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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 29, 1876. }

On motion of Mr. PARCHER of Leeds,

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

Read and passed.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, Clerk.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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AUGUSTA,  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1876. }

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 S. J. Chadbourne, Clerk of the House of 1875.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr MARTIN of Augusta.

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

### STATE OF MAINE.

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-Fifth Legislature, as appears by the report of the Governor and Council, under date of December 13th, A. D. 1875.

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

( Signed ).

ALDEN JACKSON,  
*Deputy Secretary of State.*

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

On motion of Mr. DUTTON of Lewiston,  
 Messrs. Dutton of Lewiston,  
 White of Bucksport,  
 Martin of Camden,  
 True of Portland,  
 Nealley of Bangor,  
 Fowler of Albion,  
 Locke of Paris,

were appointed a Committee to wait upon the Governor and inform him that a quorum of the members of the House of Representatives elect were 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. Dutton subsequently reported that the Committee had discharged the duty, and the Governor was pleased to say he would forthwith attend upon the members elect for the purpose of administering to them the oaths required to qualify them to enter upon their official duties.

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

Mr. Hussey of North Berwick, having conscientious scruples against taking an oath, was duly qualified by affirmation.

The Governor and Council then retired.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,  
 Messrs. Porter of Burlington,  
 Powers of Houlton,  
 Haines of Augusta,  
 Davis of Portland,  
 Dennison of Cutler,  
 Shepherd of Skowhegan,  
 Lord of Bluehill,

were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for Speaker of the House.

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

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Whole number of votes .....	144
Necessary for a choice .....	73
Frederick Robie had .....	81
John C. Talbot.....	63

The report was read and accepted, and Hon. Frederick Robie 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.

On motion of Mr. PHILLIPS of Orrington,  
 Messrs. Phillips of Orrington,  
 Smith of Auburn,  
 Stratton of Mattawamkeag,  
 Allan of Dennysville,  
 Lamson of Richmond,  
 Young of Trenton,

were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for Clerk of the House.

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

Whole number of votes .....	136
Necessary to a choice.....	69
Oramandal Smith had.....	78
Charles B. Morton.....	58

The report was read and accepted, and Oramandal Smith declared duly elected Clerk for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. WHITE of Bucksport,  
 Messrs. White of Bucksport,  
 Hobson of Wiscasset,  
 Tilden of Castine,  
 Blanchard of Yarmouth,  
 Fellows of Windham,  
 Nadeau of Fort Kent,  
 White of Orono,

were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for Assistant Clerk of the House.

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

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Whole number of votes .....	138
Necessary for a choice .....	70
Edwin C. Burleigh had.....	77
Lucius H. Murch .....	61

The report was read and accepted, and Edwin C. Burleigh declared duly elected Assistant Clerk of the House for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. WHITE of Bucksport, that gentleman conveyed a message to the Governor informing him of the organization of the House, by the election of Hon. Frederick Robie as Speaker, and Oramandal Smith, Esq., as Clerk.

The same information was conveyed to the Senate by Mr. MARTIN of Camden.

On motion of Mr. DUTTON of Lewiston, that gentleman conducted 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. Dutton subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him, and Oramandal Smith, Clerk, and Edwin C. Burleigh, Assistant Clerk, had taken and subscribed the oaths required to qualify them to discharge their official duties.

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

ATTEST: SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE,  
Clerk of the House of 1875.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Prescott of Somerset, informing the House of the organization of that branch by the election of Hon. Thomas W. Hyde as President, and Samuel W. Lane, Esq., as Secretary.

On motion of Mr. POWERS of Houlton,

*Ordered,* That James B. Walker be Messenger of this House, Edwin H. Crie be First Assistant Messenger, and Charles H. Gatchell Second Assistant Messenger.

On motion of Mr. ROLF of Princeton,

*Ordered,* That Frank Barron and Joseph D. Randall be Pages for the House the present session.

The SPEAKER announced the Monitors of the House as follows :

- 1st Division.....Stone of Biddeford.
- 2d    "   .....Fogler of Hope.
- 3d    "   .....Hussey of North Berwick.
- 4th   "   .....Percy of West Bath.
- 5th   "   .....Shepherd of Skowhegan.
- 6th   "   .....Warren of Westbrook.
- 7th   "   .....Greeley of Lewiston.
- 8th   "   .....Nealley of Bangor.

On motion of Mr. SHEPHERD of Skowhegan,

*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. LORD of Bluehill,

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

On motion of Mr. PHILLIPS of Orrington,

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

On motion of Mr. MARTIN of Camden,

*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 Cushing's Manual, and that the same be returned to the Secretary of State after the close of the session.

On motion of Mr. SHEPHERD of Skowhegan,

*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.

On motion of Mr. SARGENT of Sedgwick,

*Ordered,* That the House hold one session each day, commenc-

ing at 10 o'clock A. M., except Saturday, when it shall meet at 9 o'clock A. M., until otherwise ordered.

The SPEAKER announced the Committee on Elections, which is as follows :

Messrs. Powers of Houlton,  
Cleaves of Portland,  
White of Bucksport,  
Nealley of Bangor,  
Eastman of Saco,  
Thompson of Vassalborough,  
Pillsbury of Farmington,  
Phillips of Orrington.

Mr. WHITE of Bucksport, offered the following resolve, which was referred to the Committee on Elections :

*Resolved*, That Benjamin T. Chase of Bridgton, be declared elected and sworn in a member of this House.

The following communication was received from the Secretary of State :

STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, }  
Augusta, January 5, 1876. }

*To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :*

I have the honor herewith to lay before the House of Representatives the returns of votes for Representatives to the Legislature of the State for the current political year.

(Signed) Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

SIDNEY PERHAM, *Secretary of State.*

The communication was read and the returns referred to the Committee on Elections.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,

*Ordered*, That all petitions or orders for legislation, except those for redress of wrongs and grievances, which may be presented to this Legislature after Wednesday the 26th inst., be referred to the next Legislature, and this order be published in the Daily Kennebec Journal, Daily Eastern Argus, Bangor Daily Whig, Bangor Daily Commercial, and Lewiston Evening Journal,



and this order shall not be suspended or reconsidered except by a vote of four-fifths of the members present.

The foregoing order was sent to the Senate.

A communication from the Secretary of State was received from the Senate, transmitting returns of votes for Governor; also the following order:

*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 seven on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and

Messrs. French of Kennebec,  
 Thompson of York,  
 Prescott of Somerset,  
 Wadsworth of Oxford,  
 Webb of Penobscot,  
 Brown of Cumberland,  
 Wentworth of Washington,

appointed on its part, and was read and passed in concurrence, and

Messrs. Dutton of Lewiston,  
 Story of Washburn,  
 Davis of Portland,  
 Norton of Industry,  
 Sargent of Sedgwick,  
 Berry of Gardiner,  
 Martin of Camden,  
 Allen of Waldoboro',  
 Young of Iiram,  
 Phillips of Orrington,  
 Brown of Brownville,  
 Rogers of Bath,  
 Leavitt of Athens,  
 Clifford of Stockton,  
 Lynch of Machias,  
 Libby of Limerick,

were joined on part of the House.

On motion of Mr. SHEPHERD of Skowhegan,  
 Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. DREW of Augusta.

Paper from the Senate.

*Ordered*, The House concurring, the Joint Rules and Orders of 1875 be adopted as the Joint Rules and Orders of this Legislature until otherwise ordered.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and was read and passed in concurrence.

Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, announced the attendance of Mr. PIKE of Calais, and conducted that gentleman to the Governor, where he took and subscribed the oath required to qualify him to enter upon his official duties.

Mr. Pike subsequently appeared and took his seat in the House.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,

*Ordered*, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the election cases of Nathaniel Meader vs. Frederick P. Haviland, and Henry F. D. Wyman vs. David Golder.

Mr. PORTER was called to the Chair, who subsequently reported that the Committee had agreed to recommend the following resolves :

*Resolved*, That Frederick P. Haviland of Waterville, is not entitled to a seat as member of this House.

*Resolved*, That Nathaniel Meader of Waterville, is entitled to a seat as member of this House.

*Resolved*, That David Golder of Belgrade, is not entitled to a seat as member of this House.

*Resolved*, That Henry F. D. Wyman of Belgrade, is entitled to a seat as member of this House.

The foregoing resolves were adopted.

Mr. DUTTON of Lewiston, announced the attendance of Mr. Meader of Waterville.

Mr. POWERS of Houlton, announced the attendance of Mr. Wyman of Belgrade.

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

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk make up the pay of John R. Prescott at ten dollars and the usual mileage.

On motion of Mr. GRANT of Ellsworth,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk make up the pay of David Golder at ten dollars and the usual mileage.

A message was received from the Senate through its Secretary, Mr. Lane, informing the House that a vacancy exists in the Senate Board, in the First Senatorial District, that the constitutional candidates are Uranus O. Brackett and William A. Cromwell, and proposing a convention of the two branches of the Legislature this day at 10 o'clock and 45 minutes, in the hall of this House, for the purpose of filling said vacancy.

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 convened, the Senate came in and a Convention was formed.

#### IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. HASKELL of the Senate,

Messrs. Haskell of Cumberland,  
 Webb of Penobscot,  
 Stevens of Somerset,  
 Davis of Portland,  
 Warren of Westbrook,  
 Libby of Limerick,  
 Meader of Waterville,  
 Sargent of Sedgwick,

were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Senator to fill the vacancy in the First Senatorial District.

Having attended to that duty, Mr. HASKELL reported :

Whole number of votes .....	172
Necessary for a choice .....	87
Uranus O. Brackett .....	97
William A. Cromwell.....	75

The report was read and accepted, and Uranus O. Brackett was declared duly elected Senator to fill the vacancy in the First Senatorial District.

On motion of Mr. LANE of York, the Secretary of the Convention was directed to notify Hon. Uranus O. Brackett of his election as Senator from the First Senatorial District.

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

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

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 returned.....	111,160
Necessary for a choice.....	55,581
Selden Connor had.....	57,613
Charles W. Roberts had .....	53,501
Nelson Dingley, Jr. had.....	9
Theodore C. Woodman .....	1
Albert W. Payne.....	1
William P. Haynes.....	2
Joseph H. Williams .....	1
Charles Danforth.....	2
S. T. Hinks .....	1
N. T. Hill.....	1
Nelson Dingley .....	1
Nathan A. Farwell.....	1
Jacob B. Ham.....	19
Joshua Nye.....	1
Joseph W. Roberts.....	1
S. E. Spring.....	2
Neal Dow.....	1
J. L. Chamberlain.....	1

and Selden Connor having a majority of all the votes returned, is duly elected 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 the Hon. Selden Connor, and inform him 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. Sturgis of Androscoggin,  
Kyes of Franklin,  
Watts of Knox,

appointed on its part.

The order was read and passed in concurrence, and

Messrs. Talbot of East Machias,  
Rogers of Bath,  
Hobson of Wiscasset,  
Frank of Portland,  
Parcher of Leeds,

were joined on the part of the House.

Mr. TALBOT 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. Stevens of Somerset, proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature, this day, at 11 o'clock thirty minutes A. M., in the Hall of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of administering to Hon. Selden Connor, 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. PEAKS of Penobscot,

That Senator was charged with a message to Hon. Selden Connor, 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. Peaks 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. Selden Connor, 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. SIDNEY PERHAM, 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 Selden Connor, 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 SELDEN CONNOR 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 :

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*Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :*

The year upon which we are entering is of the deepest significance to every American. It marks the completion of the first grand cycle of the Republic. A century has passed away and The Government of the People stands free, great and beneficent, to vindicate the wisdom that called it into being, to answer the prayers and hopes that attended its birth, and still to guard for us and for the future the blessings it was formed to secure. A hundred years ago it existed but in the solemn declaration and the firm resolve of the men who fashioned it, as an instrument of justice. To-day it lives in mature development, fresh in all the aims and impulses with which it set out, strong in a self confidence inspired by long years of varied trial and the successful withstanding of all forms of assault.

The far-stretching retrospect excites emotions of pride and exultation, and yields impressive lessons for our guidance as a people in the new century at hand. We perceive by what devotion to principle and by how great civic virtues the Fathers of the Republic were enabled to establish the sure foundations of our country; by what steadfastness and heroism its independence was accomplished; and by what majestic progress it grew to greatness under the stimulus of freedom. Regarding the years not yet far removed from us, the great struggle through which the crisis of the country's fate had happy issue, presents itself as a stern school of citizenship ministering to the stability and prosperity of the new nation. It brings the mutual dependence of government and people home to every man with a strength of conviction no reasoning could convey. The price paid for nationality when its value was put to the test, measures our need of it; and every battle-torn flag and smoke-begrimed musket—relic or trophy of the contest—every national note betokening the zeal and confidence of patriotism, admonishes that the welfare of their country is in the people's own keeping.

A little more than half a century ago the people of Maine, in ordaining the constitution upon which they founded the new State, acknowledged with grateful hearts the goodness of the Sovereign Ruler of the Universe in affording them an opportunity so favorable to the design they had in view. We, of this day, recalling anew the moulding of our common country under the auspices of the new and grand belief in the high average of

human worth; the dedication of it to that principle, and the subsequent prosperity and happiness which have justified the idea of liberty and the theory of equal rights, can but feel in our hearts to own our obligations for the favor acknowledged by the fathers of the State; and, with the perils of the recent past vividly before us, to remember with renewed gratitude the Goodness that has been constant to us. Within a short space of time the State has grown from infancy to maturity, and has become a mother of States.

While we deplore the plain fact that the increase of our population suffered a check prior to the war, and failed altogether in the war decade, we are not prepared to admit any injurious inference from it. The causes of the misfortune are well understood and involve no discredit. The great farming region of the West not only became our overpowering rival as a field of immigration, but also attracted our own people. The golden shore of the Pacific lured from us hosts of young men whose accumulated earnings were the smallest part of the loss sustained by their departure. Every fresh land of promise of the many that followed in quick succession, was pioneered by the hardy and adventurous sons of Maine. It is generally conceded that they abandoned the substance for the shadow; that if their energy, experience and capital had been employed at home, and if their example had fostered a spirit of contentment, they would, as a whole, have enlarged their own success in life, as well as advanced the importance and prosperity of their State.

Maine had thus been sorely drained when the war swept away many of her sons, and the influences consequent upon it induced a restless impulse, driving many more to wander or seek homes elsewhere. The comparatively isolated position of the State, and the non-existence of large cities within its borders, have stood in the way of the compensating influx it might otherwise have received. But though weakened in numbers, we are not dispirited. A hopeful consciousness prevails that the elements of a great State are here, and will eventually combine to form one commensurate in all respects with the extent of our territory.

Our State is now involved in the depression of business, and cessation of enterprise everywhere prevalent. The shadow of the war is still upon us. Some of its incidents are yet remaining. Prominent among them is the continual employment of the substi-



tute for sound money which is imposed. While the States have returned their old-time relations to the country, and the army and navy of the Union have been re-established upon a peace footing, the currency of the country continues to retain its war character. The people of the State are substantially of one mind in demanding relief from the fickle medium of exchange which has been tolerated solely for the sake of the great good it was created to subserve, and in desiring the recall of the banished currency, the only one adapted to the uses of peace. They look to the National Government to effect this as speedily as is consistent with any sacrifice not absolutely unendurable. It would be far better to pay directly in taxes the certain interest of the bonded debt in which the government notes may be funded, than to bear the uncertainties and suffer from the discouragements to enterprise caused by the fictitious importance they are now invested with.

The year upon which we now look back has been a fairly prosperous one. At least, it has not been one of unusual hardship. That it has not been such is due to the unfailing bounty of our soil, and largely to the admirable spirit and patience with which the adversities of this period of transition, as it is by common consent regarded, have been met. Manufacturing has been carried on with but little prospect of remunerative returns in many cases, and thus willing hands have been enabled to earn daily bread. A general decrease of profits has not been attended by general want and suffering.

The affairs of the State, with which you are immediately concerned, have been well conducted in all departments, and all its institutions have faithfully fulfilled their appropriate purposes.

#### THE TREASURY.

The ordinary routine of the Treasury has been more difficult than usual, and special and important duties have devolved upon it. The cash on hand at the close of 1874 was \$322,185.84. The receipts during 1875 were \$1,568,775.43. The payments from the Treasury during the year were \$1,513,866.43, thus leaving a balance of cash on hand December 31, 1875, of \$377,093.84.

#### THE STATE DEBT.

The bonded debt of the State on the first of January, 1875, was \$7,088,400. It has been reduced the past year by the payment of

matured bonds to the amount of \$29,000, and by the cancellation of bonds in the abolished sinking fund, and is now \$5,949,400. The payment of the matured bonds and additions to the sinking funds to the amount of \$272,689.72, constitute an actual reduction of the debt the past year of \$301,689.72. The present net indebtedness, after deducting the amount of the sinking fund, is \$5,272,688.28.

#### SINKING FUNDS.

An act of the Legislature approved February 24, 1875, provided for the extinction of the sinking fund of 1865, by the cancellation of the bonds of the State of Maine contained therein, and the transfer of the remaining portion of the fund to the sinking fund of 1868.

In execution of this law the Treasurer has cancelled bonds to the amount of \$1,112,900, and transferred bonds and cash to the amount of \$101,524.05, thereby entirely extinguishing the fund which was established for the payment, at maturity, of bonds falling due August 15, 1880, March 1, 1883, and June 1, 1889. Therefore there is now no actual provision for the payment of these bonds. They rest entirely upon the credit of the State. The act referred to contemplates their renewal and extension; it authorizes the issue of new bonds, payable to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars in 1890, and to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars each succeeding year, which bonds, the act declares, "shall be executed and issued only as they can be substituted for at least an equal amount" of the bonds they are intended to renew and extend.

No effort has been made under this authority to issue new bonds in substitution for those proposed to be renewed, although the language of the act seems to imply a direction to execute and issue them whenever the substitution should be found to be practicable. There is at least such room for doubt, whether it lies in the discretion of the Treasurer to defer action looking to the substitution until it shall appear to him to be for the interests of the State to effect the exchange, as to render it advisable, in justice to that officer, to define his duty in this respect more explicitly.

