickerel in Three-Mile pond, in the towns of Vassalborough, China and Windsor."

Printed bill "an act to provide for the appointment of deputy town treasurers."

Printed bill "an act relating to the city schools of Bangor."

Printed bill "an act additional to chapter 27 of the revised statutes, relating to intoxicating liquors."

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 166 of the public laws of 1874, relating to school money."

Printed bill "an act additional to an act in relation to contested elections."

Mr. MACOMBER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on order, "resolve in aid of road leading from Limestone to Hamlin plantation."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, resolve once, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of the bills, and Wednesday for the second reading of the resolve.

Bill "an act to secure the education of youth in the State of Maine," was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, Senate amendment "A" adopted.

Mr. LANE of Monson, offered amendment "B."

Mr. RANDALL of Island Falls, offered amendment "C," pending which, the bill was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. KEEGAN of Madawaska.

Bill "an act to repeal sections 39, 40 and 41 of chapter 24 of the revised statutes, in relation to paupers;" and

Bill "an act to incorporate the New York and Maine Granite Company;"

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 29 of the laws of 1869, concerning the militia."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bald Hill Brick and Manufacturing Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Monson Pearl Slate Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Wood and Bishop Foundry Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the North Windham Manufacturing Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Mammoth Silver Mining Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cedar Brook and Swift Cambridge River Improvement Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Boot and Shoe Company."

Bill "an act to amend 'an act to supply the cities of Lewiston and Auburn with pure water.'"

Bill "an act to extend the time for the location and completion of the Georges Valley Railroad."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 45, section 1 of the revised statutes, in relation to interest."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Union Slate Company."

Bill "an act regulating costs in certain cases."

Bill "an act to amend section 3, chapter 198 of public laws of 1874, relating to disclosures of poor debtors."

Bill "an act relating to the settlement of persons connected with the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers at Togus, in the county of Kennebec."

Bill "an act to incorporate Mystic Tie Lodge Knights of Pythias of Saco."

Bill "an act to authorize the Cobb Lime Company to increase its capital stock."

Bill "an act in addition to chapter 665 of private and special laws of 1871, entitled 'an act to incorporate the Oldtown Water Power and Manufacturing Company.'"

These bills were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, the last bill being amended as per sheet "A," on motion of Mr. WILSON of Bangor.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Wytovitlock Lake Dam Company;" and

Bill "an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of a railroad into Aroostook county;"

Having had three several readings and passed to be engrossed, were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Trustees of the St. Augustine School for Boys at Topsham;" and

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of School District No. 2 in the town of Monroe;"

Were taken from the table and recommitted, the former to the Committee on Education, the latter to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

On motion of Mr. CLARK of Lincoln,
Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. PURINTON of the House.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of the Warden and Inspectors of the Maine State Prison, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on State Prison.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Buxton and Hollis Manufacturing Company," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Manufactures.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Limerick Savings Bank," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Petition of the Selectmen of Hermon, for an act to make valid the doings of said town, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of L. M. Norton and others, for incorporation of the North Livermore Cheese Company, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Bill "an act to regulate the rate of interest," referred by the House to the Committee on Financial Affairs, came from the Senate, that branch insisting on its reference to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, and proposing a Committee of Conference, with

Messrs. Hall of York,
Cutler of Penobscot,
Cross of Cumberland, appointed conferees.

The House concurred in the proposition for a conference, and appointed

Messrs. North of Augusta,
Wheelwright of Bangor,
Cleaves of Portland, conferees.

Report of the Committee on Claims, with leave to withdraw, on petition of Simon F. Walker, for reimbursement for services in arresting criminals.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, with ought to pass, on bill "an act amendatory of and additional to an act entitled an act additional to, 'an act to incorporate the Portland and Ogdensburg Railroad Company.'"

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to establish a municipal court in the city of Auburn."

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting, on order, bill "an act to amend section 22 of chapter 24 of the revised statutes, relating to paupers;" also

Reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 12, chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to highway surveyors."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, bills read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, and Monday assigned for the third reading.

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, reporting "resolve in favor of John Dana;" also

Reporting "resolve in favor of Mitchell Paul Susup."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, resolves read twice, and passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules.

The reports was read and accepted, resolves read twice, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act for the protection of owners of stolen bonds," passed to be engrossed, amended as per sheets "A" and "B," by the House, came back from the Senate amended as per sheet "C," and passed to be engrossed.

The bill was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. NORTH of Augusta.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 187 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the Insane Hospital," passed to be engrossed by the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House, on motion of Mr. NORTH of Augusta, insisted on its vote.

Mr. LAWLER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported "resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians."

Mr. RANDALL, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Lewis C. Coffin;" also

Reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Fernando F. Smith and Lewis C. Smith;" also

Reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Sumner P. Bradford."

Mr. BARKER, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of James F. Farmer and others of Township No. 2, Range 5."

Mr. CLARK, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on order, bill "an act giving a lien on pressed hay for personal services in pressing."

Mr. MCGILVER, from the Committee on Railroads, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to extend the time for the location and completion of the Penobscot Bay and River Railroad."

Mr. EDES, from the Committee on Claims, reported "resolve in favor of certain towns and plantations."

These reports were read and accepted, bills and resolves ordered to be printed.

Mr. BARRON, from the Committee on Railroads, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of D. J. Sawyer and others, for an act to authorize the Bangor and Calais Shore Line Railroad Company to build a bridge over Penobscot river at Bucksport.

Mr. LEAVITT, from this Committee, reported same, on memorial of National Board of Trade, relating to freight tariffs of railroad corporations; also

Reported, legislation inexpedient, on order relating to better protection of life on mixed trains; also

Reported leave to withdraw, on petition of A. F. Wright and others, for change of law relating to protection of baggage on railroads.

Mr. CLARK, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same, on petition of J. W. Jones and others, with bill accompanying, respecting School District No. 7, in the town of Westbrook, from the files of the last Legislature.

Mr. VOSE, from the same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to amendment of section 33 of chapter

82 of the revised statutes, relative to official reporter of the supreme judicial court.

These reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. REED, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported ought to pass, on order relating to publishing list of appropriations.

The report was read and accepted, and the order passed as amended.

Mr. WHITE, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported, on petition, bill "an act to authorize the inhabitants of the town of Brunswick to unite a town building with a soldiers' monument."

Mr. VOSE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on petition, bill "an act for the protection of deer on the island of Mt. Desert."

Mr. BARRON, from the Committee on Railroads, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Presque Isle and St. John River Railroad Company."

Printed bill "an act additional to chapter 258 of the public laws of 1874, relating to fishing."

Printed bill "an act amending an act entitled 'an act for the better protection of lobsters in the State of Maine.'"

These reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, and Monday assigned for the third reading.

Bill "an act to incorporate the South Pittsfield and Burnham Cheese Factory Company."

Bill "an act to authorize William F. Desisles and others to build a wharf in tide waters at Lamoine."

Bill "an act authorizing Michael Hurley to extend his wharf at the west end of Union River bridge in Ellsworth, into the waters of Union river."

Bill "an act to authorize H. E. and W. G. Alden to extend wharves in Camden harbor."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Winterport Savings Bank."

These bills were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act relating to the city schools of Bangor."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 166 of the public laws of 1874, relating to school money."

Bill "an act legalizing the doings of School District No. 3 in the town of St. George, in the county of Knox."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Topsham and Brunswick Twenty-Five Cent Savings Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Waldoborough Savings Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the People's Savings Bank of Lewiston."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Forest Slate Company."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 27 of the revised statutes, relating to intoxicating liquors."

Bill "an act additional to 'an act in relation to contested elections.'"

Bill "an act to provide for the appointment of deputy town treasurers."

Bill "an act repealing 'an act to prevent the taking of pickerel in Three-Mile pond in the towns of Vassalborough, China and Windsor.'"

These bills were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to legalize the doings of School District No. 4 in the town of Lamoine."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Edgecomb and Newcastle Farmers' and Mechanics' Club."

Bill "an act to incorporate the National Temperance Camp-Meeting Association."

Bill "an act authorizing the inhabitants of the town of Eastport to vote aid towards building a railroad from tide waters within said town to connect with any shore line."

Bill "an act to amend 'an act to incorporate the Martha's Grove Camp-Meeting Association.'"

Bill "an act to protect the rights of the owners of Petit Menan point in the town of Steuben."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 113 of the revised statutes, relating to relief of poor debtors."

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the town of Amity."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bristol Agricultural Society and Farmers' Club."

Bill "an act to amend, so far as the county of Cumberland is

concerned, chapter 133 of the laws of 1873, relating to the jail system of the State."

Bill "an act authorizing the Continental Mills to reduce the par value of its stock, and to issue new shares."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Portland Safe Deposit Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Arundel Mutual Relief Society."

Bill "an act to regulate the inspection of fish."

Bill "an act additional to an act entitled 'an act to supply the city of Bangor with pure water.'"

Bill "an act to authorize Mellen Gilmore and Luther V. Gilmore to build wharves and piers."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Saccarappa Savings Bank."

Bill "an act to renew the charters of the Eastern Bank and the Mercantile Bank, both of Bangor, and the North Bank of Bangor."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Mattawamkeag Boat Company."

"Resolve providing for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book."

These bills having had three, and resolve two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills passed to be enacted, resolve finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. RANDALL of Island Falls,
Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta,

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of the Committee on Towns, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to annex part of Berwick to the town of North Berwick, in the county of York."

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to authorize the Auburn Aqueduct Company to take water from Wilson pond in Auburn, for domestic purposes, and for extinguishing fires."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, bills read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, reporting, on petition, "resolve making appropriations for the Penobscot Indians."

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, reporting "resolve in favor of the Military and Naval Asylum of Bath."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, resolves read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted, resolves read once, and Wednesday next assigned for the second reading.

"Resolve abating State tax of Daigle plantation for the year 1869," was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Petition of J. W. Hines of Presque Isle, for deed of a lot of land; and

Petition of inhabitants of Easton, for aid in building bridge in said town;

Were referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Bangor,
Ordered, That the Senate concurring, the Constitutional Commission be authorized to report in printed form.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. SHEPHERD, from the Committee on Education, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes, relating to the abolishing of school districts."

Mr. NORTH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on petition, bill "an act additional to chapter 258 of the public laws of 1874, relating to taxation of railroad companies;" also

Reported ought to pass, in a new draft, on "resolve relating to the purchase by the State of the Maine reports."

Mr. VOSE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, in a new draft, on bill "an act to amend section 4 of chapter 59 of the revised statutes, relating to marriage and its solemnization."

Mr. BURNHAM, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported "resolve for the relief of Francis A. Reed and Edwin A. Reed and the estate of William R. Hersey."

These reports were read and accepted, and the bills and resolves ordered to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. CLARK, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Washington County Masonic Relief Association."

Printed bill "an act giving a lien on pressed hay for personal services in pressing."

"Resolve in favor of Fernando F. Smith and Lewis G. Smith."

"Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians."

"Resolve in favor of Lewis C. Coffin."

"Resolve in favor of Sumner P. Bradford."

This report was read and accepted, bills read twice, resolves once, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of the bills, and Wednesday next for the second reading of the resolves.

Printed bill "an act to extend the time for the location and completion of the Penobscot Bay and River Railroad," was read twice, and Thursday next assigned for the third reading.

Bill "an act to establish a municipal court in the city of Auburn."

Bill "an act to amend section 22, chapter 24 of the revised statutes, relating to paupers."

Bill "an act amendatory of, and additional to, an act entitled an act additional to 'an act to incorporate the Portland and Ogdensburg Railroad Company.'"

Bill "an act to amend section 12 of chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to highway surveyors."

These bills were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, Senate amendment "A" to the latter bill adopted, and each passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act amending an act entitled 'an act for the better protection of lobsters in the State of Maine.'"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Presque Isle and St. John River Railroad Company."

Bill "an act to authorize the inhabitants of the town of Brunswick to unite a town building with a soldiers' monument."

Bill "an act for the better protection of deer on the island of Mt. Desert."

These bills were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 258 of the public laws of 1874, relating to fishing," was recommitted to the Committee on Fisheries.

Bill "an act to repeal sections 39, 40 and 41, chapter 24 of the revised statutes, in relation to paupers."

Bill "an act to incorporate the New York and Maine Granite Company."

Bill "an act to empower the town of Brewer to establish wharf limits."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cumberland Farmers' Club."

"Resolve in favor of Thomas Ball and William P. Ball."

"Resolve in favor of John Sterling."

"Resolve in favor of the county of Knox."

"Resolve in favor of Ether W. Sprague."

"Resolve in favor of Charles W. and Mary A. Tibbetts."

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Education."

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Centennial Board."

These bills having had three and the resolves two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act for the protection of owners of stolen bonds," was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. WILSON of Bangor.

Senate amendment "C" was adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LYMAN of Machias,
Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Dr. RICKER of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

"Resolve in favor of Crystal plantation, in the county of Aroostook," passed to be engrossed by the House, came back from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded, adopted Senate amendment "A," and passed the resolve to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. LEAVITT presented bill "an act to incorporate the Portland and Harpswell Steamboat Company."

Mr. WHEELWRIGHT presented bill "an act amendatory of 'an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of a railroad into Aroostook county.'"

These bills were read three times under suspension of the rules, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. DUTTON, from the Committee on Railroads, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Lewiston and Augusta Railroad Company."

Mr. SNOW, from the same Committee, reported ought to pass, in a new draft, on recommitted bill "an act relating to fencing railroads."

The reports were read and accepted, and the bills ordered to be printed.

Mr. SHEPHERD, from the Committee on Education, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to granting aid to the Industrial School for Girls.

Pending acceptance, the report was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. SNOW of Hallowell.

Bill "an act to authorize the Auburn Aqueduct Company to take water from Wilson's pond in Auburn, for domestic purposes, and for extinguishing fires," was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and laid on the table, and ordered to be printed, on motion of Mr. WAKEFIELD of Lewiston.

Bill "an act to annex part of the town of Berwick to the town of North Berwick, in the county of York," was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. HUBBARD of Berwick.

Bill "an act giving a lien on pressed hay for personal services in pressing," was read the third time, amended as per sheet "A," on motion of Mr. MASON of Biddeford, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Washington County Masonic Relief Association," was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Printed bill "an act to amend section 4 of chapter 59 of the revised statutes, relating to marriage and its solemnization."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes, relating to the abolishing of school districts."

"Resolve in favor of James F. Farmer and others of Township No. 2, Range 5."

"Resolve in favor of certain towns and plantations."

These bills were read twice, printed resolves once, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Calais Publishing Company."

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Winthrop Savings Bank."

Bill "an act relating to schools in the city of Portland."

Bill "an act authorizing Michael Hurley to extend his wharf at the west end of Union River bridge in Ellsworth into Union river."

Bill "an act to legalize the acts of Joshua A. Lamb as Justice of the Peace."

Bill "an act to authorize W. R. Sawyer to hold, maintain and extend a wharf into tide waters in the town of Milbridge."

Bill "an act to authorize Andrew J. Whiting and Obediah Allen to extend a wharf into tide waters at Somes' sound, Mt. Desert."

Bill "an act to authorize H. E. and W. G. Alden to extend wharves in Camden harbor."

Bill "an act to authorize William F. Desisles and others to build a wharf in tide waters at Lamoine."

Bill "an act to incorporate the York Brick Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Calais Red Granite Company."

Bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the Portland Stone Ware Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the South Pittsfield and Burnham Cheese Factory Company."

Bill "an act to legalize the doings of Louis M. Partridge of Stockton, as Justice of the Peace."

Bill "an act to amend 'an act authorizing George Dyer to establish a ferry.'"

"Resolve apportioning to the town of Isle au Haut, in Hancock county, its proportional part of the State valuation of the town of Deer Isle in said county."

"Resolve in favor of John Dana."

"Resolve in favor of Mitchell Paul Susup."

These bills having had three and the resolves two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills passed

to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to secure the education of youth in the State of Maine," was taken from the table.

House amendments "B" and "C" adopted.

The bill was further amended as per sheet "D," on motion of Mr. MARTIN of Camden.

Mr. WEED of Veazie, moved the bill be indefinitely postponed. And the House ordered, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, that the question be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken, was decided in the negative, by yeas 26, nays 94.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Bearce,	Mason,	Trott,
Berry,	Merrill, W. Gardiner,	True,
Brawn,	Nadeau,	Vickery,
Edes,	Nutter,	Wade,
Haley,	Park,	Watts,
Harmon,	Stratton,	Weed,
Keegan,	Stowe,	White,
Leavitt,	Talbot,	Whitney, Friendship.
Little,	Trickey,	—26.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Cobb,	Gilmore,
Allen of Brooklin,	Colson,	Grindle,
Anderson,	Conant,	Gleason,
Baker,	Cunningham,	Hanson,
Barker,	Davis,	Harris,
Barnard,	Dodge,	Hawes,
Barron,	Doten,	Heald,
Blanchard,	Durrell,	Hoyt,
Brackett,	Dutton,	Hubbard,
Bray,	Eaton,	Johnson,
Buck,	Evans,	Jones,
Burnham,	Ferguson,	Judd,
Burpee,	Fernald,	Kiff,
Butler of Avon,	Fogg,	Lamb,
Butler of Hancock,	Folsom,	Lane,
Clark of Lincoln,	Frost,	Lawler,
Clark of Wiscasset,	Gile,	Locke,

Lyford,	Reed of Bath,	Tolman,
Lyman,	Roberts,	Treat,
Macomber,	Rogers,	Tuttle,
Martin,	Sanders,	Vose,
McIntire,	Shepherd,	Wagg,
Milliken,	Simpson,	Wakefield,
Mitchell,	Smith of Jonesport,	Walden,
Moody,	Smith of Whitefield,	Warren,
Moulton of Scarboro',	Snow,	Wheeler,
North,	Stevens,	Wheelwright,
Oak,	Sturgis,	Whitney of Dixmont,
Pease,	Taylor,	Wiggin,
Pitcher,	Tefft,	Wilson,
Purinton,	Tinkham,	Woodbury—94.
Randall,		

The bill then passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. RANDALL of Island Falls,
Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Ecob of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Lane, the Secretary, informing the House of the choice of Hon. Enoch Foster, Jr., as President *pro tempore*.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill "an act relating to foreign insurance companies;" and

Bill "an act to amend 'an act relating to auctions and auctioneers;'"

Were referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Mining Company of Portland," was referred in-concurrence to the Committee on Manufactures.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, reporting, on petition, bill "an act for the protection of moose."

Report of the Committee on Railroads, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the Dirigo Slate Quarry Company and authorize the construction of a tramway railroad."

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting bill "an act for supplying the city of Bangor with water."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, bills read twice, the latter amended as per sheets "A," "B," "C," "D," "E" and "F," and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, reporting, on petition, bill "an act repealing chapter 379 of acts and resolves of 1846, and amending section 50 of chapter 40 of the revised statutes."

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with ought to pass, in a new draft, on bill "an act to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to ways."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bills recommitted.

The reports were read and accepted, and the bills recommitted in concurrence.

Bill "an act to extend the time for the location and completion of the Georges Valley Railroad," passed to be engrossed by the House, came back from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded, adopted Senate amendment "A," and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to repeal sections 39, 40 and 41 of chapter 24 of the revised statutes, in relation to paupers," passed to be enacted by the House, came back from the Senate recommitted to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

The House receded and concurred.

Petition of J. W. Hines for deed of a lot of land ; and

Petition of inhabitants of Easton, for aid in building bridge ;

Were referred by the House to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

These petitions came back from the Senate referred to the next Legislature.

The House recessed and concurred.

“Resolve in favor of the sub-Committee of Agriculture, appointed to visit the State College of Agriculture,” came from the Senate read twice, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, and was read twice, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MARTIN of Camden, the Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, requesting the return of bill “an act to secure the education of youth in the State of Maine.”

Subsequently the bill was returned, and Mr. MARTIN moved a reconsideration of the vote by which it was passed to be engrossed, and this motion was laid on the table, and to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, assigned.

On motion of Mr. REED of Bath,

Ordered, That the Committee on Ways and Means be directed to consider what amount it will be necessary to raise by State tax to meet the demands upon the Treasury for the ensuing year, and report thereon as early as may be practicable.

Mr. MASON, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on order, bill “an act providing for a lien to persons for raising or removing buildings.”

Mr. FERNALD, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported, on petition, “resolve in favor of Children’s Home, Bangor.”

Mr. JOHNSON, from the same Committee, reported, on memorial, “resolve in favor of the Female Orphan Asylum, Portland.”

These reports were read and accepted, and the bill and resolves ordered to be printed.

Mr. JUDD, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported, on petition, bill "an act to make free the Livermore Falls Toll Bridge."

The report was read and accepted, and the bill ordered to be printed, on motion of Mr. FERNALD of Wilton.

Mr. HARMON, from the Minority of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Alpheus Twitchell and others, for repeal of an act granting the right to collect toll on the Bethel Toll Bridge.

Mr. JUDD, from the Majority of the Committee, reported, on same petition, bill "an act to authorize the town of Bethel to collect toll on the bridge over the Androscoggin river at Barker's ferry;" also

Statement of Facts concerning same.

The foregoing were ordered to be printed, on motion of Mr. JUDD.

Mr. NORTH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported reference to the next Legislature, with order of notice, on petition of N. J. Talbot, for incorporation of the Rockport Ice Company.

Pending acceptance, the report was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. STEVENS of West Waterville.

Mr. DOTEN, from the Committee on Claims, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Assessors of Lakeville plantation, for reimbursement of money lost in transit.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same, on petition of Henry Ward, for divorce.

Mr. CLARK, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported same, on petition of Selectmen of Baldwin, for reimbursement of money expended on county road and bridge.

Mr. WHEELWRIGHT, from the Committee on Commerce, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of Ira D. Sturgis and others, for widening of the draw of the Arrowsic bridge.

Mr. ROGERS, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to exemption from taxation of all neat stock under three years of age.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported same, on order relating to notice and actions for damage on ways.

Mr. COBB, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Leeds Manufacturing Company."

These report were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. HAWES, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported ought not to pass, on "resolve abating a part of State tax of Perkins plantation and assessing the same upon the town of Carthage."

The report was read and accepted.

Mr. LYMAN, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Livermore Mutual Fire Insurance Company."

Mr. BUCK, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate a mutual fire insurance company in the town of Thorndike."

Mr. WHEELWRIGHT, from the Committee on Commerce, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Camden Marine Railway Company;" also

Reported, on petition, bill "an act to enable Nelson Mullen and Andrew L. Kent, to extend and maintain a wharf into tide waters at North Haven."

Mr. NORTH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England;" also

Reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend an act abating a portion of the State tax of Waterville for the year 1873, and assessing the same upon the town of West Waterville."

Mr. ANDERSON, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on petition, bill "an act to legalize the doings of L. M. Partridge as Justice of the Peace and Quorum."

Mr. COBB, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Buxton and Hollis Manufacturing Company."

Printed bill "an act additional to chapter 258 of the public laws of 1874, relating to taxation of railroad companies."

Printed "resolve for the relief of Francis A. Reed and Edwin A. Reed, and the estate of William R. Hersey."

Printed "resolve relating to the purchase by the State of the Maine Reports."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, resolves once, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of the bills, and Wednesday next for the second reading of the resolves.

"Resolve in aid of repairing the road from Abbot to Greenville, in the county of Piscataquis."

"Resolve in favor of the Military and Naval Asylum at Bath."

"Resolve granting a pension to Charles W. Owen."

"Resolve making appropriation for the Penobscot tribe of Indians."

These resolves were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 3, of chapter 11 of the revised statutes, relating to the abolishing of school districts."

Bill "an act to amend section 4 of chapter 59 of the revised statutes, relating to marriage and its solemnization."

"Resolve in favor of David L. Kelley."

"Resolve in favor of Shepard I. Higgins."

"Resolve in favor of Amos P. Cook."

"Resolve in favor of Richard D. Porter."

"Resolve in favor of Sumner P. Bradford."

"Resolve in favor of James F. Farmer and others of Township No. 2, Range 5."

"Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians."

"Resolve in favor of Fernando F. Smith and Lewis C. Smith."

"Resolve in favor of Lewis C. Coffin."

"Resolve in favor of certain towns and plantations."

"Resolve in favor of Eli Goss of Portland."

"Resolve in aid of completing the road leading from Limestone to Hamlin."

These bills and resolves were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read the third, resolves the second time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Union Slate Company."

Bill "an act to establish a municipal court in the city of Auburn."

Bill "an act relating to the settlement of persons connected with National Home for Disabled Soldiers at Togus, in the county of Kennebec."

Bill "an act to incorporate the North Windham Manufacturing Company."

Bill "an act for the protection of owners of stolen bonds."

Bill "an act to amend section 2 of chapter 24 of the revised statutes, relating to paupers."

Bill "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 198 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the disclosures of poor debtors."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Mystic Tie Lodge Knights of Pythias of Saco."

Bill "an act to amend section 12 of chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to highway surveyors."

These bills having had three several readings and passed to be engrossed, were reported by the Committee on Engrossed bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Report of the Committee on Education, with legislation inexpedient, on order relating to granting aid to the Industrial School for Girls, was taken from the table and recommitted, and sent to the Senate.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting, on petitions for abolition of the death penalty, bill "an act to fix the punishment for murder and arson," came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bill refused a passage.

The report was read and accepted, and the bill read three times.

Mr. TEFFT of Brewer, offered amendment "A," pending which, the House adjourned until this afternoon, at 2½ o'clock, on motion of Mr. SNOW of Hallowell.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

The House resumed consideration of bill "an act to fix the punishment for murder and arson."

Amendment "A" was rejected.

The question then being on passing the bill to be engrossed, it was taken by yeas and nays, on motion of Mr. BUCK of Orland,

and decided in the negative, by yeas 61, nays 69, and the bill was refused a passage.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Allen of Brooklin,	Hawes,	Sanders,
Baker,	Heald,	Shepherd,
Barnard,	Judd,	Simpson,
Berry,	Keegan,	Smith of Whitefield,
Burnham,	Kiff,	Stevens,
Burpee,	Lamb,	Sturgis,
Butler of Avon,	Lawler,	Taylor,
Cobb,	Locke,	Tefft,
Colson,	Lyman,	Trott,
Davis,	Moody,	True,
Dodge,	Moulton of Lagrange,	Tuttle,
Doten,	Moulton of Scarboro',	Vose,
Durell,	Oak,	Wagg,
Eaton,	Page,	Wakefield,
Evans,	Park,	Walden,
Ferguson,	Parker,	Warren,
Fogg,	Pillsbury,	Webster,
Haines,	Porter,	Wheeler,
Haley,	Roberts,	Whitney of Dixmont,
Hanson,	Rogers,	Wiggin—61.
Harris,		

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Cunningham,	Jones,
Anderson,	Denison,	Lane,
Barker,	Dutton,	Leavitt,
Barron,	Edes,	Little,
Bearce,	Fernald,	Lyford,
Blanchard,	Folsom,	Macomber,
Brackett,	Frost,	Martiu,
Brawn,	Gile,	Mason,
Bray,	Gilmore,	McIntire,
Buck,	Grindle,	McKenney,
Clark of Lincoln,	Gleason,	Merrill, Cumberland,
Clark of Wiscasset,	Harmon,	Merrill, W. Gardiner,
Conant,	Hubbard,	Milliken,
Crosby,	Johnson,	Nadeau,

North,	Snow,	Vickery,
Nutter,	Stratton,	Wade,
Pease,	Stone,	Watts,
Pinkham,	Stowe,	Weed,
Purinton,	Talbot,	Wentworth,
Randall,	Tinkham,	Wheelwright,
Reed of Bath,	Tolman,	White,
Sawyer,	Treat,	Whitney, Friendship,
Smith of Jonesport,	Trickey,	Woodbury—69.

Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. SLEEPER of Caribou.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill "an act giving municipal and police courts jurisdiction in matters of liens upon personal property in certain cases," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, with legislation inexpedient, on account of Insurance Commissioner.

Report of the Committee on Towns, reporting reference to the next Legislature, on the petition of H. D. Coombs, for dividing the town of Gouldsboro' into two or more voting districts for election purposes; also

Reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of Alpheus Packard and others, to be set off from the town of Peru to Canton.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting, on petition, bill "an act conferring additional powers upon the Supreme Judicial Court, relating to railroads;" also

Reporting, on order, bill "an act explanatory of and additional

to section 65 of chapter 81 of the revised statutes, relating to civil actions."

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, to which was referred bill "an act to incorporate the Androscoggin Fish Company;" also

Reporting, bill "an act to incorporate the Cumberland Fish Company."

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, with ought to pass in a new draft, on bill "an act to amend chapter 124, section 28 of the revised statutes, relating to cruelty to animals."

Report of the Committee on Claims, reporting, on petition, bill "an act repealing chapter 177 of the public laws of 1874, relating to bounty on wolves and bears."

Report of the Committee on Railroads, reporting, on petition, bill "an act additional to 'an act establishing the Portland and Rochester Railroad Company.'"

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, bills read twice, and passed to be engrossed, the latter being amended as per sheets "A" and "B."

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading, except the latter, which was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. SNOW of Hallowell.

The following communication was received :

To the President of the Senate and

Speaker of the House of Representatives :

In compliance with a resolve adopted by the Constitutional Commission, created by a "resolve of the Legislature, approved January 12, 1875," I have the honor to submit herewith the amendments of the Constitution framed by the Commission, and now reported by them to the Legislature for its action. The proposed amendments are numbered from one to seventeen inclusive, and verified by the certificate of the Secretary of the Commission.