The only action necessary, however, if my suggestion should recommend itself to you, would be the repeal of so much of the act referred to—that of February 24, 1875—as relates to the

execution and issue of new bonds. The Legislature would then retain control of the matter and be left to provide for the payment of the loans in question, or for their renewal and extension, as they severally approach maturity, or whenever it may suit its own pleasure. The report of the Treasurer will present to you the elaboration of a suggestion for the payment of the loans maturing in 1880 and 1883, the former of which amounts to \$307,000, and the latter to \$385,000, and demonstrates that, since the State has no other liability to meet within the period from 1878 to 1889, such payment can be provided for at a future date by means of a comparatively light tax and temporary loans.

The extinction of the sinking fund of 1865 effects a relief from annual taxation to the extent of about \$190,000, and is a measure of eminent justice and good policy. The period from which this burden has been lifted remains heavily incumbered by State and local debt, and the financial and business difficulties by which the people are at present confronted tend to make the weight more and more oppressive. If we shall have happy deliverance from present and threatened ills, the spirit of our people affords full assurance for the belief that they will turn this temporary alleviation to so good account in the development of the resources of the State and the increase of its wealth, as to render more than an equivalent for the exemption they have obtained.

They sinking fund of 1868, which remains and is required to be maintained, was established to pay the principal of the loan "for the equalization of municipal war debts." The loan matures in October, 1889, and now amounts to something less than three millions of dollars, having been reduced by the cancellation of some of its bonds which formed a part of the abolished sinking fund. It gained \$200,275.39 the past year by taxation, transfer and interest, and now amounts to \$676,711.72.

The State, in common with all other investors, has of late years been obliged to pay a high premium for the securities prescribed by law for its investments, and it is a matter well worthy of your consideration, whether its interests would not be subserved by enlarging the list of authorized investments for the sinking fund, by the addition of some other classes of securities of undoubted value.

## TAXATION.

The revenue of the State, in addition to the sum procured by the State tax, the levy of which is directed and the rate fixed by the Legislature annually, is derived from the tax on railroad companies, savings banks and insurance companies. A tax of one and one-half per cent. is levied upon the corporate franchise of railroad companies incorporated under the laws of this State or doing business therein, the value of the franchise to be determined for the purpose by deducting from the ascertained market value of the capital stock of each company, the value of its real estate and other property actually subjected to local taxation, and by deducting also, in the case of lines extending beyond the State, the proportional valuation of such extension.

The act imposing the tax upon railroad companies, was passed by the Legislature of 1874, and an assessment upon them for that year was made under its provisions. Several companies having failed to pay the tax assessed upon them, an act was passed by the Legislature last year to provide a more speedy and effective method of enforcing payment.

While the State treasurer was taking steps to proceed under the new law against the delinquent companies, one of the stockholders of the Maine Central Company, residing in another State, brought a bill in equity in the United States Circuit Court, alleging, in substance, the non-validity of the act of the Legislature under which a tax had been assessed against the Maine Central Company, for the reason that it impaired the obligation of the contract contained in the charter granted by the State to that company, and praying the court to enjoin the treasurer from collecting the tax. A temporary injunction was granted by the court, and the treasurer is therefore precluded from further efforts to collect the tax, and virtually restrained from proceeding against the other delinquent companies whose charters contain a clause similar to that upon which the Maine Central rests its claim for exemption. A further hearing upon the question of a permanent injunction will be had at the April term of the court, provided the parties do not unite in bringing one about at an earlier day. The distinguished gentleman who acted as counsel for the State in this matter, in the absence of the attorney general, in his report to my predecessor, says, "I have entire confidence that the ultimate

result will be the sustaining of the legislative act taxing this corporation."

Of the \$50,384.52 received from the tax on railroad companies for 1874, the sum of \$3,035.83 has been apportioned to the cities and towns wherein shareholders had their residence.

The tax of one per cent. on the deposits in savings banks yields a large and easily collected revenue, one-half of which is appropriated by law for the use of schools, and one-half to the use of the State.

No consideration of justice or policy presents itself to my mind in opposition to the maintenance of the tax at the present rate. The substitution of State for local taxation effects a discrimination in favor of deposits in savings banks of at least fifty per cent. The object in view in subjecting them to a fixed and lower rate of taxation was not, presumably, a recognition of the meritoriousness of such accumulations and the promotion of thrift, but the encouragement of the continuance and growth of a fund readily accessible to taxation, constituted by earnings and surplus capital which might otherwise prove fugitive and elusive in this respect. The continued increase of the amount of deposits indicates that the tax exercises no deterring influence upon depositors, and so far as I am informed, bank officers generally do not regard the tax as onerous or tending to repel deposits. Institutions recently organized, or suffering from the failure of investments, finding themselves unable to declare the maximum dividend allowed by law, may be apprehensive that the consequences will prove unfavorable to them. It should be borne in mind, however, that a low rate of interest is the rule affecting all capital seeking investment, and that, while it continues in force, depositors would gain nothing by withdrawing their funds since they could not obtain elsewhere greater interest combined with equal security. Their condition is not one of exceptional hardship. Other interests suffer more from the business depression of the times and are far more heavily taxed.

A law of 1874 imposes an annual tax upon foreign insurance companies doing business in this State, or two per cent. upon all premiums received after deducting the amount paid for losses during the year, unused balances on notes taken for premiums on open policies, all sums repaid or allowed for return premiums, and the legal reserve on life policies. The first assessment under it

was in April last, and amounted to \$12,434.77. Fire and marine companies were assessed \$10,928.83; life and accident companies, the remaining \$1,505.94 of the amount. The insurance commissioner reports that the former class received premiums to the amount of \$960,403.93, and was entitled to deductions amounting to \$418,201.83, leaving a taxable amount of \$542,202.10; that the latter class received \$813,101.37 for premiums, deducted \$347,716.89 for losses paid, and \$390,086.27 for other items, thus reducing the taxable amount to \$75,298.21. In the case of life companies the deductions practically defeat the purpose of the law, which was, undoubtedly, to levy a just share of taxation upon the large amount of capital drawn from the State by them.

Although the tax is nominally assessed upon the company, it is probably paid in all cases, directly or indirectly, by the holders of policies, whether fire or life. It is certain that some—and it may be true of all—life insurance companies make provision in their blank forms for the collection of the tax from the persons insured by them. An unjust discrimination, in effect, is thus made by the law. Those who insure their property against fire, pay a higher rate of tax to the State on their expenditure for protection than persons who procure life insurance, pay on expenditures for a recognized value in addition to protection.

No system of taxation has yet been devised which is not acknowledged to be imperfect and inequitable in many respects, and it is not to be expected that a nearer approach to an exact adjustment can be made in this case than in others. I am convinced, however, that it is in your power to make a closer approximation to justice by so amending the law as to limit the deductions from the amount of premiums received by insurance companies, to losses actually paid in the State within the year.

The special tax commissioner, whose report led to the taxation of other corporations, recommended therein that the receipts of express companies be subjected to tax, and that telegraph companies remain untaxed, but without assigning a reason for the exemption advised. I respectfully recommend that you carefully consider whether these companies can justly be permitted to go free of duty to the State.

## THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

There has been no material change the past year in the small military force maintained by the State. It consists of the first regiment of infantry, two unattached companies of infantry, and one battery of artillery.

It is one of the principal offices of the Volunteer Militia, if not the chief one, to aid the civil authorities in quelling disturbances when the ordinary means of preserving the public peace prove insufficient. Although such contingencies are not liable to occur among a law-abiding people, their possibility makes it the duty of the State to provide for them, and thus render them more remote.

On any occasion of sufficient gravity to require the services of the military arm, a battalion or regiment would be the smallest effective unit; in order to be properly prepared for duty, the scattered companies of our armament should be brought together occasionally for discipline and drill in the larger organization.

The question of holding an encampment for instruction the present year, will, no doubt, be postponed to the consideration of the sending of some portion of the Volunteer Militia to participate in the inaugural ceremonies of the Centennial Exhibition. If you should deem it advisable to show the interest of the State in this celebration, by responding favorably to the strong wish of our soldiers to take part in its grand pageant, Maine would not fail to be well represented in the column of the citizen-soldiery of the Union, whose presence in Philadelphia in 1876 will be peculiarly appropriate and suggestive.

## STATE PENSIONS.

The State pension system is a valuable supplement to the national system, and oftentimes, by the promptness of its benefactions, affords a timely relief which could not be obtained through the tardier process of the latter. The Adjutant General reports that the pension appropriation for the past year has not been entirely expended, and that a reduction may be made in the amount of the appropriation for the current year, without incurring the risk of denying aid to deserving applicants. No appropriation of the public money receives more general and cheerful acquiescence than that for the benefit of the men who gave health, strength and precious years of youth or manhood to the country's service, and of their families suffering from the loss of the bread-winner.

## THE COMMON SCHOOLS.

The present common school system is the out-growth of the confirmation by the war of the conviction, that the safety of the country rests upon the intelligence of its citizens. Duty and self-interest unite in inducing the State to give the amplest facilities for education; to spare nothing to provide what Luther styled the "best and costliest possession of a city, a plenty of fine, learned, rational, honorable, well-brought up citizens."

The good results of the system are apparent in the improved character of the schools, and the marked revival of interest in all that pertains to the public preparation of youth for the business of life and the duties of citizenship. It is by no means perfect, but the success that has thus far attended it, is an assurance that it is, in the main, the true means of accomplishing the best results attainable for education. Some improvements are left to be made by communities for themselves, as example and experience shall enforce the necessity for them. Others, required to supply defects which the workings of the system have discovered, and for the general benefit, it is the province of the Legislature to make.

The supersession of the district by the town system, is an important and desirable object to be gained. This is left by the law to the voluntary action of each town, and the process of supplanting is gradually going on. The town is the unit and strength of our political organization. From it proceeded in great part the influences and the aid that sustained the Revolution and preserved the Union. It has been well observed that the training received in the administration of the affairs of these "little republics" contributes largely to the wise conduct of public affairs and the well-being of the nation. It is the proper agency of the people, and its importance should be magnified by them.

The management of school matters is one of its highest and most legitimate functions, and those towns which have assumed it find themselves benefited by the change.

The State cannot in any other way so effectively promote the usefulness of the schools as by providing for the supply of trained instructors. It is true that our colleges and high schools furnish many scholars well qualified to teach, in point of general acquirements, but as a rule they have had no special instructions in the first essential of a teacher—a knowledge of the art of imparting



knowledge, or, rather, of leading the pupil to its discovery. Their notions of methods must necessarily be of a hap-hazard character, differing according to the aptitude of individuals for the profession, unscientific, and therefore wasteful of the time and opportunities of the youth dependent on them for guidance. No sense of injury is more bitter and abiding than that caused by the incompetency or unskilfulness of teachers.

The two normal schools are highly successful agents for reinforcing the corps of instruction, but the simplest calculation demonstrates the hopeless inadequacy of their utmost capacity to meet more than a fraction of the demand for skilled teachers.

The school law makes it the duty of the Governor and Council, when they have reason to believe that any town has neglected to raise and expend the school money required by law, or to faithfully expend the school money received from the State, to withhold further payment to such town from the State treasury until they shall be satisfied that the required expenditure has been made. Further legislation is needed to give this provision of law the efficiency it ought to have, and I accordingly recommend that sworn returns from proper officers of towns, giving full information in regard to the raising and expenditure of school money, be made a pre-requisite to the receipt of the State gratuity. The necessity for such legislation is made apparent by the fact that a large number of towns have voluntarily furnished reports in answer to inquiry, which indicate that they have so far failed to conform to the law as to temporarily forfeit their right to the State school money. This state of things is far from proving that more money is set apart for education than is necessary. When all the children are brought into the schools who ought to be brought thither, and who would be if the compulsory measures provided by law should be resorted to; when the schools are properly graded, and trained teachers, worthy of increased hire, can be procured, there will then be no embarrassment of riches. The delinquent towns have simply failed to accommodate themselves to the new order of things, which demands more schools, longer terms, better instruction and fuller attendance.

I believe that the welfare of the schools would suffer no detriment for the present, if the State school funds should be charged with the payment of the annual expenses of the normal schools, and the College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.

## SAVINGS BANKS.

The Bank Examiner reports sixty-four savings banks in operation in this State, five of which organized and commenced business within the past year. The deposits therein for the year ending November 30, 1875, amounted to \$32,083,314.28, an increase of \$1,021,350.55 in 1875, \$474,089.34 less than the increase in 1874. The non-interest paying securities owned by the banks amount to \$1,190,380.23, a sum greater than the amount of such securities held by them the previous year by \$164,195.94. The excess of the deposits in savings banks above the capital, circulation and deposit of National Banks, is about \$7,500,000. The Examiner makes suggestions and recommendations which will no doubt receive from you the attention which their importance demands.

The subject of reducing the rate of tax upon the deposits in savings banks has already been referred to. The course which has been pursued by some savings banks in drawing upon their reserved earnings for the purpose of completing dividends, presents a reason for prohibiting by law the division among depositors of other profits than those earned within the period for which a dividend is declared, and the excess above the prescribed reserve.

The robbing of the Winthrop Savings Bank forcibly suggests the propriety of clothing the Examiner with power to compel banks to provide safeguards adequate to secure their funds from the various forms of danger which menace them, and especially from the daring ingenuity of crime.

If the present limitation of the rate of dividends to three per cent. semi-annually, was made with reference to the interest-earning value of money at the time the law was passed, as it probably was, adherence to that principle of conformity to the ruling rate of interest, manifestly requires a further limitation of the allowable rate of dividends. The good of the whole people demands that the State should not exert any influence tending to maintain a high rate of interest.

## THE LAND AGENT.

The Land Agent reports as the result of the sales of land during the year, that the only remaining State lands not finally disposed of, are 34,781 acres of settling lands unsold, and 142,067 acres for which certificates have been given to settlers who will be entitled

to deeds upon the fulfilment by them of the required conditions. Sums on general account, on account of the permanent school funds and reserved lands, to the amount of \$62,808.72, have been paid into the treasury.

A commission, composed of the Governor, State Treasurer and Land Agent, was created by the last Legislature, to inquire what further steps might be necessary in order to finally close up the affairs of the land office, and to place the settling lands in such custody as should be for the best interest of the State and hasten their settlement, and directed to report to this Legislature. Your action will doubtless be guided by their report made from a full investigation and knowledge of the subject.

The office of Land Agent has been abolished as a constitutional office, by an amendment to the constitution which took effect the first day of the present month. Its revival by law and continuance as a separate department of the State, would seem to entail unnecessary expense. For prudential reasons, it is advisable that the title be retained and conferred upon the Treasurer or other officer to whom you shall assign the duties of the office.

#### THE RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

The railroads of the State are said by the Commissioners to be in an improved and excellent condition. They express well-founded gratification at the comparative freedom from casualties which has attended the running of trains, as denoting intelligent and careful management, and a proper sense of responsibility.

The year has not been prolific in new roads or extensions. The Aroostook River Railroad Company, chartered in 1873, has completed and opened for traffic, three miles of its road—from Fort Fairfield to the State line, where it forms connection with the New Brunswick railroad. The Somerset railroad has recently finished an extension of five miles, from Madison to North Anson. The Portland & Ogdensburg road has perfected a through connection, and another important line of communication is thus added to the converging routes of transportation which cannot fail to make Portland one of the principal distributing points for the products of the West.

The railroad communications which are being established between Aroostook and our neighbors across the line, must arrest attention. The New Brunswick & Canada railroad has a branch

extending to Houlton, eight miles in length, three of which are in this State, and the road just completed to Fort Fairfield from a junction with the New Brunswick railroad, is destined to be extended up the fertile valley of the Aroostook river. It is clearly necessary to the welfare of the State, and of our own railroad system, that the latter should embrace that extensive and important county. A railroad from some point on the European and North American railroad, parallel with the State line and not far from it, is a consummation for which we may confidently look in the near future. The Somerset railroad is regarded as an important link in a projected line from the port of Wiscasset to a connection with the St. Lawrence.

#### THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER.

The Commissioner of Insurance gives the information that one hundred and seventy-five foreign and domestic insurance companies had authority, to do business in the State the past year, and that twenty or more were excluded. The salary of this officer and the expenses of his office are paid from fees for licenses to insurance companies and agents.

#### THE COMMISSIONERS OF FISHERIES.

The Commissioners of Fisheries report a marked increase of interest on the part of the public in all the concerns of their commission, and give a statement in detail of their labors in the work of stocking our lakes and rivers with valuable fish of various kinds. They make several suggestions leading to the inference that your duty to provide by general laws for matters appertaining to special or private legislation, may be profitably exercised in matters relating to the fisheries.

So many of our citizens dwelling upon our long line of coast, are dependent upon the products of the sea; so great a portion of the area of the State is water surface, which can be utilized in no other way; so many benefits to the people at large will evidently accrue from making our widely distributed waters the favorite haunts of food and game fish, that it is the duty of the State to perfect the policy it has already entered upon, of promoting fish-culture. Legislation upon this subject should not, however, overlook other and conflicting interests, but aim to harmonize all with justice as far as possible.

## THE INSANE HOSPITAL.

The Trustees of this institution advert with satisfaction to the improvements made the past year for the permanent benefit of the hospital and the furtherance of the comfort of the unfortunates it cares for.

The new building, containing a hall to be used as a chapel and an assembly room for amusement, and also apartments for other purposes, is nearly if not quite completed and ready for occupancy. A park of three acres has been enclosed with a high fence, and affords a safe and pleasant exercise ground where patients may, in suitable seasons, enjoy the curative influences of the sun, air and scenery of nature's sanitarium. Valuable permanent improvements to the farm—roads, drains, new vats for the utilization of sewage—have been made, and the trustees believe that it is in the way to reach a high state of productiveness.

The crowded and ill ventilated state of the wards has somewhat impaired the usefulness of the hospital. Four hundred and three inmates now share accommodations sufficient for but 350. The average number for the year is 398. The occupation of the chapel rooms will reduce the average number in the main building to 373, twenty-three more than can be suitably cared for with regard to convenience and comfort. It is thought by the trustees that the operation of the law of 1874, excluding "idiots and incurable imbeciles" from the hospital, may effect such a reduction as to make it unnecessary to establish a new hospital at present.

The trustees ask for an appropriation of six thousand dollars for the repayment to the hospital fund of the amount paid from it for boilers, and for furnishing the new building and the chapel wards. The resources of the hospital above liabilities are \$38,293.63.

## THE STATE BOARD OF PRISON AND JAIL INSPECTORS.

According to the report of the Board of Prison and Jail Inspectors, the State Prison has been so far affected by the prostration of business that the excess of expenditure over income has been \$5,700. Some needed repairs have been made and the institution is in excellent condition in every respect.

The workings of the jail system inaugurated in 1873, are beginning to be manifest and they prove to be most beneficial, and admirable. An enlightened community may well congratulate itself

that a much needed reform has been made; that what were shelters of idleness and nurseries of vice, have been turned to places of industry and reformatory influences. The evening school well supplements the practical lessons of daily labor, and is esteemed a privilege. Discharged criminals, going forth to take a fresh start in life, taking with them the valuable acquisitions of a trade and the rudiments of education, cannot but have kindlier feelings towards society, and reflect that, like the surgeon's knife, it is "cruel only to be kind."

THE STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MECHANIC ARTS.

The trustees of the College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts report a year "of faithful effort by the officers in immediate charge of the college, and substantial and most gratifying results to the students." They very earnestly renew and press upon your attention the wants of the institution, and especially the necessity for more buildings—a farm-house and a building to contain a chapel, or assembly room, two or three lecture rooms, and rooms for the library, cabinet collections, apparatus and other valuable material; or, instead of one building, they would have one building for the chapel and lecture rooms, and one, made fire-proof, for the valuable material of the college.

The assurance which these gentlemen give of the absolute necessity for a building or buildings for the purposes they specify, is sufficient to demonstrate the need of such accommodations.

The State has formally undertaken, as a condition precedent to the grant from the United States, to provide "at least one college" for prescribed objects. The very narrowest definition of such an institution must include among its essential component parts those which are shown to be wanting and are sought to be supplied. The completion of the college, and not its enlargements, is the object the trustees have in view and which their duty compels them to urge. They press the claim as a matter of right, and at the same time express their conviction that, if it were only from self-interest, the State should see to it that the college be placed in a condition to do well the work for which it was founded.

The trustees declare that \$23,550 is the sum necessary to meet the imperative wants of the college. In this sum is included \$3,500 for building a farm-house and \$3,000 for making bricks and

other preparations for the proposed structure. The sum includes also \$3,500 for the payment of outstanding bills. The resolve of the last legislature making an appropriation in favor of the college was accompanied with the proviso that the trustees should not "under any circumstances, contract any further debts in behalf of said college." The apparent departure from the direction of the legislature is, no doubt, susceptible of a satisfactory explanation by the trustees.

The report of the farm superintendent, giving in exact detail an account of the experiments conducted by him and by the students under his supervision, is of great interest and must be of direct value to the farming community.

The college numbers one hundred and fifteen students. Thirty-five are in the last class admitted—the largest in the history of the institution. The education which they receive is not to be obtained elsewhere in the State. It is an industrial education and naturally attracts those students who are inclined to engage in industrial pursuits. Agriculture and the mechanic arts are the instrumentalities by which the resources of Maine are to be developed. Through their quickening influences her fertile intervals and hillsides are to be made gardens, and her sterile acres rendered productive; her idle rivers forced to labor; her railroads laden to groaning with the weight of traffic; the rocks that rib her coasts and hills transmuted into gold; her winters warmed to summers. No fatalistic trust in the spontaneous evolution of the forces necessary to work out the results which are acknowledged to be attainable, should be permitted to usurp the legitimate domain of persistent, intelligent, well-directed effort.

The method which has succeeded elsewhere, must lead to success here. The history of the past half century, the golden age of industry and wealth-production, is filled with examples of the efficacy of special schools of the industrial arts to directly promote the prosperity of a country. The competition of today between countries and States, is one of skill far more than of natural resources.

The aggregate of the fifty young men whom this college will annually send from its lecture rooms, laboratories and fields of experiment, will in a few years constitute a power in the State, sensibly stimulating all its productive energies. But they can use their acquired knowledge, and, what is more worth, their

trained habits of observation and powers of intelligent study and experiment, for the benefit of the State only in co-operation. There must be combined effort in order to secure the symmetrical development of all the energies and advantages at command. Capital must exert itself to retain these and other young men, by opening to them congenial fields for the exercise of the various talents and capabilities which they possess, and for which they will seek profitable employment wherever it may be found.

My belief that the policy of the State in founding this institution was a wise one, and that the public good demands its completion and support, leads me to urge you to look with favor upon the appeal which the trustees now makè to you.

#### AGRICULTURE AND THE BEET SUGAR INDUSTRY.

The fashion of decrying Maine as an agricultural State is fast dying out.

The lively and increasing interest which is exhibited in efforts to improve farming indicates that it is an interesting and profitable pursuit. The best breeds of cattle are sought for. The labor-saving machines, which have done so much to lighten farm work, are everywhere in use. Experiments are made and inquiries instituted. A wholesome curiosity welcomes new ideas. The papers and discussions of the agricultural societies, and the societies devoted to specialties connected with agriculture, the farmers' clubs scattered through the country, and the displays at the annual fairs, all go to show that farming repays attention and that our farmers are progressive. They are taking the most effective means to make their occupation attractive to others by proving, as they do by example, that it is remunerative and holds out encouraging possibilities to intelligence and enterprise.

Agriculture and manufacturing go hand in hand, mutually giving and receiving benefits, and nowhere should the connection be closer than in this State, which supplies so many facilities for both.

The Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture in his forthcoming report, brings it to the notice of the agricultural community that they are not profiting as they might do by the valuable fertilizing material furnished by the oil factories along the coast. The thousands of tons that are sent to other States, and other countries even, are needed upon our own soil. Their own interests must lead farmers to heed the suggestions of the report.



The business of corn-canning is engaged in extensively at several points in the State, and is regarded with favor by the cultivators who supply the factories.

The cheese manufacturing industry, which has recently been introduced, has already assumed considerable proportions, is rapidly extending and bids fair to become a most important manufacture in itself, and incidentally promotive of good cultivation of the soil.

The favor with which these industries are regarded and the success they meet with, suggest that one of the most important agricultural industries of the world may be introduced into our State, to the great benefit of all classes, mechanics, capitalists and laborers, as well as farmers—the manufacture of sugar from beet roots. This industry had a feeble beginning in France seventy years ago. In 1825 that country produced 5,000 tons of beet sugar. It has since extended to nearly all European countries, and embraced in 1867, 1,400 factories, producing 700,000 tons of sugar. In 1874 the estimated production was over one million tons. It is so desirable an industry, is held in such high esteem, and has advanced with such strides in the countries where it has been introduced, that it would be a subject of wonder why it has not been naturalized here, if we did not reflect upon the superabundant means of employment the new and growing country has afforded to capital. Attention is now being turned to it. Several factories are in operation in California, and it is reported that the success of the last season's work was so encouraging that the business will be largely increased.

The industry is perfectly practicable in this State. Comparison with the beet-sugar producing countries indicates that no condition is wanting to the successful prosecution of the business on our soil, and that the balance of considerations affecting it is greatly in our favor. Experiments made in New England have demonstrated that beets grown here are superior to the foreign product for sugar making, and indicated that the manufacture on a large scale can be carried on at a good profit to both cultivator and manufacturer.

Its introduction would benefit the farmer by giving him a sure market for a profitable crop, and by building up manufacturing centres where his other products would be in demand. It would benefit the capitalist, by affording remunerative employment for

his money, and, the laboring man by giving him opportunity for steady work in winter—the great need in our State.

The probability, the almost certainty, that Maine can advantageously produce even the home consumption of sugar, is a consideration of such importance in itself, and holds out such promise of accompanying benefits, that regarding both the function of the Legislature to promote the welfare of the State and its duty to avoid expense for purposes of doubtful utility, I feel that the small expenditure requisite to an investigation of the merits of the beet sugar industry, and of its applicability to our circumstances, would be well advised.

#### THE REFORM SCHOOL.

The trustees of the Maine Reform School make a report of the condition of that institution and of the manner in which it is conducted, that will be received with general and hearty gratification. The school is shown by them to have accomplished its own reformation, by sweeping away all cells and walls that have hitherto made the distinction between it and a prison only nominal, and by grading the boys according to character and conduct. The new plan of separating the well-disposed from the vicious, and of cultivating honor and manliness by affording opportunities for the exercise of those virtues, presents so many promising features to the reason that the good results of it are not surprising.

There are one hundred and forty-two boys in the school, and seventy of them are in the first grade. Two sessions of school are held daily, and all are taught some branch of work on the farm or in the shop. It cannot be doubted that good instruction, wholesome labor, the required observance of cleanliness and order, a present reward for good behavior in promotion or discharge, and all the influences proceeding from an intelligent and interested supervision, will start many of these boys on the way to become upright and useful men.

The appropriation last year was \$18,000, and of that sum \$5,000 were expended for permanent repairs and fixtures. The trustees think \$16,000 will be needed this year. That sum probably includes the estimate for certain other permanent repairs and fixtures which they propose and specify.

## OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

The Military and Naval Orphan Asylum at Bath, the Children's Home at Bangor, and the Industrial School for Girls at Hallowell, are institutions of a public nature, maintained wholly or in part by the State.

## STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Many eminent physicians are of the opinion that, following the example of many other States, Maine would consult the public welfare by establishing a Board of Health, composed of physicians in different sections of the State, and empowered to enforce such sanitary measures as they may deem necessary.

It is a growing belief among medical men and others who have investigated the subject, that want of, or imperfect drainage, and the use of water contaminated by filth, are among the most pregnant causes of disease, particularly of fevers, in villages as well as large towns and cities. The consideration of means to abate these and kindred evils is surely a matter worthy of your profound attention.

## THE INDIANS.

The Agent of the Penobscot Tribe suggests that the reduction of the appropriation for agricultural purposes made by the last Legislature, effects a hardship, and he recommends that an appropriation of the usual amount be made. He also recommends a donation to a member of the tribe who has lost his house, furniture and stock in trade by fire, and cites a precedent for such action.

The expenditures for the Passamaquoddy Tribe have exceeded the appropriation by a small amount, and further extra appropriations are required for repairs of buildings and other purposes.

## THE CENTENNIAL.

The International Exhibition of Arts, Manufactures and Products of the Soil and Mine, to be held in Philadelphia under the auspices of the United States, bids fair to constitute a worthy celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of American Independence. Preparations have been made on the most extensive scale, and are rapidly approaching completion; and so many assurances of intention to participate have been received from the governments and people of the civilized world, as to indicate that the American

Congress of Industry will at least equal those which have been held by other countries. No more appropriate celebration of the great event could have been devised. The establishment of a government of the people not only secured the happiness and prosperity which we enjoy, but sent abroad an influence which has manifested itself in the amelioration of the political condition of the people of other lands, and is constantly and surely extending. It is fitting, therefore, that we should invite all nations to join in the commemoration of the birthday of freedom—to enter the lists in the modern “Field of the Cloth of Gold” where kings of mind and knights of labor contend in friendly rivalries.

It engages the honor of our State and citizens to put forth every effort to secure a full representation of the resources and productions of Maine, since, whether rightfully or not, the guests of the nation will judge of the importance and capability of each State from the display it makes at what appears to be its chosen time and place.

The Commissioners appointed by the State have coöperated with those of the general board, and have succeeded in awakening such an interest and enrolling so many exhibitors, that they already confidently anticipate that the extent, variety and attractiveness of her contributions will entitle Maine to a creditable position among her sister States. The seven departments, Mining, Manufactures, Education and Science, Art, Machinery, Agriculture and Horticulture, which form the classification of articles in the Exhibition, will all have some representation from our State, though necessarily a limited one in some classes. The assured contributions of woollen and cotton textile fabrics, granite, slate, feldspar, iron, machinery, agricultural implements, canned products, and articles manufactured from wood pulp, are numerous and extensive. Add to these such contributions of cattle and horses, cereals, fruits, dairy products, grasses, native woods and samples of the shipbuilder's art as the State is capable of furnishing—and it is hoped that they may be obtained—and the aggregate must constitute a more interesting exhibition of our resources and industries than the State has ever witnessed.

I am confident that you will consult the sentiment of the people, by appropriating such a sum in this behalf as the Commissioners shall in their estimate show to be necessary to defray the general expenses proper to be borne by the State.

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Certain amendments to the Constitution, proposed by resolves of the last Legislature, have been declared by a proclamation of my predecessor to be adopted by the popular vote and to take effect and become a part of the Constitution of the State on the first day of January, 1876.

It is among the first and most important of your duties to give full practical effect to these amendments, by such enactments, and revision of existing statutes, as may be necessary to that end.

The amendments relating to special legislation and corporations necessitate much and the most careful exercise of your powers. They are as follows, constituting additions to Article four, Part third of the Constitution: "Section 13. The Legislature shall, from time to time, provide, as far as practicable, by general laws, for all matters usually appertaining to special or private legislation."

"Section 14. Corporations shall be formed under general laws, and shall not be created by special acts of the Legislature, except for municipal purposes, and in cases where the objects of the corporation cannot otherwise be attained; and, however formed, they shall forever be subject to the general laws of the State."

Section thirteen presents a discretionary field of action which your own honor will impel you to occupy to the fullest extent.

The title of "Special and Private Laws," which includes so large a portion of the laws of former Legislatures, is an obnoxious one, conveying suggestions of privilege, favoritism and monopoly; though happily these evils have not in fact, stained the character of our legislation, they should not be suffered to have, even in the form of our laws, any grounds of suspicion that can be removed. Other weighty objections to special laws for private benefit are, that they are obtained at the public expense, and in their passage distract the attention of legislators from matters of public interest. The opportunity is now afforded, and the duty enjoined upon you, by the amendment, to restrict the necessity for such laws to the narrowest possible limits. An analysis and classification of the private and special laws upon the statute books, will inform you of the objects for which it is desirable to provide by general laws, if practicable.

Many objects have been hitherto specially legislated upon although they were amply provided for by general laws. I have

distinguished authority for the statement that sixty or more of the corporations created by a special act for each, by the last Legislature, could have been created and organized under general laws. The reason why the general laws have not been resorted to to a greater extent, is not, so far as I am informed, to be found in any insufficiency or defect of those laws, but in the greater ease and simplicity of the method of application to the Legislature and in the fancied higher sanction of an authority proceeding directly from it. Section fourteen, relating to corporations, is comprehensive and peremptory. It relates to all corporations, except only those for municipal purposes. It clearly prohibits their creation by special acts if the objects desired can be secured under existing general laws.

These amendments direct you to useful and memorable work. The more of it you do—the closer the bounds to which you confine the necessity for special legislation—by so much will you conform the more nearly to the spirit and letter of the people's command and expectation, and heighten their approval.

The amendment giving the Governor power to grant conditional commutations and pardons, may be construed to refer to existing regulations, or as contemplating further action on your part in providing regulations relative to the manner of applying for pardons. It is earnestly to be desired that such regulations may be established as shall materially assist the Executive in the discharge of this, the most delicate and responsible department of his duty.

Rarely, even among the wretches who have incurred the heaviest sentence of the law, is there any criminal so utterly debased, so thoroughly devoid of redeeming qualities, that nothing can be urged in extenuation of his crime and no friend will come forward to plead his cause. In most cases the appeals for the mitigation of sentence are urgent and persistent. It is the intent of our law that every accused man shall have speedy, public and impartial trial. Justice having thus been accorded to the criminal, justice to society demands that he shall bear the penalty imposed on him. In occasional and exceptional instances substantial reasons are adduced for mitigating it. The meaning of this new amendment is not, in my opinion, that the pardoning power shall or may be more freely exercised than it has been heretofore. It is intended to afford a precaution against deception, mistaken or

undue lenity, in cases that appear to amply justify the exercise of the power ; to protect the pardoning power rather than to enlarge it. A measure will be alluded to farther on which bears upon the subject of pardons and commutations.

The amendment in regard to "bribery at elections," is permissive and not mandatory in its terms. If such a law as you are authorized by it to enact, should accomplish no other good, it would at least serve to place a stigma upon the crimes of making a commodity of the high privilege of citizenship, and to denote the just resentment by the sovereign people of a grievous insult to their dignity.

The amendments relating to the election of senators by plurality vote, to the appointment of judges of municipal and police courts, to taxation and to constitutional conventions, would seem to require no new legislation.

It is made the duty of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court to submit to you at this session, a codification of the constitution as amended.

Sections one, two and five, of article ten of the existing constitution, are to be omitted in printed copies thereof hereafter prefixed to the laws of the State ; but their omission is not to impair the validity of acts under them, and section five is to remain in full force as a part of the constitution.

#### PUNISHMENT OF CRIME IN CAPITAL CASES.

I respectfully suggest for your consideration the passage of a law empowering the jury to affix either the penalty of death or of imprisonment for life in capital cases. Such a law has been in operation in California for two years, and of twenty-nine convictions for murder within that period, eighteen were attended with sentences to imprisonment for life, and eleven with sentences to death.

The predecessor of the present Executive of that State, acknowledges the obligations he is under to that law for the decided relief it has afforded him, and gives the opinion that it has probably made the certainty of punishment greater.

#### CITY AND TOWN DEBTS.

I would also recommend that steps be taken looking to the limitation by law of city and town indebtedness and taxation.

The inconsistency of limiting the power of the State in this respect and imposing no restriction, with one exception, upon the liberty of cities and towns to incur debt, needs no argument. In order that you may have a basis for action, I suggest that you cause to be procured by the State Treasurer, or some other officer, such information as will be of value for the purpose. It seems desirable to obtain from each of the cities and towns of the State a return of the valuation of real and personal estate severally in each, and the rate of taxation to valuation, for 1875 and the four years preceding; and that, in returning the valuation for 1875, the officers should not only give the actual valuation upon which the tax was assessed, but also, in another column, the fair marketable value. It is probable that the returns could be secured and laid before you in season for your action the present session.

#### THE PROHIBITORY LAW.

I have no official information to present to you with regard to the workings of the law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors. It is a matter of common knowledge that they have been very generally enforced, especially in the cities and large towns, where the traffic is most persistently attempted to be carried on in defiance of them. The law as a whole fairly represents the sentiment of the people. The opposition to it presents in appearance a strength which it does not in reality possess.

The opponents who are entitled to a hearing, are the good citizens, the intelligent, thoughtful men, conservative by nature, who sincerely deprecate the evils caused by the sale of liquors, and yet are so tenacious of private rights that they cannot yield to the paramount claims of public order and economy. The loudest and most aggressive portion of the opposition are not entitled to a hearing in the court of reason, since the only arguments they regard are those of self-interest.