In order to facilitate legislation on this subject, the Commission also submit, for consideration, the form of a resolve by which such amendments as may be proposed by the Legislature to the people for adoption, may be presented and voted on.

• (Signed)

EDWARD KENT,

President of Constitutional Commission.

Augusta, Feb. 10, 1875.

The report was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, on motion of Mr. WILSON of Bangor, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. SAWYER of Milbridge, was excused from further attendance, and the Clerk directed to make up his pay to the end of the session.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER of Hancock,

Ordered, That this House tender the use of the Hall next Monday evening at 7½ o'clock, to Mr. George J. Varney, for the purpose of delivering a lecture on the Aroostook war.

Communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting the report of the Inspectors of Steamboats, for the year 1874, which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting the annual report of the Liquor Commissioner, which was read, and the report referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Bill "an act to amend section 10, chapter 135 of the revised statutes, relating to executions for capital crimes," was referred to the next Legislature.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

"Resolve authorizing a temporary loan," was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. DUTTON, from the Committee on Railroads, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to directors of railroads."

Mr. STURGIS, from the Committee on Pensions, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Benjamin Smith."

Mr. RANDALL, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of Island Falls."

The reports were read and accepted, and the bill and resolves ordered to be printed.

Bill "an act for supplying the city of Bangor with water," was read the third time, and amendment "G" offered by Mr. WILSON of Bangor.

Pending Senate amendments "A," "B," "C," "D," "E" and "F," the bill was ordered to be printed, as passed to be engrossed by the Senate, on motion of Mr. WILSON.

Mr. SNOW, from the Committee on Railroads, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act relating to assessment of damages for lands taken for railroad purposes."

Mr. McKENNEY, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported same, on bill "an act to prevent the throwing of edgings and other refuse into Salmon Falls river and tributaries in the towns of Berwick and Lebanon."

Mr. BUCK, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported legislation inexpedient, on order to amend chapter 49 of the revised statutes, relating to insurance.

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported same, on order relating to appeals from the decision of commissioners upon insolvent estates.

Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Barak Maxwell and others, for authority to build a bridge across Ogunquit river in the town of Wells.

Mr. STRATTON, from the Committee on Pensions, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of James Johnston, for pension.

Mr. BROWN, from the same Committee, reported same, on petition of Washington Carleton, for pension.

These reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. SHEPHERD, from the Committee on Education, reported ought to pass, in a new draft, on recommitted bill "an act to incorporate the Trustees of the St. Augustine School for Boys at Topsham."

Mr. WEBSTER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Olamon Dam Company."

Printed bill "an act to incorporate the Lewiston and Augusta Railroad Company."

Printed bill "an act relating to fencing railroads."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, and tomorrow assigned for the third reading.

Bill "an act to amend 'an act abating a portion of the State tax of Waterville for the year 1873, and assessing the same upon

the town of West Waterville,' " was read the third time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. STEVENS of West Waterville.

Bill "an act to increase the capital stock of Dirigo Slate Quarry Company, and authorize the construction of a tramway railroad ;" and

Bill "an act for the protection of moose ;"

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Buxton and Hollis Manufacturing Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate a mutual fire insurance company in the town of Thorndike."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Livermore Mutual Fire Insurance Company."

Bill "an act to legalize the doings of L. M. Partridge as Justice of the Peace and Quorum."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Camden Marine Railway Company."

Bill "an act to enable Nelson Mullin and Andrew L. Kent to extend and maintain a wharf into tide waters at North Haven."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 258 of the public laws of 1874, relating to taxation of railroad companies."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England."

Bill "an act to extend the time for the location and completion of the Penobscot Bay and River Railroad."

These bills were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Little Blue Slate Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Monson Pearl Slate Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company."

Bill "an act to authorize the Cobb Lime Company to increase its capital stock."

Bill "an act to incorporate the People's Savings Bank of Lewiston."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Waldoborough Savings Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Topsham and Brunswick Savings Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cedar Brook and Swift Cambridge River Improvement Company."

Bill "an act repealing 'an act to prevent the taking of pickerel in Three Mile pond in the towns of Vassalboro', China and Windsor.'"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Forest Slate Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bald Hill Brick and Manufacturing Company."

Bill "an act to amend 'an act to supply the cities of Lewiston Auburn with pure water.'"

Bill "an act additional to 'an act in relation to contested elections.'"

Bill "an act legalizing the doings of School District No. 3 in the town of St. George, in the county of Knox."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 166 of public laws of 1874, relating to school money."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Wood and Bishop Foundry Company."

Bill "an act amendatory of an act additional to an act entitled an act additional to 'an act to incorporate the Portland and Ogdensburg Railroad Company.'"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Odd Fellows Mutual Relief Association."

Bill "an act in addition to chapter 665 of the private acts of 1871, entitled 'an act to incorporate the Oldtown Water Power and Manufacturing Company.'"

Bill "an act to amend section 148 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to abatement of taxes."

"Resolve in favor of the town of Kingsbury."

"Resolve in favor of Crystal plantation, in the county of Aroostook."

"Resolve in favor of roads passing through the Indian Township, in Washington county."

These bills having had three and the resolves two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, were reported by the Committee on engrossed bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

The motion to reconsider the vote by which bill "an act to secure the education of youth in the State of Maine," was passed to be engrossed, was taken from the table, and the House refused to reconsider.

The bill was sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to authorize the Auburn Aqueduct Company to take water from Wilson pond in Auburn, for domestic purposes, and for extinguishing fires," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Judiciary Committee, reporting reference to the next Legislature, with order of notice, on petition for incorporation of the Rockport Ice Company, was taken from the table and re-committed, and sent to the Senate.

The following communication was received from the Governor :

STATE OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Augusta, Feb. 11, 1875. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

I return herewith, without my approval, bill entitled "an act to amend 'an act to incorporate the Martha's Grove Camp-Meeting Association,'" which authorizes that corporation to appoint police officers to exercise the powers of constables within the circuit of one mile of the camp ground of that Association during the sessions of their meetings. The object that this bill is designed to accomplish, is effectually secured by the existing general statutes, which authorize municipal officers to appoint police officers for this purpose.

If any further legislation be regarded necessary for the maintenance of good order and decorum, on and near camp-meeting grounds, the end should be reached by a general law promulgated in the usual manner, and not by special acts, of which the public may have no knowledge. And from these objections, this bill seems to me to be a dangerous precedent, even if not of doubtful constitutionality, in that it authorizes a private corporation unknown to the Constitution, and beyond the direct control of the legal voters of any municipality or other political organization, to appoint public officers clothed with delicate and important functions.

(Signed)

NELSON DINGLEY, Jr.

The House proceeded immediately to reconsider the bill, and the Chair put the question,

"Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?" and being taken by yeas and nays, as provided by the Constitution of the State, it was decided unanimously in the negative, by nays 125, as follows:

Allan of Dennysville,	Folsom,	Moody,
Allen of Brooklin,	Frost,	Moulton of Lagrange,
Anderson,	Gile,	Moulton of Scarboro',
Baker,	Gilmore,	Nadeau,
Barker,	Grindle,	North,
Barnard,	Gleason,	Nutter,
Barron,	Haines,	Oak,
Bearce,	Haley,	Page,
Berry,	Hanson,	Park,
Blanchard,	Harmon,	Parker,
Brackett,	Harris,	Pease,
Brawn,	Hawes,	Pillsbury,
Bray,	Heald,	Pitcher,
Buck,	Hoyt,	Powers,
Burpee,	Hubbard,	Purinton,
Butler of Avon,	Johnson,	Randall,
Butler of Hancock,	Jones,	Reed of Boothbay,
Clark of Lincoln,	Judd,	Roberts,
Clark of Wiscasset,	Keegan,	Rogers,
Cobb,	Lamb,	Sanders,
Colson,	Lane,	Sawyer,
Conant,	Lawler,	Shepherd,
Crosby,	Little,	Simpson,
Cunningham,	Locke,	Smith of Jonesport,
Davis,	Lyford,	Smith of Whitefield,
Dodge,	Lyman,	Snow,
Durell,	Martin,	Stevens,
Dutton,	Mason,	Stone,
Eaton,	McIntire,	Stowe,
Edes,	McKenney,	Sturgis,
Evans,	Merrill, Cumberland,	Talbot,
Ferguson,	Merrill, W. Gardiner,	Tapley,
Fernald,	Milliken,	Tefft,
Fogg,	Mitchell,	Tinkham,

Tolman,	Wagg,	White,
Treat,	Wakefield,	Whitney of Dixmont,
Trickey,	Walden,	Whitney, Friendship,
Trott,	Warren,	Wiggin,
Tuttle,	Watts,	Wilson,
Vickery,	Webster,	Withee,
Vose,	Weed,	Woodbury—125.
Wade,	Wheelwright,	

On motion of Mr. STURGIS of Auburn,
Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk*,

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. DREW of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill "an act relating to pledges;" and

Bill "an act relating to proceedings in court;"

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and were referred in concurrence.

Final reports from the Committee on Counties, and from the Committee on Railroads, came from the Senate accepted, and were accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with legislation inexpedient, on order relating to the rights of purchasers from the State of lands in unincorporated places sold for non-payment of State taxes.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, with leave to withdraw, on petition of Richard Winslow, for regulation of pilotage in and out of Penobscot river.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the North Livermore Cheese Company;" also

Reporting, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Canton and Dixfield Cheese Factory;" also

Reporting, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Andover Dairy Association;" also

Reporting, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Wayne Cheese Factory Company."

Report of the Committee on Commerce, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to enable William Conway to extend and maintain wharf into tide waters at Bluehill."

Report of the Committee on Railroads; reporting, on order, bill "an act to enforce the collection of taxes upon railroads."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bills passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Mechanics' Savings Bank," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted, bill read three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Daniel L. Kelly," passed to be engrossed by the House, came back from the Senate recommitted to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

The House concurred.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 45, section 1 of the revised statutes, in relation to interest," passed to be engrossed by the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House insisted on its vote.

Bill "an act to establish a municipal court in the city of Auburn," passed to be enacted by the House, came back from the Senate amended as per sheets "A" and "B," and passed to be engrossed.

Pending Senate amendments, the bill was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. DUTTON of Lewiston.

Bill "an act relating to the city schools of Bangor," passed to be engrossed by the House, came back from Senate amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

Pending Senate amendment, the bill was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WHEELWRIGHT of Bangor.

Bill "an act to amend section 22 of chapter 24 of the revised statutes, relating to paupers," passed to be enacted by the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House insisted, on motion of Mr. TAPLEY of Saco.

Bill "an act to extend the time for the location and completion of the Penobscot Bay and River Railroad," passed to be engrossed by the House, came back from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded and concurred.

Petition of the Woman's Suffrage Association for the right of suffrage, came from the Senate referred to a Joint Special Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, with

Messrs. Goold of Cumberland,
Emery of Hancock,
Corthell of Washington,

Appointed on its part.

The House concurred, and the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. Snow of Hallowell,
Cobb of Lewiston,
Tefft of Brewer,
Randall of Island Falls,
Little of Brunswick,
Haines of Biddeford,
Trickey of Cape Elizabeth,

Said Committee on the part of the House.

Reports of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, relating to the Bethel toll bridge, were taken from the table and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instruction to report whether there are any reasons in law why the report of the majority should be accepted.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, in a new draft, on recommitted bill "an act relating to paupers."

Mr. DENISON, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported ought to pass, in a new draft, on bill "an act for the protection of life and property."

Mr. TEFFT, from the Committee on Education, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend chapter 124 of the public laws of 1873, entitled 'an act in aid of free high schools.'"

Mr. TAPLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act giving the municipal and police courts jurisdiction in matters of liens upon personal property in certain cases."

Mr. TALBOT, from the same Committee, reported ought to pass in a new draft, on bill "an act in relation to the execution of sentence in capital cases."

Mr. REED, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to savings banks."

Mr. HAWES, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported bill "an act fixing the compensation of Councillors."

Mr. WHITE, from the same Committee, reported bill "an act relating to the duties of Secretary of State."

Mr. GILE, from the Committee on Education, reported ought to pass, in a new draft, on bill "an act to repeal sections 81 and 82, chapter 11 of the revised statutes, in relation to teachers' institutes."

Mr. SHEPHERD, from the same Committee, reported "resolve in favor of the Eastern Normal School;" also

"Resolve in favor of the Western Normal School;" also

Reported ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of compiling and printing the school laws."

Mr. LAMB, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Moose river bridge."

Mr. MILLIKEN, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of A. F. Owen;" also

Reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of the South Haystack road in Castle Hill, in Aroostook county."

Mr. BURNHAM, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Otis J. Witham."

Mr. MACOMBER, from the same Committee, reported, on petition "resolve in favor of George H. Freeman of Presque Isle."

Mr. SMITH, from the same Committee, reported ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of Andrew Wiren of Woodland plantation."

Mr. BUCK, from the Committee on County Estimates, reported "resolve laying a tax on the several counties of the State."

Mr. REED, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported ought to pass, on "resolve authorizing a temporary loan."

These reports were read and accepted, and the bills and resolves ordered to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. STONE, from the Committee on State Prison, reported legislation inexpedient, on report of Warden and Inspectors of State Prison.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported same, on order relating to the harmonizing of the constitutional provision concerning mileage of members of the Legislature, and the statute upon the same subject.

Mr. SANDERS, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported same, on order relating to repeal of chapter 301 of resolves of 1874.

Mr. WHEELER, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported same, on order relating to uniform standard weight of grain.

Mr. FERGUSON, from the Committee on Education, reported same, on order relating to the propriety of allowing towns that do not receive any benefit from the high school law, a certain amount of the school funds for the support of common schools.

Mr. VOSE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same, on order relating to the propriety of exempting from attachment houses on land of another person in actual possession of the owner.

Mr. MASON, from the same Committee, reported same, on order relating to equalization of municipal war debts.

Mr. MOULTON, from the Committee on Education, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of Joseph Farwell and others of Rockland, for amendment of the law relating to meeting-houses.

Mr. SHEPHERD, from the Committee on Education, reported same, on petitions for normal school in northern Maine.

Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Piper Reservoir Dam Company."

Mr. TOLMAN, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported same, on petition of Augustus Welt, for an act to protect Medomak river.

Mr. WIEDLWRIGHT, from the Committee on Commerce, reported same, on report of Inspectors of Steamboats.

Mr. WAKEFIELD, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of A. P. Hutchinson, for change of close-time on trout in Androscoggin river and tributaries.

Mr. MILLIKEN, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported same, on petition for aid to build a bridge over Gagnon stream in Frenchville.

Mr. LANE, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported same, on petition of Frank Strainge, for compensation for wood furnished troops at Bangor encampment.

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act further regulating appeals from probate courts in certain cases and for other purposes."

Mr. TALBOT, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to amend section 9, chapter 32 of the revised statutes, relating to days of grace."

Mr. BARKER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported same, on "resolve relating to settlers' lots under the treaty of Washington," from the last Legislature.

These reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. BARRON, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, in a new draft, on bill "an act to make valid the doings of School District No. 2, in the town of Monroe."

Pending acceptance of the report, it was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. VOSE of Augusta.

Mr. CLARK, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on petition, bill "an act to legalize the doings of the town of Appleton, in the county of Knox."

Mr. WHEELWRIGHT, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Corinth Savings Bank."

Mr. WHITNEY, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Cumberland Center Farmers' Club."

Mr. WEBSTER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported, on petition, bill "an act to authorize Judson G. Archer to drain and flow Blunt's pond in the town of Lamoine and stock the same with trout."

Mr. WAGG, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported, on petition, bill "an act to allow the town of Milo to regulate the width of wheel rims;" also

Reported, on petition, bill "an act to authorize the town of Kittery to build a free bridge over tide waters in said town."

Mr. LAWLER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported, on petition, bill "an act in relation to elections of the Penobscot tribe of Indians."

Mr. PITCHER, from the Committee on Towns, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the town of Woodville."

Mr. TOLMAN, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported, on petition, bill "an act for the protection and propagation of eels in Damariscotta river and pond."

Mr. DAVIS, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to prevent fishing in Otter pond in the town of Bridgton."

Mr. WAKEFIELD, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to prevent the taking of trout from Howard pond in Hanover."

Printed bill "an act providing for a lien to persons for raising or removing buildings."

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on petition, "resolve concerning the claim of George M. Weston against the State of Maine."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, resolve once, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill "an act repealing chapter 177 of the public laws of 1874, relating to bounty on wolves and bears," was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, amended as per sheet "A," on motion of Mr. LANE of Monson, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act explanatory of, and additional to, section 65, chapter 81 of the revised statutes, relating to civil actions."

Bill "an act conferring additional powers upon the Supreme Judicial Court relating to railroads."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 124, section 28 of the revised statutes, relating to cruelty to animals."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cumberland Fish Company."

These bills were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Trustees of the St. Augustine School for Boys at Topsham."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Lewiston and Augusta Railroad Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Olamon Dam Company."

Bill "an act relating to fencing railroads."

These bills were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to authorize the inhabitants of the town of Brunswick to unite a town building with a soldiers' monument."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 248 of the public laws of 1874, relating to fishing."

Bill "an act for the protection of deer on the island of Mt. Desert."

Bill "an act to authorize the Auburn Aqueduct Company to take water from Wilson pond in Auburn for domestic purposes and for extinguishing fires."

Bill "an act to extend the time for the location and completion of the Georges Valley Railroad."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Presque Isle and St. John River Railroad Company."

"Resolve in favor of the sub-Committee on Agriculture, appointed to visit the State Agricultural College."

"Resolve in aid of repairing the road from Abbot to Greenville, in the county of Piscataquis."

"Resolve in favor of the Military and Naval Asylum at Bath."

"Resolve making appropriation for the Penobscot tribe of Indians."

"Resolve granting a pension to Charles W. Owen."

These bills having had three, and the resolves two several readings and passed to be engrossed, were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills passed

to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

“Resolve for the relief of Francis A. Reed and Edwin A. Reed, and the estate of William R. Hersey.”

“Resolve relating to the purchase by the State, of Maine reports.”

These resolves assigned for Wednesday of next week, were taken from the table, read twice, the latter amended as per sheet “A,” on motion of Mr. NORTH of Augusta, and each passed to be engrossed.

Bill “an act to amend ‘an act abating a portion of the State tax of Waterville for the year 1873, and assessing the same upon the town of West Waterville,’ ” was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Bill “an act additional to ‘an act establishing the Portland and Rochester Railroad Company,’ ” was taken from the table, read the third time, Senate amendments “A” and “B” adopted, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LEAVITT of Eastport,
Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. SARGENT of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of J. T. Gay and others, for incorporation of the Waldo-boro' Marine Insurance Company, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Bill "an act relating to the jurisdiction of municipal courts," came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and was referred in concurrence.

Final reports of the Committees on Ways and Bridges, Pensions, Legal Affairs, Indian Affairs, Banks and Banking, Commerce, and Fisheries, were accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, with reference to the next Legislature, on bill "an act for the taxation of dogs and the preservation of sheep."

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, reporting leave to withdraw, on petitions of Penobscot Indians, for certain appropriations, and repeal of resolve of 1874, relating to Indian affairs.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, with ought not to pass, on bill "an act repealing chapter 379 of acts and resolves of 1846, and amending section 50 of chapter 40 of the revised statutes."

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting, on petition for incorporation of Carrabasset Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, bill "an act to incorporate the Canaan Masonic Hall Association."

Report of the Committee on Railroads, reporting bill "an act to incorporate the Brownville and Sebec Railroad Company."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read three times, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to amend the charter of the Castine and Ellsworth Railroad Company."

This report came from the Senate read accepted, bill amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted, bill read three times, amendment "A" adopted, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, and Tuesday next assigned.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Pittsfield Savings Bank;" and
"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on the State Prison;"

Came from the Senate read twice, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, and were passed to be engrossed in concurrence, under suspension of the rules.

Bill "an act giving a lien on pressed hay to persons for personal services in pressing," passed to be engrossed by the House, amended as per sheet "A," came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House receded and concurred.

"Resolve in favor of bridge across the Aroostook river at Caribou;" and

"Resolve in favor of the town of Fort Fairfield;"

Were referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Petition of Jacob Martin, for deed of a lot of land, was referred to the next Legislature.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. LYMAN of Machias,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House be directed to make up the pay for attendance for all members who may obtain leave of absence before the close of the session, at two dollars and fifty cents per day, and at the same rate for all who leave without obtaining leave of absence.

On motion of Mr. WHEELWRIGHT of Bangor,

Ordered, That the use of this Hall be granted to the members of the Bangor Reform Club, on Thursday evening next, to make some statements in regard to the progress of temperance.

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to proceedings in court."

Mr. NORTH, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act relating to pledges."

Mr. TAPLEY, from this Committee, reported ought to pass, in a new draft, on bill "an act concerning judicial proceedings."

Mr. STONE, from the Committee on State Prison, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend section 9, chapter 133 of the public laws of 1873, relating to the powers and duties of prison and jail inspectors."

Mr. BARKER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on petition, "resolve in aid of the Aroostook River Railroad Company;" also

Reported, on petition, "resolve appropriating two thousand dollars on Mattawamkeag bridge in the county of Penobscot;" also

Reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of David Doe."

Mr. BURNHAM, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Hugh Jamieson."

Mr. FERNALD, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Thomas H. Getchell."

These reports were read and accepted, and the bills and resolves ordered to be printed.

Mr. MERRILL, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported, on order, bill "an act relating to the construction and rebuilding of bridges on highways."

Pending acceptance of the report, the bill was ordered to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the majority and minority reports of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, relating to the Bethel toll bridge, reported that there are reasons in law why the majority report should not be accepted.

The report was accepted, and the reports of the Committee on Ways and Bridges were laid on the table.

Mr. REED, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to repeal of law exempting from taxation property of religious societies.

The report was read and accepted.

Mr. HARMON, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of S. D. Greenleaf and others, for an act to authorize counties to build and maintain bridges across large streams.

This report was read, accepted, and sent the Senate.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Thomas Lovely."

The report was read and accepted, resolve read once, and Monday assigned for the second reading.

"Resolve in favor of the Bangor Children's Home."

"Resolve in favor of Island Falls."

"Resolve in favor of Benjamin Smith."

"Resolve in favor of the Female Orphan Asylum of Portland."

These printed resolves were read once, and Wednesday of next week assigned for the second reading.

Printed bill "an act relating to directors of railroads," was read twice.

Mr. SNOW of Hallowell, offered amendment "A," pending which, the bill was ordered to be printed, as it would read if the amendment was adopted.

Bill "an act providing for a lien to persons for raising or removing buildings."

Bill "an act to prevent the taking of trout from Howard's pond in the town of Hanover."

Bill "an act to prevent fishing in Otter pond in the town of Bridgton."

Bill "an act to incorporate the town of Woodville."

Bill "an act for the protection of eels in Damariscotta river and pond."

"Resolve concerning the claim of George M. Weston against the State of Maine."

The foregoing were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read the third, resolve the second time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act amendatory of an act entitled 'an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of a railroad into Aroostook county.'"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Mammoth Silver Mining Company."

Bill "an act for the protection of moose."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Portland and Harpswell Steamboat Company."

Bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the Dirigo Slate Quarry Company, and authorize the construction of a tramway railroad."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Washington County Masonic Relief Association."

Bill "an act amending an act entitled 'an act for the better protection of lobsters in the State of Maine.'"

"Resolve in favor of Sarah J. Vance."

These bills having had three, and the resolve two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills passed to be enacted, resolve finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to establish a municipal court in the city of Auburn," was taken from the table, Senate amendments "A" and "B" adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act relating to the city schools of Bangor," was taken from the table, Senate amendment "A" rejected, and the House insisted on its vote passing the same to be engrossed.

Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. PURINTON of the House.

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Information was received from the Senate of the choice of Hon. W. J. Corthell, President *pro tempore*.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, with ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to mutual fire insurance companies."

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, with ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Mining Company of Portland;" also

Reporting same, on bill "an act to make valid the organization of the Brown Slate Quarry Company, and to change the number of shares and par value thereof in the stock of said company."

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, with ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Limerick Savings Bank."

Bill "an act to amend section 4 of chapter 203 of the public laws of 1874, providing pensions for disabled soldiers and seamen."

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting ought to pass, in a new draft, on bill "an act to repeal chapter three hundred and fourteen of the resolves of eighteen hundred seventy-four, and to revive all acts and parts of acts repealed by said chapter three hundred and fourteen of the resolves of eighteen hundred seventy-four, and to amend section four of chapter five of the revised statutes."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, bills read twice, the latter amended as per sheet "B," and each passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned.

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture," was read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to provide for the appointment of deputy town treasurers," passed to be engrossed by the House, came back from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded and concurred in amendment "A," and passed the bill to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. SNOW of Hallowell,

Ordered, That on and after to-morrow, the House hold two sessions each day, commencing until otherwise ordered, at 10 o'clock A. M., and 2½ o'clock P. M.

Mr. REED presented bill "an act to provide for deficiency in appropriations for the expenditures of government for the year 1874," which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. NORTH presented "resolve giving the Maine Historical Society the annual legislative documents," which was read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. SHEPHERD, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of the Maine General Hospital at Portland."

The report was read accepted, and the resolve ordered to be printed with amendment "A," which was presented by Mr. WHEELWRIGHT of Bangor.

Mr. KEEGAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill "an act to amend chapter 46 of the revised statutes, relating to taxation of corporations."

Mr. RANDALL, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of Silver Ridge plantation."

These reports were read and accepted, and bill and resolve ordered to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. BURNHAM, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Charles Carleton and others for conveyance of land.

Mr. SMITH, from the same Committee, reported same, on petition of C. C. and G. F. Sampson; also

Reported same, on petition of James Timony and others, for aid to build bridge across east branch of the Mattawamkeag; also

Reported same, on petition of George W. Kelloch, for deed of a lot of land; also

Reported same, on petition of J. Ryan, for deed of a lot of land.

Mr. BARKER, from the same Committee, reported ought not to pass, on "resolve relating to settlers' lots under the treaty of Washington."

Mr. MACOMBER, from the same Committee, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of G. P. Smith, for aid to open road in Township 6, Range 4, W. E. L. S.

These reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. RANDALL, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Sabine F. Berry and Thaddeus C. S. Berry;" also

Reported ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of Joseph L. Young."

Mr. BARKER, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Bowdoin R. Blackstone."

Mr. BURNHAM, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Andrew R. Higgins."

Printed "resolve in favor of compiling and printing the school laws."

Printed "resolve in favor of Moose river bridge."

Printed "resolve in favor of Andrew Wiren of Woodland plantation."

Printed "resolve in favor of A. F. Owens."

Printed "resolve in favor of Eastern State Normal School at Castine."

Printed "resolve in favor of Western State Normal School at Farmington."

Printed "resolve in favor of the South Hay-Stack road in Castle Hill, in Aroostook county."

Printed "resolve in favor of George H. Freeman of Presque Isle."

Printed "resolve in favor of Otis J. Witham."

These reports were read and accepted, resolves read once, and Wednesday next assigned for the second reading.

Mr. RANDALL, from the Committee on Towns, reported, on petition, bill "an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Aroostook to organize the Allegash plantation."

Mr. POWERS, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on petition, bill "an act to make valid the doings of the Selectmen of the town of Lyndon."

Mr. POWERS, from the Aroostook County Delegation, reported, on petition, bill "an act increasing the compensation of the County Commissioners of Aroostook county."

Mr. STONE, from the Committee on Education, reported, on petition, from the files of the last Legislature, bill "an act to establish and maintain a State normal school at North Bridgton, in the county of Cumberland."

Printed bill "an act in relation to paupers."

Printed bill "an act fixing the compensation of councillors."

Printed bill "an act giving to municipal and police courts jurisdiction in matters of liens upon personal property in certain cases."

Printed bill "an act in relation to the execution of sentence in capital capital cases."

Printed bill "an act relating to savings banks."

The reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, and tomorrow assigned.

"Resolve authorizing a temporary loan."

"Resolve laying a tax on the several counties in the State."

These printed resolves were read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the North Livermore Cheese Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Canton and Dixfield Cheese Factory."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Andover Dairy Association."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Wayne Cheese Factory Company."

Bill "an act to authorize William Conway to extend and maintain a wharf into tide waters at Bluehill."

Bill "an act to enforce the collection of taxes upon railroad companies."

These bills were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to authorize the town of Kittery to build a free bridge over tide waters in said town."

Bill "an act to allow the town of Milo to regulate the width of wheel rims."

Bill "an act to authorize Judson G. Archer to drain and flow Blunt's pond in the town of Lamoine and stock the same with trout."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cumberland Center Farmers' Club."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Corinth Savings Bank."

Bill "an act to legalize the doings of the town of Appleton, in the county of Knox."

Bill "an act in relation to elections of the Penobscot tribe of Indians."

"Resolve in favor of Thomas Lovely of Mapleton plantation."

The foregoing were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read the third, resolve the second time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians," being on its final passage, was amended as per sheet "A," on motion of Mr. LAWLER, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act additional to 'an act establishing the Portland and Rochester Railroad Company.'"

Bill "an act to extend the time for the location and completion of the Penobscot Bay and River Railroad."

Bill "an act explanatory of, and additional to, section 65 of chapter 81 of the revised statutes, relating to civil actions."

Bill "an act to amend section 4 of chapter 59 of the revised statutes, relating to marriage and its solemnization."

Bill "an act to amend section 3, chapter 11 of the revised statutes, relating to abolishing school districts."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 124, section 28 of the revised statutes, relating to cruelty to animals."

Bill "an act conferring additional powers upon the Supreme Judicial Court relating to railroads."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cumberland Fish Company."