Maine has a fixed conclusion upon this subject. • It is that the sale of intoxicating liquors is an evil of such magnitude that the well-being of the State demands, and the conditions of the social compact warrant, its suppression. Hostility to the great wrong does not find expression solely in the law, but also in the great Reform movement, whose persuasive power has been so beneficially exercised throughout our communities.



## THE OUTLOOK.

Guarding ourselves carefully against self-deception, the future of our noble State still looms grandly through the passing clouds of this present time. There are substantial reasons for the expectation that in the general revival of business and industrial energies, Maine will be among the first to feel the new life.

Our natural resources have not yet obtained due appreciation. The forest is still dense and valuable, though it has so long resounded to the strokes of the lumberman's axe. The quarrying interest is important even now, in its very infancy, and there is practically no limitation to its extension. Iron is procured from our soil and various other metals are found which would undoubtedly reward systematic labor.

The sea is constantly increasing the employments and adding to the substance of the many who harvest its bounty.

Our industrial equipment, consisting of factories, mills, and workshops which have built up cities and centres of busy life here and there, represents various trades and crafts and forms a noble aggregate. Nor should the ship-yards be forgotten, where are reared the stately and beautiful structures which make the naval architecture of our State the admiration of the world; nor the thousand miles of railroad which serve our commerce and manufactures. When the fresh impulse shall be felt, every energy of the State will be quickly aroused, cautious capital will come forth and our young men will have ample opportunities at home to gratify their ambition.

Gentlemen, I am glad to believe that the recommendations a sense of duty has prompted me to make, carry with them no authority beyond their intrinsic merit, and that they will have the revision of your better judgment. I trust that your deliberations will be harmonious and result in great good to the State whose servants we are.

At the conclusion of the address, the Governor and suite retired.

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

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

Mr. PIKE of Calais, presented bill "an act to reduce the rate of interest," and on his motion it was laid off the table and ordered printed; also

Petition for charter of the Fort Fairfield Branch Railway Company, which on his motion was laid on the table for reference.

On motion of Mr. PIKE of Calais,

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns it be till 2.15 this afternoon.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Lane, proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature, this day, at 2.30 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing a Secretary of State, Attorney General, Adjutant General, and seven Executive Councillors, and asking the concurrence of the House.

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.

On motion of Mr. FRANK of Portland,  
Adjourned to meet at 2.15 o'clock P. M.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

The hour fixed for the election of a Secretary of State, Attorney General, Adjutant General, and seven Executive Councillors, having arrived, the Senate came in and a Convention was formed.

#### IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. PEAKS of the Senate.

Messrs. Peaks of Penobscot,  
Sturgis of Androscoggin,  
Anderson of Portland,  
Nealley of Bangor,  
Thompson of Vassalborough,  
Stone of Biddeford,  
Burpee of Rockland,

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

Mr. PEAKS, from the Committee, subsequently reported :

Whole number of votes.....	169
Necessary to a choice .....	85
Sumner J. Chadbourne had .....	95
Alexander M. Robinson.....	74

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

On motion of Mr. HASKELL of the Senate,

Messrs. Haskell of Cumberland,  
 Kyes of Franklin,  
 Haynes of Augusta,  
 Cook of Lewiston,  
 • Jordan of Brunswick,  
 Reed of Boothbay,  
 Frank of Portland,

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

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

Whole number of votes.....	167
Necessary for a choice .....	84
Hon. L. A. Emery had .....	96
Hon. David R. Hastings.....	71

The report was read and accepted, and Hon. L. A. Emery declared duly elected Attorney General for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. STEVENS of the Senate,

Messrs. Stevens of Somerset,  
 Webb of Penobscot,  
 Shepherd of Skowhegan,  
 Tilden of Castine,  
 White of Orono,  
 Story of Washburn,  
 Pillsbury of Farmington,

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

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

Whole number of votes .....	168
Necessary for a choice.....	85
Gen. Jonathan P. Cilley had .....	96
Hon. Samuel D. Leavitt.....	71
George F. Granger.....	1

The report was read and accepted, and Gen. Jonathan P. Cilley declared duly elected Adjutant General for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. LORD of the Senate,

Messrs. Lord of York,  
 · Brown of Piscataquis,  
 Rogers of Bath,  
 Ballard of Augusta,  
 Brown of Oldtown,  
 Blanchard of Yarmouth,  
 Bass of Bangor,

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

Mr. LORD, from the Committee, subsequently reported :

Whole number of votes .....	164
Necessary for a choice .....	83
Jeremiah M. Mason had.....	93
George Warren.....	93
George A. Preble.....	93
Charles A. Wing .....	93
Fred E. Richards.....	93
Charles Buffum.....	93
Solomon Stanley.....	93
George M. Payne.....	71
Washington Bray.....	71
Frank B. Torrey .....	71
B. F. Parrot .....	71
Nelson Thompson.....	71
James F. Rawson.....	71
Rodolphus P. Thompson.....	71

The report was read and accepted, and Jeremiah M. Mason, George Warren, George A. Preble, Charles A. Wing, Fred E. Richards, Charles Buffum and Solomon Stanley, were declared duly elected Executive Councillors for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. WADSWORTH of Oxford,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Convention be directed to inform Hon. Sumner J. Chadbourne of his election as Secretary of State, Hon. L. A. Emery of his election as Attorney General, Gen. Jonathan P. Cilley of his election as Adjutant General, and Hons. Jeremiah M. Mason, George Warren, George A. Preble, Charles A. Wing, Fred E. Richards, Charles Buffum and Solomon Stanley of their election as Executive Councillors for the current political year.

The purposes of the Convention having been accomplished the Senate retired.

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

On motion of Mr. POWERS of Houlton,

*Ordered*, That two thousand copies of the address of Governor Selden Connor be printed for the use of this House.

Communications from Hon. Sumner J. Chadbourne, signifying his acceptance of the office of Secretary of State, and from Hon. L. A. Emery, signifying his acceptance of the office of Attorney General, were received from the Senate and read in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,

*Ordered*, That when this House adjourn it shall adjourn until Tuesday of next week, and that thereafter every secular day, including Saturdays and Mondays, shall be deemed a full business day. This order was read and passed and sent to the Senate.

Subsequently the order was returned from the Senate amended by striking out all after the word Tuesday, and passed.

The House insisted and proposed a Committee of Conference, and the SPEAKER appointed Messrs. Porter of Burlington, Pike of Calais, and Powers of Houlton, conferees.

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee, subsequently reported that the order be amended so as to read as follows :

*Ordered*, That the Senate concurring, that when this House adjourn it shall adjourn until Tuesday next, and that thereafter every secular day, including Saturdays and Mondays, shall be deemed a full business day.

The report was read and accepted, and the order as amended passed and sent to the Senate.

Communications were received from Hons. Jeremiah M. Mason, George Warren, Charles A. Wing, Fred E. Richards, Charles Buffum, signifying their acceptance of the office of Councillors.

A message was received from the Senate, through Mr. Lane, its Secretary, proposing a Convention in the Representatives' Hall, this day, at 4 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of administering to Hon. Jeremiah M. Mason, George Warren, Charles A. Wing, Fred E. Richards, Charles Buffum, the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon 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. STEVENS of Somerset,

The Secretary of the Convention was directed to notify J. M. Mason, George Warren, Charles A. Wing, Fred E. Richards and Charles Buffum, 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 that they would forthwith attend upon the Convention.

Thereupon Hons. Jeremiah M. Mason, George Warren, Charles A. Wing, Fred E. Richards, Charles Buffum, 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. KYES of Franklin,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Convention inform the Governor of the qualification of J. M. Mason, George Warren, Charles A. Wing, Fred E. Richards, Charles Buffum, 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 was called to order by the SPEAKER.

Paper from the Senate.

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that when the Senate adjourn it shall adjourn to meet Tuesday of next week.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and was read and passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GRANT of Ellsworth,  
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. SARGENT of Augusta.

Journal of Thursday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

The order relating to private legislation, passed by the House, came from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and passed.

The House voted to adhere, on motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington.

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

This order came from the Senate read and passed, was amended as per sheet "A," on motion of Mr. MARTIN of Camden, and passed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,

*Ordered*, That a Joint Select Committee of seven on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to take into consideration the duties imposed upon the Legislature by the amendment to the Constitution recently adopted relating to corporations.

The order was laid on the table.

Communication from the State Treasurer, transmitting his annual report, was read, and the report referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs; also

Communication from the same, transmitting sundry claims for bounties on wild animals, was read, and the claims referred to the Committee on Claims.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. PORTER of Burlington, announced the attendance of Mr. Hamilton of Dexter.

Mr. HUSSEY of North Berwick, announced the attendance of Mr. Murch of Buxton.

Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, announced the attendance of Mr. Keegan of Van Buren.

The 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.

They subsequently appeared and took their seats in the House.

The SPEAKER announced the Standing Committees of the House, which are as follows :

*On Ways and Means.*

Messrs. Shepherd of Skowhegan,  
White of Bucksport,  
Rogers of Bath,  
Hobson of Wiscasset,  
Davis of Portland,  
Greeley of Lewiston,  
Bass of Bangor.

*On Leave of Absence.*

Messrs. Story of Washburn,  
Davis of Jefferson,  
Fowler of Albion,  
Dearborn of Parsonsfield,  
Connor of Troy,  
Salley of Madison,  
Sawyer of Thomaston.



*On Change of Names.*

Messrs. Farrar of Buckfield,  
Dyer of Milbridge,  
Dunning of Charleston,  
Goodrich of Concord,  
Hopkins of Hermon,  
Woodsum of Peru,  
Nowland of Dalton.

*On Bills in the Third Reading.*

Messrs. Stone of Biddeford,  
Warren of Westbrook,  
Linnell of Exeter,  
Thompson of Vassalborough,  
Goodwin of South Berwick,  
Maxwell of Webster,  
Smiley of Pittston.

*On Engrossed Bills.*

Messrs. Fogler of Hope,  
Parcher of Leeds,  
Nowland of Dalton,  
Morrill of Deering,  
Pendleton of Northport,  
Littlefield of Wells,  
Fletcher of Corinth.

*On Business of the House.*

Messrs. Dutton of Lewiston,  
Stone of Biddeford,  
Nealley of Bangor.

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

*On the Judiciary.*

Messrs. Swasey of Oxford,  
 Kyes of Franklin,  
 Wheelwright of Penobscot, *of the Senate* ;

Messrs. Powers of Houlton,  
 Pike of Calais,  
 Talbot of East Machias,  
 Eastman of Saco,  
 Haynes of Augusta,  
 Frank of Portland,  
 Keegan of Madawaska, *of the House.*

*On Legal Affairs.*

Messrs. Donworth of Aroostook,  
 Prescott of Somerset,  
 Woodbury of Kennebec, *of the Senate* ;

Messrs. Cleaves of Portland,  
 Stone of Biddeford,  
 Lynch of Machias,  
 Kimball of Waterford,  
 Robinson of Lincoln,  
 Thompson of Vassalborough,  
 Chase of Bridgton, *of the House.*

*On Financial Affairs.*

Messrs. Hinckley of Hancock,  
 Sturgis of Androscoggin,  
 Wentworth of Washington, *of the Senate* ;

Messrs. Shepherd of Skowhegan,  
 White of Bucksport,  
 Rogers of Bath,  
 Hobson of Wiscasset,  
 Davis of Portland, .  
 Greely of Lewiston,  
 Bass of Bangor, *of the House.*

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*On Federal Relations.*

- Messrs. Peaks of Penobscot,  
Lord of York,  
Tolman of Hancock, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Wiggin of Rockland,  
Hobson of Wiscasset,  
Grant of Ellsworth,  
Nealley of Bangor,  
Young of Trenton,  
Blanchard of Yarmouth,  
Martin of Camden, *of the House.*

*On Education.*

- Messrs. Stevens of Somerset,  
Lord of York,  
Baker of Cumberland, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Nealley of Bangor,  
Hussey of North Berwick,  
Pillsbury of Farmington,  
Maxwell of Webster,  
Warren of Westbrook,  
Hutchins of Fryeburg,  
Fletcher of Corinth, *of the House.*

*On Railroads.*

- Messrs. Haskell of Cumberland,  
Hinckley of Hancock,  
Brown of Piscataquis, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Anderson of Portland,  
Porter of Burlington,  
Smith of Auburn,  
Sargent of Sedgwick,  
Berry of Gardiner,  
Davis of Portland,  
Locke of Paris, *of the House.*

*On Commerce.*

- Messrs. Carney of Lincoln,  
 Watts of Knox,  
 Wheelwright of Penobscot, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Jordan of Brunswick,  
 True of Portland,  
 Blaisdell of Franklin,  
 Martin of Camden,  
 Blanchard of Yarmouth,  
 Goldthwait of Biddeford,  
 Gould of Brooks, *of the House.*

*On Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.*

- Messrs. Wadsworth of Oxford,  
 Carney of Lincoln,  
 Brackett of York, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. White of Bucksport,  
 Wiggin of Rockland,  
 Meader of Waterville,  
 Young of Hiram,  
 Smiley of Pittston,  
 Trickey of Cape Elizabeth,  
 Allen of Waldoborough, *of the House.*

*On Banks and Banking.*

- Messrs. Wheelwright of Penobscot,  
 Sturgis of Androscoggin,  
 Watts of Knox, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Dutton of Lewiston,  
 Hume of Eastport,  
 Haynes of Augusta,  
 Baker of Newcastle,  
 Grant of Ellsworth,  
 True of Portland,  
 Goodwin of South Berwick, *of the House.*

*On Manufactures.*

- Messrs. Jordan of Androscoggin,  
 Webb of Penobscot,  
 Brown of Cumberland, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Burpee of Rockland,  
 Cook of Lewiston,  
 Libby of Limerick,  
 Morrill of Deering,  
 Farrar of Buckfield,  
 Garey of Alfred,  
 Stratton of Mattawamkeag, *of the House.*

*On Agriculture.*

- Messrs. Lord of York,  
 Peaks of Penobscot,  
 Estes of Waldo, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Phillips of Orrington,  
 Allan of Dennysville,  
 Colby of Rumford,  
 Hayford of Maysville,  
 Brown of Brownville,  
 Nelson of New Gloucester,  
 Rowe of Frankfort, *of the House.*

*On Military Affairs.*

- Messrs. Peaks of Penobscot,  
 Kyes of Franklin,  
 Tolman of Hancock, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Tilden of Castine,  
 Percy of West Bath,  
 Rolf of Princeton,  
 Reed of Boothbay,  
 Davis of Jefferson,  
 Story of Washburn,  
 Robinson of Mt. Vernon, *of the House.*

*On Interior Waters.*

- Messrs. Brackett of York,  
Thurlough of Penobscot,  
Gray of Cumberland, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Farrar of Turner,  
White of Orono,  
Strickland of Bangor,  
Chase of Standish,  
Lord of Lebanon,  
Hopkinson of Limington,  
Blanchard of Falmouth, *of the House.*

*On State Lands and State Roads.*

- Messrs. Brown of Piscataquis,  
Thompson of York,  
Gray of Cumberland, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Porter of Burlington,  
Burnham of Bethel,  
Libby of Limerick,  
Tenney of Chelsea,  
Nadeau of Fort Kent,  
Alexander of Linneus,  
Gibson of Fairfield, *of the House.*

*On Ways and Bridges.*

- Messrs. Thompson of York,  
Haskell of Cumberland,  
Carney of Lincoln, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Wagg of Auburn,  
Pinkham of Kennebunkport,  
Fellows of Windham,  
Brown of Oldtown,  
Hamilton of Dexter,  
Keating of Warren,  
Leavitt of Athens, *of the House.*

*On Fisheries.*

- Messrs. Talbot of Washington,  
 Thompson of York,  
 Brown of Cumberland, *of the Senate*;
- Messrs. Farrar of Buckfield,  
 Connor of Troy,  
 Haskell of Deer Isle,  
 Trussell of St. George,  
 Hopkins of Hermon,  
 Clifford of Stockton,  
 Reed of Tremont, *of the House*.

*On Counties.*

- Messrs. Prescott of Somerset,  
 Thurlough of Penobscot,  
 Estes of Waldo, *of the Senate*;
- Messrs. Salley of Madison,  
 Drisko of Centreville,  
 Woodsum of Peru,  
 Robinson of Holden,  
 Davis of Jefferson,  
 Haley of Rangely,  
 Mantor of Anson, *of the House*.

*On Towns.*

- Messrs. Thurlough of Penobscot,  
 Wadsworth of Oxford,  
 White of Waldo, *of the Senate*;
- Messrs. Littlefield of Wells,  
 Aldrich of Freeport,  
 Dwinal of Minot,  
 Connor of Troy,  
 Murch of Buxton,  
 Bean of Belfast,  
 Young of Trenton, *of the House*.