These bills having had three several readings and passed to be engrossed, were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk*.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. UPJOHN of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

"Resolve providing for the exchange of certain documents," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Report of the Committee on Temperance, with reference to the next Legislature, on the report of the Liquor Commissioner.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, referring "resolve abating State tax of D'Aigle plantation," to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, with ought to pass in a new draft, on bill "an act to incorporate the Burleigh Lumber Manufacturing Company."

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, with ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Magalloway River Dam Company.'"

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, with ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the People's Loan and Building Association."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, bills read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, and this afternoon assigned for the third reading.

Bill "an act to amend section 3, chapter 198 of the public laws of 1874, relating to disclosures of poor debtors," passed to be enacted by the House, came back from the Senate amended, by striking out the third section, and the House receded, concurred, and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act amendatory of an act additional to an act entitled an act additional to 'an act to incorporate the Portland and Ogdensburg Railroad Company,'" passed to be enacted by the House, came from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded, adopted amendment "A," and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DUTTON of Lewiston,

Ordered, That the use of this Hall be given to Thomas N. Doutney for a temperance lecture Monday evening, February 22.

Mr. STURGIS of Auburn, presented bill "an act to amend 'an act to incorporate the Lewiston and Auburn Railroad Company,'" which was read twice under suspension of the rules, and this afternoon assigned for the third reading.

Mr. ROGERS, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported reference to the next Legislature, on bill "an act to prevent the throwing of edgings and other refuse into the waters of the Medomak river in the town of Washington."

The report was read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. RANDALL, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Thomas Mathison."

The report was read and accepted, resolve read once, and tomorrow assigned for the second reading.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 124, public laws of 1874, entitled 'an act in aid of free high schools.'"

Bill "an act to amend section 9 of chapter 133 of the public

laws of 1873, relating to the powers and duties of prison and jail inspectors."

Bill "an act for the better protection of life and property."

"Resolve appropriating two thousand dollars on Mattawamkeag bridge at Mattawamkeag, in the county of Penobscot."

These printed bills were read twice, and resolve once, and this afternoon assigned for the bills, and to-morrow for the resolve.

Bill "an act to repeal sections 81 and 82 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes, in relation to teachers' institutes," was read twice, and to-morrow assigned.

Printed bill "an act relating to the duties of Secretary of State," was read once, and laid on the table.

Printed bill "an act relating to the construction and rebuilding of bridges on highways," was read twice, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. HARMON of Thorndike.

Bill "an act in relation to the execution of sentence in capital cases," was reported, read the third time.

Mr. PILLSBURY presented amendment "A," which was ordered to be printed.

Bill "an act relating to savings banks," was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. STEVENS of West Waterville, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill "an act to make valid the organization of the Brown Slate Quarry Company, and to change the number of shares and par value thereof in the stock of said company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Mining Company of Portland."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Limerick Savings Bank."

Bill "an act to amend section 4, chapter 203 of the public laws of 1874, providing pensions for disabled soldiers and seamen."

Bill "an act relating to mutual fire insurance companies."

These bills were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter three hundred and fourteen of the resolves of eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and to revive all

acts and parts of acts repealed by said chapter three hundred and fourteen of the resolves of eighteen hundred seventy-four, and to amend section four of chapter five of the revised statutes, relating to the office of Land Agent," was reported and read the third time.

Senate amendment "B" was amended as per sheet "C," on motion of Mr. LANE of Monson, and adopted.

The bill was further amended as per sheet "D," and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act giving to municipal and police courts jurisdiction in matters of liens upon personal property in certain cases."

Bill "an act increasing the compensation of the County Commissioners of Aroostook county."

Bill "an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Aroostook county to organize the Allegash plantation."

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the Selectmen of the town of Lyndon."

Bill "an act for the protection of fish in Chase's pond."

Bill "an act fixing the compensation of councillors."

Bill "an act in relation to paupers."

These bills were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to establish and maintain a State normal school at North Bridgton, in the county of Cumberland," was read the third time, and indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. LITTLE of Brunswick.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Mechanics' Savings Bank of Auburn."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 258 of the the public laws of 1874, relating to taxation of railroad companies."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Brownville and Sebec Railroad Company."

Bill "an act repealing chapter 177 of the public laws of 1874, relating to bounty on wolves and bears."

Bill "an act to enable Nelson Mullin and Andrew L. Kent to extend and maintain a wharf into tide waters at North Haven."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Camden Marine Railway Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Buxton and Hollis Manufacturing Company."

Bill "an act to legalize the doings of L. M. Partridge as Justice of the Peace and Quorum."

Bill "an act to establish a municipal court in the city of Auburn."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Livermore Mutual Fire Insurance Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate a mutual fire insurance company in the town of Thorndike."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Canaan Masonic Hall Association."

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on State Prison."

These bills having had three and the resolve two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills passed to be enacted, resolve finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Printed bill "an act to make free the Livermore Falls toll bridge," was taken from the table, read twice, and this afternoon assigned.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, with ought to pass, on bill "an act to make valid the doings of School District No. 2, in the town of Monroe," was taken from the table and accepted, bill read three times, under suspension of the suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Petition of S. D. Thurston and others, for incorporation of the Ocean Mutual Marine Insurance Company, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of the Committee on Claims, with leave to withdraw, on

petition of Joseph B. Clark and others, for reimbursement of expenses incurred in pursuing and capturing the thief, George Sterritt.

Pending acceptance, the report was laid on the table.

Final report of the Committee on Agriculture.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to make valid the annual March meeting of the town of Hermon in the year 1873."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted, bill read three times, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Printed bill "an act concerning judicial proceedings," was read three times, under suspension of the rules, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. ROGERS, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported reference to the next Legislature, on order relating to branding or marking pressed hay.

The report was read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Printed bill "an act relating to pledges."

"Resolve in favor of David Doe of Lyndon."

"Resolve in favor of Hugh Jamison."

"Resolve in favor of Thomas H. Getchell and Son."

"Resolve in aid of the Aroostook River Railroad Company."

This bill was read twice, resolves once, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill "an act for the better protection of life and property."

Bill "an act to amend 'an act to incorporate the Lewiston and Auburn Railroad Company.'"

Bill "an act to amend section 9, chapter 133 of the public laws of 1873, relating to the powers and duties of prison and jail inspectors."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 124 of the public laws of 1873, entitled 'an act in aid of free high schools.'"

Bill "an act to make free the Livermore Falls toll bridge."

These bills were reported by the Committee on Bills in the

Third Reading, read the third time, the latter amended as per sheet "A," on motion of Mr. DENISON of Poland, and each passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Burleigh Lumber Manufacturing Company."

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Magalloway River Dam Company,' approved March 15, 1861."

Bill "an act to incorporate the People's Loan and Building Association."

These bills were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the report of the Constitutional Commission, reporting, in part, and submitting seventeen resolves concerning amendments to the Constitution of Maine, as follows:

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to religious societies."

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to bribery at elections."

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to November elections."

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to biennial elections and biennial sessions."

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to apportionment of representatives."

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to elections of senators by plurality vote."

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to special legislation and corporations."

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to election of governor by plurality vote."

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to removal of officers by the governor."

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to power of governor to pardon."

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to abrogation of the council."

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to judges of probate to be appointed by the governor."

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to appointment of judges of municipal and police courts."

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to taxation."

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to restrictions upon municipal corporations."

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to abolishing land agency."

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to codification of the amended constitution."

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and accepted in concurrence.

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to rights of religious societies," came from the Senate read twice, and refused a passage.

The resolve was read twice under suspension of the rules, and the question being on passing the same to be engrossed, it was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas 59, nays 52.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Anderson,	Crosby,	Lawler,
Barnard,	Cunningham,	Lyman,
Barron,	Davis,	Mason,
Bearce,	Denison,	McGilvery,
Berry,	Dodge,	McIntire,
Blanchard,	Eastman,	Merrill, Cumberland,
Brackett,	Edes,	Milliken,
Brawn,	Evans,	Moody,
Burnham,	Fogg,	Nadeau,
Burpee,	Grindle,	Parker,
Butler of Hancock,	Hall,	Pease,
Clark of Wiscasset,	Haley,	Pillsbury,
Cobb,	Harris,	Pitcher,
Colson,	Hawes,	Reed of Boothbay,
Conant,	Hubbard,	Shepherd,

Smith of Jonesport,	Treat,	Walden,
Stone,	Trickey,	Whitcomb,
Talbot,	Trott,	Wilson,
Tefft,	Wade,	Withee—59.
Tolman,	Wakefield,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Leavitt,	Simpson,
Allen of Brooklin,	Little,	Smith of Whitefield,
Baker,	Lyford,	Snow,
Buck,	Martin,	Taylor,
Clark of Lincoln,	Merrill, W. Gardiner,	Tinkham,
Durell,	Moulton of Lagrange,	True,
Dutton,	North,	Tuttle,
Eaton,	Nutter,	Vickery,
Ferguson,	Oak,	Vose,
Folsom,	Page,	Warren,
Frost,	Payne,	Watts,
Gilmore,	Pinkham,	Weed,
Harmon,	Powers,	Wheelwright,
Hoyt,	Purinton,	White,
Johnson,	Randall,	Whitney, Friendship,
Judd,	Rogers,	Wiggin,
Lamb,	Sanders,	Woodbury—52.
Lane,		

The vote was subsequently reconsidered, and the resolve refused a passage to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. SNOW of Hallowell, it was voted that it shall require a two-thirds vote of the House to pass to be engrossed any resolve proposing an amendment to the Constitution.

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to bribery at elections," came from the Senate read and amended as per sheets "A" and "B," and refused a passage.

The resolve was read twice.

The question of adopting amendment "A" was taken by yeas and nays, on motion of Mr. KEEGAN of Madawaska, and the amendment adopted, by yeas 88, nays 28.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Heald,	Sanders,
Allen of Brooklin,	Hoyt,	Shepherd,
Baker,	Hubbard,	Smith of Jonesport,
Barron,	Johnson,	Smith of Whitefield,
Bearce,	Lamb,	Snow,
Berry,	Lane,	Stone,
Blanchard,	Lawler,	Sturgis,
Brackett,	Leavitt,	Taylor,
Brawn,	Little,	Tefft,
Buck,	Locke,	Treat,
Burpee,	Lyford,	Trickey,
Butler of Hancock,	Martin,	Trott,
Clark of Lincoln,	McGilvery,	True,
Clark of Wiscasset,	McIntire,	Tuttle,
Colson,	Merrill, Cumberland,	Vickery,
Crosby,	Merrill, W. Gardiner,	Vose,
Cunningham,	Milliken,	Wade,
Denison,	Moulton of Lagrange,	Wakefield,
Dodge,	North,	Walden,
Durrell,	Nutter,	Watts,
Dutton,	Oak,	Weed,
Eastman,	Page,	Wheeler,
Eaton,	Parker,	Whitcomb,
Evans,	Pillsbury,	White,
Ferguson,	Pinkham,	Whitney, Friendship,
Fogg,	Pitcher,	Wiggin,
Folsom,	Powers,	Wilson,
Frost,	Randall,	Withee,
Harmon,	Reed of Bath,	Woodbury—89.
Hawes,	Rogers,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Anderson,	Gilmore,	Lyman,
Barnard,	Grindle,	Mason,
Burnham,	Haines,	Moody,
Cobb,	Hall,	Nadeau,
Conant,	Haley,	Payne,
Davis,	Judd,	Pease,
Edes,	Keegan,	Purinton,

Reed of Boothbay,	Tinkham,	Warren,
Simpson,	Tolman,	Wheelwright—28.
Talbot,		

Amendment "B" was then adopted.

The resolve was then further amended as per sheet "C," on motion of Mr. LEAVITT of Eastport.

The question then being on passing the resolve to be engrossed as amended, it was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas 107, nays 12.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Frost,	Oak,
Allen of Brooklin,	Gile,	Page,
Anderson,	Grindle,	Payne,
Baker,	Haines,	Parker,
Barron,	Haley,	Pease,
Bearce,	Harmon,	Pillsbury,
Berry,	Hawes,	Pinkham,
Blanchard,	Heald,	Pitcher,
Brackett,	Hoyt,	Powers,
Burnham,	Hubbard,	Purinton,
Burpee,	Keegan,	Randall,
Butler of Hancock,	Lamb,	Reed of Bath,
Clark of Lincoln,	Lane,	Reed of Boothbay,
Clark of Wiscasset,	Lawler,	Rogers,
Colson,	Leavitt,	Sanders,
Crosby,	Little,	Shepherd,
Cunningham,	Locke,	Simpson,
Davis,	Lyford,	Smith of Jonesport,
Denison,	Martin,	Smith of Whitefield,
Dodge,	Mason,	Snow,
Durell,	McGilvery,	Stevens,
Dutton,	McIntire,	Stone,
Eastman,	Merrill, W. Gardiner,	Sturgis,
Eaton,	Milliken,	Talbot,
Edes,	Moody,	Taylor,
Evans,	Moulton of Lagrange,	Tefft,
Ferguson,	Nadeau,	Tinkham,
Fogg,	North,	Tolman,
Folsom,	Nuttes,	Treat,

Trickey,	Wakefield,	Whitcomb,
Trott,	Walden,	Whitney, Friendship,
True,	Warren,	Wiggin,
Tuttle,	Watts,	Wilson,
Vickery,	Weed,	Withee,
Vose,	Wheeler,	Woodbury—107.
Wade,	Wheelwright,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Barnard,	Gilmore,	Judd,
Brawn,	Hall,	Lyman,
Buck,	Harris,	Macomber,
Cobb,	Johnson,	White—12.

“Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution relating to November elections,” came from the Senate refused a passage, and was read twice, and pending the question of passing the same to be engrossed, the House, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias,

Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. SANDERSON of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Paper from the Senate.

Bill “an act to incorporate the Maine Unitarian Association,” was referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The SPEAKER presented memorial of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company, in reference to the condition and disposition of said road, which was laid on the table.

Mr. STONE, from the Committee on State Prison, reported reference to the next Legislature, on order relating to salaries of the officers of the State Prison.

Pending acceptance, the report was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

Mr. SHEPHERD, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported "resolve relating to public documents;" also

Reported "resolve relating to the distribution of public documents."

Mr. LEAVITT, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, in a new draft, on bill "an act to amend the charter of the Norway Village Corporation."

Mr. RANDALL, from the Committee on Change of Names, reported, on petition, bill "an act to change the name of the First North Yarmouth Aqueduct Company;" also

Reported, on petition, bill "an act to authorize the Lockwood Cotton Mills of Waterville to change the name of its corporation."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read the third time, resolves the second time, under suspension of the rules, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. SHEPHERD, from the Committee on Education, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls."

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 46 of the revised statutes, relating to the taxation of corporations."

Printed bill "an act relating to proceedings in court."

Printed "resolve in favor of Silver Ridge plantation."

Printed "resolve in favor of the Maine General Hospital at Portland."

The report was read and accepted, bills read twice, resolves once, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill "an act to repeal sections 81 and 82 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes, in relation to teachers' institutes."

Bill "an act relating to pledges."

"Resolve in favor of Benjamin Smith."

"Resolve appropriating two thousand dollars on Mattawamkeag bridge at Mattawamkeag, in the county of Penobscot."

"Resolve in favor of Andrew R. Higgins."

"Resolve in favor of Thomas Mathison."

"Resolve in favor of Thomas H. Getchell and Son."

"Resolve in favor of Andrew Wiren of Woodland plantation."

"Resolve in favor of South Haystack road in Castle Hill, in Aroostook county."

"Resolve in favor of A. F. Owens."

"Resolve in favor of Sabine F. Berry and Thadeus C. S. Berry."

"Resolve in favor of the Bangor Children's Home."

"Resolve in favor of the Female Orphan Asylum at Portland."

"Resolve in favor of David Doe of Lyndon."

"Resolve in favor of Island Falls."

"Resolve in favor of Bowdoin R. Blackstone."

"Resolve in favor of Joseph L. Young."

"Resolve in favor of Moose river bridge."

"Resolve in favor of Otis J. Witham."

"Resolve in favor of Hugh Jamison."

"Resolve in favor of George H. Freeman of Presque Isle."

"Resolve in favor of the Eastern State Normal School at Castine."

"Resolve in favor of the Western State Normal School at Farmington."

"Resolve in favor of compiling and printing school laws."

The foregoing were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read the third, resolves the second time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve in favor of the Aroostook River Railroad Company," was read the second time.

Mr. TALBOT offered amendment "A."

Mr. WILSON offered amendment "B," pending which, the resolve was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. LEAVITT of Eastport, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill "an act relating to fencing railroads."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Lewiston and Augusta Railroad Company."

Bill "an act to enforce the collection of taxes upon railroad companies."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Canton and Dixfield Cheese Factory."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Wayne Cheese Factory Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the North Livermore Cheese Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Andover Dairy Association."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Olamon Dam Company."

Bill "an act relating to the city schools of Bangor."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Trustees of the St. Augustine School for Boys at Topsham."

Bill "an act to provide for the appointment of deputy town treasurers."

Bill "an act to authorize William Conway to extend and maintain a wharf into tide waters at Bluehill."

Bill "an act to amend 'an act abating a portion of the State tax of Waterville for the year 1873, and assessing the same upon the town of West Waterville.'"

"Resolve relating to the purchase by the State of the Maine reports."

"Resolve in aid of completing a road leading from Limestone to Hamlin plantation."

"Resolve in favor of Richard D. Porter."

"Resolve for the relief of Francis Reed and Edwin A. Reed, and the estate of William R. Hersey."

These bills having had three and the resolves two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Report of the majority of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reporting, on petition of Alpheus Twitchell, bill "an act to repeal 'an act to authorize the town of Bethel to collect toll on bridge over the Androscoggin river at Barker's ferry,'" was taken from the table, and amended by substituting the report of the minority, reporting leave to withdraw.

The report, as amended, was accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to annex part of the town of Berwick to the town of North Berwick, in the county of York," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act for supplying the city of Bangor with pure water," was taken from the table.

Senate amendments "A," "B," "C," "D," "E" and "F," adopted.

House amendment "G" was adopted.

The bill was further amended, on motion of Mr. WILSON of Bangor, as per sheets "H," "I" and "K," and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Unitarian Association."

The report was read and accepted, bill read three times under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Bill "an act to amend 'an act to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of Key Stone Lodge,'" approved Feb. 24, 1855, came from the Senate read twice and passed to be engrossed, and was read three times under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Final reports of Committees on Towns and Manufactures.

Report of the Committee on Towns, with reference to the next Legislature, on petition of Joshua W. Leighton and others, to be set off from Steuben to Milbridge.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with legislation inexpedient, on order relating to speedy construction of roads in cases of urgent public necessity.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting, on order, bill "an act to amend the twenty-second section of the fifty-ninth chapter of the revised statutes."

"Resolve establishing the valuation of the towns of Berwick and North Berwick, in the county of York."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bill and resolve passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

The resolve was read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Rockport Ice Company,"

came from the Senate accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Pending acceptance, the report was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. NORTH of Augusta.

Bill "an act to establish and maintain a State normal school at North Bridgton, in the county of Cumberland," indefinitely postponed by the House, came back from the Senate referred to the next Legislature.

The House recessed and concurred.

Mr. BUCK, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Ocean Marine Insurance Company."

Printed bill "an act to provide for deficiency in the appropriations for the expenditures of government for the year 1874."

The report was read and accepted, bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned.

On motion of Mr. SNOW of Hallowell, the vote by which bill "an act for supplying the city of Bangor with pure water," was reconsidered, and the bill was further amended as per sheet "L," and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to November elections," was taken from the table, and the question of passing the same to be engrossed, was taken by yeas and nays, and refused a passage, by yeas 64, nays 62.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Anderson,	Crosby,	Hawes,
Baker,	Davis,	Hoyt,
Barker,	Doten,	Keegan,
Barnard,	Dutton,	Lamb,
Bearce,	Eastman,	Lawler,
Berry,	Edes,	Leavitt,
Blanchard,	Fogg,	Little,
Brackett,	Gleason,	Lyman,
Brawn,	Haines,	Martin,
Clark of Wiscasset,	Hall,	Mason,
Cleaves,	Haley,	Merrill, Cumberland,
Cobb,	Harmon,	Milliken,
Conant,	Harris,	Moody,

Moulton of Scarboro',	Stone,	Wade,
Nadeau,	Stowe,	Wakefield,
Oak,	Talbot,	Walden,
Payne,	Taylor,	Watts,
Pillsbury,	Tolman,	Weed,
Pitcher,	Trickey,	Whitcomb,
Reed of Boothbay,	Trott,	Whitney, Friendship,
Shepherd,	Vickery,	Wilson—64.
Smith of Jonesport,		

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Johnson,	Reed of Bath,
Allen of Brooklin,	Judd,	Roberts,
Barron,	Lane,	Rogers,
Buck,	Locke,	Sanders,
Burnham,	Lyford,	Simpson,
Butler of Avon,	Macomber,	Snow,
Butler of Hancock,	McGilvery,	Stevens,
Clark of Lincoln,	McIntire,	Sturgis,
Colson,	Merrill, W. Gardiner,	Tefft,
Cunningham,	Mitchell,	Tinkham,
Durrell,	Moulton of Lagrange,	Tuttle,
Eaton,	North,	Vose,
Evans,	Nutter,	Wagg,
Ferguson,	Page,	Wheeler,
Fernald,	Park,	Wheelwright,
Folsom,	Parker,	White,
Frost,	Pease,	Whitney of Dixmont,
Gile,	Porter,	Wiggin,
Gilmore,	Powers,	Withee,
Grindle,	Purinton,	Woodbury—62.
Hubbard,	Randall,	

“Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to biennial elections and biennial sessions,” came from the Senate refused a passage, and was read twice; and the question of passing the same to be engrossed, was taken by yeas and nays, and refused a passage, by yeas 57, nays 68.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Anderson,	Blanchard,	Burnham,
Baker,	Brackett,	Butler of Avon,

Clark of Lincoln,	Lawler,	Simpson,
Clark of Wiscasset,	Little,	Talbot,
Cleaves,	Locke,	Taylor,
Conant,	Lyman,	Tolman,
Crosby,	Macomber,	Trickey,
Cunningham,	Martin,	Trott,
Eastman,	Mason,	Vickery,
Eaton,	McIntire,	Wade,
Fogg,	Merrill, Cumberland,	Wagg,
Haines,	Milliken,	Wakefield,
Hall,	Moulton, Scarboro',	Watts,
Haley,	Oak,	Weed,
Harris,	Pease,	Wheelwright,
Hawes,	Pillsbury,	Whitcomb,
Hoyt,	Pitcher,	Whitney of Dixmont,
Keegan,	Roberts,	Whitney, Friendship,
Lamb,	Shepherd,	Wilson—57.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Gile,	Parker,
Allen of Brooklin,	Gilmore,	Pinkham,
Barker,	Grindle,	Porter,
Barnard,	Gleason,	Powers,
Barron,	Harmon,	Purinton,
Berry,	Hubbard,	Randall,
Brawn,	Johnson,	Reed of Bath,
Buck,	Lane,	Reed of Boothbay,
Butler of Hancock,	Leavitt,	Rogers,
Cobb,	Lyford,	Sanders,
Colson,	McGilvery,	Smith of Jonesport,
Davis,	Merrill, W. Gardiner,	Snow,
Doten,	Mitchell,	Stevens,
Durell,	Moody,	Stone,
Dutton,	Moulton of Lagrange,	Stowe,
Edes,	Nadeau,	Sturgis,
Evans,	North,	Tefft,
Ferguson,	Nutter,	Tinkham,
Fernald,	Page,	Tuttle,
Folsom,	Payne,	Vose,
Frost,	Park,	Walden,

Wheeler,	Wiggin,	Woodbury—68.
White,	Withee,	

“Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to apportionment of Representatives,” came from the Senate read twice, and refused a passage.

The resolve was read twice, and refused a passage, by yeas 19, nays 107.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Cleaves,	Pitcher,	Trickey,
Cobb,	Reed of Bath,	Walden,
Davis,	Snow,	Whitcomb,
Hall,	Sturgis,	White,
Hawes,	Talbot,	Wiggin,
Keegan,	Taylor,	Wilson—19.
Mason,		

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Dutton,	Lane,
Allen of Brooklin,	Eastman,	Lawler,
Anderson,	Eaton,	Leavitt,
Barker,	Edes,	Little,
Barnard,	Evans,	Locke,
Barron,	Ferguson,	Lyford,
Bearce,	Fernald,	Lyman,
Berry,	Fogg,	Macomber,
Blanchard,	Folsom,	Martin,
Brackett,	Frost,	McGilvery,
Brawn,	Gile,	McIntire,
Buck,	Gilmore,	Merrill, Cumberland,
Burnham,	Grindle,	Merrill, W. Gardiner,
Butler of Avon,	Gleason,	Milliken,
Butler of Hancock,	Haines,	Mitchell,
Clark of Lincoln,	Haley,	Moody,
Clark of Wiscasset,	Harmon,	Moulton of Lagrange,
Colson,	Harris,	Moulton of Scarboro',
Conant,	Hoyt,	Nadeau,
Crosby,	Hubbard,	North,
Cunningham,	Johnson,	Nutter,
Doten,	Judd,	Oak,
Durell,	Lamb,	Page,

Payne,	Sanders,	Vose,
Park,	Shepherd,	Wade,
Parker,	Simpson,	Wagg,
Pease,	Smith of Jonesport,	Wakefield,
Pillsbury,	Stevens,	Watts,
Pinkham,	Stone,	Weed,
Porter,	Stowe,	Wheeler,
Powers,	Tefft,	Wheelwright,
Purinton,	Tinkham,	Whitney of Dixmont,
Randall,	Tolman,	Whitney, Friendship,
Reed of Boothbay,	Trott,	Withee,
Roberts,	Tuttle,	Woodbury—107.
Rogers,	Vickery,	

“Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to election of Senators by plurality vote,” came from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The resolve was read twice, and the question of passing the same to be engrossed in concurrence, was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas 121, nays 5.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Cobb,	Gilmore,
Allen of Brooklin,	Colson,	Grindle,
Anderson,	Conant,	Haines,
Baker,	Crosby,	Hall,
Barker,	Cunnigham,	Haley,
Barnard,	Davis,	Harmon,
Barron,	Doten,	Harris,
Bearce,	Durrell,	Hawes,
Berry,	Dutton,	Hoyt,
Blanchard,	Eastman,	Hubbard,
Brackett,	Eaton,	Johnson,
Brawn,	Edes,	Judd,
Buck,	Evans,	Keegan,
Burnham,	Ferguson,	Lamb,
Butler of Avon,	Fernald,	Lawler,
Butler of Hancock,	Fogg,	Leavitt,
Clark of Lincoln,	Folsom,	Little,
Clark of Wiscasset,	Frost,	Locke,
Cleaves,	Gile,	Lyford,

Lyman,	Pitcher,	Tinkham,
Macomber,	Porter,	Tolman,
Martin,	Powers,	Trickey,
Mason,	Purinton,	Trott,
McGilvery,	Randall,	Tuttle,
McIntire,	Reed of Bath,	Vickery,
Merrill, Cumberland,	Reed of Boothbay,	Vose,
Merrill, W. Gardiner,	Roberts,	Wade,
Milliken,	Rogers,	Wagg,
Mitchell,	Sanders,	Wakefield,
Moody,	Shepherd,	Walden,
Moulton of Lagrange,	Simpson,	Watts,
Moulton of Scarboro',	Smith of Jonesport,	Weed,
Nadeau,	Snow,	Wheeler,
North,	Stevens,	Wheelwright,
Oak,	Stone,	Whitcomb,
Page,	Stowe,	White,
Payne,	Sturgis,	Whitney of Dixmont,
Park,	Talbot,	Whitney, Friendship,
Parker,	Taylor,	Wilson,
Pease,	Tefft,	Withee—121.
Pillsbury,		

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Gleason,	Pinkham,	Woodbury—5.
Lane,	Wiggin,	

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to special legislation and corporations," came from the Senate read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The resolve was read twice, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, by yeas 114, nays 7.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Blanchard,	Cleaves,
Allen of Brooklin,	Brackett,	Cobb,
Anderson,	Brawn,	Conant,
Baker,	Burnham,	Crosby,
Barnard,	Butler of Avon,	Cunningham,
Barron,	Butler of Hancock,	Davis,
Berry,	Clark of Wiscasset,	Doten,

Durell,	Martin,	Smith of Jonesport,
Dutton,	Mason,	Snow,
Eastman,	McIntire,	Stevens,
Eaton,	Merrill, Cumberland,	Stone,
Edes,	Milliken,	Stowe,
Evans,	Mitchell,	Sturgis,
Ferguson,	Moody,	Talbot,
Fogg,	Moulton, Lagrange,	Taylor,
Folsom,	Moulton, Scarboro,'	Tefft,
Frost,	Nadeau,	Tolman,
Gile,	North,	Trickey,
Gilmore,	Nutter,	Trott,
Grindle,	Oak,	Tuttle,
Gleason,	Page,	Vickery,
Hall,	Payne,	Vose,
Haley,	Park,	Wade,
Harmon,	Parker,	Wagg,
Harris,	Pease,	Wakefield,
Hawes,	Pillsbury,	Walden,
Hoyt,	Pitcher,	Watts,
Hubbard,	Porter,	Weed,
Judd,	Powers,	Wheeler,
Keegan,	Purinton,	Wheelwright,
Lamb,	Randall,	Whitcomb,
Lane,	Reed of Bath,	White,
Lawler,	Reed of Boothbay,	Whitney, Dixmont,
Leavitt,	Roberts,	Whitney, Friendship,
Little,	Rogers,	Wiggin,
Locke,	Sanders,	Wilson,
Lyford,	Shepherd,	Withee,
Lyman,	Simpson,	Woodbury—114.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Barker,	Johnson,	Pinkham,
Clark of Lincoln,	Merrill, W. Gardiner,	Tinkham—7.
Colson,		

“Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to election of Governor by plurality vote,” came from the Senate read twice, and refused a passage.