*On Indian Affairs.*

- Messrs. Webb of Penobscot,  
 Talbot of Washington,  
 Wadsworth of Oxford, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Sawyer of South Thomaston,  
 Dunning of Charleston,  
 Sherman of Pembroke,  
 Stone of Hampden,  
 Marden of Palermo,  
 Sweetser of Newburg,  
 Dyer of Milbridge, *of the House.*

*On Claims.*

- Messrs. Kyes of Franklin,  
 Woodbury of Kennebec,  
 Baker of Cumberland, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Lamson of Richmond,  
 Linnell of Exeter,  
 Norton of Industry,  
 Martin of Sebago,  
 Stover of Harpswell,  
 Wyman of Belgrade,  
 Meader of Waterville, *of the House.*

*On Pensions.*

- Messrs. Woodbury of Kennebec,  
 Estes of Waldo,  
 Webb of Penobscot, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Fogler of Hope,  
 Robinson of Mt. Vernon,  
 Yates of Bristol,  
 Potter of Woolwich,  
 Weymouth of Canaan,  
 Wade of Sangerville,  
 Currier of Wilton, *of the House.*



*On Insane Hospital.*

- Messrs. French of Kennebec,  
 Stevens of Somerset,  
 Wentworth of Washington, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Ballard of Augusta,  
 Steward of Kittery,  
 Norton of Industry,  
 Carleton of Newfield,  
 Cook of Lewiston,  
 Percy of West Bath,  
 Fowler of Albion, *of the House.*

*On Reform School.*

- Messrs. Sturgis of Androscoggin,  
 Brackett of York,  
 Stevens of Somerset, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Lord of Bluehill,  
 Allen of Wellington,  
 Cumston of Monmouth,  
 Leavitt of Athens,  
 Clifford of Stockton,  
 Pillsbury of Farmington,  
 Potter of Woolwich, *of the House.*

*On State Prison.*

- Messrs. Prescott of Somerset,  
 Jordan of Androscoggin,  
 White of Waldo, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Burnham of Bethel,  
 Floyd of Winthrop,  
 Richardson of Hartland,  
 Parcher of Leeds,  
 Hyler of Thomaston,  
 Sweetser of Newburg,  
 Carrier of Wilton, *of the House.*

*On Public Buildings.*

- Messrs. Brown of Piscataquis,  
Wentworth of Washington,  
Hinckley of Hancock, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Nowland of Dalton,  
Cooper of Searsmont,  
Gay of Casco,  
Goodrich of Concord,  
Mantor of Anson,  
Pendleton of Northport,  
Robertson of Weld, *of the House.*

*On Library.*

- Messrs. French of Kennebec,  
Swasey of Oxford,  
Donworth of Aroostook, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Pike of Calais,  
Pinkham of Kennebunkport,  
Currier of Wilton,  
Dennison of Cutler,  
Fowler of Albion,  
Getchell of Plymouth,  
Dearborn of Parsonsfield, *of the House.*

Communications from Hons. George A. Preble and Soloman Stanley, 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 George A. Preble and Soloman Stanley, 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. KYES of Franklin,

The Secretary of the Convention was directed to notify George A. Preble and Soloman Stanley, 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. George A. Preble and Soloman Stanley, 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. PRESCOTT of the Senate,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Convention inform the Governor of the qualifications of Hons. George A. Preble and Soloman Stanley 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 was called to order by the SPEAKER.

Petition of the Warren Baptist Society, for authority to transfer real and personal property to said society; also

Bill "an act to amend section 1, chapter 37 of the revised statutes, relating to auctioneers;" and

On motion of Mr. PIKE of Calais,

Printed bill "an act to reduce the rate of interest;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of John Neal and others, for authority to build and extend a wharf into the tide waters of the Piscataquis river; and

Petition of C. G. Guptill and others of Gouldsborough, for leave to build a wharf into tide waters of Winter harbor.

Were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of J. M. Livermore and others of the town of Eastport, for change of the charter of the Bangor and Calais Shore Line Railroad Company ; and

Petition for charter for Fort Fairfield Branch Railway Company ;  
Were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of Henry Earskin, R. S. Sawyer, A. P. McFarland and 157 others, praying for a division of the town of Montville, was referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of Gilbert H. Manchester and others of Mt. Desert, for leave to build fish weirs in Somes' sound ; also

Petition of Abraham C. Fernald and others of Cranberry Isles, for leave to build fish weirs in said town ; and

Petition of Amos Hubbs and others of the town of Farmington, for an act to prevent the taking or killing of fish in Hubb's pond Farmington, with bill accompanying ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of Leonora A. Patterson, for deed of lot of land, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Credentials of Joseph Francis, delegate of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. DUTTON of Lewiston, presented an act to incorporate the Benjamin Franklin Coöperative Association of Lewiston, which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. PIKE of Calais, presented bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Red Granite Company," which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, presented "resolve in favor of economy in public expenditures," and on his motion the rules were suspended the resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. TRUSSELL of St. George,

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

This order was amended by adding, "and the same be returned to the Secretary of State at the close of the session."

On motion of Mr. MARTIN of Camden,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of State be directed to furnish the Messenger of the House one copy of the Acts and Resolves of 1875 for each member of the present House.

On motion of Mr. PILLSBURY of Farmington,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk make up the pay of Frederick P. Haviland at ten dollars and the usual mileage.

Mr. MARTIN of Camden offered the following :

WHEREAS, Since the board of Fish Commissioners was established in 1867, a large amount of money has been paid from the State Treasury for the propagation of fish, under its direction, and a sufficient time has elapsed to test by practical results the wisdom of the expenditure, therefore

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Fisheries be directed to carefully investigate the matter, and if the results do not seem to them sufficient to warrant further appropriation, that they be directed to report such legislation as is necessary to abolish the office of Fish Commissioner.

The order was amended by striking out the word "large," in the second line, and passed.

On motion of Mr. SHEPHERD of Skowhegan,

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

These orders were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. PHILLIPS of Orrington,

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. CURRIS of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Petition of Directors of the Monmouth Mutual Fire Insurance Company, asking for an act additional to an act incorporating said company, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of Charles Verrill and others of Auburn, praying for an act to prevent corporal punishment in public schools, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Education.

Bill "an act permitting the defendant to give bond in trustee process," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

*Ordered,* That a Joint Select Committee of three 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. Lord of York,  
French of Kennebec,  
Donworth of Aroostook,

appointed on the part of the Senate.

This order was passed in concurrence, and

Messrs. Allan of Dennyville,  
Grant of Ellsworth,  
Seaward of Kittery,  
Robertson of Weld,  
Sargent of Sedgwick,  
Aldrich of Freeport,  
Robinson of Holden,

were joined on the part of the House.

*Ordered,* That a Joint Select Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to

contract with some suitable 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. Stevens of Somerset,  
Hinckley of Hancock,  
Sturgis of Androscoggin,

appointed on its part.

The order was read and passed in concurrence, and

Messrs. Shepherd of Skowhegan,  
True of Portland,  
Berry of Gardiner,  
Hobson of Wiscasset,  
Fellows of Windham,  
Sargent of Sedgwick,  
Goldthwait of Biddeford,

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 for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and

Messrs. Jordan of Androscoggin,  
Wadsworth of Oxford,  
Gray of Cumberland,

appointed on its part.

The order was read and passed in concurrence, and

Messrs. Allan of Dennysville,  
Cleaves of Portland,  
Woodsum of Peru,  
Hamilton of Dexter,  
Drisko of Centerville,  
Trickey of Cape Elizabeth,  
Maxwell of Webster,

were joined on part of the House.

“ An act to incorporate the Katahdin Iron Company ;” also

“ An act relating to chapter 18, revised statutes ;” also

“ An act to enable non-resident guardians to obtain property in

this State belonging to their wards residing in other States and Territories of the United States ;" also

Petition of Albert A. Burleigh to amend section 18, chapter 88, revised statutes ; also

Petition of Rebecca Ayer of Lisbon, for amendment of chapter 75, revised statutes, so that the mother shall have the same right as the father, provided she is a widow, to the property of unmarried deceased children ; and

Petition of the citizens of Cherryfield for abolition of the death penalty ;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of W. H. Hunt and others, praying that a portion of Montville be annexed to the town of Liberty ; also

Petition of A. A. Brown and others residing in the town of Liberty, in aid of same ; also

Petition of H. Gilman and others, in aid of the same ; and

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

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of Fessenden Chase and others of the town of Edgecomb, for amendment of chapter 22, revised statutes ; also

Petition of Charles H. Bragdon and others, for an act to make valid the doings of the First Universalist Society of Biddeford and Saco ; also

Petition of J. B. Hall and others of Addison, for an act to amend statutes relating to the killing of deer and caribou ; and

Petition of Winslow Bates and others, for an act to amend chapter 11, revised statutes ;

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Henry R. Downs and others, in reference to claim of Samuel C. Greenlow to lot No. 96 in Chapman plantation ; also

Petition of George W. Kalloch for deed of lot of land in Dalton, which he has paid for, waiving further settling duties ; also

Petition of Veranus Chandler and 43 others, for an appropriation for repairing bridge across the Aroostook river in Maysville ; also

Petition of County Commissioners of Aroostook county, in aid of same ; also

Petition of John Ryan, for deed of lot of land which he has paid for, waiving further settling duties ; and

Petition of F. A. Flint and others, for an appropriation to build a bridge across the Magalloway river in Range 1, No. 5 ;



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

Bill "an act for the protection of fish in Pushaw pond in the county of Penobscot, and the streams flowing into and out of said pond;" also

Petition of John Kimball and 57 others of Hermon, for the better protection of fish in Hewes' pond, with bill accompanying; also

Petition of Thaddeus Sibley and others, for leave to erect and maintain fish weirs in front of Mill cove in the St. Croix river, in the town of Robinston; also

Petition of Frank S. Wilson and 300 others of the city of Bangor and the town of Glenburn, for additional legislation for the protection of fish in Pushaw pond, and the streams tributary thereto, in the county of Penobscot; also

Petition of George B. Flye and others, for authority to build fish weirs in tide waters of Bluchill bay; also

Petition of Llewellyn Libby of Albion and 40 others, in relation to taking pickerel from Lovejoy's pond; and

Bill "an act authorizing Samuel Davis to build and maintain a fish weir at Bear Isle and Mt. Desert;"

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of Penobscot Indians, in relation to schools for the tribe; and

Petition of same for an appropriation for agricultural purposes;

Were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

"Resolve in favor of Joseph Granger," was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Bill "an act to amend an act relating to the city schools of Bangor," was referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of Thomas Cleland of Robinston, for authority to erect and maintain weirs and wharves at Mill cove in Passamaquoddy bay or St. Andrew's bay, in Robinston; and

Petition of Mathew Cleland of Robinston, for authority to build and maintain wharves and fish weirs in front of his land in the town of Robinston;

Were referred to Committee on Commerce.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. FLOYD of Winthrop,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the

expediency of further legislation looking to the more sure arrest and punishment of those who commit robberies in the State, by authorizing the Attorney General to offer rewards in certain cases, and report to this Legislature by bill or otherwise; also

On motion of the same gentleman,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee be directed to draft and present to this Legislature, a bill with the view to more effectually protecting the people against vagrants and tramps.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. POWERS, from the Committee on Elections, reported ought to pass on "resolve declaring Benjamin T. Chase a member of this House."

The report was read and accepted, and the resolve passed.

Mr. Powers announced the attendance of Mr. Chase, member elect from Bridgton, and conducted him to the Governor, where he took and subscribed the oath required to qualify him for the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. Chase subsequently appeared and took his seat in the House.

The order relating to the appointment of a Joint Select Committee on the Constitutional Amendment relating to Corporations, was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington, and the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. Pike of Calais,  
 Talbot of East Machias,  
 Porter of Burlington,  
 Shepherd of Skowhegan,  
 Rogers of Bath,  
 Eastman of Saco,  
 Chase of Bridgton,

on part of the House.

The order was sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. BASS of Bangor,  
 Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. SARGENT of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill "an act to reduce the rate of interest," referred to the Committee on the Judiciary by the House, came from the Senate non-concurred, and referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

The House receded and concurred.

Petition of G. W. Fairbanks and others, for the protection of fish in Berry, Dexter and Wilson ponds in the towns of Wayne, Winthrop and Monmouth, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of J. W. Whitney and others, for an act incorporating the town of Lakeville, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Towns.

The following communication from the Executive Department, came from the Senate read and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations :

STATE OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
Augusta, January 12, 1876. }

*To the President of the Senate  
and Speaker of the House of Representatives :*

I herewith transmit a communication from Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State of the United States, enclosing a copy of a communication from Sir Edward Thornton, Minister of Great Britain at Washington, relative to the protection and increase of fish frequenting in common the frontier waters of the United States and Canada.

( Signed )

SELDEN CONNOR.

The House non-concurred and referred the same to the Committee on Fisheries.

A communication from Gen. Jonathan P. Cilley, signifying his acceptance of the office of Adjutant General, came from the Senate, and was read in concurrence.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of extending the provisions of chapter 104 of the revised statutes, relating to real actions and betterments.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Banks and Banking be requested to report on the expediency of repealing all charters heretofore granted to savings banks and banking institutions which have not at this date organized and commenced business, excepting only the Cumberland County Savings Bank.

These orders were read and passed in concurrence.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting report of the Bank Examiner, was read and referred with report to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Bill "an act to amend section 1 of chapter 65, revised statutes, relating to libraries, charitable societies, and public cemeteries," was referred to Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill "an act to amend section 1, chapter 97 of the public laws of 1873, relating to change of names;" also

Petition of Assessors of Drew plantation, for an act to make valid the doings of said plantation; also

Bill "an act to authorize the municipal authorities of the city of Saco to discontinue the old cemetery in Saco, and remove the remains now therein to Laurel Hill Cemetery;"

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Mark Marshall, for authority to build and maintain a wharf at Marshall's cove in St. George, with bill accompanying; also

Petition of Samuel N. McFarland and others, for leave to build a wharf in tide waters in Frenchman's bay in the town of Hancock; also

Petition of Andrew J. Huddleston and Sanford Rumney of Lubec, for leave to extend weirs into tide waters of Johnston's bay; and

Bill "an act to incorporate the Rockland, Mt. Desert and Sullivan Steamboat Company;"

Were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of William H. Hodgkins and others of Songo Gore, for annexation to the town of Casco ; also

Remonstrance of M. S. Ayer, J. A. Clough and 10 others, against the division of the town of Montville ; also

Petition of Andrew R. Gay and others of the town of Casco, for the annexation of the Dingley islands to said town ; also

Petition of Benjamin C. Gay and others of the town of Casco, for the annexation of Songo Gore to said town ; and

Petition of J. W. Davis and 50 others, to be set off from the town of Webster and annexed to the city of Lewiston ;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Remonstrance of W. H. Allan and 17 others, against petition of Thaddeus Sibley and others ; also

Remonstrance of W. H. Allan and others, against the same ; also

Petition of Rufus Harlow and others of Parkman, for the preservation of pickerel in Parkman pond ; and

Petition of H. H. Phillips and others of Surry, for an act to prohibit the taking of smelts by any other mode than by hook and line, with bill accompanying ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of Enoch Hall and others, for deed of lot of land which he has paid for in road labor, waiving further settling duties ; also

Petition of inhabitants of Fort Kent and Frenchville, in aid of Commissioner's report on claims of settlers on proprietors' lands in Madawaska territory ; also

Petition of inhabitants of Frenchville, in aid of same ; and

Petition of Cyrille Pellitier and 4 others of St. Francis, for deeds of lots of land which have been paid for by them and claimed by the E. & N. A. Railway Company ;

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

Petition of Governor Susup Sockalexis of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, for an appropriation to repair the chapel belonging to said tribe ; also

Of the same, for an appropriation in aid of Lola Coly ;

Were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Petition of George T. Loring and others of Yarmouth, for an act to legalize the vote of the town of Yarmouth of March, 1869, as to division lines between school districts No. 3 and 9, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of James Nowland and others of Dalton, for change of name, was referred to Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of John A. Burke and others, for an act to incorporate the Rangely Agricultural Society, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. FOGLEK of Hope,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending and defining chapter 227, public laws of 1874, relating to powers and duties of county commissioners.

On motion of Mr. DYER of Milbridge,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws in relation to pound keepers, as to make it more effectual in the taking up of cattle going at large.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire whether further legislation is not necessary to secure the prompt administration of justice to the people of the State in pursuance of section 19, article 1st of the Constitution.

On motion of Mr. STOVER of Harpswell,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill to prescribe what portion of a candidate's name shall be written or printed upon a ballot cast at any election, that said ballot may be counted for said candidate.

On motion of Mr. FRANK of Portland,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire whether any legislation is expedient under the amendment to the Constitution authorizing the Legislature to prescribe regulations relative to the manner of making applications for pardon; also

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of abolishing the death penalty, and prescribing by law such regulations relative to the manner of applying for pardons in certain cases of persons convicted of murder, that the convict will not obtain pardon except upon newly discovered and material evidence tending conclusively to show his innocence.

On motion of Mr. CLEAVES of Portland,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of so amending the law, that innholders and keepers of boarding-houses may enforce their lien on the goods and personal

baggage of their guests by sale, in the manner provided for the sale of unclaimed goods held by common carriers.

On motion of Mr. FELLOWS of Windham,

*Ordered,* That the State Treasurer be authorized to procure a fire and burglar proof safe for the better security of the books and deposits of the State, and that an appropriation be made for that purpose.

This order was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

On motion of Mr. BASS of Bangor,

*Ordered,* That the Committee appointed to contract for the State printing be directed to advertise for proposals for the same, and report to this House before making a contract.

On motion of Mr. HAMILTON of Dexter,

*Ordered,* That the Committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of passing a law requiring the destruction of thistles and weeds growing in the public highway and on the location of railroads.

On motion of Mr. HOBSON of Wiscasset,

*Ordered,* That the Committee on Towns inquire into the expediency of legislation authorizing any town in the State to elect its municipal officers for a term of three years, in the same manner as county commissioners are now elected.

On motion of Mr. HUME of Eastport,

*Ordered,* That the Committee on Fisheries inquire into the expediency of passing a general law for the protection of planting oysters, and report thereon.

On motion of Mr. GRANT of Ellsworth,

*Ordered,* That the Committee on Reform School be directed to visit the Industrial School for Girls at Hallowell, and report the condition of that institution.

The foregoing orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. HAMILTON of Dexter, at his request, was excused from service on the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and Mr. STONE of Biddeford, was appointed Chairman of that Committee; and Mr. SMILEY of Pittston, was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the change.

Mr. CHASE of Bridgton, was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Committee on Legal Affairs, on the part of the House.

Mr. PERCY of West Bath, was excused from service as Monitor of the 4th Division.

The order relating to private legislation, came from the Senate, that branch insisting upon its former vote amending the same, and proposing a Committee of Conference.

The House receded and concurred in the proposition for a conference, and appointed

Messrs. Porter of Burlington,  
Talbot of East Machias,  
Hume of Eastport,

on its part.

Information was received from the Senate informing the House that branch had joined

Messrs. Swazey of Oxford,  
Donworth of Aroostook,  
Wheelwright of Penobscot,

to the Committee on the Constitutional Amendment relating to Corporations.

On motion of Mr. DUTTON of Lewiston,  
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*



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FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. DEARBORN of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill "an act amending section 20 of chapter 124, revised statutes, in relation to labor," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Monroe Young, for authority to extend his wharf into tide waters of Jordan river in the town of Trenton, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of W. W. Walker, for aid, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Claims.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of amending section three of chapter 91, revised statutes.

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending section 15 of chapter 59 of the revised statutes.

These orders were read and passed in concurrence.