The resolve was read twice under suspension of the rules, and

the question of passing the same to be engrossed, was taken by yeas and nays, and refused a passage, by yeas 57, nays 65.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Anderson,	Evans,	Pease,
Baker,	Haines,	Pillsbury,
Barker,	Haley,	Purinton,
Barnard,	Harmon,	Reed of Boothbay,
Bearce,	Harris,	Simpson,
Berry,	Hoyt,	Smith of Jonesport,
Blanchard,	Judd,	Stowe,
Brackett,	Keegan,	Talbot,
Brawn,	Lamb,	Taylor,
Clark of Wiscasset.	Lawler,	Tinkham,
Cleaves,	Lyman,	Tolman,
Cobb,	Martin,	Trickey,
Conant,	Mason,	Trott,
Crosby,	Merrill, Cumberland,	Vickery,
Davis,	Milliken,	Wade,
Doten,	Moody,	Wakefield,
Dutton,	Moulton of Scarboro',	Watts,
Eastman,	Nadeau,	Weed,
Edes,	Park,	Whitcomb—57.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennyville,	Gilmore,	North,
Allen of Brooklin,	Grindle,	Nutter,
Barron,	Gleason,	Oak,
Burnham,	Hawes,	Page,
Butler of Avon,	Hubbard,	Parker,
Butler of Hancock,	Johnson,	Pinkham,
Clark of Lincoln,	Lane,	Pitcher,
Colson,	Leavitt,	Powers,
Cunningham,	Little,	Randall,
Durrell,	Locke,	Reed of Bath,
Eaton,	Lyford,	Roberts,
Fernald,	Macomber,	Rogers,
Fogg,	McIntire,	Sanders,
Folsom,	Merrill, W. Gardiner,	Shepherd,
Frost,	Mitchell,	Snow,
Gile,	Moulton of Lagrange,	Stevens,

Stone,	Walden,	Whitney, Friendship,
Sturgis,	Wheeler,	Wiggin,
Tefft,	Wheelwright,	Wilson,
Tuttle,	White,	Withee,
Vose,	Whitney of Dixmont,	Woodbury—65.
Wagg,		

On motion of Mr. LYMAN of East Machias,
Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. FRENCH of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Lane, its Secretary, requesting the return of the petition of Joseph B. Clark and others, for reimbursement of expenses incurred in capturing the thief, George Sterritt.

The report was taken from the table and returned to the Senate.

Mr. LANE of Monson, presented "resolve in favor of the town of Shirley."

Mr. McINTIRE of Pownal, presented "resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Reform School."

Mr. HAWES, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, on Special Message of the Governor, reported "resolve relating to the advertising of the public laws."

This report was read and accepted, resolves read twice under suspension of the rules, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. SNOW, from the Special Committee on Female Suffrage, reported bill "an act amendatory of section 9, chapter 3 of the

revised statutes, extending the right of suffrage to women in municipal elections."

The report was read and accepted, and the bill ordered to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Bill "an act to amend the 22d section of the 59th chapter of the revised statutes," was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to provide for deficiency in the appropriations for the expenditures of government for the year 1874."

Bill "an act relating to proceedings in court."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Ocean Mutual Marine Insurance Company."

"Resolve in favor of Silver Ridge plantation."

The foregoing were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read the third, resolve the second time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend chapter chapter 46 of the revised statutes, relating to the taxation of corporations;" and

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls;"

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bill read the third, resolve the second time, bill laid on the table on motion of Mr. WATTS of Thomaston, and the resolve by Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

"Resolve in favor of the Maine General Hospital at Portland," was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and read the second time.

Amendment "A" adopted, and the resolve passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Pittsfield Savings Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Limerick Savings Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the People's Loan and Building Association."

Bill "an act amendatory of, and additional to, an act entitled an act additional to 'an act to incorporate the Portland and Ogdensburg Railroad Company.'"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Mining Company of Portland."

Bill "an act to make valid the organization of the Brown Slate Quarry Company and to change the number of shares and par value thereof in the stock of said company."

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Magalloway River Company,' approved March 15, 1861."

Bill "an act relating to mutual fire insurance companies."

Bill "an act for the protection and propagation of eels in Damariscotta river and pond."

Bill "an act to prevent fishing in Otter pond in the town of Bridgton."

Bill "an act to prevent the taking of trout from Howard's pond in the town of Hanover."

Bill "an act to make valid the annual March meeting of the town of Hermon in the year 1873."

Bill "an act to amend section 4 of chapter 203 of the public laws of 1874, providing pensions for disabled soldiers and seamen."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Burleigh Lumber Manufacturing Company."

Bill "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 198 of public laws of 1874, relating to disclosures of poor debtors."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 29 of the public laws of 1869, concerning the militia."

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture."

"Resolve in favor of John A. Rowe."

"Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians."

"Resolve concerning the claim of George M. Weston."

The foregoing bills having had three, and the resolves two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act in relation to the execution of sentence in capital cases," was taken from the table.

The question being on the adoption of amendment "A," it was taken by yeas and nays, on motion of Mr. PILLSBURY of Farmington, and rejected, by yeas 66, nays 72.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Allen of Brooklin,	Hawes,	Sanders,
Baker,	Heald,	Simpson,
Barnard,	Judd,	Smith of Whitefield,
Berry,	Keegan,	Stevens,
Burnham,	Kiff,	Sturgis,
Burpee,	Lamb,	Taylor,
Butler of Avon,	Lawler,	Tefft,
Colson,	Locke,	Tolman,
Davis,	Lyman,	Trott,
Denison,	Moody,	True,
Dodge,	Moulton of Lagrange,	Tuttle,
Doten,	Moulton of Scarboro',	Wagg,
Durrell,	Oak,	Wakefield,
Eaton,	Page,	Walden,
Evans,	Park,	Warren,
Ferguson,	Parker,	Webster,
Fogg,	Pillsbury,	Welt,
Gilmore,	Pitcher,	Wheeler,
Haines,	Porter,	Whitcomb,
Hall,	Powers,	Whitney of Dixmont,
Haley,	Roberts,	Whitney, Friendship,
Harris,	Rogers,	Wiggin—66.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Anderson,	Cunningham,	Jones,
Barker,	Dutton,	Lane,
Barron,	Eastman,	Leavitt,
Bearce,	Edes,	Little,
Blanchard,	Fernald,	Lyford,
Brackett,	Folsom,	Macomber,
Brawn,	Frost,	Martin,
Buck,	Gile,	Mason,
Butler of Hancock,	Grindle,	McGilvery,
Clark of Lincoln,	Gleason,	McIntire,
Clark of Wiscasset,	Hanson,	Merrill, Cumberland,
Cleaves,	Harmon,	Merrill, W. Gardiner,
Cobb,	Hoyt,	Milliken,
Conant,	Hubbard,	Mitchell,
Crosby,	Johnson,	Nadeau,

North,	Shepherd,	Vickery,
Nutter,	Snow,	Vose,
Payne,	Stratton,	Wade,
Pease,	Stone,	Watts,
Pinkham,	Stowe,	Wheelwright,
Purinton,	Talbot,	White,
Randall,	Tinkham,	Wilson,
Reed of Bath,	Treat,	Withee,
Reed of Boothbay,	Trickey,	Woodbury—72.

Mr. WATTS of Thomaston, offered amendment "B," and the question of adoption was taken by yeas and nays, and rejected, by yeas 30, nays 102.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Baker,	Lyman,	Stevens,
Burnham,	Martin,	Tolman,
Burpee,	McGilvery,	Trott,
Cunningham,	Merrill, W. Gardiner,	Vickery,
Durrell,	Park,	Wakefield,
Folsom,	Parker,	Warren,
Gleason,	Purinton,	Watts,
Haines,	Randall,	Welt,
Harmon,	Roberts,	Whitney, Friendship,
Harris,	Snow,	—30.
Kiff,		

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Clark of Lincoln,	Ferguson,
Allen of Brooklin,	Cleaves,	Fernald,
Anderson,	Cobb,	Fogg,
Barker,	Colson,	Frost,
Barnard,	Conant,	Gile,
Barron,	Crosby,	Gilmore,
Bearce,	Davis,	Grindle,
Berry,	Denison,	Hall,
Blanchard,	Dodge,	Haley,
Brackett,	Doten,	Hanson,
Brawn,	Dutton,	Hawes,
Buck,	Eastman,	Hoyt,
Butler of Avon,	Edes,	Hubbard,
Butler of Hancock,	Evans,	Johnson,

Judd,	Nutter,	Tefft,
Keegan,	Oak,	Tinkham,
Lamb,	Page,	Treat,
Lane,	Payne,	Trickey,
Lawler,	Pease,	True,
Leavitt,	Pinkham,	Tuttle,
Little,	Pitcher,	Vose,
Locke,	Powers,	Wade,
Lyford,	Reed of Bath,	Wagg,
Macomber,	Reed of Boothbay,	Walden,
Mason,	Rogers,	Webster,
McIntire,	Sanders,	Wheeler,
Merrill, Cumberland,	Shepherd,	Wheelwright,
Milliken,	Smith of Whitefield,	Whitcomb,
Mitchell,	Stratton,	White,
Moody,	Stone,	Whitney of Dixmont,
Moulton of Lagrange,	Stowe,	Wiggin,
Moulton of Scarboro',	Sturgis,	Wilson,
Nadeau,	Talbot,	Withee,
North,	Taylor,	Woodbury—102.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

“Resolve authorizing an appropriation to pay for chemical fire engine,” was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Claims.

Final report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting, on order, bill “an act to amend the 48th section of the 82d chapter of the revised statutes, in relation to demands filed in set-off.”

Report of the Committee on Towns, reporting, on petition of N. J. Vander Wynde, bill “an act authorizing the inhabitants of Hurricane island, in the town of Vinalhaven, to meet on said

island for the choice of certain officers and the determination of certain questions."

These reports were read and accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting on Governor's message, bill "an act renewing a portion of the public debt, discontinuing the sinking fund of 1865, and abolishing the office of Commissioner of the Sinking Fund."

This report was read and accepted in concurrence, bill read three times under suspension of the rules, and laid on the table by Mr. REED of Bath.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting "resolve providing for the payment of the members of the Constitutional Commission," came from the Senate read and accepted, and resolve passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted, resolve read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act for supplying the city of Bangor with water," came back from the Senate, House amendment "G" adopted, amendments "H," "I" and "K" rejected, and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded and concurred, and passed the bill in concurrence.

Mr. SNOW, from the Committee on Change of Names, reported, on petition, bill "an act to change the name of Helen M. Merrill."

Mr. SNOW, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported "resolve authorizing pensions for soldiers and sailors' orphans in Female Orphan Asylum in Portland, and Children's Home of Bangor."

"Resolve providing for the payment of the expenses of the Committee on Military Affairs."

These reports were read and accepted, bill read three times, resolves twice, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. SNOW, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on Governor's message, reported "resolve providing for military purposes."

The report was read and accepted, resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill "an act relating to the duties of Secretary of State," was taken from the table and recommitted to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Castine and Ellsworth Railroad Company," was taken from the table and referred to the next Legislature.

Bill "an act relating to directors of railroads," was taken from the table, read the third time, amendment "A" rejected, and the bill was passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with ought to pass, on recommitted bill "an act to incorporate the Rockport Ice Company," was taken from the table.

Amendment "A," offered by Mr. NORTH of Augusta, and again laid on the table.

"Resolve in aid of the Aroostook River Railroad Company," was taken from the table.

Amendments "A" and "B" were by consent withdrawn.

Mr. BROWN moved the resolve be indefinitely postponed, and the House ordered, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, that the question be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken, it was indefinitely postponed, by yeas 83, nays 44.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville, Cobb,	Gile,
Allen of Brooklin, Colson,	Gilmore,
Anderson, Conant,	Grindle,
Baker, Cunningham,	Gleason,
Bearce, Davis,	Haines,
Blanchard, Doten,	Hall,
Brackett, Durell,	Haley,
Brawn, Dutton,	Harmon,
Buck, Eastman,	Harris,
Burpee, Ferguson,	Hawes,
Butler of Avon, Fernald,	Heald,
Butler of Hancock, Fogg,	Johnson,
Cleaves, Frost,	Lamb,

Little,	Rogers,	Vose,
Lyford,	Sanders,	Wade,
McIntire,	Shepherd,	Wagg,
Milliken,	Simpson,	Wakefield,
Moulton, Scarboro',	Stratton,	Walden,
North,	Stone,	Warren,
Payne,	Stowe,	Watts,
Parker,	Talbot,	Webster,
Pease,	Taylor,	Welt,
Pillsbury,	Tefft,	Wheeler,
Pinkham,	Treat,	White,
Pitcher,	Trickey,	Whitney of Dixmont,
Purinton,	Trott,	Whitney, Friendship,
Reed of Bath,	True,	Wilson—83.
Roberts,	Vickery,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Barker,	Leavitt,	Powers,
Barnard,	Locke,	Randall,
Barron,	Macomber,	Reed of Boothbay,
Berry,	Martin,	Snow,
Burnham,	Mason,	Stevens,
Crosby,	McGilvery,	Sturgis,
Denison,	Mitchell,	Tinkham,
Evans,	Moody,	Tolman,
Folsom,	Moulton of Lagrange,	Tuttle,
Hoyt,	Nadeau,	Wheelwright,
Hubbard,	Nutter,	Whitcomb,
Judd,	Oak,	Wiggin,
Keegan,	Page,	Withee,
Lane,	Park,	Woodbury—44.
Lawler,	Porter,	

Bill "an act to amend chapter 46 of the revised statutes, relating to taxation of corporations," was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. WATTS of Thomaston.

Mr. TEFFT of Brewer, presented bill "an act to supply the inhabitants of Brewer with water," which was read three times under suspension of the rules, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to bribery at elections," passed to be engrossed, amended as per sheets "A," "B" and "C," came back from the Senate, amendment "C" rejected, and the resolve refused a passage.

The House, on motion of Mr. LEAVITT of Eastport, adhered to its vote.

On motion of Mr. RANDALL of Island Falls,
Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk*.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. CRANE of Hallowell.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of the Committee on Claims, with leave to withdraw, on petition of Joseph B. Clark, for reimbursement of expenses incurred in capturing the thief, George Sterritt, came from the Senate recommitted, and was recommitted in concurrence.

Report of the Oxford County Delegation, reporting, on petition, "resolve in favor of the town of Roxbury."

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, reporting "resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts."

These reports came from the Senate, read and accepted, resolves read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted, resolves read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the second reading.

"Resolve in favor of certain towns and plantations," passed to be engrossed by the House, came back from the Senate amended as per sheet "B," and passed to be engrossed.

The resolve was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

"Resolve in favor of James F. Farmer and others of Township No. 2, Range 5," passed to be engrossed by the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House receded and concurred.

Bill "an act in relation to elections of the Penobscot tribe of Indians," passed to be engrossed by the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House receded and concurred.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Newport,

Ordered, That C. H. Stanley be excused from further attendance, and the Clerk make up his pay in full to the end of the session.

Mr. POWERS presented bill "an act to authorize the town of Lyndon to loan its credit in aid of the Aroostook Railroad," which was read three times under suspension of the rules, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. BARKER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of E. H. Hayden, for deed of a lot of land.

Mr. PURINTON, from the Sagadahoc County Delegation, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to regulate the salary of the Judge of Probate for the county of Sagadahoc."

These reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. TREAT, from the Committee on Claims, reported, on petition, bill "an act for the relief of Joseph B. Clark and Edward R. Clark."

Mr. OAK, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported ought to pass, on recommitted "resolve in favor of David L. Kelley."

These reports were read and accepted, bill read three times, resolve twice, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. BURNHAM, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on order, "resolve in aid of bridge over Ouilette stream."

The report was read and accepted, resolve read once, and this afternoon assigned.

Bill "an act to amend the 48th section of the 82d chapter of the revised statutes, in relation to demands filed in set-off," was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act authorizing the inhabitants of Hurricane island in the town of Vinalhaven, to meet on said island for the choice of certain officers, and the determination of certain questions;" and

"Resolve providing for military purposes;"

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bill read the third, resolve the second time, and laid on the table.

Bill "an act to allow the town of Milo to regulate the width of wheel rims."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Corinth Savings Bank."

Bill "an act to authorize Judson G. Archer to drain and flow Blunt's pond in the town of Lamoine, and to stock the same with trout."

Bill "an act to legalize the doings of the town of Appleton in the county of Knox."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cumberland Center Farmers' Club."

Bill "an act to annex part of the town of Berwick to the town of North Berwick, in the county of York."

Bill "an act to amend 'an act to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of Key Stone Lodge,' approved February 24, 1855."

Bill "an act to secure the education of youth in the State of Maine."

Bill "an act to authorize the town of Kittery to build a free bridge over tide waters."

"Resolve giving the Maine Historical Society the annual legislative documents."

"Resolve authorizing a temporary loan."

"Resolve in favor of Eli Goss of Portland."

"Resolve in favor of Thomas Lovely of Mapleton plantation."

"Resolve laying a tax on the several counties of the State."

The foregoing bills having had three and the resolves two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, were reported by the

Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act renewing a portion of the public debt, discontinuing the sinking fund of 1865, and abolishing the office of commissioner of the sinking fund," was taken from the table, amended as per sheet "A," on motion of Mr. SHEPHERD of Skowhegan, and passed to be engrossed.

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed, by yeas 78, nays 40.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Johnson,	Sanders,
Anderson,	Jones,	Shepherd,
Barker,	Judd,	Simpson,
Barnard,	Keegan,	Snow,
Barron,	Lane,	Stanley,
Blanchard,	Leavitt,	Stevens,
Brackett,	Lyman,	Stone,
Buck,	Mason,	Sturgis,
Burpee,	McGilvery,	Treat,
Butler of Avon,	McIntire,	Trickey,
Clark of Wiscasset,	Mitchell,	Tuttle,
Cleaves,	Moulton of Lagrange,	Wade,
Davis,	Moulton of Scarboro',	Wagg,
Doten,	North,	Wakefield,
Dutton,	Oak,	Walden,
Ferguson,	Park,	Warren,
Fernald,	Pillsbury,	Watts,
Fogg,	Pinkham,	Webster,
Frost,	Pitcher,	Wheelwright,
Gile,	Porter,	Whitcomb,
Gilmore,	Powers,	White,
Grindle,	Purinton,	Whitney of Dixmont,
Hall,	Randall,	Whitney, Friendship,
Hawes,	Reed of Bath,	Wiggin,
Hoyt,	Roberts,	Wilson,
Hubbard,	Rogers,	Woodbury—78.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Bearce,	Heald,	Reed of Boothbay,
Brawn,	Lamb,	Stratton,
Bray,	Little,	Stowe,
Burnham,	Lyford,	Talbot,
Butler of Hancock,	Macomber,	Taylor,
Cobb,	Martin,	Tefft,
Cunningham,	Milliken,	Tinkham,
Dodge,	Moody,	Tolman,
Durell,	Nutter,	Trott,
Eaton,	Page,	True,
Edes,	Payne,	Vickery,
Evans,	Parker,	Weed,
Haley,	Pease,	Welt—40.
Harmon,		

Bill "an act relating to savings banks," was taken from the table, and amended as per sheets "A," "B" and "C," and passed to be engrossed.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Rockport Ice Company," was taken from the table, amendment "A," to amend the report by striking out the words "ought to pass," and inserting the words, "be referred to the next Legislature, with order of notice," was rejected.

The report was then read and accepted in concurrence, bill read three times under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS of Portland,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it be to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Final reports of the Committees on Interior Waters, State Lands and State Roads, and State Prison, were accepted in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend 'an act to establish a municipal court in the city of Auburn,' approved February 17, 1875," was read three times, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Waldoboro' Marine Insurance Company."

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with ought to pass, in a new draft, on bill "an act to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to ways."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, bills read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted, the first bill read three times under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed. The latter bill was read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Bill "an act relating to the construction and rebuilding of bridges on highways," was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act authorizing the inhabitants of Hurricane island in the town of Vinalhaven, to meet on said island for the choice of certain officers, and the determination of certain questions," was taken from the table, amended as per sheet "A," on motion of Mr. MARTIN of Camden, further amended as per sheet "B," on motion of Mr. POWERS of Houlton, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. TEFFT, from the Committee on Printing and Binding, reported a contract for doing the State binding for the current year, made and concluded with Messrs. Hartford and Smith.

The report was read and accepted, and the contract approved, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. SNOW of Hallowell, the vote by which "resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts" was assigned for to-morrow for a second reading, was reconsidered.

The resolve was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the second time, amended as per sheet "A," and

the question of passing the same to be engrossed, was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas 96, nays 29.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Allen of Brooklin,	Grindle,	Pillsbury,
Anderson,	Gleason,	Pinkham,
Baker,	Haley,	Pitcher,
Barker,	Hanson,	Porter,
Barnard,	Harmon,	Powers,
Bearce,	Hawes,	Purinton,
Blanchard,	Hoyt,	Randall,
Brackett,	Johnson,	Reed of Bath,
Brawn,	Keegan,	Reed of Boothbay,
Bray,	Lamb,	Roberts,
Buck,	Lane,	Sanders,
Burnham,	Little,	Smith of Whitefield,
Burpee,	Locke,	Stratton,
Butler of Hancock,	Lyford,	Stone,
Clark of Lincoln,	Lyman,	Talbot,
Clark of Wiscasset,	Macomber,	Tapley,
Cleaves,	Martin,	Tinkham,
Cobb,	Mason,	Tolman,
Colson,	McGilvery,	Trickey,
Cunningham,	McIntire,	True,
Davis,	Merrill, Cumberland,	Vickery,
Dodge,	Merrill, W. Gardiner,	Wagg,
Doten,	Milliken,	Wakefield,
Durell,	Mitchell,	Walden,
Dutton,	Moody,	Warren,
Eastman,	Moulton, Lagrange,	Weed,
Eaton,	North,	Wheelwright,
Edes,	Nutter,	Whitcomb,
Ferguson,	Payne,	White,
Frost,	Park,	Whitney, Friendship,
Gile,	Parker,	Wiggin,
Gilmore,	Pease,	Wilson—96.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Butler of Avon,	Evans,
Barron,	Conant,	Fernald,

Fogg,	Simpson,	Watts,
Heald,	Snow,	Webster,
Hubbard,	Stowe,	Welt,
Judd,	Sturgis,	Wheeler,
Leavitt,	Taylor,	Whitney, Dixmont,
Moulton, Scarboro,'	Treat,	Withee,
Oak,	Tuttle,	Woodbury—29.
Rogers,	Wade,	

Mr. WILSON moved a reconsideration of the vote, and that the same be laid on the table, and Tuesday at 10 o'clock assigned, and the House so ordered.

"Resolve in aid of bridge over Ouilette stream," was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Rockport Ice Company."

"Resolve in favor of Shepherd I. Higgins."

This bill having had three and the resolve two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bill passed to be enacted, resolve finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Printed bill "an act amendatory of section 9, chapter 3 of the revised statutes, extending the right of suffrage to women in municipal elections," was read twice, and Tuesday assigned for the third reading.

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to removal of officers by the Governor," came from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and indefinitely postponed.

The resolve was read twice, Senate amendment "A" adopted, and the resolve indefinitely postponed in concurrence, by yeas 112, nays 3.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennyville,	Barker,	Blanchard,
Allen of Brooklin,	Barnard,	Brackett,
Anderson,	Barron,	Brawn,
Baker,	Bearce,	Bray,

Buck,	Lamb,	Simpson,
Burnham,	Lane,	Smith of Whitefield,
Burpee,	Leavitt,	Snow,
Butler of Avon,	Locke,	Stone,
Butler of Hancock,	Lyford,	Stowe,
Clark of Lincoln,	Lyman,	Sturgis,
Clark of Wiscasset,	Martin,	Talbot,
Cleaves,	Mason,	Tapley,
Cobb,	McGilvery,	Taylor,
Conant,	McIntire,	Tinkham,
Cunnigham,	Merrill, W. Gardiner,	Tolman,
Davis,	Milliken,	Treat,
Doten,	Moody,	Trickey,
Durrell,	Moulton of Lagrange,	True,
Dutton,	Moulton of Scarboro',	Tuttle,
Eastman,	North,	Vickery,
Edes,	Nutter,	Vose,
Evans,	Oak,	Wade,
Ferguson,	Payne,	Wagg,
Fernald,	Park,	Wakefield,
Fogg,	Parker,	Walden,
Frost,	Pease,	Warren,
Gilmore,	Pillsbury,	Watts,
Grindle,	Pinkham,	Webster,
Gleason,	Pitcher,	Weed,
Haley,	Powers,	Welt,
Hanson,	Purinton,	Wheeler,
Harmon,	Randall,	Wheelwright,
Hawes,	Reed of Bath,	Whitcomb,
Heald,	Reed of Boothbay,	Whitney of Dixmont,
Hoyt,	Roberts,	Whitney, Friendship,
Hubbard,	Rogers,	Wiggin,
Johnson,	Sanders,	Wilson—112.
Judd,		

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Keegan,	Little,	Trott—3
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“Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to abrogation of the Council,” came from the Senate refused a passage.

The resolve was read twice, and the question of passing the same to be engrossed, was taken by yeas and nays, and refused a passage in concurrence, by yeas 25, nays 90.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Anderson,	Ferguson,	Reed of Boothbay,
Blanchard,	Hoyt,	Stratton,
Brackett,	Lamb,	Talbot,
Bray,	Locke,	Trickey,
Clark of Lincoln,	Mason,	Wade,
Clark of Wiscasset,	Merrill, Cumberland,	Watts,
Cleaves,	Nutter,	Welt,
Cobb,	Pillsbury,	Whitcomb—25.
Dodge,		

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Gleason,	Parker,
Allen of Brooklin,	Haley,	Pease,
Baker,	Hanson,	Pinkham,
Barker,	Harmon,	Pitcher,
Barnard,	Hawes,	Powers,
Barron,	Heald,	Purinton,
Brawn,	Johnson,	Randall,
Buck,	Judd,	Reed of Bath,
Burnham,	Lane,	Roberts,
Burpee,	Little,	Rogers,
Butler of Avon,	Lyman,	Sanders,
Butler of Hancock,	Macomber,	Simpson,
Conant,	Martin,	Snow,
Cunningham,	McGilvery,	Stone,
Davis,	McIntire,	Stowe,
Doten,	Merrill, W. Gardiner,	Sturgis,
Dutton,	Milliken,	Tapley,
Edes,	Mitchell,	Taylor,
Evans,	Moody,	Tinkham,
Fernald,	Moulton, Lagrange,	Tolman,
Fogg,	Moulton, Scarboro',	Treat,
Frost,	North,	True,
Gile,	Oak,	Tuttle,
Gilmore,	Payne,	Vickery,
Grindle,	Park,	Vose,

Wagg,	Weed,	Whitney, Friendship,
Wakefield,	Wheeler,	Wiggin,
Walden,	Wheelwright,	Wilson,
Warren,	White,	Withee,
Webster,	Whitney of Dixmont,	Woodbury—90.

“Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to powers of Governor to pardon,” came from the Senate read twice and passed to be engrossed, and read twice under suspension of the rules, and unanimously passed to be engrossed in concurrence, by yeas 107, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Fernald,	Nutter,
Allen of Brooklin,	Fogg,	Oak,
Anderson,	Frost,	Payne,
Baker,	Gile,	Parker,
Barker,	Gilmore,	Pease,
Barnard,	Grindle,	Pillsbury,
Barron,	Gleason,	Pinkham,
Bearce,	Haley,	Pitcher,
Blanchard,	Harmon,	Purinton,
Brackett,	Hawes,	Randall,
Bray,	Hoyt,	Reed of Bath,
Burpee,	Keegan,	Reed of Boothbay,
Butler of Avon,	Lamb,	Roberts,
Butler of Hancock,	Little,	Rogers,
Clark of Lincoln,	Locke,	Snow,
Clark of Wiscasset,	Lyford,	Stratton,
Cleaves,	Lyman,	Stone,
Cobb,	Macomber,	Stowe,
Colson,	Martin,	Sturgis,
Conant,	Mason,	Talbot,
Cunningham,	McGilvery,	Tapley,
Davis,	McIntire,	Taylor,
Dodge,	Merrill, Cumberland,	Tinkham,
Doten,	Milliken,	Tolman,
Dutton,	Mitchell,	Treat,
Eastman,	Moody,	Trickey,
Edes,	Moulton of Lagrange,	Trott,
Evans,	Moulton of Scarboro',	True,
Ferguson,	North,	Tuttle,

Vickery,	Webster,	Whitney of Dixmont,
Wade,	Weed,	Whitney, Friendship,
Wagg,	Welt,	Wiggin,
Wakefield,	Wheeler,	Wilson,
Wakden,	Wheelwright,	Withee,
Warren,	Whitcomb,	Woodbury—107.
Watts,	White,	

“Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to appointment by the Governor of Judges of Probate,” came from the Senate read twice, and refused a passage.

The resolve was read twice under suspension of the rules, and the question of passing the same to be engrossed, was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the negative, by yeas 24, nays 94.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Anderson,	Fernald,	Sturgis,
Barnard,	Keegan,	Tapley,
Blanchard,	Locke,	Vose,
Bray,	McGilvery,	Wade,
Cobb,	Merrill, Cumberland,	Wagg,
Davis,	Moulton, Scarboro',	Whitcomb,
Dutton,	North,	White,
Eastman,	Reed of Bath,	Wilson—24.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Conant,	Hawes,
Allen of Brooklin,	Cunningham,	Heald,
Baker,	Dodge,	Hoyt,
Barker,	Edes,	Hubbard,
Barron,	Evans,	Johnson,
Bearce,	Ferguson,	Judd,
Brackett,	Fogg,	Lane,
Brawn,	Frost,	Leavitt,
Burnham,	Gile,	Little,
Burpee,	Gilmore,	Lyford,
Butler of Avon,	Grindle,	Lyman,
Butler of Hancock,	Gleason,	Macomber,
Clark of Lincoln,	Haley,	Martin,
Cleaves,	Hanson,	Mason,
Colson,	Harmon,	McIntire,

Merrill, W. Gardiner,	Reed of Boothbay,	True,
Milliken,	Roberts,	Tuttle,
Mitchell,	Rogers,	Vickery,
Moody,	Sanders,	Wakefield,
Moulton of Lagrange,	Simpson,	Walden,
Nutter,	Snow,	Warren,
Oak,	Stratton,	Watts,
Payne,	Stone,	Webster,
Park,	Stowe,	Weed,
Parker,	Talbot,	Wheeler,
Pease,	Taylor,	Wheelwright,
Pillsbury,	Tinkham,	Whitney of Dixmont,
Pinkham,	Tolman,	Whitney, Friendship,
Pitcher,	Treat,	Wiggin,
Powers,	Trickey,	Withee,
Purinton,	Trott,	Woodbury—94.
Randall,		

“Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to appointment of Judges of Municipal and Police Courts,” came from the Senate read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The resolve was read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, by yeas 102, nays 9.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Clark of Wiscasset,	Grindle,
Allen of Brooklin,	Cleaves,	Gleason,
Anderson,	Cobb,	Harmon,
Baker,	Colson,	Hawes,
Barker,	Conant,	Heald,
Barnard,	Cunningham,	Hoyt,
Barron,	Dodge,	Hubbard,
Blanchard,	Durell,	Judd,
Brackett,	Dutton,	Keegan,
Brawn,	Eastman,	Lamb,
Bray,	Ferguson,	Lane,
Burnham,	Fernald,	Little,
Burpee,	Fogg,	Locke,
Butler of Avon,	Frost,	Lyford,
Butler of Hancock,	Gilmore,	Lyman,

Macomber,	Purinton,	Tuttle,
Martin,	Randall,	Vickery,
Mason,	Reed of Bath,	Vose,
McGilvery,	Reed of Boothbay,	Wade,
McIntire,	Roberts,	Wagg,
Milliken,	Rogers,	Wakefield,
Mitchell,	Sanders,	Walden,
Moody,	Simpson,	Warren,
Moulton, Lagrange,	Smith of Whitefield,	Watts,
Moulton, Scarboro,'	Snow,	Webster,
North,	Stratton,	Weed,
Nutter,	Stone,	Welt,
Oak,	Stowe,	Wheeler,
Payne,	Sturgis,	Wheelwright,
Park,	Talbot,	Whitcomb,
Parker,	Tapley,	White,
Pease,	Tinkham,	Whitney, Dixmont,
Pillsbury,	Treat,	Whitney, Friendship,
Pinkham,	Trickey,	Wiggin,
Pitcher,	Trott,	Wilson—107.
Powers,	True,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Clark of Lincoln,	Evans,	Leavitt,
Davis,	Haley,	Merrill, W. Gardiner,
Doten,	Johnson,	Tolman—9.

“Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to taxation,” came from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The resolve was read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, by yeas 117, nay 1.

Those who voted yea were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Bearce,	Butler of Avon,
Allen of Brooklin,	Blanchard,	Butler of Hancock,
Anderson,	Brackett,	Clark of Lincoln,
Baker,	Brawn,	Clark of Wiscasset,
Barker,	Bray,	Cleaves,
Barnard,	Burnham,	Cobb,
Barron,	Burpee,	Conant,

Cunningham,	Martin,	Stone,
Davis,	Mason,	Stowe,
Dodge,	McGilvery,	Talbot,
Durrell,	McIntire,	Tapley,
Dutton,	Merrill, W. Gardiner,	Taylor,
Eastman,	Milliken,	Tinkham,
Evans,	Mitchell,	Tolman,
Ferguson,	Moody,	Treat,
Fernald,	Moulton of Lagrange,	Trickey,
Fogg,	Moulton of Scarboro',	Trott,
Frost,	North,	True,
Gile,	Nutter,	Tuttle,
Gilmore,	Oak,	Vickery,
Grindle,	Payne,	Vose,
Gleason,	Park,	Wade,
Haley,	Parker,	Wagg,
Hanson,	Pease,	Wakefield,
Harmon,	Pillsbury,	Walden,
Hawes,	Pinkham,	Warren,
Heald,	Pitcher,	Watts,
Hoyt,	Powers,	Webster,
Hubbard,	Purinton,	Weed,
Judd,	Randall,	Welt,
Keegan,	Reed of Bath,	Wheeler,
Lamb,	Reed of Boothbay,	Wheelwright,
Lane,	Roberts,	Whitcomb,
Leavitt,	Rogers,	White,
Little,	Sanders,	Whitney of Dixmont,
Locke,	Simpson,	Whitney, Friendship,
Lyford,	Smith of Whitefield,	Wiggin,
Lyman,	Snow,	Wilson,
Macomber,	Stratton,	Withee—117.

Mr. Johnson voted no.

Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. JOHN ALLEN.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to authorize certain towns in Hancock county to require the use of wide rimmed wheels in certain cases," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, and passed to be engrossed, being amended as per sheets "A" and "B."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, bill read three times under suspension of the rules, amendments "A" and "B" adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 45, section 1 of the revised statutes, in relation to interest," came back from the Senate amended as per sheets "A" and "B," and indefinitely postponed.

The House receded, rejected amendment "A," adopted amendment "B," and indefinitely postponed the bill in concurrence.

Bill "an act to revive the charters of the Eastern Bank and the Mercantile Bank, both of Bangor, and the North Bank of Rockland," passed to be enacted by the House, came back from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded, adopted amendment "A," and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Maine General Hospital," passed to be engrossed by the House, amended as per sheet "A," came back from the Senate, amendment "A" rejected, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

The House receded, rejected amendment A," and passed the resolve in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Eastern Normal School at Castine," came back from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded, adopted amendment "A," and passed the resolve to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias,

Mr. Jones of Mercer, was excused from further attendance, and the Clerk directed to make up his pay to the end of the session.

Mr. REED, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported the following :

Ordered, That the Committee on Ways and Means be authorized and directed to report a bill assessing a State tax for the current year of four mills on the dollar of the State valuation.

The report was read and accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. REED, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported legislation inexpedient, on recommendation of the Governor, relating to taxation of wild lands and bank stock.

The report was read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to ways;" and

"Resolve in favor of the town of Roxbury;"

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bill read the third, resolve the second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Aroostook county to organize the Allegash plantation."

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the Selectmen of Lyndon."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 124, public laws of 1873, entitled 'an act in aid of free high schools.'"

Bill "an act fixing the compensation of councillors."

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of School District No. 2 in the town of Monroe."

Bill "an act concerning judicial proceedings."

Bill "an act giving to the municipal and police courts jurisdiction in matters of liens upon personal property in certain cases."

Bill "an act for the better protection of life and property."

Bill "an act to amend 'an act to incorporate the Lewiston and Auburn Railroad Company.'"

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 314 of resolves of 1874, and to revive all acts and parts of acts repealed by said chapter 314, and to amend chapter 76 of the public laws of 1872, relating to the Land Office."

Bill "an act for the protection of fish in Chase's pond."

Bill "an act to amend the 22d section of the 59th chapter of the revised statutes."

Bill "an act to amend section 9 of chapter 133 of the public laws of 1873, relating to the powers and duties of prison and jail inspectors."

Bill "an act increasing the compensation of the County Commissioners of Aroostook county."

"Resolve in favor of Amos P. Cook."

"Resolve in favor of Fernando F. Smith and Lewis C. Smith."

"Resolve in favor of Lewis C. Coffin."

"Resolve providing for the payment of the members of the Constitutional Commission."

"Resolve in favor of Sumner P. Bradford."

These bills having had three and the resolves two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. WILSON, by unanimous consent, withdrew his motion to reconsider the vote by which the House passed to be engrossed, "resolve in favor the College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts."

The resolve was then sent to the Senate.

"Resolve in relation to certain towns and plantations," was taken from the table, Senate amendment "B" amended as per sheets "C" and "D," and adopted, and the resolve passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. WHITE, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act relating to the duties of Secretary of State."

Mr. REED presented "resolve in favor of Sprague, Owen and Nash," which was read twice, and passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules.

"Resolve refunding a part of State tax of Perkins' plantation," was referred to the next Legislature.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of the Committee on Reform School, reporting "resolve in favor of the State Reform School," came from the Senate read and accepted, resolve read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, resolve read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting bill "an act relating to the meeting of the Grand Jury of Oxford county at the December term of the Supreme Judicial Court;" also

Reported bill "an act to incorporate the Oxford Manufacturing Company."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read three times under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to restrictions upon municipal corporations," came from the Senate refused a passage.

The resolve was read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, by yeas 69, nays 31.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Anderson,	Ferguson,	Lyman,
Baker,	Gile,	Macomber,
Barnard,	Grindle,	Martin,
Barron,	Haley,	Mason,
Blanchard,	Harmon,	Merrill, W. Gardiner,
Brackett,	Harris,	Moulton of Lagrange,
Bray,	Hoyt,	Moulton of Scarboro',
Burnham,	Hubbard,	Oak,
Burpee,	Judd,	Payne,
Butler of Hancock,	Keegan,	Park,
Cleaves,	Lamb,	Parker,
Cunningham,	Lane,	Pease,
Durell,	Little,	Pillsbury,
Eastman,	Locke,	Pitcher,
Evans,	Lyford,	Purinton,

Randall,	Treat,	Walden,
Reed of Boothbay,	Trickey,	Watts,
Roberts,	Trott,	Wheelwright,
Simpson,	True,	White,
Smith of Jonesport,	Vickery,	Whitney of Dixmont,
Stratton,	Vose,	Whitney, Friendship,
Stowe,	Wade,	Wiggin,
Talbot,	Wagg,	Wilson—69.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Frost,	Snow,
Allen of Brooklin,	Gilmore,	Stone,
Barker,	Hanson,	Tapley,
Bearce,	Leavitt,	Taylor,
Brawn,	McIntire,	Tinkham,
Butler of Avon, *	Moody,	Tuttle,
Clark of Lincoln,	Powers,	Warren,
Clark of Wiscasset,	Rogers,	Webster,
Doten,	Sanders,	Weed,
Edes,	Smith of Whitefield,	Whitcomb—31.
Fernald,		

Subsequently the foregoing vote was reconsidered, on motion of Mr. WHITE of Bucksport, and the resolve laid on the table.

“Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to abolishing land agency,” came from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The resolve was read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed by a unanimous vote of 99 yeas.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Brawn,	Durrell,
Allen of Brooklin,	Bray,	Eastman,
Anderson,	Burnham,	Edes,
Baker,	Burpee,	Evans,
Barker,	Butler of Avon,	Ferguson,
Barnard,	Butler of Hancock,	Fernald,
Barron,	Clark of Lincoln,	Frost,
Bearce,	Clark of Wiscasset,	Gile,
Blanchard,	Cleaves,	Gilmore,
Brackett,	Cunnigham,	Grindle,

Gleason,	Moulton of Scarboro',	Tinkham,
Haley,	Oak,	Treat,
Hanson,	Payne,	Trickey,
Harmon,	Park,	Trott,
Harris,	Parker,	True,
Hoyt,	Pease,	Tuttle,
Hubbard,	Pillsbury,	Vickery,
Judd,	Pitcher,	Vose,
Keegan,	Powers,	Wade,
Lane,	Purinton,	Wagg,
Leavitt,	Randall,	Walden,
Little,	Reed of Boothbay,	Warren,
Locke,	Roberts,	Watts,
Lyford,	Rogers,	Webster,
Lyman,	Simpson,	Weed,
Macomber,	Smith of Jonesport,	Wheelwright,
Martin,	Smith of Whitefield,	Whitcomb,
Mason,	Snow,	White,
McIntire,	Stone,	Whitney of Dixmont,
Merrill, W. Gardiner,	Stowe,	Whitney, Friendship,
Milliken,	Talbot,	Wiggin,
Moody,	Tapley,	Wilson,
Moulton of Lagrange,	Taylor,	Withee—99.

“Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to codification of amended Constitution,” came from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The resolve was read twice under suspension of the rules, and unanimously passed to be engrossed in concurrence, by 99 yeas, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Brackett,	Cleaves,
Allen of Brooklin,	Brawn,	Conant,
Anderson,	Bray,	Cunningham,
Baker,	Burnham,	Doten,
Barker,	Burpee,	Durrell,
Barnard,	Butler of Avon,	Eastman,
Barron,	Butler of Hancock,	Edes,
Bearce,	Clark of Lincoln,	Evans,
Blanchard,	Clark of Wiscasset,	Ferguson,

Fernald,	Milliken,	Tapley,
Fogg,	Moody,	Taylor,
Gile,	Moulton, Lagrange,	Tinkham,
Gilmore,	Moulton, Scarboro',	Treat,
Grindle,	Oak,	Trickey,
Gleason,	Payne,	True,
Haley,	Park,	Tuttle,
Hanson,	Parker,	Vickery,
Harmon,	Pease,	Vose,
Harris,	Pillsbury,	Wade,
Hubbard,	Pitcher,	Wagg,
Judd,	Powers,	Walden,
Keegan,	Purinton,	Warren,
Lamb,	Randall,	Watts,
Lane,	Reed of Boothbay,	Webster,
Little,	Roberts,	Weed,
Locke,	Rogers,	Wheelwright,
Lyford,	Sanders,	Whitcomb,
Lyman,	Smith of Jonesport,	White,
Macomber,	Smith of Whitefield,	Whitney of Dixmont,
Martin,	Snow,	Whitney, Friendship,
Mason,	Stratton,	Wiggin,
McIntire,	Stone,	Wilson,
Merrill, W. Gardiner,	Stowe,	Withee—99.

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to Constitutional Conventions," came from the Senate read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The resolve was read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, by yeas 95, nays 3.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Brackett,	Cleaves,
Allen of Brooklin,	Brawn,	Conant,
Anderson,	Bray,	Cunningham,
Baker,	Buck,	Dodge,
Barker,	Burnham,	Doten,
Barnard,	Burpee,	Durell,
Barron,	Butler of Avon,	Eastman,
Bearce,	Butler of Hancock,	Edes,
Blanchard,	Clark of Wiscasset,	Evans,

Fernald,	Milliken,	Stowe,
Fogg,	Moody,	Talbot,
Frost,	Moulton, Lagrange,	Taylor,
Gile,	Moulton, Scarboro',	Tinkham,
Gilmore,	Oak,	Treat,
Grindle,	Payne,	Trickey,
Gleason,	Park,	True,
Harmon,	Parker,	Tuttle,
Harris,	Pease,	Vickery,
Hoyt,	Pillsbury,	Vose,
Hubbard,	Pitcher,	Wade,
Judd,	Powers,	Wagg,
Keegan,	Purinton,	Walden,
Lamb,	Randall,	Warren,
Lane,	Reed of Boothbay,	Webster,
Leavitt,	Roberts,	Weed,
Little,	Rogers,	Wheelwright,
Lyford,	Sanders,	Whitney, Dixmont,
Lyman,	Simpson,	Whitney, Friendship,
Macomber,	Smith of Jonesport,	Wiggin,
Martin,	Smith of Whitefield,	Wilson,
Mason,	Stratton,	Withee—95.
McIntire,	Stone,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Merrill W. Gardiner, Snow,

White—3.

Bill "an act repealing chapter 177 of the public laws of 1874, relating to bounty on wolves and bears."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 124, section 28 of the revised statutes, relating to cruelty to animals."

Bill "an act to amend section 4 of chapter 59 of the revised statutes, relating to marriage and its solemnization."

Bill "an act explanatory of and additional to section 65 of chapter 81 of the revised statutes, relating to civil actions."

These bills were passed to be enacted by the House, and came back from the Senate each amended by striking out the words, "this act shall take effect when approved."

The House receded, concurred in the amendments, and passed the bills to be engrossed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. MOODY of New Portland, presented bill "an act to change the name of Franklin McLoon," which was read three times under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Whitefield,

Ordered, That the Clerk be requested to make up the full pay and mileage of Orin Gilpatrick, the deceased member of Somerville.

Communication from the Board of Agriculture, relating to agricultural fairs, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Communication from the Board of Agriculture, relating to agricultural societies, came from the Senate referred to the next Legislature.

The foregoing were referred in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, with ought to pass, in a new draft, on "resolve authorizing an appropriation to pay for chemical fire engine," came from the Senate read and accepted, resolve read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, resolve read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

. Bill "an act to incorporate the town of Woodville," passed to be engrossed by the House, came back from the Senate referred to the next Legislature.

The House insisted, proposed a Committee of Conference, and the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. Clark of Lincoln,

Judd of Presque Isle,

Edes of Burlington, conferees.

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to restrictions upon municipal corporations," was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. SNOW of Hallowell.

Bill "an act to amend the 6th section of chapter 116 of the revised statutes, relating to pay and travel of members of the Legislature," came from the Senate read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The bill was read three times under suspension of the rules, and indefinitely postponed.

Mr. WILSON of Bangor, moved the foregoing vote be reconsidered, and that this motion be laid on the table, and Tuesday next assented, and the House so ordered.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with ought to pass, in a new draft, on bill "an act concerning municipal and police courts," came from the Senate read and accepted, and bill passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted, bill read three times under suspension of the rules in concurrence.

The foregoing vote was reconsidered, and bill laid on the table, by Mr. MASON of Biddeford.

"Resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts," came back from the Senate that branch insisting on its vote, and proposing a Committee of Conference, with

Messrs. Atwood of Waldo,
Palmer of Penobscot,
Cushing of Knox, conferees.

The House insisted on its vote passing the same to be engrossed, amended as per sheet "A," concurred in the proposition for a conference, and the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. Talbot of East Machias,
Barron of Topsham,
Anderson of Gray,

Conferees on its part.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 49 of the revised statutes, relating to foreign insurance companies," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted, bill read three times under suspension of the rules, amendment "A" adopted, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act providing for a lien to persons for raising or removing buildings," passed to be engrossed by the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House recessed and concurred.

Bill "an act relating to savings banks," passed to be engrossed by the House, amended as per sheets "A," "B" and "C," came from the Senate, amendments "A," "B" and "C" amended as per sheet "E," and passed to be engrossed.

The bill was indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. WILSON of Bangor.

On motion of Mr. LYMAN of East Machias,
Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. EMMONS of Hallowell.

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting, on order, bill "an act to amend chapter 71, section 1, paragraph 3 of the revised statutes, relating to sales of real estate by license of court."

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting, on order, bill "an act to facilitate the business of the Land Office, and the disposal of the public lands."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bills passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, and this afternoon assigned.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, with ought to pass, on "resolve providing for the exchange of certain documents."

Report of the Committee on State Prison, reporting "resolve in favor of the State Prison."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, resolves read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted, resolves read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve relating to the distribution of public documents," passed to be engrossed by the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House receded and concurred.

"Resolve in aid of bridge over Ouilette stream," passed to be engrossed by the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The resolve was laid on the table.

Bill "an act relating to savings banks," came from the Senate read twice and passed to be engrossed, and was read three times, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve proposing an amendment of the Constitution of Maine concerning bribery at elections," came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and was read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, by yeas 80, nays 2.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Anderson,	Butler of Avon,	Eastman,
Barker,	Butler of Hancock,	Edes,
Barnard,	Clark of Lincoln,	Evans,
Barron,	Colson,	Grindle,
Bearce,	Conant,	Haley,
Brackett,	Cunningham,	Harmon,
Brawn,	Dodge,	Harris,
Bray,	Doten,	Hoyt,
Burnham,	Durell,	Hubbard,
Burpee,	Dutton,	Johnson,

Judd,	North,	Tolman,
Keegan,	Oak,	Treat,
Lamb,	Park,	Trickey,
Leavitt,	Parker,	Trott,
Lyford,	Pillsbury,	Vickery,
Lyman,	Purinton,	Wagg,
Macomber,	Randall,	Wakefield,
Martin,	Rogers,	Walden,
Mason,	Sanders,	Watts,
McGilvery,	Smith of Jonesport,	Weed,
McIntire,	Snow,	Whitcomb,
Merrill, W. Gardiner,	Stone,	White,
Milliken,	Stowe,	Whitney, Dixmont,
Moody,	Sturgis,	Whitney, Friendship,
Moulton, Lagrange,	Talbot,	Wiggin,
Moulton, Scarboro,'	Taylor,	Wilson—80.
Nadeau,	Tinkham,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Gilmore, Pease—2.

On motion of Mr. GRINDLE of Mt. Desert,

Mr. Lane of Monson, was excused from further attendance, and the Clerk directed to make up his full pay.

Mr. WHITE, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported ought not to pass, on "resolve abating State tax of Daigle plantation for the year 1869."

The report was read and accepted.

Mr. BARKER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of heirs of Samuel Emery, for certificate of land.

Mr. RANDALL, from the same Committee, reported "resolve in favor of Avis W. Young."

Mr. WHITE of Bucksport, presented "resolve making appropriation for the propagation of fish."

Mr. RANDALL presented "resolve providing for the payment of the expenses of Martin H. Kiff."

These reports were read and accepted, resolves read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee of Conference, on "resolve

in favor of the Agricultural College," reported the Committee could not agree, and that the House adhere to its vote.

Pending acceptance, the report was laid on the table, and tomorrow, at 11½ o'clock, assigned.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Unitarian Society."

Bill "an act for the relief of Joseph B. Clark and Edward R. Clark."

Bill "an act for supplying the city of Bangor with water."

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Norway Village Corporation."

Bill "an act to supply the inhabitants of Brewer with water."

Bill "an act relating to pledges."

Bill "an act to authorize the Lockwood Cotton Mills of Waterville to change the name of its corporation."

Bill "an act to change the name of the First North Yarmouth Aqueduct Company."

Bill "an act to repeal sections 81 and 82 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes, in relation to Teachers' Institutes."

Bill "an act authorizing the inhabitants of Hurricane island, in the town of Vinalhaven, to meet on said island for the choice of certain officers and the determination of certain questions."

Bill "an act renewing a portion of the public debt, discontinuing the sinking fund of 1865, and abolishing the office of Commissioner of Sinking Fund."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes relating to ways."

Bill "an act repealing chapter 177 of the public laws of 1874, relating to bounty on bears and wolves."

Bill "an act relating to proceedings in court."

Bill "an act relating to the meeting of the Grand Jury of Oxford County at the December term of the Supreme Judicial Court."

Bill "an act to amend the 48th section of the 82d chapter of the revised statutes, in relation to demands filed in set off."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 12 and section 28 of the revised statutes, relating to cruelty to animals."

Bill "an act in relation to paupers."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Waldoboro' Insurance Company."

Bill "an act to change the name of Franklin McLoon."

Bill "an act relating to directors of railroads."

Bill "an act to authorize the town of Lyndon to loan its credit in aid of the Aroostook River Railroad."

Bill "an act to renew the charter of Eastern Bank and Mercantile Bank, both of Bangor, and the North Bank of Rockland."

Bill "an act to make free the Livermore Falls bridge."

Bill "an act to amend 'an act to establish a municipal court in the city of Auburn.'"

Bill "an act authorizing certain towns in Hancock county to require the use of wide rimmed wheels in certain cases."

"Resolve in favor of Hugh Jamieson."

"Resolve in favor of compiling and printing the school laws."

"Resolve in favor of Sprague, Owen and Nash."

"Resolve in favor of David Doe of Lyndon."

"Resolve providing for the payment of the expenses of the Committee on Military Affairs."

"Resolve in favor of Andrew Wiren of Woodland plantation."

"Resolve in favor of the Female Orphan Asylum of Portland."

"Resolve in favor of Sabine F. Berry and Thaddeus C. S. Berry."

"Resolve in favor of Moose River bridge."

"Resolve in favor of Andrew R. Higgins."

"Resolve in favor of George H. Freeman of Presque Isle."

"Resolve in favor of Thomas H. Getchell."

"Resolve in favor of Benjamin Smith."

"Resolve in favor of David L. Kelly."

"Resolve in favor of A. F. Owen."

"Resolve appropriating \$2,000 on Mattawamkeag bridge in Mattawamkeag, in the county of Penobscot."

"Resolve in favor of South Haystack road in Castle Hill in Aroostook county."

"Resolve in favor of the Bangor Children's Home."

"Resolve relating to public documents."

"Resolve in favor of the town of Island Falls."

"Resolve in favor of Otis J. Witham."

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Reform School."

These bills having had three and the resolves two several readings and passed to be engrossed, were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with legislation inexpedient, on so much of the Governor's Message as relates to law of divorce, the same having been acted on by another Committee, on order relating to same subject; also

Reporting legislation inexpedient, on memorial of the Board of Agriculture, relating to agricultural societies.

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Bill "an act to change the name of Frances Etta Felker," came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and was read three times under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve making an appropriation for the propagation of fish," passed to be engrossed by the House, came from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded and concurred.

"Resolve providing for the payment of the expenses of Martin H. Kiff," passed to be engrossed, came back from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The House insisted on its vote.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act relating to insurance and the office of Insurance Commissioner," accepted by the House, came back from the Senate amended, by striking out the word "not," and accepted, and bill amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The House, on motion of Mr. LYMAN of Machias, adhered to its vote accepting the report.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting, on the report of the Constitutional Commission, "resolves providing for certain amendments to the Constitution of the State of Maine," came from the Senate read and accepted, resolves read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted, resolves read twice under suspension of the rules, and unanimously passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act renewing a portion of the public debt, discontinuing the sinking fund of 1865, and abolishing the office of Commissioner of Sinking Fund," passed to be enacted by the House, came back from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The House recessed and concurred.

A message was received from the Senate, through Mr. Lane, the Secretary, requesting the return to that branch, of "resolve in aid of bridge over Ouilette stream."

The resolve was returned to the Senate.

Mr. SHEPHERD, from the Committee on Education, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend section 74, chapter 11 of the revised statutes, defining the duties of the State Superintendent of Common Schools;" also

Bill "an act in relation to fiscal school returns of towns to be made to the State Superintendent of Common Schools;" also

Bill "an act in relation to the apportionment of school moneys by the State treasurer."

Mr. CLEAVES reported, on order, bill "an act to amend section 65 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to damage on ways."

These reports were read and accepted, bills referred to the next Legislature, on motion of Mr. POWERS of Houlton.

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient, on so much of the Governor's message as relates to authorizing women to administer oaths and take acknowledgements of deeds.

The report was read, accepted and sent to the Senate.

Mr. CLARK, from the Committee of Conference, on bill "an act to incorporate the town of Woodville," reported that the House recede from its vote passing the same to be engrossed, that Senate recede from its vote referring to the next Legislature, for the purpose of amending said act.

The report was read and accepted, and the bill amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to facilitate the business of the Land Office and the disposal of the public lands," was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 71, section 1, paragraph 3 of the revised statutes, relating to sales of real estate by license of court," was read the third time, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. WILSON of Bangor.

Papers from the Senate.

"Resolve in favor of Benjamin Smith," finally passed by the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House insisted on its vote.

Bill "an act in relation to the execution of sentence in capital cases," came back from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

"Resolve in aid of bridge over Ouilette stream," came back from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded, adopted the amendments, and passed the bill and resolve to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of James F. Farmer and others of Township No. 2, Range 5," came from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The House receded and concurred.

"Resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts," came back from the Senate, that branch proposing a second Committee of Conference, with

Messrs. Corthell of Washington,
Cutler of Penobscot,
Donworth of Aroostook, conferees.

The House concurred in the proposition, and the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. McGilvery of Searsport,
Weed of Veazie,
Locke of Paris, conferees.

"Resolve in favor of the Maine General Hospital at Portland," having had two several readings and passed to be engrossed, was

reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the second time, and the question of finally passing the same was taken by yeas and nays, on motion of Mr. WEED of Veazie, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas 84, nays 21.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Keegan,	Reed of Bath,
Allen of Brooklin,	Lamb,	Reed of Boothbay,
Anderson,	Leavitt,	Roberts,
Baker,	Little,	Rogers,
Barnard,	Locke,	Sanders,
Barron,	Lyford,	Shepherd,
Blanchard,	Lyman,	Simpson,
Brackett,	Macomber,	Smith of Jonesport,
Bray,	Martin,	Smith of Whitefield,
Burnham,	Mason,	Snow,
Butler of Hancock,	McGilvery,	Stone,
Clark of Wiscasset,	McIntire,	Sturgis,
Cleaves,	Merrill, Cumberland,	Taylor,
Dodge,	Merrill, W. Gardiner,	Treat,
Durrell,	Milliken,	Trickey,
Dutton,	Mitchell,	Tuttle,
Eastman,	Moody,	Wade,
Evans,	Moulton, Lagrange,	Wakefield,
Ferguson,	Moulton, Scarboro',	Walden,
Gile,	Nadeau,	Watts,
Gilmore,	North,	Webster,
Grindle,	Oak,	Whitcomb,
Haines,	Park,	White,
Harmon,	Parker,	Whitney of Dixmont,
Hoyt,	Pease,	Wiggin,
Hubbard,	Pitcher,	Wilson,
Johnson,	Powers,	Withee,
Judd,	Randall,	Woodbury—84.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Barker,	Bearce,	Brawn,
Butler of Avon,	Clark of Lincoln,	Colson,
Conant,	Cunningham,	Doten,
Edes,	Gleason,	Harris,
Pinkham,	Stratton,	Stowe,

Tinkham,	Tolman,	Trott,	[ship—21.
Vickery,	Weed,	Whitney	of Friend-

On motion of Mr. MITCHELL of Gardiner,
Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. HARDING of Hallowell.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE of Brunswick,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State report to this House as soon as may be, before the final adjournment of this body, an account of all moneys paid to the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, for his services for the year, and for what paid, with the items, including bills presented by him not allowed.