The report of the Committee of Conference, on disagreeing vote on order relating to fixing the time and limiting private legislation, reporting the following order, came from the Senate :

*Ordered*, That all bills and petitions for legislation, except those for the redress of wrongs and grievances, which may be presented to this Legislature after Wednesday the 26th inst., be referred to the next Legislature ; that this order be published in all the daily papers published in this State until said date ; and that this order shall not be suspended nor reconsidered, except by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

The report was read and accepted, and the order passed in concurrence.

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

That so much of said message as relates to the State debt, the sinking fund and taxation, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That so much as relates to the militia and the Adjutant General's department be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

That so much as relates to State pensions be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

That so much as relates to common schools and education 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 State lands and the Land Agent be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

That so much as relates to railroads be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

That so much as relates to insurance be referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

That so much as relates to fisheries be referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

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

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

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

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

That so much as relates to the establishment of a State Board of Health, and the punishment of crime in capital cases, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

That so much as relates to the Indians be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

That so much as relates to the centennial be referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

That so much as relates to the Amendments to the Constitution be referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

That so much as relates to city and town debts be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Bill "an act to authorize the union of the Portland Athenæum and the Portland Instituté and Public Library," came from the Senate read twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

The bill was read three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Remonstrance of J. D. Teague and 69 others, against petition of Isaac Hacker and others for a railroad charter, referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of James Phair, for deed of lot of land in Chapman plantation, paid for in road labor, waiving further settling duties; also

Petition of L. T. Manson, for deed of lot of land in Chapman plantation, paid for in road labor, waiving further settling duties; and

Petition of inhabitants of Chapman plantation, in the county of Aroostook, for aid in building bridge;

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

Petition of Nelson W. Granger and others, for leave to extend a wharf into tide waters in the town of Bristol; and

Petition of W. E. Jordan and others, for liens on vessels for supplies furnished;

Were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Bill "an act relating to administrators, executors and trustees," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Claims of the towns of Springfield and Carroll, for reimbursement for bounties on bears, were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of S. C. Jones of Norway, for additional legislation in relation to mechanics' liens; and

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bridgton Telegraph Company;"

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of William Haley and others, for protection of trout, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition for amendment of the charter of the West Branch Log Driving Company; and

Bill "an act in addition to and to amend an act to incorporate the proprietors' of the Wiscasset bridge," approved June 30, 1846;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of James Phair and others, for military equipments, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. GREELY of Lewiston,

*Ordered,* That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending sections 27 and 28 of chapter 91 of the public laws, relating to liens on buildings, that persons furnishing materials and labor shall have better protection.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,

*Ordered,* That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of further legislation relating to election returns.

On motion of Mr. ROBINSON of Lincoln,

*Ordered,* That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of amending sections 13 and 14, chapter 6 of the revised statutes.

On motion of Mr. CHASE of Standish,

*Ordered,* That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending section 12, chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to the appointment of highway surveyors, as to make it optional with towns to elect said surveyors in town meeting, or leave their appointment to the municipal officers.

On motion of Mr. CLIFFORD of Stockton,

*Ordered,* That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of limiting the authority of Judges of Probate in decreeing allowances to widows out of insolvent estates.

On motion of Mr. STONE of Biddeford,

*Ordered,* That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 257, public laws of 1874, relating to the reimbursement of towns and cities for money paid in part support of the several military companies of the State; also

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 70 of the revised statutes, so that any assignor may be cited before any legally constituted tribunal for an examination of his affairs.

On motion of Mr. ALEXANDER of Linneus,

*Ordered,* That the same Committee inquire into the expediency

of so amending chapter 91, section 34 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on logs and lumber, so that men engaged as cooks, and teamsters with their teams, shall have the benefit of said law.

On motion of Mr. BASS of Bangor,

*Ordered,* That the Committee appointed to count the Gubernatorial votes make an examination of the returns of votes for Governor in the city of Bangor at the last annual election in September, and report whether a correct return of all the votes thrown for Governor in said city, at said election, was made to the Secretary of State, and that for this purpose said Committee be authorized to send for records, papers and persons.

On motion of Mr. SHEPHERD of Skowhegan,

*Ordered,* That a Joint Select Committee of seven on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to consider the salaries of the various State officers, and see what reduction, if any, can be made in the same; to confer with heads of departments to see what reduction can be made in the clerical force, and in reducing the expense of maintaining the same; to consider the practicability of reducing the size of the report of the Superintendent of Common Schools, of report of the Commissioner of Insurance, and of the report of the Board of Agriculture, and restricting those several reports to a limited number of pages; to scrutinize carefully the various expenditures of the State, with a view to the closest economy consistent with the best interests of the State.

The order was amended, on motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington, as per sheet "A," which referred the matter to the Committee on Financial Affairs, and then passed.

On motion of Mr. PARCHER of Leeds,

*Ordered,* That the Committee on Fisheries inquire into the expediency of constructing fishways over the dams on the Androscoggin river.

On motion of Mr. NADEAU of Fort Kent,

*Ordered,* That the Committee on Claims inquire into the expediency of reporting a "resolve in favor of the town of Fort Kent, for the amount expended in support of Mary Ouillett, State pauper."

These orders were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of State be directed to furnish for the information of the House a statement, giving the amount of money expended in each year since 1868 for salaries of Fish Commissioners, expenses of Fish Commissioners, amount paid Fish Wardens, and the amount paid for the propagation of fish.

The order relating to proposals for doing the State printing, passed by the House, came back from the Senate amended as per sheet "A."

The House recessed and concurred.

Mr. HOPKINS, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported ought to pass on bill "an act prohibiting fishing with nets or hooks in Hewes' pond in the town of Hermon, in Penobscot county."

Mr. EASTMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported in an amended draft, bill "an act to amend section one of chapter thirty-four of the revised statutes, relating to auctioneers."

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Katahdin Iron Company."

The reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, and tomorrow assigned for their third reading.

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Leonora A. Patterson."

The report was read and accepted, the resolve read once, and Wednesday next assigned for its second reading.

Mr. POWERS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on petition, bill "an act to amend section 18 of chapter 88 of the revised statutes."

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

Mr. NADEAU, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on petition, referred from the last Legislature, leave to withdraw.

Mr. KEEGAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported

legislation inexpedient on so much of the Governor's Message as related to divorce laws, referred from the last Legislature.

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

"Resolve in favor of economy in the public expenditures," having had two several readings and passed to be engrossed, was reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, finally passed, was signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. ROLF of Princeton,  
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. SANDERSON of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of Ansel G. Crockett, for an act to amend and renew the charter of the Sebec Lake Steamboat Company; also

Petition of A. G. Lebroke and 127 others, in aid of same; and Memorial of Ansel G. Crockett, in aid of same, with bill accompanying;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Joseph Sockbasin and others, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Bill "an act to amend section 6 of chapter 115 of the revised statutes, relating to mileage of members of the Legislature," came from the Senate read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

The House non-concurred and indefinitely postponed the bill by unanimous vote.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of submitting to the people an amendment to the Constitution of this State, as follows, to wit:

The election of such State and county officers as are chosen by popular vote shall be on the Tuesday next after the first Monday of November, commencing in the year 1877.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of so amending the school laws as to secure a more punctual attendance in our public schools.

These orders were read and passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BURPEE of Rockland, a call of the House was ordered, and 95 gentlemen answered to the call.

Communications from the Secretary of State, transmitting reports from the Agents of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians, were received and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Petition of Joseph Taylor and 597 others of the Society of Friends, for the abolition of the death penalty, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of inhabitants of Oldtown, for amendment of law relating to fisheries; also

Petition of N. Warren and 46 others of the town of Veazie, in relation to the taking of shad and salmon and other fish from the waters of the Penobscot river and bay;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of John Stimson, for incorporation of the Sullivan Bridge Company, was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Claim of the town of Oldtown for reimbursement for bounties on bears, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of C. F. A. Johnson and others, for incorporation of the Aroostook Log Driving Company, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of John Galley and 17 others, for annexation of Bartlett's island to the town of Tremont, was referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of S. D. Rowell and others, for an act to incorporate the proprietors of the Solon and Embden bridge, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.



On motion of Mr. POWERS of Houlton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 16, chapter 77 of the revised statutes, by inserting the word "thirteen" before the word "fourteen" in the second line of said section.

On motion of Mr. GRANT of Ellsworth,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Reform School inquire into the expediency of making necessary appropriations to meet annual expenditures of the Industrial School for Girls, and report to this Legislature.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS of Jefferson,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Financial Affairs inquire into the expediency of reducing the pay of Wardens and other subordinate officers of the State Prison, and fix the amounts paid to them by salary.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. CLEAVES, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported bill "an act to amend section 1, chapter 97 of the public laws of 1873, relating to change of names."

The report was read and accepted, bill read twice, and tomorrow assigned for its third reading.

Mr. CHASE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Fessenden Chase and others.

Mr. FARRAR, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported same on petition of Thaddeus Sibley and others.

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

On motion of Mr. DAVIS of Portland,  
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

Journal of Saturday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of Portland Montgomery Guards, to be placed upon an equality with the other companies of the Maine Volunteer Militia, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Petition of William G. Clifford and 59 others, for an act prohibiting the taking of fish from the Adams pond in the town of Newfield, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Fisheries.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to protect the Medomak river," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, and the bill ordered printed, on motion of Mr. MARTIN of Camden.

Bill "an act to amend section 19 of chapter 78 of the revised statutes, relating to clerks of county commissioners;" and

Petition of Selectmen of Lyndon, for an act to legalize certain votes of said town;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Milford Crosby and others of Plantation No. 21, Washington county, for incorporation as a town; and

Petition of John Maines and others of Plantation No. 7, in Range 3, for incorporation as a town;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of Baptiste Ouillette and 19 others, for an appropriation in aid of a road in Frenchville; also

Petition of Martin Savage and 16 others, for an appropriation in aid of a bridge over Savage stream; also

"Resolve in favor of roads passing through the Indian township in Washington county;" and

Petition of John Allen, for deed of lot of land in Lyndon;

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

Petition of John Allen, to be paid for one undivided half of lot No. 69 in Presque Isle; and

Claims of the town of Dalton, formerly Ashland, for State aid to families of volunteers in 1865;

Were referred to the Committee on Claims.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. ROGERS of Bath,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary examine section 1 of chapter 230 of the acts of 1871, relating to assessment and collection of taxes.

On motion of Mr. GRANT of Ellsworth,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of authorizing county treasurers in certain cases to transmit to the State Treasurer all uncollected taxes assessed on roads in unincorporated plantations; also

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of abolishing imprisonment for debt in certain cases.

On motion of Mr. WARREN of Westbrook,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee consider and report to the Legislature, at an early day, the expediency of submitting to the legal voters of the State of Maine, at the next September election, the question of abolishing the death penalty by constitutional provision or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. LAMSON of Richmond,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire what legislation is necessary for the protection of lives and property exposed to danger by unsafe and defective steam boilers in this State, or by the unskillfulness or incompetency of persons having charge of stationary steam boilers.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs inquire into the expediency of removing the military property of the State now at Portland, to the State arsenal at Bangor.

On motion of Mr. CHASE of Bridgton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of amending item or specification five of section 24, chapter 11 of the revised statutes, by striking out in the last line the words "if they find it practicable," and adding the words

"and said schools shall commence at such time as the superintending school committee or supervisor shall deem practicable."

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend section 1, of chapter 34 of the revised statutes, relating to auctioneers."

Bill "an act to amend section 1, chapter 97, public laws of 1873."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Katahdin Iron Company."

Bill "an act to prohibit fishing with hooks or nets in Hewes' pond in the town of Hermon, county of Penobscot."

These bills were reported from 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 union of the Portland Athenæum and the Portland Institute and Public Library, and empower the conversion of the same into a Free Public Library," having had three several readings, and passed to be engrossed, was reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

Messrs. Parcher of Androscoggin,  
 Hayford of Aroostook,  
 Jordan of Cumberland,  
 Norton of Franklin,  
 Grant of Hancock,  
 Martin of Knox,  
 Cumston of Kennebec,  
 Yates of Lincoln,  
 Young of Oxford,  
 Phillips of Penobscot,  
 Wade of Piscataquis,  
 Lamson of Sagadahoc,  
 Leavitt of Somerset,  
 Pendleton of Waldo,  
 Dennison of Washington,  
 Murch of York.

On motion of Mr. STONE of Biddeford,

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Odd Fellow's Mutual Relief Association of Maine;" and

Bill "an act to amend section 52 of chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to the returns of plantations;"

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

The report of the Land Office Commission, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of so amending the law relating to returns of plantations, so that it shall not apply to plantations containing less than fifty inhabitants.

This order was read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Commerce, reporting, on petition, bill "an act authorizing Mathew Cleland to erect and maintain wharves and fish weirs in front of his land in Robbinston, Maine."

Report of same Committee, reporting, on petition, bill "an act authorizing Thomas Cleland to erect and maintain wharves and and fish weirs in front of his land in Mill cove, and Passamaquoddy or St. Andrew's bay in Robbinston, Maine."

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, reporting bill "an act to prohibit the taking of smelts in Patten bay in the town of Surry in any other manner than by hook and line."

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 their third reading.

Communication from the Secretary of State transmitting a statement of the amount of money expended each year since 1868, for salary of Fish Commissioners, expenses of same, amount paid Fish Wardens, and the amount paid for the propagation of fish.

The communication was read, and on motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington, ordered printed.

Bill "an act relating to estates in dower;" and

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Squirrel Island Association;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Hibernian Society of Biddeford;" also

Petition of William Haley and others, to allow the killing of deer; also

Bill "an act to encourage and protect the breeding of trout and land-locked salmon in Sunday pond in lot Nos. 2 and 3, Township No. 4, Range 4, in Oxford county;" and

Bill "an act to incorporate the Equity Insurance Company;"

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Salmore Francis and 25 others of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians, for an appropriation for certain purposes, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Petition of L. B. Ballard and 77 others, for an appropriation to build stone abutments and pier under the bridge across the Mattawamkeag river in Maysville; also

Petition of John Gardiner and 60 others, for aid to repair bridge in Mt. Chase; and

Petition of inhabitants of the town of Madawaska, in aid of the report of Commissioner on Settlers' Lands in the Madawaska territory;

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

Petition of H. Pushaw, for the protection of black bass and salmon in Moose pond, in the town of Hartland, in the county of Somerset; and

Petition of Horace Brown and 150 others, for change of laws relating to fishing in St. Croix waters;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of John Dudley and others, for the incorporation of Waite plantation as a town, was referred to the Committee on Towns.

Bill "an act authorizing insurance companies to divide their directors into classes," was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of Assessors and others of Lakeville plantation, for reimbursement of amount of State aid due said plantation, and lost in transitu, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of Melvin Grant and 136 others of Eddington, Veazie and the city of Bangor, for a lock in the dam at Treat's falls; and

Petition of A. B. Walter and 104 others of Veazie, for an act to protect said petitioners against damage from flowage caused by the dam at Treat's falls;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. ROLF of Princeton,

*Ordered*, That there be 2,500 copies of the House Registers printed for the use of the House.

On motion of Mr. CHASE of Bridgton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws relating to proceedings in criminal cases, as to give the counsel for the prisoner the closing argument, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. BLAISDELL of Franklin,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire into the propriety of so amending the present law pertaining to indigent persons known as tramps and foreigners, who have no legal settlement in the State, so as to make the expenses of said persons chargeable to the State.

On motion of Mr. LORD of Bluehill,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending section 1 of chapter 57 of the public laws of 1875, relating to mileage of sheriffs, by striking out the word "six" in the third line, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "ten," and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. POWERS of Houlton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of amending the homestead exemption law, so that it shall embrace a house and homestead erected on the land of another.

On motion of Mr. ROBINSON of Lincoln,  
*Ordered*, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens, so as to include in its provisions a lien for cutting and hauling spool wood.

On motion of Mr. WHITE of Bucksport,  
*Ordered*, That the Committee on Railroads inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws relating to the salary of railroad commissioners as to make the same payable to the State.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. HASKELL, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to prevent the taking of pickerel from Lovejoy's pond in the county of Kennebec, from December 1st to June 1st of each year."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 18, chapter 88 of the revised statutes."

The report was read and accepted, bills read twice, and tomorrow assigned for their third reading.

Mr. TRUSSELL, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported legislation inexpedient on an order relating to the planting of oysters.

The report was read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. SARGENT, from the Committee on County Estimates, on his own request, was excused from serving on said Committee, and Mr. GRANT of Ellsworth was appointed in his place.

On motion of Mr. DUTTON of Lewiston,  
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.



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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. ECOB of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 48 of the revised statutes, relating to manufacturing, mining and quarrying corporations," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of John F. Sprague and 50 others of the town of Abbot; also

Petition of A. T. Mitchell and 18 others of the town of Shirley; and

Petition of Joseph H. Warren and 13 others of the town of Parkman, for appropriation on road in Wellington;

Were referred in concurrence to Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Banks and Banking, in considering the matter of making void charters of savings banks under which no organization exists, be directed to exempt the Lisbon Savings Bank.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and was read and passed in concurrence.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting report of Trustees and Superintendent of the State Reform School, was received and read, and the report referred to Committee on Reform School; also

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting the annual report of Trustees and President of the Maine State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts for the year 1875; also

Communication from same, transmitting report, of President and Resident Officers of the Maine Insane Hospital; and

Communication from same, transmitting the fifty-ninth annual report of the American Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb at Hartford, Conn.;

Were referred to the proper Committees on Agriculture, Insane Hospital and Education.

Bill "an act to repeal section 12 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes;" also

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 46 of the public laws of 1872, relating to municipal officers;" also

Memorial of George M. Weston; also

Petition of the City Council of Rockland, to amend the charter of the Rockland Water Company; and

Petition of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, for amendment of charter;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Selectmen of Livermore, for repeal of the free high school law; also

Petition of Superintending School Committee of the town of Bridgton, for the establishment of a normal school at North Bridgton; also

Petition of Superintending School Committee of Waterford, in aid of same; and

Petition of Superintending School Committee of Limerick, in aid of same;

Were referred to the Committee on Education.