Mr. WILSON of Bangor, presented bill "an act concerning taxation of State banks."

Mr. WHITNEY of Dixmont, presented bill "an act to incorporate the Dixmont Mountain Dairy Association."

Mr. TEFFT of Brewer, presented bill "an act in relation to the Border Publishing Company."

Bill "an act to continue in force chapter 5, public laws of 1872, authorizing pensions for disabled soldiers and seamen."

These bills were read three times under suspension of the rules, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported legislation inexpedient, on so much of the Governor's message as relates to taxation of express companies.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act relating to the duties of sheriffs and county attorneys;'" also

Bill "an act to amend section 5 of chapter 116 of the revised statutes, in relation to fees."

The reports were read and accepted, bills read three times under

suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Ocean Mutual Marine Insurance Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Oxford Manufacturing Company."

Bill "an act explanatory of and additional to section 65 of chapter 81 of the revised statutes, relating to civil actions."

Bill "an act to amend section 4 of chapter 59 of the revised statutes, relating to marriage and its solemnization."

Bill "an act to change the name of Helen M. Merrill."

"Resolve in favor of the town of Roxbury."

"Resolve in favor of Bowdoin R. Blackstone."

"Resolve in favor of the town of Shirley."

"Resolve relating to the advertising of the public laws."

"Resolve in favor of Silver Ridge plantation."

"Resolve in favor of the Eastern Normal School at Castine."

"Resolve in favor of the Western Normal School at Farmington."

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls."

"Resolve in favor of the State Reform School."

"Resolve in favor of Joseph L. Young."

These bills having had three and the resolves two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. ANDERSON, the Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, requesting the return of certain bills relating to the duties of Superintendent of Common Schools, and the distribution of school funds.

The bills were returned, and the vote referring the same to the next Legislature was reconsidered, bills ordered to be printed, and referred to the next Legislature, on motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Gray.

Papers from the Senate.

"Resolve in favor of the Secretary of the Senate," came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and was read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting "resolve in favor of settlers on proprietors' lands," came

from the Senate read and accepted, and the resolve passed to be engrossed.

The report was accepted, resolve read twice, and laid on the table by Mr. TAPLEY.

Final report of the Committee on the Judiciary.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with legislation inexpedient, on so much of the Governor's message as relates to fees of sheriffs.

These reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of certain towns," came back from the Senate, House amendment "C" adopted, House amendment "D" rejected, House amendment "B" amended as per sheet "E" and adopted, and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded, adopted Senate amendment "E," adhered to its vote by which amendment "D" was adopted, and passed the resolve to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to empower the Executive to appoint women to certain offices," came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and was read once and this afternoon assigned.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 71, section 1, paragraph 3 of the revised statutes, relating to sales of real estate by license of courts;" also

Bill "an act concerning municipal and police courts;"

Were taken from the table and indefinitely postponed, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve providing for military purposes," was taken from the table, amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

Report of the first Committee of Conference, on "resolve in favor of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts," was taken from the table and accepted.

The motion to reconsider the vote by which bill "an act to amend the 6th section of the 116th chapter of the revised statutes, relating to pay and travel of members of the Legislature," was indefinitely postponed, was taken from the table, and the House refused to reconsider.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. LYMAN of Machias, presented the following order:

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to make up the travel of members in strict accordance with the statute, "two dollars for each ten miles travel from his place of abode."

The order was amended, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, by adding after the word "statute" the words "and the Constitution," and refused a passage.

"Resolve in favor of settlers on proprietors' lands," was taken from the table and returned to the Senate, in accordance with request of that branch.

Report of the Committee on Insane Hospital, reporting on report of the Trustees and Superintendent, "resolve in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital," came from the Senate read and accepted, resolve read twice, amended as per sheet "B," and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, resolve read twice, Senate amendment "B" adopted, and the resolve passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Insane Hospital, reporting "resolve relating to a new insane hospital," came from the Senate read and accepted, resolve amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted, resolve read twice, Senate amendment "A" amended as per sheet "B" and adopted, resolve further amended as per sheet "C," passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Subsequently the resolve came back from the Senate, amendment "C" rejected, and resolve passed to be engrossed.

The House receded and concurred.

"Resolve in favor of settlers on proprietors' lands," came from the Senate referred to the next Legislature, and the House concurred.

Mr. TEFFT of Brewer, moved a reconsideration of the vote accepting the report of the Committee of Conference, on "resolve in favor of the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts," reporting that the House adhere to its vote.

Mr. BARRON of Topsham, moved, and the House ordered, that the question be taken, by yeas and nays, and being so taken, the House refused to reconsider, by yeas 55, nays 66.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Moulton of Lagrange,	Sturgis,
Bearce,	Moulton of Scarboro,	Tefft,
Buck,	Nadeau,	Treat,
Burnham,	Oak,	Tuttle,
Butler of Avon,	Park,	Vose,
Edes,	Pitcher,	Wade,
Evans,	Porter,	Walden,
Fogg,	Powers,	Watts,
Folsom,	Randall,	Webster,
Gilmore,	Reed of Bath,	Weed,
Grindle,	Roberts,	Wheeler,
Hubbard,	Rogers,	Wheelwright,
Judd,	Sanders,	Whitcomb,
Keegan,	Shepherd,	White,
Leavitt,	Simpson,	Whitney of Dixmont,
Locke,	Snow,	Wiggin,
Macomber,	Stratton,	Wilson,
McGilvery,	Stone,	Withee—55.
McIntire,		

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allen of Brooklin,		Harris,
Anderson,	Cunningham,	Hawes,
Baker,	Davis,	Johnson,
Barker,	Denison,	Lamb,
Barnard,	Dodge,	Lawler,
Barron,	Doten,	Lyford,
Blanchard,	Dutton,	Lyman,
Brackett,	Eastman,	Martin,
Bray,	Ferguson,	Mason,
Burpee,	Frost,	Merrill, W. Gardiner,
Butler of Hancock,	Gile,	Milliken,
Clark of Wiscasset,	Gleason,	Moody,
Cleaves,	Haines,	Page,
Cobb,	Hall,	Payne,
Colson,	Hanson,	Parker,
Conant,	Harmon,	Pease,

Pillsbury,	Taylor,	Wakefield,
Purinton,	Tinkham,	Warren,
Reed of Boothbay,	Tolman,	Welt,
Smith of Jonesport,	Trickey,	Whitney, Friendship,
Stowe,	Trott,	Woodbury,
Talbot,	True,	—66.
Tapley,	Wagg,	

Bill "an act to empower the Executive to appoint women to certain offices," was taken from the table, the question being on passing the same to be engrossed, it was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas 75, nays 39.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Haley,	Shepherd,
Allen of Brooklin,	Harmon,	Simpson,
Baker,	Harris,	Smith of Whitefield,
Barnard,	Hawes,	Snow,
Bearce,	Hubbard,	Stevens,
Brawn,	Johnson,	Stone,
Burnham,	Judd,	Stowe,
Burpee,	Lawler,	Sturgis,
Butler of Avon,	Leavitt,	Taylor,
Clark of Lincoln,	Mason,	Tinkham,
Cleaves,	McGilvery,	Tolman,
Colson,	McIntire,	Treat,
Conant,	Moody,	Trott,
Cunningham,	Moulton of Lagrange,	Tuttle,
Dodge,	Oak,	Vose,
Doten,	Park,	Wade,
Durell,	Pillsbury,	Wakefield,
Dutton,	Pinkham,	Walden,
Evans,	Pitcher,	Webster,
Ferguson,	Porter,	Welt,
Fogg,	Purinton,	Wheeler,
Folsom,	Randall,	Wheelwright,
Gile,	Roberts,	White,
Gleason,	Rogers,	Whitney, Friendship,
Haines,	Sanders,	Wiggin—75.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Anderson,	Barron,	Brackett,
Barker,	Blanchard,	Bray,

Buck,	Lamb,	Smith of Jonesport,
Butler of Hancock,	Lyford,	Talbot,
Crosby,	Lyman,	Tefft,
Davis,	Martin,	True,
Eastman,	Merrill, W. Gardiner,	Wagg,
Edes,	Milliken,	Warren,
Frost,	Moulton of Scarboro',	Watts,
Gilmore,	Payne,	Weed,
Grindle,	Parker,	Wilson,
Hall,	Powers,	Withee,
Hanson,	Reed of Boothbay,	Woodbury—39.

Bill "an act to amend the 6th section of the 116th chapter of the revised statutes, relating to pay and travel of members of the Legislature," came back from the Senate, that branch insisting on its vote passing the same to be engrossed.

The House adhered to its vote of indefinite postponement.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting on Governor's message, bill "an act explanatory of and additional to chapter 251 of the public laws of 1872, relating to taxation of insurance companies," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted, bill read three times, amendment "A" adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, with ought not to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 64 of the revised statutes, relating to executors and administrators," came from the Senate accepted, and was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. BARRON moved to reconsider the foregoing vote, and the House refused.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 71, section 1, paragraph 3 of the revised statutes, relating to sales of real estate by license of court," indefinitely postponed by the House, came back from the Senate, that branch insisting on its vote passing the same to be engrossed.

The House receded, and passed the bill in concurrence.

Mr. WEBSTER presented "resolve authorizing the State Librarian to furnish the College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts with Maine reports," which was read twice under suspension of the rules, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Gray,
Adjourned.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill "an act in relation to paupers."

Bill "an act relating to proceedings in court."

Bill "an act relating to pledges."

These bills came from the Senate amended, by striking out the in each bill the words, "this act shall take effect when approved," and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded, adopted the amendments, and passed the bills to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act relating to the duties of sheriffs and county attorneys;'" and

Bill "an act to amend section 5 of chapter 116, in relation to fees," passed to be engrossed by the House, came back from the Senate referred to the next Legislature.

The House insisted on its vote.

On motion of Mr. TOLMAN of Deer Isle,

Ordered, That the dictionaries furnished for the use of this House, be presented to the Clerk and Assistant Clerk at the end of the session.

On motion of Mr. RANDALL of Island Falls,

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House be directed to present to James B. Walker, Messenger, the copy of the Holy Bible placed

in his possession for the use of the House at the commencement of the present session.

Messrs. Harmon of Thorndike, and Cunningham of Washington, were excused from further attendance.

Mr. REED, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported, on order, bill "an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1875, amounting to the sum \$899,753.10."

The report was read and accepted, bill read three times, under suspension of the rules, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. MOULTON of Scarboro', presented "resolve in favor of George R. Fernald," which was read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

A message was received from the Senate, through Mr. Lane, its Secretary, proposing a Convention in the Hall of the House, this day, at 10½ o'clock, for the purpose of electing a Land Agent for the current political year.

The Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, informing that branch of the concurrence of the House in the proposition for a Convention.

The House having concurred, the Senate came in, and a Convention formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. HALL of the Senate,

Messrs. Hall of York,

Palmer of Penobscot,

Snow of Hallowell,

Randall of Island Falls,

Barron of Topsham,

Talbot of East Machias,

Anderson of Gray,

Were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Land Agent.

Mr. HALL, from the Committee, reported :

Whole number of votes..... 144

Necessary to a choice..... 73

Parker P. Burleigh has	117
Daniel Randall.....	19
Z. R. Folsom.....	2
J. W. Lyman.....	4
C. H. Haskell	1
C. F. Durell.....	1

The report was read and accepted, and Parker P. Burleigh declared duly elected Land Agent for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. HALL of the Senate,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Convention notify the Hon. Parker P. Burleigh of his election as Land Agent for the current political year.

The purpose of the Convention having been accomplished, it dissolved, and the Senate retired.

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

On motion of Mr. REED of Bath, the vote by which "resolve relating to a new insane hospital" was passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered.

The resolve was then further amended as per sheet "D," and passed to be engrossed, being amended as per sheets "A," "B," and "D."

Bill "an act amendatory of section 9 of chapter 3 of the revised statutes, extending the right of suffrage to women in municipal elections," was taken from the table, and referred to the next Legislature.

Bill "an act to incorporate the town of Woodville."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 27 of the revised statutes, relating to intoxicating liquors."

Bill "an act relating to savings banks."

Bill "an act renewing a portion of the public debt, discontinuing the sinking fund of 1865, and abolishing the office of Commissioner of the Sinking Fund."

Bill "an act regulating costs in certain cases."

Bill "an act to amend section 62, chapter 49 of the revised statutes, relating to foreign insurance companies."

Bill "an act to facilitate the business of the land office and the disposal of the public lands."

Bill "an act in relation to the execution of sentence in capital cases."

Bill "an act to provide for deficiency in the appropriation for the expenditures of government for the year 1874."

Bill "an act to change the name of Frances Etta Felker."

Bill "an act to continue in force chapter 5, public laws of 1872, authorizing pensions for disabled soldiers and seamen."

Bill "an act in relation to paupers."

Bill "an act in relation to the Border Publishing Company."

Bill "an act explanatory of and additional to chapter 251 of the laws of 1874, relating to taxation of insurance companies."

"Resolve in favor of the Secretary of the Senate."

"Resolve making appropriation for the propagation of fish."

"Resolve providing for exchange of certain documents."

"Resolve in favor of the State Prison."

"Resolve authorizing an appropriation to pay for chemical fire engine."

"Resolve providing for the payment of the expenses of Martin H. Kiff."

"Resolve in favor of Avis W. Young."

"Resolve in favor of bridge over Ouilette stream."

"Resolve in favor of Thomas Mathison."

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital."

These bills having had three and the resolves two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolves providing for certain amendments to the Constitution of the State of Maine."

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine, relating to bribery at elections."

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine, relating to taxation."

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine, relating to abolishing land agency."

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine, relating to appointment of judges of municipal and police courts."

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine, relating to power of the Governor to pardon."

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine, relating to Constitutional Conventions."

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine, relating to election of Senators by plurality vote."

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine, relating to special legislation and corporations."

"Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine, relating to Codification of Amended Constitution."

These resolves were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, and unanimously passed, by 120 yeas.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Edes,	Lyman,
Allen of Brooklin,	Evans,	Martin,
Anderson,	Fogg,	Mason,
Barker,	Folsom,	McGilvery,
Barnard,	Frost,	McIntire,
Barron,	Gile,	Merrill, Cumberland,
Bearce,	Gilmore,	Merrill, W. Gardiner,
Blanchard,	Grindle,	Milliken,
Brackett,	Haines,	Mitchell,
Brawn,	Hall,	Moody,
Burpee,	Haley,	Moulton of Lagrange,
Butler of Avon,	Hanson,	Moulton of Scarboro,'
Clark of Lincoln,	Harmon,	Nadeau,
Clark of Wiscasset,	Harris,	North,
Cleaves,	Hawes,	Oak,
Cobb,	Heald,	Page,
Colson,	Hoyt,	Payne,
Conant,	Hubbard,	Park,
Cunningham,	Johnson,	Parker,
Davis,	Judd,	Pillsbury,
Dodge,	Keegan,	Pinkham,
Doten,	Lamb,	Pitcher,
Durell,	Lawler,	Purinton,
Dutton,	Leavitt,	Randall,
Eastman,	Locke,	Reed of Bath,
Eaton,	Lyford,	Reed of Boothbay,

Roberts,	Tefft,	Warren,
Rogers,	Thomas,	Watts,
Sanders,	Tinkham,	Webster,
Shepherd,	Tolman,	Weed,
Simpson,	Treat,	Wheeler,
Smith of Jonesport,	Trickey,	Wheelwright,
Smith of Whitefield,	True,	Whitcomb,
Snow,	Tuttle,	White,
Stevens,	Vickery,	Whitney of Dixmont,
Stone,	Vose,	Whitney, Friendship,
Stowe,	Wade,	Wiggin,
Sturgis,	Wagg,	Wilson,
Talbot,	Wakefield,	Withee,
Taylor,	Walden,	Woodbury—120.

Bill "an act amendatory of and additional to chapter 113 of the revised statutes, in relation to poor debtors," came from the Senate referred to the next Legislature, and was referred in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 5 of chapter 116 of the revised statutes, in relation to fees," came back from the Senate, that branch insisting on its former vote referring to the next Legislature, proposing a Committee of Conference, with

Messrs. Emery of Hancock,
 Foster of Oxford,
 Donworth of Aroostook, as conferees.

The House insisted, and the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. Wilson of Bangor,
 Cleaves of Portland,
 Anderson of Gray, conferees on its part.

Bill "an act to repeal an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the town of Talmadge, in the county of Washington,'" came from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The bill was read three times, and indefinitely postponed.

"Resolve providing for military appropriations," came back from the Senate, House amendment "A" amended as per sheet "B," and passed to be engrossed.

The House adhered to its vote passing the same to be engrossed amended as per sheet "A."

Bill "an act concerning municipal courts," came back from the Senate that branch insisting on its vote passing the same to be engrossed.

The House adhered to its vote of indefinite postponement.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Communication was received from the Deputy Secretary of State, transmitting in response to an order of the House, an account of the expenses of the Secretary of Board of Agriculture.

A communication was received from Hon. Parker P. Burleigh, accepting the office of Land Agent, came from the Senate read, and was read.

"Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution of Maine relating to the qualification of voters," came from the Senate refused a passage, and was refused a passage in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of James F. Farmer and others of Township No. 2, Range 5," came from the Senate indefinitely postponed, and the House receded and concurred.

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee of Conference, on bill "an act to amend section 5 of chapter 116 of the revised statutes, relating to fees," reported the same ought to pass, in a new draft, under the title of 'an act to establish the fees of officers for travel in certain cases.'

The report was read and accepted, bill read three times under suspension of the rules, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve providing for military purposes," came back from the Senate, that branch insisting on its vote.

The House still adhered.

"Resolve establishing the valuation of the towns of Berwick and North Berwick, in the county of York," came from the Senate read twice and passed to be engrossed, and was read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to empower the Executive to appoint women to certain offices," passed to be enacted by the House, came back from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded, adopted amendment "A," and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Ocean Mutual Marine Insurance Company," passed to be enacted by the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House receded and concurred.

Bill "an act authorizing pensions for soldiers and sailors' orphans in Female Orphan Asylum in Portland, and Children's Home of Bangor," passed to be engrossed by the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House receded and concurred.

"Resolve authorizing an appropriation to pay for chemical fire engine," passed by the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House insisted, proposed a Committee of Conference, and the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. Wheelwright of Bangor,
Edes of Burlington,
Treat of Winterport, conferees.

"Resolve concerning the claim of George M. Weston against the State of Maine," finally passed by the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House receded.

Bill "an act to empower the Executive to appoint women to certain offices."

Bill "an act relating to proceedings in court."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Dixmont Mountain Dairy Association."

Bill "an act relating to pledges."

Bill "an act concerning taxation of State banks."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 71, section 1, paragraph 3 of the revised statutes, relating to sales of real estate by license of court."

Bill "an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1875, amounting to the sum of \$899,753.10."

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act relating to the duties of sheriffs and county attorneys.'"

"Resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts."

"Resolve authorizing the State Librarian to furnish the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts with the Maine reports."

"Resolve in favor of George R. Fernald."

These bills having had three and the resolves two several readings and passed to be engrossed, were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. LYMAN of Machias,

Adjourned until 7½ o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. WHEELWRIGHT, from the Committee of Conference, on "resolve authorizing appropriation for chemical fire engine," reported the Committee could not agree, and that the House adhere.

The report was read and accepted.

Mr. REDD, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported "resolve on the Pay Roll of the House."

The report was read and accepted, resolve read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. REED, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government."

The report was read and accepted, bill read three times under suspension of the rules, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve on the Pay Roll of the Senate," came from that branch, read twice, and passed to be engrossed, and was read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to establish the fees of officers for travel in certain cases."

Bill "an act to empower the Executive to appoint women to certain offices."

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government."

"Resolve providing for military purposes."

"Resolve relating to a new Insane Hospital."

"Resolve establishing the valuation of the towns of Berwick and North Berwick, in the county of York."

"Resolve on the Pay Roll of the House."

"Resolve on the Pay Roll of the Senate."

These bills having had three and the resolves two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. SNOW of Hallowell, was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, informing that branch that the House had disposed of all business before it, and is now ready to adjourn without date.

A message was received from the Senate, through Mr. Foster of Oxford, informing the House that the Senate had disposed of all business before it, and is now ready to adjourn *sine die*.

Ordered, That a Committee of three, with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait on the Governor, and inform him that both branches of the Legislature, having acted on all matters before them, are ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, with

Messrs. Emery of Hancock,
Campbell of Washington,
Cushing of Knox,

Appointed on the part of that branch.

The order was read and passed in concurrence, and

Messrs. Snow of Hallowell,
Buck of Orland,
Leavitt of Eastport,
Lyman of Machias,

Messrs. Tefft of Brewer,
Davis of Portland,
White of Bucksport,

Were joined on the part of the House.

Subsequently, Mr. SNOW reported that the Committee had discharged the duty, and the Governor was pleased to say that he would communicate forthwith through the Secretary of State.

Thereupon, the following communication was received from the Executive :

STATE OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Augusta, February 24, 1875. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

I transmit herewith a list of the Acts and Resolves passed during the present session of the Legislature, numbering 254 Acts and 106 Resolves, which have either received my approval or have become laws without such approval.

I have no further communication to make.

(Signed) NELSON DINGLEY, JR.

Mr. LEAVITT of Eastport, addressed the House as follows :

We approach the close of this session, as we did its commencement, with friendly feelings to all ; and I feel that I cannot let this opportunity pass without thanking each individual here for their kindness and courtesy extended to me personally. To you, Mr. Speaker, I have but to say that I tender to you my heartfelt thanks for your continued friendship and courtesy to me, as in common with other members of the House. And I beg leave, Mr. Clerk, to lay upon your desk a resolve, and ask that the vote be taken upon it by members standing in their places :

Resolved, That the thanks of this House are due and they are hereby tendered to the Hon. W. W. THOMAS, Jr., for the able, faithful and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of Speaker.

Mr. WHEELWRIGHT of Bangor, seconded the resolution, and said :

Mr. CLERK : I rise to second the resolution, and it gives me great pleasure to do it. This is my first experience in legislative

matters, and the session has been one of great pleasure to me for two reasons. First, because of the uniform courtesy and kindness which the Speaker has ever extended towards me personally, and so far as I have been able to judge, towards every member of this House. And I have no doubt that I express the sentiment of the whole House, when I say that we heartily hope and trust that in whatever department of life he may be called to act, success and happiness may crown his efforts.

I said there were two reasons why the session has been one of peculiar pleasure to myself. I was born a whig, raised a republican, and was ever led to think and to believe that democrats were not altogether the best class of people to associate with. But I have found myself mistaken. I have formed during this session some of the pleasantest friendships of my life; some irrespective of party, that will last, as I trust, until life shall end. That a session of the Legislature should pass, where two-thirds were composed of one party and one-third of the other, without a single party vote having been taken, with the exception of the election of officers, without an unkind word from either party, seems to me unaccountable. And yet such has been the fact with us. Not an unkind word have I heard spoken. Not a word I think has been spoken by any member which he would desire to recall. I trust that the day is not far distant when all party lines will be broken; when men will be selected for offices because of their moral worth and fitness to fill them; when we shall be able to see, "eye to eye and heart to heart;" when we shall be a united country, not only in name but in reality. May God speed the day when this shall come.

I remember too that since we met, two of our members, at least, have been called upon to part with the nearest and dearest friends they have on earth. I remember too that one of our members has left us for his long home. And now we part to-night to meet no more on earth. May we so live and act during the remainder of our lives that we shall meet in that better world where there will be no separations.

Mr. LYMAN of Machias, said:

Mr. CLERK: It gives me great pleasure to cordially indorse all that has been said by the gentlemen who have preceded me. I have had the pleasure of being a member of the House of Repre-

representatives several times before ; but never have I known a House where there was so much courtesy, so much friendship, so much kindness, so much impartiality, and so little of party spirit as in this. Why, sir, we have passed our days so pleasantly, and every one has seemed to do all in his power to make everything pleasant and agreeable, that we should hardly know that there were any parties here, unless we turned back to our political record. We all belong to one party. All have seemed bent upon doing their duty to the best of their ability—the duties which devolve upon members of the House as representatives of the people of our State. And, sir, it gives me great pleasure to testify to the good feeling and kindness that have been exhibited on all occasions during our session. And now we are to part forever, never to meet again on earth. It is not probable, hardly, I was about to say, possible, that we should ever meet face to face again. And, sir, when we part from here and go forth to-morrow, some facing east, some west, and to different portions of the State, we carry with us the kind and loving memories of the friendships that have been formed this session.

And now, Mr. Speaker, allow me to say that when we return to our places of abode, let us not forget one another ; let us remember and treasure up the kind feelings and loving friendships we have formed here, down to the day of our death.

I cordially indorse the remarks that have been made. I trust that we shall all meet together in that higher, and holier, and happier land, where parting shall be no more forever.

Mr. PITCHER of Belfast, said :

Mr. CLERK : I should not feel right to go away from this House without saying a few words upon this resolution. I desire to thank the Speaker for the courtesies and kind treatment he has extended to me personally, during the session. To the members, to the messengers, and to the pages, for their kindness and consideration to me, I return my heartfelt thanks.

It has been said that "man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn." But, sir, I must reverse that, and say that man's humanity makes thousands rejoice.

Mr. SNOW of Hallowell, said :

Mr. CLERK : I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing my thanks and obligations personally to the Speaker

for the very able and impartial manner with which he has presided over the deliberations of this body. And also, I wish to express my thanks to the members of the House for their courtesy, kindness and readiness to act upon all questions presented, as readily as their importance demanded. It has been to me a very pleasant session, and I have formed many very pleasant acquaintances, which I trust will continue long as life shall last. We are but the creatures of a day, and the places that now know us will soon know some of us no more.

Allow me, while I say farewell, to wish you one and all a safe and happy return to your homes, and may your future be as bright and prosperous as our association here has been pleasant and happy.

Mr. HAINES of Biddeford, said :

Mr. CLERK : I know of no words which can better express my feelings to the members of this House, on this occasion, than a few parting words by a distinguished son of Maine, Maine's gifted poet, the Hon. David Barker, to the Legislature of 1872, of which I was a member. He sat in his seat here and read some original lines which have made a lasting impression upon my mind, and I think they will bear repetition to the members of this House. I have therefore transcribed them for that purpose :

“ Now as we speak the last good-bye,
One thing my heart insures,
You've left no scars upon my soul,
I trust I've none on yours.

We met like floating planks that touch
On ocean, lake or river,
We part to meet, though here or there,
Within that vast forever.

And when that meeting comes again,
In this world or the other,
Each shall be found upon my list,
Both as a friend and brother.”

Mr. TEFFT of Brewer, said :

Mr. CLERK : It must certainly be to all of us, I know it is to me, a most pleasant, and yet sad and melancholy duty, to rise and stand and pronounce the last words at our last session. The impressions that have been made upon us during the winter, as has been said before, in substance, must have been exceedingly agree-

able and pleasant. And I will add to what has been heretofore said, by saying that we have not only had a very agreeable and pleasant session, but I think we can also justly claim that we have done a great deal of hard work in a very short period of time, and done it well. And I am most happy to add, that I believe that every speech that has been made, and every vote that has been thrown or uttered, has been done conscientiously by the members of this House. I will say, though a man of years, I am a new member; but I have observed all the proceedings of this House. I have watched them narrowly, and I have observed the kindness, and the conciliatory style of address, almost universally so, if not entirely so; and I have observed, what is very seldom seen in a legislative body, no sign of partisan feeling, no visible exhibition of "clique," or party, or "ring," but every subject has been discussed upon its own merits. And I have observed that gentlemen of the House have voted according to what their consciences dictated. I know it is so with myself. I believe it is true of every member of this House. We have differed in opinion at various stages of our work, as legislative and deliberative bodies do at times. But at the same time, I feel in my heart to say, that I think that every gentleman of this House has acted conscientiously in every thing that he has said and done. We have not only had a session of a great deal of labor, and have done the work in a very short time, but we have had a most pleasant and agreeable season of association. I know it is so on my part; I believe it is so on the part of all the members of this House.

And now we are about to bid one another farewell. We are also to bid farewell to our Speaker, and I believe it is due to that gentleman for us to say, for I know that we feel it, that the successful labors of this House, the rapidity of our work, and the charming feeling that has pervaded all our hearts, we owe very largely to the talent, experience, quick perception, and the liberal, generous, kind disposition of the distinguished gentleman that has presided over this body. It is not now for the first time that I have made his acquaintance. He well remembers the days we had in old Sweden. I remember the gentleman from that period. We worked together there, in perfect harmony; peace and quietness prevailed between his post and mine. And from that day to this, we have had nothing but the kindest of feeling, and I trust that we shall never have any other.