Bill "an act to encourage and protect the breeding of trout in Little pond and Little pond brook in Fryeburg Academy Grant;" also

Bill "an act to amend an act granting a charter to the Alumni Association of Bates College;" also

Bill "an act to amend section 87, chapter 82, revised statutes, relating to witnesses and evidence;" also

Petition of Selectmen of Parsonsfield and Cornish, for establishment of division line between said towns; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Home for Aged Men at Bangor;" also

Petition of Edward Cushing and 172 other tax-payers of Camden Village Corporation, asking for authority to build a village hall, with bill accompanying; and

Remonstrance of E. G. Knight and 115 others of Camden Village Corporation, against the same;

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Bill "an act to amend section 7, chapter 6 of the revised

statutes, relating to assessment and collection of taxes," was referred to Committee on Agriculture.

Petition, with bill accompanying, to authorize the Laconia and Pepperell Companies to connect their wharves in Saco river, was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of Amaziah Whitten and others, to be set off from Sanford and annexed to the town of Alfred, was referred to the Committee on Towns.

Claims of the town of Blaine for sums paid for bounties on bears, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of Lewis Snow, for census of Passamaquoddy Indians, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Petition of H. B. Crowell and others, for the protection of fish in Puffer pond in the town of Dexter, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. KEEGAN of Madawaska,

*Ordered,* That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads inquire into the expediency of reporting "resolve in aid of the road passing through Township F, Range 1, Aroostook county, the same to be paid out of the proceeds of State lands sold out of said township during the past season."

On motion of Mr. PHILLIPS of Orrington,

*Ordered,* That the Committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of so amending section 7, chapter 6 of the revised statutes, as to make it obligatory upon towns to tax dogs, with bill accompanying.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. WAGG, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of inhabitants of Easton, referred from the last Legislature.

Mr. MEADER, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Benjamin Franklin Co-operative Association of Lewiston."

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

Mr. ALDRICH, from the Committee on Towns, reported, on petition, bill "an act to annex Songo Gore and the Dingley islands to the town of Casco."

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

Mr. POWERS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill "an act to amend section 16, chapter 77 of the revised statutes."

Mr. NADEAU, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported "resolve in aid of building a bridge over Savage stream in St. Francis plantation;" also

"Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey to Enoch Hall a lot of land in Lyndon."

Mr. ALEXANDER, from same Committee, reported "resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey to L. T. Manson a lot of land in Chapman plantation."

Mr. BURNHAM, from the same Committee, reported "resolve in favor of John Allen of Mayfield, county of Aroostook."

Mr. NADEAU, from the same Committee, reported "resolve in aid of a road in Frenchville."

These reports were read and accepted, bill and resolves ordered printed under the Rule.

Bill "an act authorizing Mathew Cleland to erect and maintain wharves and fish weirs in front of his land in Robbinston, Me.;"

Bill "an act authorizing Thomas Cleland to erect and maintain wharves and fish weirs in front of his land in Mill cove and Passamaquoddy or St. Andrews' bay in Robbinston, Me.;"

Bill "an act to protect the Medomak river;"

Bill "an act to prohibit the taking of smelts in the waters of Patten's bay in the town of Surry, in any other manner than by hook and line;"

Were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed, save the last, which was amended as per sheet "A," and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act to prevent the taking of pickerel in Lovejoy's pond, in the county of Kennebec, from December 1st to June 1st, each year;"

"Resolve in favor of Leonora A. Patterson, widow of Hermon V. Patterson;" and

Bill "an act to amend section 18, chapter 88 of the revised statutes, relating to partition of real estate;"

Were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read the third time, resolve the second time, and passed to be engrossed, save the last, which was laid on the table pending the third reading, on motion of Mr. POWERS of Houlton.

On motion of Mr. GREELY of Lewiston,  
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of the citizens of Thomaston for the loan of a fire engine belonging to the State Prison, was referred to the Committee on State Prison in concurrence.

Petition of H. Grace Cole and 500 other ladies of Norway, for an act to prohibit the retail sale of cider and native wines, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of Seth Scammon and fifty others, in relation to dyking salt marshes in the town of Scarborough, Cumberland county, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Newell Polis, for dividends for certain years, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

*Ordered,* That a Committee of three on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join, be appointed, to whom all matters relating to temperance and the prohibitory liquor law shall be referred.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and

Messrs. Wheelwright of Penobscot,  
Kyes of Franklin,  
Jordan of Androscoggin,

appointed on its part, and was read and passed in concurrence, and  
 Messrs. White of Bucksport,  
 Chase of Standish,  
 Ballard of Augusta,  
 Lamson of Richmond,  
 Cook of Lewiston,  
 Gibson of Fairfield,  
 Allen of Waldoborough,  
 were joined on part of the House.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on State Prison inquire into the expediency of reporting a resolve authorizing the Warden of the State Prison, with the approval of the Inspectors, to loan the use of the fire engine belonging to the State, to the town of Thomaston. This order was read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Towns, reporting reference to the next Legislature, on petition of J. H. Whitney and others of Lakeville.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, reporting legislation inexpedient on memorial of the National Board of Trade.

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

Petition of A. C. Dennison and 49 others, for change of law in regard to license of auctioneers by county commissioners; also

Petition of A. P. Andrews and 62 others, for the abolition of the death penalty; also

Bill "an act additional to section 19, chapter 78 of the revised statutes, relating to clerks of county commissioners; and

Bill "an act to amend section 16, chapter 71 of the revised statutes, relating to the better execution of deeds;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Superintending School Committee of Albany, for the establishment of a Normal School at North Bridgton;

Petition of Supervisor of Schools of Stoneham;

Superintending School Committee of Kennebunk;

Supervisor of Schools of the town of Cumberland;

Supervisor of Schools of the town of Waterborough;

Superintending School Committee of the town of Cornish;

Superintending School Committee of the town of Gilead;

Supervisor of Schools of the town of Rumford ;  
 Petition of A. L. Hussey of Oxford ;  
 Superintending School Committee of Brownfield ;  
 Superintending School Committee of Porter ;  
 Superintending School Committee of Fryeburg ;  
 Supervisor of Schools of the town of Lovell ;  
 Superintending School Committee of the town of Harrison ;  
 Supervisor of Schools of the town of Casco ;  
 Superintending School Committee of the town of Baldwin ;  
 Superintending School Committee of Hiram ;  
 Superintending School Committee of York ;  
 Superintending School Committee of Westbrook ;  
 Superintending School Committee of Sebago ;  
 Supervisor of Schools of the town of Raymond ;  
 Supervisor of Schools of the town of Naples, in aid of the same ;  
 Were referred to the Committee on Education.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Commercial Wharf Company ;"  
 and

Bill "an act relating to school money of School District No. 4  
 in the city of Biddeford ;"

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Bill "an act for the further protection of railroad employees,"  
 was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of M. B. Spinney and others of the town of Georgetown,  
 for authority to build a bridge from Long island to the main land ;  
 and

Petition of Edwin F. Safford and others, to be incorporated as  
 the Kittery Point Water Power Company ;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Henry H. Haskell, Second Maine Regiment, for pay  
 of bounty, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Petition of S. B. Gates, for deed of lot of land, settling duties  
 having been performed ; also

Petition of Assessors of Silver Ridge plantation, for conveyance  
 of land ; and

Petition of same for deeds of lots of land ;

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

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. REED of Tremont,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of requiring plantations organized for election purposes to vote money for the support of the poor, in said plantations.

On motion of Mr. ROWE of Frankfort,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending section 106, chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to collection of taxes.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS of Jefferson,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of submitting to the legal voters of the State of Maine at the next annual election the question of bribery at elections.

On motion of Mr. SARGENT of Sedgwick,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 91 of the revised statutes relating to liens, as to include in the provisions a lien for quarrying and cutting stone.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to report "resolve authorizing the sale of the islands belonging to the State."

On motion of same gentleman,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Financial Affairs inquire into the expediency of fixing and re-adjusting the salaries of State officers in all the departments and public institutions of the State.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on petition, bill "an act to make valid the doings of Drew plantation for the years 1873, 1874 and 1875."

Mr. CHASE, from the same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Bridgton Telegraph Company."

Mr. THOMPSON, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to encourage and protect the breeding of trout and land-locked salmon in Sunday pond in lots No. 2 and 3, Township No. 5, Range 4, in Oxford county."

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Hibernian Society of Biddeford."



Mr. CLEAVES, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Equity Fire Insurance Company."

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

Mr. BURPEE, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Red Granite Company."

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

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, the foregoing vote was reconsidered, and the report recommitted to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. LAMSON, from the Committee on Claims, reported on claim of the town of Dalton for State aid for volunteers, that the same be referred to the Governor and Council.

Mr. ALDRICH, from the Committee on Towns, reported reference to the next Legislature, with order of notice, on petition of Melford Crosby and others of Plantation No. 21, Washington county, for incorporation as a town.

Mr. CHASE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of S. C. Jones and others, for additional legislation in relation to mechanics' liens.

Mr. LYNCH, from same Committee, reported same on petition of William Haley and others.

Mr. KIMBALL, from same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient on order relating to the homestead exemption law.

Mr. ROBINSON, from same Committee, reported same on order relating to the amendment of chapter 11, revised statutes, relating to commencement of schools.

Mr. CLEAVES, from the same Committee, reported same on order relating to amendment of chapter 91 of the revised statutes as to liens.

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

Mr. SHEPHERD, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to reduce the rate of interest," and pending acceptance of the report it was laid on the table, on motion of the same gentleman.

Mr. FRANK of Portland, laid upon the table bill "an act to abolish the death penalty, and to regulate the manner of applying for pardons in certain cases," which, on his motion was ordered printed, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. WHITE, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported "resolve authorizing the State Treasurer to procure a fire and burglar proof safe."

Mr. GIBSON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported "resolve in favor of bridge across the Aroostook river in the town of Maysville, in the county of Aroostook."

These reports were read and accepted, resolve ordered printed under the Rule.

Bill "an act to annex Songo Gore and the Dingley islands to the town of Casco," was reported from 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. POWERS of Houlton,  
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

No Chaplain present.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill "an act to prevent the careless use of fire-arms," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of F. M. Lufkin and 7 others, for an act to continue in force the provisions of chapter 415 of the laws of 1874, relating to the fishing interest in Lufkin's pond in the town of Phillips; and

Petition of John Newbegin and others, for an act to prevent the taking of trout in the Newbegin brook in the town of Newfield;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Fisheries.

Remonstrance of citizens of Mt. Desert, against setting off Bartlett's island from the town of Mt. Desert and annexing the same to the town of Tremont, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of G. K. and E. D. Jewett, relating to claims, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of Mary C. Crossman and others, for further legislation to suppress the manufacture of, and traffic in, intoxicating drinks, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Temperance.

"Resolve authorizing appropriation for chemical fire engine," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Berwick Savings Bank;" and Bill "an act relating to the American Bank at Hallowell;"

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Merrill Slate Company," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Manufactures.

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Great Falls Dam Company," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Interior Waters.

*Ordered,* That the House concurring, when the Senate adjourn, it be to meet on Monday next, at 2 o'clock P. M.

*Ordered,* That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 253 of the laws of 1874, relating to taxing certain lands in unincorporated places, by inserting the words "towns and" after the word "adjoining" in the third and seventh lines, also by inserting the words "benefited thereby" after the word "township" in the seventh line.

*Ordered,* That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of fixing a further limitation upon the commencement of actions for the recovery of lands sold for taxes.

These orders came from the Senate read and passed, and were read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reporting, in a new draft, bill "an act additional to incorporate the Monmouth Mutual Fire Insurance Company."

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice and passed to be engrossed; and was read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Petition of Neal Dow and 420 others of Portland, for the more effectual suppression of the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors;

Petition of a public meeting in Portland;

Petition of a public meeting in Cumberland;

Petition of a public meeting in Cape Elizabeth;

Petition of a public meeting in Stroudwater Village;

Petition of W. Leighton and 35 others;

Petition of inhabitants of Cape Elizabeth;

Petition of inhabitants of Hallowell;

Petition of a public meeting in South Gorham;

Petition of a public meeting in Gray;

Petition of a public meeting in Rolling Mills village, Cape Elizabeth;

Petition of the Women's Temperance Union of Fairfield;

Petition of the Women's Temperance Union of Fairfield, Mrs. D. A. Stevens and 147 others;

Petition of David Pearsons and 87 others of Fairfield;

Petition of Ira H. Foss and 215 others;

Petition of E. S. Harvey and 98 others of Parkman;

Petition of John Abbott and 64 others of Clinton;

Petition of C. K. Foss and 42 others of Fairfield, in aid of same;

Petition of Mrs. Lydia C. Killgore and 28 others, for increased penalties for the suppression of the liquor traffic;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 229 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the transfer of scholars from one district to another;" also

Petition of Supervisor of Schools of the town of Denmark, for a normal school at North Bridgton; and

Petition of Superintending School Committee of the town of Sweden, in aid of same;

Were referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of O. B. Davis and 39 others of Wellington, for an appropriation on highway in said town, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Petition of M. G. Palmer and others, for an act incorporating the Orchard Beach Railroad Company, with bill accompanying, was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Bill "an act to give additional powers to the Piscataquis Mutual Insurance Company," was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of inhabitants of Haynesville, Leavitt and Greenwood plantations, to be incorporated, was referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of William E. Gould and others, for authority to County Commissioners of Cumberland county to lay a road over tide waters in the town of Cape Elizabeth, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Bill "an act providing that the expenses of keeping in repair all bridges on the county roads in the several counties of the State of Maine, costing one thousand dollars or more, when built be paid by the several counties in which they are located," was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 40 of the revised statutes, relating to fishways;" and

Petition of Jeremiah B. Ellis and others, for protection of trout in Rangely stream in the town of Rangely;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of Arno Wiswell and others, to be incorporated as the Ellsworth Marine Insurance Company, with bill accompanying, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine General Homœopathic Hospital;" also

Petition of heirs at law of John Goddard; also

Petition of E. B. Randall and others, for abolition of death penalty; also

Petition of S. E. Hall and others of Bucksport; also

Petition of P. Cushing and three others, in aid of same; and

Bill "an act to regulate and limit municipal indebtedness;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 70 of the revised statutes, relating to the time in which assignees shall file an inventory in the Probate Court;" and

Bill "an act to amend section 45, chapter 4, revised statutes, relating to elections;"

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. BURNHAM of Bethel,

*Ordered,* That the use of this Hall be granted to the County Commissioners and Jailors for a public meeting, Wednesday evening, January 26th, for a lecture by Dr. Mason of Thomaston.

On motion of Mr. SHEPHERD of Skowhegan,

*Ordered,* That the Committee on Financial Affairs be and the same are hereby authorized to destroy that portion of the sinking fund of 1865, which has been cancelled by the State Treasurer, in accordance with the provisions of section 3 of chapter 48 of the public laws of 1875, amounting in the aggregate to one million one hundred and twelve thousand nine hundred dollars (\$1,112,900.)

On motion of Mr. PIKE of Calais,

*Ordered,* That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire whether any further provisions of law are necessary to provide a remedy for injuries to persons and property by railroads in the hands of trustees for bondholders.

On motion of Mr. GREELY of Lewiston,

*Ordered,* That the same Committee inquire into the propriety of recording all assignments of wages as mortgages of personal property, and report by bill or otherwise.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington, the following order was read and laid on the table :

*Ordered,* That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of reporting some law for the more effectual suppression of drinking intoxicating liquors.

Mr. POWERS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on petition, bill "an act to authorize the town of Lyndon to loan its credit in aid of the Aroostook River Railroad."

Mr. HAYNES, from the same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to make valid the doings of the town of Lyndon in Aroostook county."

Mr. STRICKLAND, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Piper Reservoir Dam Company."

The same gentleman, from same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Penobscot Log Driving Company."

Mr. CLIFFORD, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported, on petition, bill "an act for the preservation of pickerel in Northwest and Harlow ponds in the towns of Parkman and Sangerville, in the county of Piscataquis."

Mr. MARTIN, from the Committee on Commerce, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act authorizing Mark Marshall to build and maintain a wharf in the waters of Marshall's cove in St. George."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 16, chapter 77 of the revised statutes."

"Resolve in aid of road in Frenchville."

"Resolve in favor of a bridge across the Aroostook river in the town of Maysville, Aroostook county."

"Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey to Enoch Hall a lot of land in Lyndon."

"Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey to L. T. Manson a lot of land in Chapman plantation."

"Resolve in aid of building a bridge over Savage stream in St. Francis plantation."

"Resolve in favor of John Allen of Maysville, county of Aroostook."

The 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.

Mr. EASTMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill "an act relating to administrators, executors and trustees."

Mr. TALBOT, from the same Committee, reported bill "an act to amend section 5 of chapter 8 of the revised statutes, relating to election returns."

These reports were read and accepted, bills ordered printed under the Rule.

Mr. REED, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of inhabitants of Oldtown, for amendment of laws relating to fisheries.

Mr. CONNOR, from the same Committee, reported same, on petition of H. B. Crowell and others.

Mr. TRUSSELL, from the same Committee, reported same, on petition of N. Warren and others.

Mr. CLIFFORD, from the same Committee, reported same, on petition of William Haley and others.

Mr. HASKELL, from the same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to the construction of fish ways over the dams of the Androscoggin river.

Mr. JORDAN, from the Committee on Commerce, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Ira D. Sturgis and others.

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

Mr. FARRAR, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Thomas S. Davis and others of Mt. Desert.

Pending acceptance, the report was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. MARTIN of Camden.

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of Drew plantation;" also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Hibernian Society of Biddeford;" also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bridgton Telegraph Company;" also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Equity Fire Insurance Company;" and

Bill "an act to encourage and protect the breeding of trout and land-locked salmon in Sunday pond in lots No. 2 and 3, Township No. 5, Range 4, in Oxford county;"

Were reported from 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 authorize Thomas Cleland to erect and maintain wharves and fish weirs in front of his land in Mill cove and Passamaquoddy or St. Andrew's bay in Robbinston, Maine."

Bill "an act to protect Medomak river."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Katahdin Iron Company."

Bill "an act authorizing Mathew Cleland to erect and maintain wharves and fish weirs in front of his land in Robbinston, Maine."

Bill "an act prohibiting fishing with nets or hooks in the



Hewes' pond, or any waters tributary to said pond in the town of Hermon."

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.

ORAMANDAL SMITH. *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. McCULLY of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting report of the Liquor Commissioner, came from the Senate, and was read and the report referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 55, section 1 of the revised statutes, in relation to libraries, charitable societies and public cemeteries," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of S. C. Adams and others, for repeal of Free High School law, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Education.