I wish to say, also, that we have not only had our duty to perform, and our work to do, but in the midst of all we have had our sorrows. Gentlemen have already alluded to the work of death that has been going on among our members. Death, gentlemen, is everywhere. There is no escape from his arrows, whether at home or abroad; whether on land or sea; whether rich or poor; we are all liable to die. When we received the mournful intelligence that one of our members had been called away, it made a deep impression upon our hearts. And I know that I am saying what we all feel, when I add to this, that we send our warmest greetings to the bereaved family that has been afflicted so deeply. We have also had our pleasures as well as our sorrows. But it has been said by an ancient poet, that "pleasures are brief, and sorrows lasting," and the remarks of the old Greek poet calls to my mind another remark or two made by a poet of later date. Says Robert Burns:

"Pleasures are like poppies spread,
You seize the flower—its bloom is shed,
Or like the snow-fall in the river,
A moment white—then melt forever;
Or like the borealis race,
That flit ere you can point their place,
Or like the rainbow's lovely form,
Vanishing amid the storm."

God grant that our pleasures may be more lasting than this. And if we wish to have them so, and have them remain beyond all the figures that Burns has given to us in his most beautiful style, let us remember that our pleasures will be eternal if we only keep our eye fixed on the pole-star of duty. Duty done, and well done, will be a joy now, and a glory forever.

Mr. RANDALL of Island Falls, said:

Mr. CLERK: I do not wish to take up the time as it is so late; but I wish to say that I cordially endorse the resolution introduced by the gentleman from Eastport. And, also, while up, to tender my sincere thanks to the Speaker, to the Clerk, and other officers of the House, and to every member of the House, for their cordial kindness to me during this session. And I wish further to say, gentlemen, and you, Mr. Speaker, and to each officer of the House, if you ever pass my way, call upon me; my doors are always open; my board, though humble, is always spread, and you shall be cordially welcomed.

Mr. ANDERSON of Gray, said :

Mr. CLERK : I feel that I should be recreant to every feeling of my better nature, did I not say that the sentiments that have been expressed by the gentlemen who have preceded me, find an echo in my own breast. And during the hours of this day, and more especially during the hours of this evening, there have been mingled with all its scenes, and with all the other emotions in my heart, feelings of sadness and regret that to-night we part. A few weeks ago our pathways in life diverged. We have spent a few brief weeks here ; but to-night we part, to meet upon the shores of time nevermore. And to me there is solemnity in the thought that the record is made ; that the work is done, and that it is well, or ill-done forever. We part to-night, never to meet again, until we stand before the judgment throne of God. As I recall the pleasant associations here during the past few weeks, feelings of regret fill my heart at the thought of parting. And I am sure that among the pleasantest, and brightest, and greenest memories of my life, will be my associations with the members of the Legislature of 1875.

Gentlemen, as a member of the minority party in this House, I never have had occasion to know or remember that I was a member of that party. Nothing but kindness, and courtesy, and urbanity, has met me on every hand. And when I say this, I know that I represent the sentiment and heartfelt feeling of the minority of this House.

As I said before, our work is done : history will pass upon its merits. But I know that the proceedings of this House, in that spirit which has, as you well know, characterized all its deliberations, which has been so frequently alluded to here to-night—I know that infinitely more than to any other cause, is it attributable to the urbanity and the courtesy, mingled with the firmness of the decisions that have characterized the proceedings and the rulings of our presiding officer. And, gentlemen, it affords me the keenest pleasure to be able to feel that I can say, that the memory that I carry from here of the treatment that I have received, will abide with me wherever I go ; and whatever my future may be, whenever or wherever I may meet a member of the Legislature of 1875, I shall meet in him a friend.

Mr. WHITE of Bucksport, said :

Mr. CLERK : Representing, as I do, one of the younger class in this House who have never before this session participated in legislative labors, I join most heartily and sincerely in the proposed tribute of respect and regard to our estimable Speaker, who has so ably and impartially presided over our deliberations, and to whom we are indebted for the most courteous and kindly treatment. At the same time I desire to express my kind and friendly regards for every member of this body. At varied intervals along the pathway of life we note certain incidents, events and experiences, which have become epochs in the history of our lives, and around which our memories linger with feelings of joy or sorrow—and oftentimes these feelings are intermingled. Recurring to scenes long since numbered with the things that were, we live over in our thoughts the experiences of former days. Standing amid the closing hours of this session, we are reminded that what we have done here will soon have passed into history. And to each of our lives will be added another epoch from which to date another chapter in our histories. In looking back over the weeks during which we have been associated together as members of this House, I desire to acknowledge with pleasurable emotions the good feeling which has pervaded this hall. Many, even most of us, met as strangers. We part as friends. Soon shall we look upon each other's countenances and grasp each other's hands, not as we have so often done in friendly greeting, but to exchange those parting salutations which will bring to our hearts feelings of sadness, and yet not unmingled with pleasure. The thought that some of us will never meet again on earth saddens this parting hour. The thought that we part as friends affords a pleasure which no regret can wholly dispel. As we turn our faces homeward, anticipating with joyous feelings the pleasure which await us in the welcome-greeting of loved ones we hope soon to meet, may we all carry in our hearts and cherish through the future of our lives a fond remembrance of this session of the Fifty-Fourth Legislature of our honored State.

Mr. TINKHAM of Anson, said :

Mr. CLERK : I feel that I cannot leave this scene without addressing one word to the members of this House and our

honored Speaker, in expression of my feelings. As has been said, we are about to part never again to meet in this world. It may be as truly said of us as it was of our Saviour's little band, that we have eaten our last supper together. Permit me to say that the associations I have formed here have been very pleasant to me, and I shall ever cherish them as happy mementoes of this winter. Although death has been among us and taken one of our number for his own, we should remember that such is to be the fate of us all sooner or later. Yet it is pleasant to think that we shall "know each other there." Gentlemen, with love and respect for all, I bid you farewell.

Mr. GRINDLE of Mt. Desert, said :

Mr. CLERK : These little closing speeches are necessarily repetitions, but coming here as I did a young member, unacquainted with legislative or parliamentary rules, I desire to express my gratitude for the fair and kind treatment which I have received on this floor. And I desire to thank the members of the Committee with which I have worked for their kind attention and consideration of any suggestion which I have made. The acquaintances which I have here made are among the most pleasant of my life, and for your uniform kindness and courtesy, I tender to each and all of you my most heartfelt thanks and good wishes.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The SPEAKER responded as follows :

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The resolve just unanimously passed confers on me the highest honor, and is more precious than any decoration in the power of royalty to bestow. From my heart I thank you for it. I thank you also for the generous remarks which have accompanied its passage ; and I thank you most of all for the uniform kindness, courtesy and consideration extended to me from first to last by every member of this House.

The session of the Fifty-Fourth Legislature of Maine will be memorable. In addition to ordinary legislative business, we have elected a United States Senator, remodeled the financial system of the State, and passed upon the work of the first Constitutional Commission ever convened in Maine.

Yet, gentlemen, notwithstanding these unusual labors, such has been your diligence, that we have now reached the hour of final adjournment after a session of but fifty days' duration—the shortest regular session for twenty-four years, and excepting the five sessions of 1820, 1822, 1823, 1825, and 1851, the shortest regular session ever held by any Legislature of Maine.

“Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might,” is the scripture injunction. This you have obeyed to the letter, and for this you deserve and will receive the approval of a discriminating public.

The closing hour has come, our work is done, our fraternal intercourse must now be broken; but the bonds of friendship formed and cemented here will be broken never. And now, gentlemen, wishing you a safe return to happy homes, and invoking for you the richest blessings of a bountiful Providence, I bid you, one and all, good bye.

Mr. MASON of Biddeford, presented the following resolve :

Resolved, That the thanks of the members are hereby tendered to S. J. Chadbourne, Clerk, and Oramandal Smith, Assistant Clerk, for the very able and impartial manner in which they have performed their various duties.

Mr. MASON said :

Mr. Speaker : Belonging as I do to the minority of this House, I take great pleasure in presenting this resolution. And I think I have a right to say that this resolution is no mere formal, unmeaning compliment, but that it expresses the honest, sincere emotions of every member of this House. The Clerk and Assistant Clerk have not only discharged their duties with great ability and strict impartiality, but they have treated every member of this House, both in official and private intercourse, with the greatest courtesy and consideration. For the kind and considerate manner in which they have always treated me personally, I desire to return my grateful acknowledgments. I wish each of them a successful, prosperous and happy future.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. MARTIN offered the following, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of this House are due

and are hereby tendered to James B. Walker, Messenger, J. R. Prescott, 1st Assistant Messenger, Charles H. Gatchell, 2d Assistant Messenger, Walter Stinson, Page, Thomas S. Elliot, Page, for the faithful and impartial performance of their several duties during the present session of the Legislature.

Mr. MARTIN said :

I wish to tender my sincere and heartfelt thanks to the officers and every member of this House for the kindness and courtesy extended to me during the few weeks I have spent here.

Mr. CLARK of Lincoln, said :

Mr. Clerk: I now arise to say but a word before I offer a resolve which I hold in my hand. This exceedingly harmonious session is about to close its legislative deliberations, and as one of the most quiet and humble members of this branch, I feel that I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without offering my tribute of heartfelt respect for our highly distinguished Speaker, our efficient Clerk and Assistant, our accommodating Messenger, and our prompt Pages, Folder and Mail Carrier, for the faithful and impartial discharge of their respective duties during the session. I hope, trust and believe they will ever be held in the most kindly remembrance by every member of this House.

I will offer the following resolve :

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of this House are especially due, and are hereby tendered to John S. Snow, Chairman of the Committee on Business of the House, for the faithful, impartial and energetic performance of his duties during this short but laborious session. I move that it be adopted by a rising vote.

The resolve was unanimously adopted.

Mr. SNOW responded as follows :

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House: Words fail to express to you my heartfelt thanks for this mark of your approval. I can only say, I thank you.

Mr. TOLMAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of this House are due

F. A. Small and Z. A. Smith, Reporters, for the faithful discharge of their duties during the session.

The resolve was unanimously adopted.

By invitation of the SPEAKER, a benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Tefft of Brewer.

On motion of Mr. SNOW of Hallowell, at the hour of 10½ o'clock P. M., the House adjourned without day.

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

TITLES OF ACTS

PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF 1875.

PUBLIC LAWS.

An act to amend section seven, chapter ninety-one of the revised statutes, in relation to liens on vessels.

to regulate the inspection of fish.

to amend, so far as the county of Cumberland is concerned, chapter one hundred and thirty-three of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-three, relating to the jail system of the state.

to amend chapter one hundred and thirteen of the revised statutes, relating to relief of poor debtors.

for the protection of owners of stolen bonds.

to amend section twelve of chapter three of the revised statutes, relating to highway surveyors.

relating to the settlement of persons connected with the national home for disabled volunteer soldiers at Togus, in the county of Kennebec.

to amend chapter one hundred and sixty-six of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-four, relating to school money.

additional to "an act in relation to contested elections."

to amend section one hundred and forty-eight of chapter six of the revised statutes, relating to abatement of taxes.

additional to chapter two hundred and forty-eight of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-four, relating to fishing.

for the protection of moose.

amending an act entitled "an act for the better protection of lobsters in the State of Maine."

An act to amend section three of chapter eleven of the revised statutes, relating to the abolishing of school districts.
conferring additional powers upon the supreme judicial court, relating to railroads.
to enforce the collection of taxes upon railroad companies.
relating to fencing railroads.
to provide for the appointment of deputy town treasurers.
additional to chapter two hundred and fifty-eight of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-four, relating to taxation of railroad companies.
relating to mutual fire insurance companies.
to amend section four of chapter two hundred and three of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-four, providing pensions for disabled soldiers and seamen.
to amend section three of chapter one hundred and ninety-eight of public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-four, relating to disclosures of poor debtors.
additional to chapter twenty-nine of the laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, concerning the militia.
to secure the education of youth in the State of Maine.
to amend chapter eighteen of the revised statutes, relating to ways.
to repeal chapter three hundred and fourteen of the resolves of eighteen hundred seventy-four, and to revive all acts and parts of acts repealed by said chapter three hundred and fourteen of the resolves of eighteen hundred seventy-four, and to amend chapter seventy-six of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-two.
to amend section nine of chapter one hundred and thirty-three of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-three, relating to the powers and duties of prison and jail inspectors.
giving to the municipal and police courts jurisdiction in matters of liens upon personal property in certain cases.
to amend the twenty-second section of the fifty-ninth chapter of the revised statutes.
for the better protection of life and property.
fixing the compensation of councillors.
concerning judicial proceedings.

An act to amend chapter one hundred and twenty-four of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-three, entitled "an act in aid of free high schools."

to repeal sections eighty-one and eighty-two of chapter eleven of the revised statutes, in relation to teachers' institutes.

relating to directors of railroads.

• to amend chapter one hundred and twenty-four, section twenty-eight of the revised statutes, relating to cruelty to animals.

relating to the meeting of the grand jury of Oxford county, at the December term of the supreme judicial court.

to amend the forty-eighth section of the eighty-second chapter of the revised statutes, in relation to demands filed in set off.

explanatory of and additional to section sixty-five of chapter eighty-one of the revised statutes, relating to civil actions.

to amend section four of chapter fifty-nine of the revised statutes, relating to marriage and its solemnization.

in relation to paupers.

additional to chapter twenty-seven of the revised statutes, relating to intoxicating liquors.

regulating costs in certain cases.

to amend section sixty-two, chapter forty-nine, of the revised statutes, relating to foreign insurance companies.

to facilitate the business of the land office, and the disposal of the public lands.

explanatory of and additional to chapter two hundred and fifty-one of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-four, relating to taxation of insurance companies.

relating to savings banks.

renewing a portion of the public debt, discontinuing the sinking fund of eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and abolishing the office of commissioner of the sinking fund.

repealing chapter one hundred and seventy-seven of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-four, relating to bounty on wolves and bears.

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An act concerning taxation of state banks.

to amend chapter seventy-one, section one, paragraph three, of the revised statutes, relating to sales of real estate by license of court.

relating to proceedings in court.

relating to pledges.

to amend an act entitled "an act relating to the duties of sheriffs and county attorneys."

in relation to the execution of sentence in capital cases.

to empower the executive to appoint women to certain offices.

to establish the fees of officers for travel in certain cases.

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS.

An act to amend the charter of the Portland and Ogdensburg Railroad Company.

to revive the charter of the Ticonic Bank of Waterville for certain purposes.

to incorporate the Stedman Railroad Company.

to incorporate St. Omar Commandery of Knights Templar.

authorizing the Cumberland Bone Company to build a wharf into tide waters, in the town of Boothbay.

authorizing A. Martin and Sons to build and maintain a wharf in the tide waters of Rockport harbor.

to authorize Joseph Church and Company to extend a wharf into tide water, in the town of Bristol.

to make valid the assessment of taxes in the town of Verona, for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.

An act to incorporate the Trescott Cheese Association.

to make valid certain doings of the assessors and collector of the town of Naples.

to revive and amend "an act to incorporate the Maine Episcopal Missionary Society," and an act additional thereto.

to incorporate the Sullivan and Hancock Steam Ferry Company.

to incorporate the Trustees of the Lincoln Masonic Fraternity.

- An act authorizing Augustus C. Savage and others to construct weirs between Mount Desert and Bear Island.
- authorizing George C. Lyman, Newton C. White and associates to build a wharf in tide waters at Sullivan.
- to incorporate the Elliottsville Star Slate Company.
- to incorporate the Centre Livermore Cheese Company.
- to incorporate the Waterville Slate Company.
- additional to an act entitled "an act to enable the city of Bangor to aid the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company."
- to authorize Charles Deering to extend his wharf at Bar harbor, East Eden.
- additional to an act approved March twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, entitled "an act to confer certain powers on the city of Portland."
- to incorporate the Hubbard and Blake Manufacturing Company.
- to incorporate the Steadman Slate Company.
- to incorporate the Morrill Cheese and Butter Factory Co.
- to incorporate the Winterport Cheese and Butter Factory.
- to amend chapter two hundred and nine, section four, of the special laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-three, in relation to the Maine Poultry Association.
- to incorporate the Maine State Association for Protection of Fish.
- to incorporate the East Machias Camp-Meeting Association.
- to incorporate the Calais Trotting Park Association.
- to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Presumpscot Park Association," approved March twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy.
- additional to the several acts establishing the county of Piscataquis.
- to incorporate the Cranberry Isles Mutual Fish Company.
- to repeal chapter two hundred and eighty-seven of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-three, entitled "an act to authorize the town of Gouldsboro' to regulate the running at large of neat cattle in said town."
- to authorize the inhabitants of Steuben to build and maintain a wharf at the north side of the bay.

- An act authorizing Nathan Cleaves and Henry B. Cleaves to extend a wharf into the tide waters of Casco bay.
to authorize Benjamin Ryder to extend a wharf into tide water in the town of Islesboro'.
to incorporate the Dexter Park Association.
to authorize Albert S. Eells to extend a wharf into tide waters of Rockport harbor.
authorizing Edmund N. Goodwin to build a wharf in York river.
to authorize Charles B. Paine and others to extend a wharf into tide waters at Eastport.
to authorize Luther Maddocks to extend a wharf in Boothbay harbor.
to incorporate the Bowdoin Paper Manufacturing Co.
to incorporate the Petit Menan Cranberry Company.
to incorporate the Bluehill Granite Company.
to incorporate the Woodbine Cemetery Association.
relating to the Maine Central Institute.
authorizing T. L. Roberts to build a wharf into tide waters in the town of Eden.
to extend the time for the location and completion of the Cumberland County Central Railroad.
to incorporate the town of Talmadge, in the county of Washington.
for the extension of the wharf of Dorcas C. N. Webster in Eastport.
to incorporate the North Wales Slate Company.
to incorporate the Prospect and Stockton Cheese Company.
to incorporate the Menhaden Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company.
to incorporate the Carmel, Hermon, Hampden and North Newburgh Cheese Factory.
to incorporate the Unity Park Association.
to incorporate the Bangor and Ellsworth Steamboat Co.
to incorporate the town of Medway.
to incorporate the Maine State Pure Blood Jersey Stock Association.
to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of a railroad into Aroostook county.

- An act authorizing the Continental Mills to reduce the par value of its stock, and to issue new shares.
- to make valid the doings of the town of Amity.
- authorizing the inhabitants of the town of Eastport to vote aid towards building a railroad from tide waters within said town, to connect with any shore line railroad.
- to incorporate the Arundel Mutual Relief Society.
- to incorporate the National Temperance Camp-Meeting Association.
- to protect the rights of the owners of Petit Menan point, in the town of Steuben.
- to legalize the doings of School District number four in the town of Lamoine.
- to authorize Mellen Gilmore and Luther V. Gilmore to build wharves and piers.
- to incorporate the Mattawamkeag Boat Company.
- to incorporate the Edgecomb and New Castle Farmers' and Mechanics' Club.
- to incorporate the Portland Safe Deposit Company.
- to incorporate the Saccarappa Savings Bank.
- act additional to an act entitled "an act to supply the city of Bangor with pure water."
- to incorporate the Bristol Agricultural Society and Farmers' Club.
- to incorporate the New York and Maine Granite Company.
- to incorporate the Cumberland Farmers' Club.
- to empower the town of Brewer to establish wharf limits.
- to authorize H. E. and W. G. Alden to extend wharves in Camden harbor.
- to incorporate the Winterport Savings Bank.
- authorizing Michael Hurley to extend his wharf at the west end of Union river bridge, in Ellsworth, into the waters of Union river.
- to authorize William F. Desisles and others to build a wharf in tide waters at Lamoine.
- to incorporate the South Pittsfield and Burnham Cheese Factory Company.
- to provide in part for the expenditures of government.
- to incorporate the York Brick Company.
- relating to the schools in the city of Portland.

An act to amend "an act authorizing George Dyer to establish a ferry."

to authorize Andrew J. Whiting and Obadiah Allen to extend a wharf into tide waters at Somes' sound, Mount Desert.

to legalize the acts of Joshua A. Lamb as justice of the peace.

to authorize W. R. Sawyer to hold, maintain and extend a wharf into tide water in the town of Millbridge.

to legalize the doings of Louis M. Partridge of Stockton.

to incorporate the Calais Red Granite Company.

to incorporate the Calais Publishing Company.

to incorporate the Wytotitlock Lake Dam Company.

to incorporate the People's Savings Bank of Lewiston.

to authorize the Auburn Aqueduct Company to take water from Wilson pond, in Auburn, for domestic purposes and for extinguishing fires.

to incorporate the Odd Fellows' Mutual Relief Association of Portland.

to increase the capital stock of the Portland Stone Ware Company.

to incorporate the Bald Hill Brick and Manufacturing Company.

to incorporate the North Windham Manufacturing Co.

to incorporate the Maine Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Co.

to authorize the Cobb Lime Company to increase its capital stock.

to incorporate Mystic Tie Lodge Knights of Pythias, of Saco.

to incorporate the Union Slate Company.

to incorporate the Little Blue Slate Company.

to incorporate the Wood and Bishop Foundry Company.

to incorporate the Monson Pearl Slate Company.

to incorporate the Cedar Brook and Swift Cambridge River Improvement Company.

to amend "an act to supply the cities of Lewiston and Auburn with pure water."

to incorporate the Waldoboro' Savings Bank.

to incorporate the Topsham and Brunswick Twenty-Five Cent Savings Bank.

An act repealing "an act to prevent the taking of pickerel in Three-Mile pond in the towns of Vassalboro', China and Windsor."

to legalize the doings of school district number three, in the town of St. George, in the county of Knox.

to incorporate the Forest Slate Company.

in addition to chapter six hundred and sixty-five of the private acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled "an act to incorporate the Oldtown Water Power and Manufacturing Company."

to extend the time for the location and completion of the Georges Valley Railroad.

for the protection of deer on the island of Mt. Desert.

to authorize the inhabitants of the town of Brunswick to unite a town building with a soldiers' monument.

to incorporate the Presque Isle and St. John River Railroad Company.

to increase the capital stock of the Dirigo Slate Quarry Company and authorize the construction of a tramway railroad.

amendatory of an act entitled "an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of a railroad into Aroostook county," approved February eighth, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

to incorporate the Mammoth Silver Mining Company.

to incorporate the Portland and Harpswell Steamboat Co.

to incorporate the Washington County Masonic Relief Association.

to extend the time for the location and completion of the Penobscot Bay and River Railroad.

to incorporate the Cumberland Fish Company.

additional to "an act establishing the Portland and Rochester Railroad Company."

to incorporate the Mechanics' Savings Bank of Auburn.

to incorporate the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England.

to incorporate the Camden Marine Railway Company.

to legalize the doings of L. M. Partridge, as justice of the peace and quorum.

to incorporate the Buxton and Hollis Manufacturing Co.

An act to incorporate the Livermore Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

- ◆ to incorporate the Mutual Fire Insurance Company, in the town of Thorndike.

to enable Nelson Mullin and Andrew L. Kent to extend and maintain a wharf into tide waters at North Haven.

to incorporate the Canaan Masonic Hall Association.

to establish a municipal court in the city of Auburn.

to authorize William Conary to extend and maintain a wharf into tide waters at Bluehill.

to incorporate the Wayne Cheese Factory Company.

relating to the city schools of Bangor.

to incorporate the Olamon Dam Company.

to amend "an act abating a portion of the State tax of Waterville, for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and assessing the same upon the town of West Waterville."

to incorporate the Trustees of the Saint Augustine School for Boys at Topsham.

to incorporate the Canton and Dixfield Cheese Factory.

to incorporate the Lewiston and Augusta Railroad Co.

to incorporate the North Livermore Cheese Company.

to incorporate the Andover Dairy Association.

amendatory of and additional to an act entitled "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Portland and Ogdensburg Railroad Company."

to incorporate the Pittsfield Savings Bank.

to incorporate the Brownville and Sebec Railroad Co.

to incorporate the Limerick Savings Bank.

to incorporate the Maine Mining Company of Portland.

to make valid the organization of the Brown Slate Quarry Company, and to change the number of shares and par value thereof, in the stock of said company.

An act to prevent the taking of trout from Howard's pond, in the town of Hanover.

to prevent fishing in Otter pond in the town of Bridgton. for the protection and propagation of eels in Damariscotta river and pond.

to incorporate the People's Loan and Building Association.

- An act to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Magalloway River Dam Company," approved March fifteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.
- to make valid the annual March meeting of the town of Hermon, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three.
- to incorporate the Burleigh Lumber Manufacturing Company.
- to amend "an act to incorporate the Lewiston and Auburn Railroad Company."
- to annex part of the town of Berwick to the town of North Berwick, in the county of York.
- to incorporate the Cumberland Centre Farmers' Club.
- to incorporate the Corinth Savings Bank.
- to authorize Judson G. Archer to drain and flow Blunt's pond in the town of Lamoine, and to stock the same with trout.
- to legalize the doings of the town of Appleton, in the county of Knox.
- to allow the town of Milo to regulate the width of wheel rims.
- to authorize the town of Kittery to build a free bridge over tide waters.
- to amend "an act to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of Key Stone Lodge," approved February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.
- for supplying the city of Bangor with water.
- to incorporate the Rockport Ice Company.
- to authorize certain towns in Hancock county to require the use of wide rimmed wheels in certain cases.
- to renew the charters of the Eastern Bank and the Mercantile Bank, both of Bangor, and the North Bank of Rockland.
- to make free the Livermore Falls toll bridge.
- to authorize the town of Lyndon to loan its credit in aid of the Aroostook River Railroad.
- to make valid the doings of the Selectmen of the town of Lyndon.
- to supply the inhabitants of Brewer with water.

- An act authorizing the inhabitants of Hurricane island, in the town of Vinalhaven, to meet on said island for the choice of certain officers, and the determination of certain questions.
- to authorize the county commissioners of Aroostook county to organize the Allagash plantation.
- to make valid the doings of school district number two, in the town of Monroe.
- increasing the compensation of the County Commissioners of Aroostook county.
- for the protection of fish in Chase's pond.
- for the relief of Joseph B. Clark and Edward R. Clark.
- to authorize the Lockwood Cotton Mills of Waterville, to change the name of its corporation.
- to change the name of the First North Yarmouth Aqueduct Company.
- to incorporate the Maine Unitarian Association.
- to amend the charter of the Norway Village Corporation.
- to amend "an act to establish a municipal court in the city of Auburn," approved February seventeen, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.
- to incorporate the Waldoboro' Insurance Company.
- to incorporate the Oxford Manufacturing Company.
- to change the name of Franklin McLoon.
- to change the name of Helen M. Merrill.
- to change the name of Frances Etta Felker.
- to incorporate the town of Woodville.
- to provide for deficiency in the appropriations for the expenditures of government for the year eighteen hundred seventy-four.
- in relation to the Border Publishing Company.
- to incorporate the Dixmont Mountain Dairy Association.
- for the assessment of a state tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, amounting to the sum of eight hundred ninety-nine thousand seven hundred fifty-three dollars and ten cents.
- to provide in part for the expenditures of government.

TITLES OF RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF 1875.

- Resolve providing for a constitutional commission.
- to authorize the county of Knox to procure a loan.
 - in relation to printing the reports of the insurance commissioner.
 - to authorize the county of Penobscot to procure a loan.
 - in favor of Bant Hanson.
 - in favor of John Tucker.
 - in favor of schools in Woodland and Perham plantations.
 - in favor of the joint standing committee on education.
 - for the purchase of the Maine state year book and legislative manual.
 - in favor of the Maine centennial board.
 - in favor of Charles W. and Mary A. Tibbetts.
 - in favor of John Dana.
 - in favor of Mitchell Paul Susup.
 - apportioning to the town of Isle au Haut, in Hancock county, its proportional part of the state valuation of the town of Deer Isle, in said county.
 - in favor of the county of Aroostook.
 - in favor of Thomas Ball and William P. Ball.
 - in favor of Ether W. Sprague.
 - in favor of the town of Kingsbury.
 - in favor of the county of Knox.
 - in favor of Crystal plantation in county of Aroostook.
 - making appropriation for the Penobscot tribe of Indians.
 - in aid of repairing the road from Abbot to Greenville, in the county of Piscataquis.
 - in favor of the military and naval asylum at Bath.
 - in favor of the sub-committee of agriculture, appointed to visit the state college of agriculture.

Resolve granting a pension to Charles W. Owen.

in favor of Sarah J. Vance.

in favor of John Sterling.

in favor of roads passing through the Indian township in Washington county.

in favor of the joint standing committee on the state prison.

in favor of Richard D. Porter.

in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians.

in favor of the joint standing committee on agriculture.

in favor of John A. Rowe.

in favor of Eli Goss, of Portland.

in favor of Shepard I. Higgins.

laying a tax on the several counties of the state.

in favor of Thomas Loveley, of Mapleton plantation.

giving the Maine historical society the annual legislative documents.

authorizing a temporary loan.

in favor of Fernando F. Smith and Lewis C. Smith.

for the relief of Francis A. Reed and Edwin A. Reed, and the estate of William R. Hersey.

relating to the purchase by the state of the Maine reports.

in aid of completing the road leading from Limestone to Hamlin.

in favor of Amos P. Cook.

providing for the payment of the members of the constitutional commission.

in favor of Sumner P. Bradford.

in favor of Lewis C. Coffin.

in favor of Moose river bridge.

relating to public documents.

providing for the payment of the expenses of the committee on military affairs.

in favor of the joint standing committee on reform school.

in favor of George H. Freeman of Presque Isle.

in favor of David Doe of Lyndon.

in favor of Hugh Jamieson.

in favor of Otis J. Witham.

in favor of compiling and printing school laws.

in favor of the Bangor children's home.

- Resolve in favor of the female orphan asylum, Portland.
in favor of Andrew Wiren, of Woodland plantation.
in favor of A. F. Owens.
in favor of Thomas H. Getchell and Son.
in favor of the South Hay-stack road in Castle Hill, in
Aroostook county.
appropriating two thousand dollars on Mattawamkeag
bridge, in Mattawamkeag, in county of Penobscot.
in favor of Sabine F. Berry and Thaddeus C. S. Berry.
in favor of Sprague, Owen and Nash.
in favor of David L. Kelly.
in favor of Andrew R. Higgins.
relating to the advertising of the public laws.
in favor of Silver Ridge plantation.
in favor of Joseph L. Young.
in favor of Bowdoin R. Blackstone.
in favor of the town of Shirley.
in favor of the state reform school.
in favor of the eastern state normal school at Castine.
in favor of the western state normal school at Farmington.
in favor of the town of Island Falls.
in favor of the Maine industrial school for girls.
in favor of the town of Roxbury.
in favor of the Maine general hospital at Portland.
in favor of the Maine insane hospital.
providing for the exchange of certain documents.
in favor of the state prison.
providing for the payment of the expenses of Martin H.
Kiff.
in aid of bridge over Ouilette stream.
in favor of the secretary of the senate.
in favor of Thomas Mathison.
in favor of Avis W. Young.
making appropriation for the propagation of fish.
concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine,
relating to election of senators by plurality vote.
concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine,
relating to special legislation and corporations.
concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine,
relating to taxation.

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- Resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine,
relating to appointment of judges of municipal and
police courts.
- concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine,
relating to power of governor to pardon.
- concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine,
relating to abolishing land agency.
- concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine,
relating to condification of amended Constitution.
- concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Marine,
relating to Constitutional Conventions.
- proposing an amendment of the Constitution of the State
of Maine, concerning bribery at elections.
- providing for certain amendments of the Constitution of
the State of Maine.
- authorizing the state librarian to furnish the state college
of agriculture and the mechanic arts with the Maine
reports.
- in favor of the Maine state college of agriculture and the
mechanic arts.
- in favor of George R. Fernald.
- relating to a new insane hospital.
- in favor of military purposes.
- establishing the valuation of the towns of Berwick and
North Berwick, in the county of York.
- on the pay roll of the House.
- on the pay roll of the senate.



APPENDIX.

RULES OF THE HOUSE.

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- “ 2. May address the house on points of order—may vote in all cases.

OF THE DUTIES OF THE CLERK.

- “ 3. To keep the journal—to read papers—to call the roll—notify committees—authenticate orders and proceedings—take charge of all papers—bear messages—to preside in the absence of speaker.

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- “ 4. Services on assembling.
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- “ 8. List of standing committees.
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- “ 10. Seats not to be changed without leave.
- “ 11. Not to sit at speaker's or clerk's desk without permission.
- “ 12. Member first rising entitled to the floor.
- “ 13. Not to be interrupted while speaking.

RULE 14. Not to speak more than twice.

- " 15. Not to speak out of seat.
- " 16. Not to act as counsel for any party.
- " 17. Not to interrupt another while speaking, or sit or stand covered during the session.
- " 18. To deliver to clerk or committee on pay roll a statement of travel.
- " 19. Absence at commencement of, and during the session.
- " 20. Members absenting themselves to leave papers with the clerk.
- " 21. Breach of rules and orders.
- " 22. To vote unless excused—not to leave seat after voting until a return is had.
- " 23. To keep secret proceedings with closed doors.
- " 24. What persons admitted to the hall.

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- " 25. Order of business.
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- " 28. Debate—precedence of motions—questions of concurrence.
- " 29. Motion to adjourn always in order—no debate on same.
- " 30. Motion to lay on table does not preclude further consideration on the same day.
- " 31. Motions for the previous question.
- " 32. What propositions are divisible—motions to strike out and insert.
- " 33. Filling of blanks and assignment of times.
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- " 36. When motions may be withdrawn.
- " 37. Motions to be put in writing if required.
- " 38. Motions to be read by member before being laid on the table.
- " 39. Vote, manner of taking—yeas and nays.
- " 40. Reconsideration, rules and questions of.
- " 41. Papers relating to reconsideration of a vote to remain in possession of clerk.
- " 42. In election by ballot, the time to be assigned one day previous to.
- " 43. Reading of papers to be decided by the house.
- " 44. Questions of order decided on appeal to be entered on journal of the house, with decision.
- " 45. Propositions requiring opinion of supreme judges not to be acted upon until the next day.
- " 46. Petitions, presentation and endorsement thereof.
- " 47. Bills and resolves to be examined by committee on bills in third reading.
- " 48. Resolves appropriating land and money to have their second reading on Wednesday of the week following.
- " 49. Engrossed bills and resolves.
- " 50. Grants of land, money or public property to be accompanied by statement of facts—must be read on two several days.
- " 51. Bills and resolves of public nature not to be received unless reported by a committee, without leave—such bills or resolves to be laid over one day.
- " 52. No legislation affecting rights of individuals or corporations without previous notice.

- RULE 53. Bills to have three several readings—resolves two several readings.
- “ 54. Speaker to give notice when sending engrossed bill or resolve to the senate.
- “ 55. Proceedings when bill is returned by the governor with objections.
- “ 56. Cushing's Manual to govern when not inconsistent with rules of the house.
- “ 57. No rule to be dispensed with without consent of two-thirds of members present
- “ 58. No rule to be altered or repealed or new rule to be adopted without one day's notice.

RULES.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE SPEAKER.

1. It shall be the duty of the speaker to take the chair at the hour to which the house shall have adjourned, call the members to order, and after the appearance of a quorum, cause the journal of the preceding day to be read ;

To announce the business before the house in the order in which it is to be acted upon ;

To receive and submit to vote all motions and propositions regularly moved or that necessarily arise in the course of proceedings, and announce the result ;

To restrain the members, when engaged in debate, within the rules of order, and to enforce, on all occasions, the observance of order and decorum among the members ;

To decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house ;

To receive all messages and other communications and announce them to the house ;

To authenticate by his signature bills that have passed to be enacted and resolves finally passed ;

To name the members who are to serve on committees, unless the house otherwise direct ;

To appoint the member who shall take the chair when the house has determined to go into committee of the whole ;

And to name a member to perform his duties during his absence for a time not exceeding the remainder of the day.

2. The speaker may address the house on points of order, in preference to other members ; and may vote in all cases.

DUTIES OF THE CLERK.

3. The clerk shall keep a journal of what is done by the house; read papers when required by the house or speaker; call the roll alphabetically, and note the answers of members, when the house orders, or when a question is taken by yeas and nays; notify committees of their appointment and of the business referred to them; authenticate by his signature all the orders and proceedings of the house not authenticated by the speaker; have charge of all the documents and papers of every kind confided to the care of the house; bear all messages and transmit all papers from the house to the governor or to the senate, unless the house shall otherwise order; make up the pay roll of the members; and in the absence of the speaker at the hour for meeting, shall preside until a speaker *pro tem* be chosen; and at the close of the session shall file in an orderly manner all papers and documents in possession of the house, passed upon or received during the session; and at the commencement of the next legislature, shall preside until the election of speaker; and record the doings of the house until a new clerk shall be chosen and qualified; and in the absence of the clerk, the assistant clerk shall be clerk *pro tempore*, with power to appoint an assistant.

CHAPLAINS.

4. Every morning, the house, on assembling, shall join with the chaplains in religious service.

5. The chaplains may change duties with each other or with the chaplains of the senate.

MONITORS.

6. One monitor shall be appointed by the speaker for each division of the house, whose duty shall be to see to the observance of the rules of the house, and on demand of the speaker, to return the number of votes and members in his division.

7. If any member shall transgress any of the rules of the house, and persist therein, after being notified thereof by any monitor, it shall be the duty of such monitor to give information thereof to the house.

COMMITTEES.

8. The following standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the session, whose duty shall be to consider all subjects referred to them and report thereon :

On ways and means,
On leave of absence,
On change of names,
On bills in the third reading,
On engrossed bills,
On elections,

To consist of seven members each.

On county estimates,

To consist of one member from each county.

On business of the house,

To consist of three members.

9. In all elections by ballot, of committees of the house, the person having the highest number of votes shall act as chairman. In case two or more persons receive the same number of votes, the committee by a majority of their number shall elect a chairman.

RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS.

10. The seat which a member draws at the commencement of the session, shall be his during the session, unless he shall have leave of the speaker to change it.

11. No member shall sit at the desk of the speaker or clerk, except by the permission of the speaker.

12. When two or more members rise at the same time, the speaker shall name the person to speak; but in all cases the member who shall rise first and address the chair, shall speak first.

13. No member shall interrupt another while speaking, except to call to order, or to correct a mistake.

14. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without first asking leave of the house.

15. No member shall speak out of his place without leave from the chair, nor without first rising and addressing the speaker; and he shall sit down as soon as he has done speaking.

16. No member shall act as counsel for any party, before a joint committee of the legislature, or a committee of this house.

17. No member shall be permitted to stand up to the interruption of another, while any member is speaking, or pass unnecessarily between the speaker of the house and the person speaking; or stand in an alley, or sit or stand covered, during the session of the house.

18. Every member shall make out and deliver to the clerk or to the committee on pay roll, a statement of the number of miles usually travelled in going from his residence to the seat of government.

19. Every member who shall neglect to give his attendance to the house for more than six days after the session commences, shall, on making his appearance therein, be held to render the reason for such neglect; and in case the reason assigned shall be deemed by the house sufficient, such member shall be entitled to receive pay for his travel, and not otherwise; and no member shall be absent more than two days without leave of the house; and no member shall have such leave, unless it be reported by the committee on leave of absence; and no leave of absence shall avail any member who retains his seat more than five days from the time the same was obtained.

20. Any member having obtained leave of absence, and having in his possession any papers relating to the business before the house, shall leave the same with the clerk.

21. When any member shall be guilty of a breach of any of the rules and orders of the house, and the house has determined he has so transgressed, he shall not be allowed to vote or speak, unless by way of excuse for the same, until he has made satisfaction.

22. Every member who shall be in the house when a question is put, where he is not excluded by interest, shall give his vote, unless the house, for special reason, shall excuse him, and when the yeas and nays are ordered, no member shall leave his seat until the vote is declared. In all elections by the house, or in joint ballot of the two houses, no member shall leave his seat, after voting, before a return of the house is had.

23. When the galleries shall be ordered to be cleared or shut, the matter which may occasion such order, shall be kept secret by each member, until the house shall order such injunction of secrecy to be taken off.

24. No person not a member or officer of the house, except members of the senate, its secretary and assistants, the governor

and council, state treasurer, secretary of state, land agent, adjutant general, judges of the supreme judicial court, chaplains of the senate, and reporters of the proceedings and debates of the house, shall be admitted within the representatives' hall unless invited by some member of the house.

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES.

25. After the reading of the journal, the following shall be the order of business :

1st. Senate papers, and first reading of accompanying bills and resolves.

2d. Messages and documents from the executive and heads of departments.

3d. Reception of petitions, bills and resolves requiring reference to any committee.

4th. Orders.

5th. Reports of committees and first reading of bills or resolves.

6th. Bills and resolves reported by committee on bills in the third reading, and on their passage to be engrossed.

7th. Bills on their passage to be enacted.

8th. Orders of the day.

The speaker shall announce each item of business in its turn, and no paper shall be taken up out of its regular order, except by the unanimous consent of the house. The orders of the day shall take precedence of all other business at the expiration of the morning hour.

26. It shall be the duty of the clerk to make up daily a calendar of bills, resolves and other papers, assigned for that day's consideration, and also a calendar of bills and resolves which have had their first reading, and showing the disposition that has been made of each.

27. The unfinished business in which the house was engaged at the time of the last adjournment, shall have preference in the orders of the day, and shall continue to be among the orders of the day for each succeeding day until disposed of, and no motion or other business shall be received, without special leave of the house until the former is disposed of.

28. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received but—

1st. To adjourn ;

- 2d. To lay on the table ;
- 3d. For the previous question ;
- 4th. To commit ;
- 5th. To postpone to a day certain ;
- 6th. To amend ;
- 7th. To postpone indefinitely ;

Which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged.

Questions of concurrence or otherwise with the senate shall have precedence of each other in the following order :

- 1st. To recede.
- 2d. To concur.
- 3d. To insist.
- 4th. To adhere.

29. A motion to adjourn shall always be first in order, and shall be decided without debate.

30. A vote to lay a proposition on the table shall not preclude the further consideration of it on the same day.

31. When motion for the previous question is made, the consent of one-third of the members present shall be necessary to authorize the speaker to entertain it. No debate shall be allowed until the matter of consent is determined. The previous question shall be submitted in the following words: *Shall the main question be put now?* No member shall speak more than five minutes on the motion for the previous question, and while that question is pending a motion to lay on the table shall be decided without debate. A call for the yeas and nays, or for division of a question, shall be in order after the main question has been ordered to be put. After the adoption of the previous question, the vote shall be taken forthwith upon amendments, and then upon the main question.

32. Propositions to amend by striking out and inserting dates, numbers and sums, are not divisible ; but all propositions, otherwise divisible, shall be divided at the request of any ten members. A motion to strike out being lost, shall neither preclude amendments, nor a motion to strike out and insert.

33. In filling blanks and assigning times for the consideration of business, the largest sum and longest time shall be put first.

34. When a proposition consists of several paragraphs or sections, amendment of one of them shall not preclude amendment of a prior paragraph or section.

35. No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

36. After a motion or order is stated or read by the speaker, and seconded, it shall be regarded as in the possession of the house, and shall be disposed of by vote of the house. But any motion or order may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before a decision or amendment, except a motion to reconsider, which shall not be withdrawn except by consent of the house.

37. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if required by the speaker or by any member.

38. No member shall be permitted to lay a motion in writing on the table, until he shall have read the same in his place.

39. When a vote having been declared by the speaker, is doubted, the members for and against the question, when called on by the speaker, shall rise and stand till they are counted, and the vote made certain without further debate. But a call for the yeas and nays shall be in order at any time before such a vote is made certain and declared.

40. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative, or negative, it shall not be in order for any member who voted in the minority to move for a reconsideration thereof; but any member who voted with the majority, or in the negative on a tie vote, may move to reconsider on the same or succeeding day. A motion to reconsider shall not be postponed nor laid on the table without a time certain assigned for its further consideration. When a motion for reconsideration has been decided, the vote shall not be reconsidered. A motion to reconsider shall not be in order more than once on the same question.

41. When a member shall move, or give notice of his intention to move, a reconsideration of any vote, the papers to which the motion relates shall remain in possession of the clerk until the question of reconsideration shall have been decided, or the right to move such a question is lost.

42. In all elections by ballot, of the house, a time shall be assigned for such election, at least one day previous thereto.

43. When a reading of a paper is called for, which has been before read to the house, and the same is objected to by any member, the question of reading shall be determined by a vote of the house.

44. Every question of order, which shall be decided on appeal

shall be entered on the journal of the house, with the decision thereon.

45. A proposition to require the opinion of the judges of the supreme court, as provided by the constitution, shall not be acted upon until the next day after such proposition is made.

46. All petitions, memorials and other papers addressed to the house, shall be presented by the speaker, or by a member in his place, and shall be endorsed with the name of the person presenting it, and the subject matter of the same. They shall be read by the speaker, clerk, or such other person as the speaker may request, and shall be taken up in the order they were first presented, unless the house shall otherwise direct.

47. All bills in their third reading, and resolves in their second reading, shall be committed to the standing committee on bills in the third reading, to be by them examined and corrected.

48. All resolves appropriating money or land, shall have their second reading on Wednesday of the week following that of their first reading.

49. All engrossed bills and resolves shall be committed to the standing committee on engrossed bills, to be strictly examined; and if found by them to be truly and strictly engrossed, they shall so report to the house, and the question shall be taken without any further reading, unless on motion of any member, a majority of the house shall be in favor of reading the same as engrossed.

50. Every bill or resolve, providing for the grant of money, land, or other public property, which may be laid on the table by leave, and any report of a committee upon any bill or resolve providing for such grant, shall be accompanied by a written statement of facts in each case; and no such bill or resolve shall be considered before such statement is made, or pass without being read on two several days.

51. No new bill or resolve of a public nature shall be received, except it be reported by a committee, unless the house otherwise order; and all bills and resolves not reported by a committee, shall be laid upon the table for one day, before further action thereon.

52. No act, or resolve shall be passed affecting the rights of individuals or corporations, without previous notice to such individuals or corporations.

53. No bill shall pass to be engrossed until it shall have had three several readings; the time for the second and third readings

shall be assigned by the house; but if no objection is made, the second reading may be by the title, and at the time of the first. Every resolve which shall require the approval of the governor, shall have two several readings; the second reading shall be subject to the provisions of the third reading of bills.

54. No engrossed bill or resolve shall be sent to the senate, without notice thereof being given to the house by the speaker.

55. When a bill or resolve shall be returned by the governor with his objections, the question shall be stated by the chair, *Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the governor?* and the same in substance in case of a resolve; which question may be postponed to a day within the session, not exceeding one week, or may be committed. But no other question shall apply to bills and resolves originating in either branch.

56. The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in Cushing's Manual, excepting section 51, relating to the reception of petitions, shall govern the house in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the standing rules and orders of the house, and the joint rules of the senate and house of representatives.

57. No rule or order of the house shall be dispensed with, unless two-thirds of the members present shall consent thereto.

58. No rule or order of the house shall be altered or repealed, nor shall any new standing rule or order be adopted, unless one day's previous notice thereof be given in each case; and such notice shall be entered on the journal.

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JOINT RULES.

1. The following joint standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the session, viz :

On the judiciary.
On legal affairs,
On financial affairs,
On federal relations,
On education,
On railroads,
On commerce,
On mercantile affairs and insurance,
On banks and banking,
On manufactures,
On agriculture,
On military affairs,
On interior waters,
On state lands and state roads,
On ways and bridges,
On fisheries,
On counties,
On towns,
On indian affairs,
On claims,
On pensions,
On insane hospital,
On reform school,
On state prison,
On public buildings,
On library.

And each of said committee shall consist of three on the part of the senate, and seven on the part of the house, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

2. Joint select committees shall consist of three on the part of the senate, and seven on the part of the house, unless the order creating the same shall provide a different number.

3. Whenever a select committee shall be appointed by either house, and be joined by the other, it shall be the duty of the secretary of the senate, or the clerk of the house, as the case may be,

to transmit, one to the other, the names of the members so joined, in order that they may be entered upon the journal of each house.

4. In presenting a report upon any matter referred to a committee, such report shall set forth the subject referred, and the substance shall also be briefly endorsed on the back of the same.

5. Orders directing inquiry in relation to an existing statute shall state the subject matter of such statute—also the chapter and section to which the inquiry is directed.

6. The titles of all bills and resolves shall state, briefly, the subject matter of the same.

7. The enacting clause of every bill shall follow its title, in these words, viz :

“ Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :”

All bills and resolves reported by any joint committee shall be written in a fair legible hand, on not less than a sheet of paper. And in all bills having more than one section, the sections shall be consecutively numbered, beginning with “Section 1.”

Mistakes in bills and resolves, merely clerical may be corrected upon suggestion, without a motion to amend.

8. When a bill, resolve, or order, which shall have passed one house, is rejected in the other, notice thereof shall be given to the house in which the same shall have passed, by the secretary or clerk as the case may be. And every bill that shall have passed both houses to be enacted, and all resolutions having the force of law, that shall have finally passed both houses, shall be presented by the secretary of the senate to the governor, for his approval ; and the secretary of the senate shall enter on the journal of the senate, the day on which such bills or resolutions are so presented to the governor.

9. All endorsements on papers, while on their passage between the two houses, shall be under the signature of the secretary of the senate, or the clerk of the house, respectively ; but after the final passage of bills and resolves, they shall be signed by the presiding officer of each house.

10. Every bill or resolve of a public nature, and every bill or resolve appropriating money, or disposing of State lands or other State property, reported in either House by a Committee, or laid upon the table by leave, shall be printed and distributed in both Houses, before having its first reading. The printed copies shall

show by what Committee the bill or resolve was reported, or by what member laid upon the table.

11. Whenever any document shall be printed for the use of the legislature, the number of copies shall be three hundred and fifty, unless otherwise ordered. The copies printed shall be delivered to the messengers of the two houses in the proportion of one-fourth for the use of the senate, and three-fourths for the use of the house, after reserving seventy-five copies for the departments and for binding.

12. No business shall be transacted in convention of the two houses, unless by unanimous consent, except such as may be agreed upon before the convention is formed.

13. Committees of conference shall consist of three members on the part of each house representing its vote, and their report, if agreed to by a majority of each committee, shall be made to the branch asking the conference, and may be either accepted or rejected; but no other action shall be had, except through another committee of conference.

14. When any measure shall be finally rejected, it shall not be revived except by reconsideration; and no measure containing the same subject matter, shall be introduced during the session, unless three days' notice is given to the house of which the mover is a member.

15. Whenever a message shall be sent from the senate to the house, it shall be announced at the door by the messenger of the senate, and shall be communicated respectfully to the chair by the bearer of it. In like manner messages from the house shall be communicated to the senate—the messenger of the house announcing them at the door of the senate.

16. No joint rule or order shall be suspended without the consent of two-thirds of the members present in each house.

17. No member shall be permitted to vote on any question in either branch of the legislature, nor in committee, whose private right, distinct from public interest, is immediately involved.

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RULES.

1. The President shall take the chair at the time to which the senate stands adjourned ; but in case of his absence at such time, the secretary shall preside until a president *pro tempore* be chosen.

2. At the first session of each day, on the appearance of a quorum, the journal of the preceding day shall be read ; and the President shall ascertain whether a quorum is present before such reading.

3. When the President speaks he shall address the senate ; when a senator speaks he shall stand in his place and address the President.

4. The President, when he speaks to any member of the senate, and the members when referring to each other in debate, shall use in their addresses the title of *senator*, and by way of distinction name the county in which he resides.

5. The President shall have the right to name a senator to perform the duties of the chair during his absence ; but the substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment.

6. The President shall rise to put a question, and shall declare all votes ; but if any senator doubt the vote, all those voting in the affirmative, when called upon by the President, shall rise and stand until they are counted, and also those in the negative, in like manner, to make the vote certain.

7. The President shall consider a motion to adjourn as always first in order, and it shall be decided without debate.

8. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to reconsider, to lay on the table, to postpone to a day certain, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely ; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

9. A motion shall be reduced to writing, if desired by the President or any senator, and shall then be deemed to be in possession of the senate, to be disposed of by the senate; but the mover may withdraw it at any time before a decision, or any amendment be made to it.

10. No senator shall address the senate until recognized by the President, nor more than once to the exclusion of any other senator, without leave of the senate, if objection is made, unless he be the mover of the matter under debate, and not then more than three times without leave.

11. No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment; nor shall an amendment proposing to ingraft a general provision of law upon a private bill, be in order; nor any amendment beyond the second degree.

12. An amendment proposed may be amended before it is adopted, but not afterwards, unless the vote adopting it be first reconsidered, and no senator shall be competent to move any reconsideration unless he voted with the majority and upon the same or a succeeding day; and a motion to reconsider any vote shall not be laid upon the table unless a time shall be specially assigned for its consideration.

13. A motion to reconsider shall take precedence of all other questions except a motion to adjourn; but if made while another question is pending, it shall not be put until the other question is disposed of, but simply entered.

14. Questions of order shall be decided by the President without debate; but if an appeal is taken, the same may be debated like other questions, and the decision thereon shall be entered upon the journal.

15. A question containing two or more propositions capable of division, shall be divided whenever desired by any member.

16. In filling up blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be put first.

17. Every paper shall be once read at the table, before any senator shall be obliged to vote on it, but when the reading of a paper is called for, that has been before read to the senate, if any senator object, the question shall be determined by the senate.

18. All bills and resolves in the second reading shall be com-

mitted to the committee on bills in the second reading, to be by them examined, corrected and so reported to the senate.

19. Upon the second reading of a bill or resolve, after the same shall be read through, and before the question is put on its passage, it shall be read and considered by paragraphs, at the request of any member of the senate; and no bill or resolve shall have a second reading, unless a time (not less than one hour after the first reading) be assigned therefor.

20. No bill or resolve shall pass to be engrossed, without being twice read; and all bills and resolves, immediately after the same shall have been engrossed, shall be committed to the committee on engrossed bills whose duty shall be to examine the same, and to see that the same have been truly engrossed; and before any bill shall pass to be enacted, or any resolve be finally passed, it shall be reported by the committee for the examination of engrossed bills, to be truly and strictly engrossed, and the title thereof be read by the President.

21. No resolve of any kind, or order making any grant of money, lands, or other public property, shall be passed without being read on two several days; the time for the second reading shall be assigned by the senate.

22. After the reading of the journal, the following shall be the order of business:

1st, House papers not acted on; and if accompanied by a bill or resolve, the first reading of such bill or resolve.

2d, Messages and documents from the executive and heads of departments.

3d, The reception and reference of petitions and such other papers, except bills and resolves, as require action by a committee.

4th, Reports of committees, and if accompanied by a bill or resolve, the first reading of such bill or resolve. Bills, resolves, etc., offered by senators, and their reference or first reading.

5th, Bills and resolves reported by the committee on bills in the second reading.

6th, Bills on their passage to be enacted, and resolves on their final passage.

It shall be the duty of the secretary to number bills and resolves in the order in which they shall be reported by said committee, and enter them upon the calendar in such order. They shall be

taken up for their second reading and passage to be engrossed, or other disposition, in the order in which they stand upon the calendar. When a bill or resolve, after it is put on the calendar, is laid on the table, and no time assigned for its further consideration, it shall go to the foot of the calendar as it then stands. Papers from the house, concerning which there has been a disagreeing vote of the two houses, shall be disposed of before commencing with the calendar. This rule shall not apply to or interfere with motions to reconsider, or special assignments or other privileged questions.

23. When the yeas and nays are taken, the names of the senators shall be called alphabetically.

24. After a question is put to vote, no senator shall speak on it. Every senator who may be present shall vote unless excused by the senate, or excluded by interest.

25. The unfinished business, in which the senate was engaged at the time of the last adjournment, shall have preference in the orders of the day.

26. No engrossed bill or resolve shall be sent to the house without notice thereof being given to the senate by the President.

27. Every member who shall present a petition, shall place his name thereon and a brief statement of its subject.

28. All confidential communications made by the governor to the senate, shall be by the members thereof kept inviolably sacred until the senate shall by their resolution take off the injunction of secrecy.

29. No rule shall be dispensed with, except by the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

30. Any member of the senate may exchange seats on consulting the President and obtaining his permission.

31. No member shall absent himself from the senate without leave, unless there be a quorum left present.

32. All committees shall be nominated by the President (unless when it may be determined that the election shall be by ballot,) and appointed by the senate.

33. The following standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the session, viz :

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE.

On bills in the second reading.

On engrossed bills.

To consist of twelve members each. Any one of the first, and any two of the second, shall constitute a quorum.

34. No member of the senate shall act as counsel for any party before any committee of the legislature.

35. All messages from the senate to the house, and to the governor, or governor and council, shall be carried by the secretary, unless the senate shall direct some other mode of transmission, and all papers shall be transmitted to the governor and council and the house by the secretary or his assistant.

36. The senate may at any time, upon motion, by a vote of a majority of the members present, resolve itself into a committee of the whole for the purpose of considering any subject named in the motion; and a chairman shall be appointed by the President. If a message is announced while the senate is in such committee, the President shall resume the chair for the purpose of receiving it; immediately after which the committee shall proceed, until dissolved in the usual manner.

37. The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in Cushing's Manual, and Cushing's Law and Practice of Legislative Assemblies, shall govern the senate in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the standing rules of the senate, or the joint rules of the two houses.

MEMORANDA.

1. Orders, motions in writing, and reports of committees, should never be presented on less than half a sheet of paper.
2. When a *report* of a committee is made to either house it should be accompanied by the *order* appointing said committee.
3. Petitions, memorials and remonstrances from towns in their *corporate capacity*, should be endorsed thus, "*Petition of town of ———,*" [stating concisely the subject matter thereof.]
4. Petitions, memorials and remonstrances from individuals, should be endorsed thus, "*Petition of ——— and others, of the town of ———,*" [stating concisely the subject matter thereof.]
5. Petitions, memorials and remonstrances from corporations, should be endorsed thus, "*Petition of ———,*" [naming the corporation and stating concisely the subject matter thereof.]
6. The name of the member presenting petitions, memorials and remonstrances, should be endorsed on the back thereof, *near the bottom*, with the place of his residence.
7. The member presenting an *order* should put his name thereto on the inside, at the bottom of the page, on the left, with the place of his residence.
8. Petitions, memorials and remonstrances, on which *leave to withdraw* was ordered by a former legislature, cannot be recalled from the files with a view of being again referred. The *original*, however, may be taken from the files, and the subject presented *de novo*.
9. Bills and resolves *refused a passage, rejected or postponed indefinitely* by a former legislature, cannot be called from the files with a view of being considered by the present legislature.

10. The heading or caption of *bills* should be as follows :

STATE OF MAINE.

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

An act ———

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

11. The caption of *resolves*, as follows :

STATE OF MAINE.

[*Omitting the year required in bills.*]

Resolve ———

12. The caption of *orders*, as follows :

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, ———, 187 .

[OR IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ———, 187 .

Ordered, ———

13. All bills amended by statute, by striking out words from any section or independent clause thereof, or by adding or inserting other words and provisions, should recite the section or clause as it would read after being amended as proposed.



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