Petition of W. W. Thomas and others, for more stringent penalties against the liquor traffic; and

Petition of M. W. Lambard and others of Foxcroft, in aid of same;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Temperance.

*Ordered,* That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of enacting a law for the better protection of policy holders in life insurance companies.

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending the law relating to appointment of trustees for the Normal Schools.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of providing for the payment to the State Agricultural Society of the same annual stipend that is now paid to the State Pomological Society.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens, as to include in its provisions a lien for cutting cord wood.

These orders came from the Senate read and passed, and were read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Odd Fellows Mutual Relief Association of Maine," 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 Monday next assigned for the third reading.

Report of the Committee on Education, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of Charles Merrill and others.

Report of same Committee, reporting reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs, on petition of Joseph Farwell.

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

Petition of David R. Hastings and 188 others, for establishment of a term of court at Fryeburg, in Oxford county; and

Bill "an act to legalize the doings of the Livermore Toll Bridge Company;"

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Maine Medical Association, for State Board of Health, with bill accompanying, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Frank Houdlette and 54 others of Richmond, for the more effectual suppression of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Petition of Seward Dill and others of the Maine Dairymen's Asso-

ciation, for change of charter, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of Alexander Campbell of Cherryfield, for the repeal of an act passed in 1874, repealing an act of 1828, relating to protection of fish, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Remonstrance of Selectmen and citizens of Steuben, against the division of said town, was referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of James M. Story, for deed of lot of land in Washburn which he has paid for, waiving further settling duties, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Island Falls," was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

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

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Gardiner,

*Ordered*, That the Judiciary Committee inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to protect the rights of married women.

On motion of Mr. PIKE of Calais,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire whether any further provisions of law are necessary in order to prevent fires in our forests.

On motion of Mr. HOBSON of Wiscasset,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of amending sections 6, 7 and 23 of the revised statutes, relating to line fences.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Home for Aged Men at Bangor."

Mr. KIMBALL, from the same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to encourage and protect the breeding of trout in Little pond and Little Pond brook in Fryeburg Academy Grant."

Mr. BLAISDELL, from the Committee on Commerce, reported, on petition, bill "an act authorizing John Neal to build and extend a wharf into tide waters in the town of Kittery."

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Rockland, Mt. Desert and Sullivan Steamboat Company."

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

Mr. KIMBALL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported bill "an act amendatory of and additional to chapter 30, revised statutes, in relation to deer and caribou."

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

Mr. DUTTON of Lewiston, presented bill "an act to amend chapter 24, sections 22 and 23 of the revised statutes, relating to relief of needy persons," and on his motion it was ordered printed.

Bill "an act additional to incorporate the Monmouth Mutual Fire Insurance Company," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act authorizing Mark Marshall to build and maintain a wharf in the waters of Marshall's cove in St. George;" also

Bill "an act for the protection of pickerel in Northwest and Harlow ponds in the towns of Parkman and Sangerville, in the county of Piscataquis;" also

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the town of Lyndon, in the county of Aroostook;" also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Piper Reservoir Dam Company;" also

Bill "an act to authorize the town of Lyndon to loan its credit in aid of the Aroostook River Railroad;" and

Bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Penobscot Log Driving Company;"

Were reported from 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 section 16 of chapter 77 of the revised statutes, relating to judicial courts," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and

pending its passage to be engrossed, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

Bill "an act to prevent the taking of smelts in Patten's bay in the town of Surry, in any other manner than by hook and line;" also

Bill "an act to amend section one of chapter 34 of the revised statutes, relating to auctioneers;" and

Bill "an act to amend section 1, chapter 97 of the public laws of 1873;"

Having had three several readings and passed to be engrossed, were reported from 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. DUTTON of Lewiston,  
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

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MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. SANDERSON of Augusta.

Journal of Saturday read and approved.

Petition of D. J. Sawyer to legalize doings of Assessors of Jonesport; also

Bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 115 of the revised statutes;" and

Remonstrances of S. D. Carlton and others, non-resident tax payers of Camden Village Corporation;

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of inhabitants of the town of Woolwich, for amendment of law relating to settlement of paupers; also

Petition of Arno Wiswell, to be created a body corporate by the name of the Sullivan and Franklin Telegraph Company; also

Petition of Mrs. John A. Winn, for change of laws relating to

concealment or embezzlement of property of deceased persons; also

Bill "an act to amend section 28, chapter 25 of the public laws of Maine, to more effectually define the duties of county commissioners;" and

Bill "an act relating to the erection of wharves and fish weirs in tide waters;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of James W. Bolton and 22 others, asking for an appropriation for bridge over Gagnon stream in Frenchville; also

Petition of James McCornville, jr., for deed of lot of land in Washburn, waiving further settling duties; also

Petition of Nelson Tenney, for deed of lot No. 98 in Chapman plantation; and

Petition of F. G. Parks and others, for deed of land to Geo. L. Daniels;

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

Petition of A. K. P. Lord, for a charter to navigate the Saco river; also

Petition of Wyat Weed and Selectmen of Veazie, in aid of a petition of the inhabitants of same town, for a remedy for damages in consequence of the dam at Treat's falls; and

Petition of Charles Russell, for authority to erect and extend a wharf in tide waters of the Kennebec river at Bowdoinham, with bill accompanying;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of John H. Crandon and others of Columbia Falls, for repeal of the special act entitled an act to regulate the taking of salmon, shad and alewives, in the waters of Pleasant river in Washington county; and

Petition of Samuel Mowry and others, for better protection of fish weirs on the Sabbath day in Lubec;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of inhabitants of St. Francis plantation, for a reduction of State valuation; and

"Resolve in favor of Granger turnpike;"

Were referred to the Committee on Claims.

"Resolve in favor of Wilton Academy," was referred to the Committee on Education.

Remonstrance of Isaac Ramsdell and fifty others of Lubec, against petition of A. J. Huddleston for extension of weir into tide waters of Johnson's bay, was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of A. J. Smith, for suppression of the liquor traffic, was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Petition of Benjamin Lincoln and others, for charter of Dennys' River Dairying Association, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of L. A. Dinsmore and others, for authority to erect and maintain a toll bridge across the Kennebec river between Solon and Embden, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. ROWE of Frankfort,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into and report by bill or otherwise, whether any legislation is necessary to explain section 4, chapter 203 of the public laws of 1874, relating to pensions of disabled soldiers and seamen.

On motion of Mr. WHITE of Orono,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire and report whether chapter 84, laws of 1872, or any law subsequently enacted, repealed in whole or in part chapter 223, laws of 1871, approved Feb. 25, 1871; also, whether any railroad company in the State, or the trustee or trustees in charge of any railway, are authorized by law to limit to less than six years the time during which properly issued commutation tickets, so called, may be used by the lawful holders.

On motion of Mr. ROBINSON of Mt. Vernon,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of reporting some law to prevent gambling in any form on the ground of the State, or any county or town fair held in the State.

On motion of the same gentleman,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of reporting some law preventing the sale of intoxicating liquors, including cider and native wine, on or near the grounds of any county or town fair in this State.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 5 of chapter 78 of the revised statutes, relating to election returns."

Mr. EASTMAN, from the same Committee, reported same on bill "an act relating to administrators, executors and trustees."

"Resolve authorizing the State Treasurer to procure a fire and burglar proof safe."

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. STONE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to school money now belonging to School District No. 4, in Biddeford."

The report was read and accepted, bill read twice, and Wednesday assigned, on motion of Mr. STONE of Biddeford.

Mr. BALLARD of Augusta, from the Committee on Insane Hospital, reported "resolve in favor of Maine Insane Hospital."

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

Bill "an act to amend 'an act granting a charter to the Alumni Association of Bates College;'"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Rockland, Mt. Desert and Sullivan Steamboat Company;"

Bill "an act to authorize John Neal to build and extend a wharf into tide waters in the town of Kittery;"

Bill "an act to encourage and protect the breeding of trout in Little pond and Little pond brook in Fryeburg Academy Grant;" and

Bill "an act to incorporate the Home for Aged Men at Bangor;"

Were reported from 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 incorporate the Odd Fellows' Mutual Relief Association of Maine," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.



“Resolve in favor of Leonora A. Patterson, widow of Hermon V. Patterson.”

Bill “an act to prevent the taking of pickerel in Lovejoy’s pond in the county of Kennebec, from December 1 to June 1, of each year.”

This bill having had three several readings, and the resolve two, and passed to be engrossed, was reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, bill passed to be enacted, resolve finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. FARRAR of Turner,  
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. NEWCOMBE of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of Jeremiah Page and 40 others, for aid in building a road from Lowell to Greenbush; also

Petition of Alden Lewis and 38 others of Whitefield, praying that counties be required to build and maintain certain bridges; and

Petition of Benjamin Hilton and others, relating to bridges;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Bill “an act relative to the Ellsworth Police Court;” and

Bill “an act relating to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Judicial Court, and to amend chapter 81, section 9 of the revised statutes;”

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Memorial of the Managers of the Female Orphan Asylum of Portland, for appropriation, was referred in concurrence to Committee on Military Affairs.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of so amending section 2, chapter 113 of the revised statutes, that a poor debtor shall not be thrown into prison where the debt is less than twenty dollars.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs inquire whether the several military companies have been examined and enlisted according to law, and report a list of the officers who have examined and enlisted such soldiers, and the date of such examinations and enlistments within the last three years, with power to send for persons and papers.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of State furnish the Legislature a statement of the several yearly amounts appropriated to the Maine Agricultural College.

These orders came from the Senate read and passed, and were read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of H. B. Crowell and others, for protection of fish in Puffer pond in the town of Dexter, came from the Senate recommitted, and was recommitted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, reporting same, on petition of W. W. Walker, for aid in consideration of injuries received at general muster in 1837, came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Commerce, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to authorize Nelson W. Gamage to extend a wharf into tide waters in the town of Bristol."

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, reporting, on petition, bill "an act authorizing Abraham C. Fernald and others to build and maintain a fish weir in tide waters between Bear island and Mt. Desert."

Report of the same Committee, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to prohibit the taking of fish of any kind from Adams' pond, so called, and its main tributary, in the town of Newfield."

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting ought

to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Southgate Dyking Company."

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act for the protection of fish in Pushaw pond in Penobscot county, and the streams flowing into and out of said pond."

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 their third reading.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting ought to pass, in a new draft, on bill "an act to authorize Charles W. Howard to dredge a bar in Rangely lake, and navigate said lake by steam."

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, rules suspended, amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted, bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on State Treasurer's Report, came from the Senate read and accepted in concurrence.

Petition of A. E. Nelson and others of the town of China, for the repeal of the death penalty; also

Petition of Charles W. Goddard and others of the Society of Friends, for the abolition of the death penalty; also

Petition of M. T. Ludden and others of the Androscoggin bar, for the establishment of a Superior Court within and for the county of Androscoggin; also

Petition of the Mayor and City Council of Bangor, for a State Board of Health; also

Memorial of Railroad Commissioners, for compensation for services rendered; also

Petition of W. L. Daggett and others, asking for change of name of the New Portland Camp-meeting Association; also

Petition of Selectmen of Yarmouth, for establishment of State Board of Health; also

Bill "an act to amend section 5, chapter 77, revised statutes;" also

Petition of O. A. Harmon and others, for State Board of Health ; also

Bill "an act to provide for securing the rights of mortgage and bond holders;" also

Petition of Sebago Wood Board Company, for authority to increase its capital stock ; and

Petition of Winslow Bates and others, of Eastport, for the repeal of the Calais Court bill ;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of school committee of Windham, of school officers of city of Portland, school committee of town of Bethel, school committee of town of Deering, Supervisor of Schools of town of North Yarmouth, were referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of William Rice and others of Bath, to make free Arrowsic and Merrymeeting toll bridge, with bill accompanying ;

Petition of S. L. Snipe and others ;

Petition of Kervin W. Riggs and others of Georgetown ;

Petition of P. K. Millay and others of Bowdoinham ;

Petition of John Rogers and others of Phippsburg ;

Petition of Joseph Hilton and others of Woolwich, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of John C. Ingraham and others, for authority to sell church property ; also

Bill "an act to amend chapter 239, public laws of 1874, relating to the protection of game;" also

Petition of C. L. Dunning and 36 others of Brownville, for authority to dispose of their old burial ground at the village ; also

Petition of Orin J. Libby and others of the town of Bridgton, for protection of fish in Adams' pond in said town ; and

Petition of School District No. 4 in Winthrop, for an act of village incorporation, with bill accompanying, were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs ; also

Petition of M. A. Phillip and 56 others, to prevent the waste of mills being thrown into Houghton brook, so called ; and

Petition of William S. Pearson and others of Bangor, with bill

accompanying, to regulate the survey of lumber in Penobscot county;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Maine General Hospital for appropriation; also

Petition of J. L. H. Cobb and others of Lewiston, in aid of Maine General Homœopathic Hospital; also

Memorial of Joseph Howard and others, for appropriation in aid of same; and

“Resolve abating a portion of the State tax of Perkins plantation, and assessing the same upon the town of Carthage;”

Were referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Claim of the county of Aroostook, to be reimbursed for money expended on road in Township No. 8, Range 5;

Petition of Benjamin B. Byron, for deed of lot of land No. 39, in Township No. 5, Range 3;

Petition of William Brown, for deed of lot of land to John M. Brown;

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

Bill “an act to extend the time for the location and construction of the Portland and Ogdensburg Railroad;”

Petition of William Hill and 300 others, for an act to amend chapter 222 of the acts of 1873, by striking out section 2, relating to the location of the Boston and Maine Railroad Station at North Berwick;

Were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of A. J. Bird and 14 others of Rockland, in support of claim of Bickford C. Mathews against the State; and

“Resolve in favor of George W. and Charles C. Hewey, for killing bears;”

Were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of James E. Black and 139 others, to prohibit all persons and corporations from throwing waste from the manufactory of gas into the Saco river; and

Petition of F. J. Parks of Winnegance Mill-dam Company, with bill accompanying;

Were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of E. S. Cushman and others, for incorporation of the Sherman Cheese Factory, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Bill "an act authorizing the construction of the Deering Boulevard and Water Park," was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Petition of William Wescott and others, for incorporation of the Gorham Grange Hall and Building Association, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of Benjamin Smith of Appleton, for State pension, was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Petition of Mathew McKenney and others, of Wiscasset and Woolwich, for an act regulating the catching of smelts;

Petition of Frye H. Hutchins of Hanover, for an act to prohibit the catching of trout in the inlet of Howard pond in the town of Hanover;

Petition of inhabitants of Oldtown, for a close-time for fishing on the Penobscot river and its branches;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. POWERS of Houlton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary, inquire into the expediency of amending section 46, chapter 3, revised statutes, relating to organizing plantations, by striking out the word "fifty" in the sixth line.

On motion of Mr. STRATTON of Mattawamkeag,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending section 24 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes, relating to paupers in unincorporated places.

On motion of Mr. WIGGIN of Rockland,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 6 of the revised statutes, that the liens on lands of residents for taxes may be perfected by suit in action of debt, by adding to the third line of section 173 the words "but may perfect the lien by action of debt."

On motion of Mr. PIKE of Calais,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire as to the expediency of so amending the Calais Court Bill, that the county shall pay the expense of holding the court at Calais, as it now does at Machias.

On motion of Mr. NOWLAND of Dalton,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency

of repealing the amendment to section 22, chapter 24 of the revised statutes, in relation to paupers in unincorporated places, enacted March 3, 1874, and re-enacting that part of the aforesaid section then stricken out.

On motion of Mr. NADEAU of Fort Kent,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, inquire into the claims of Levi Sears for deed of certain lot of land in Aroostook county, and report by resolve or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. POWERS of Houlton,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Land Agent to convey lot numbered 58, in Township No. 11, Range 3, to Rufus F. Stone, waiving further settling duties, and report by resolve or otherwise.

On motion of the same gentleman,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Land Agent to convey lot numbered 67, in Township No. 11, Range 3, to E. S. Perry, omitting further settling duties, and report by resolve or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. CHASE of Bridgton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of amending section 40 of chapter 113 of the revised statutes, by adding to said section the words "and if arrested on an execution issued on either of such judgments the debtor shall not be discharged from arrest on giving bond," and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. BASS of Bangor,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending section 45 of chapter 4 of revised statutes, relating to correcting of voting lists, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Portland,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Railroads inquire whether further legislation is necessary to protect the rights of railroad stockholders in the authority conferred on bondholders to choose trustees under deeds of mortgage.

On motion of Mr. PHILLIPS of Orrington,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of so amending any existing law as to provide by law for giving the superintending school committee of any town where a free high school is established the power to transfer scholars from the district schools to said free high school.

On motion of Mr. BAKER of Newcastle,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs inquire into the expediency of abolishing the State military pensions, or such of them as they may deem proper.

On motion of M. TALBOT of East Machias,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Insane Hospital be directed to inquire whether any fund has accumulated in the hands of the officers of said institution, and if so, what amount, and how the same is invested; also to inquire whether the price now charged for care and board of patients in said institution may not be reduced without injury to the interests of the State.

On motion of Mr. FLOYD of Winthrop,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Claims inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of chapter 30 of the revised statutes as relates to paying bounties on bears.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of State be directed to require of the officers of the Bath Orphan Asylum and Bangor Orphan Asylum, the names, age and town to which they belong, of all beneficiaries now in those institutions, and furnish the same for the information of this House; also that the Secretary of State be directed to ascertain of the Trustees of the Maine General Hospital the names and town to which they belong, of each person treated therein during the year 1875, and report the same for the information of the House.

Mr. REED, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported, on petition, bill "an act authorizing Webster McFarland and others to build and maintain fish weirs in tide waters in the town of Brooklin."

Mr. FARRAR, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act authorizing Gilbert H. Manchester, D. J. Manchester and A. S. Manchester, to build and maintain fish weirs between Sargent's ledge, so called, in Somes' Sound and Gilpatrick's farm in the town of Mt. Desert."

Mr. HASKELL, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to protect black bass and salmon in Moose pond and its tributaries and Seabasticook river in the town of Hartland."



Mr. GOLDTHWAIT, from the Committee on Commerce, reported, on petition, bill "an act to authorize the Laconia Company and the Pepperell Manufacturing Company to connect two piers of their wharves in Saco river."

Printed bill "an act amendatory of and additional to chapter 30 of the revised statutes, in relation to deer and caribou."

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

"Resolve in favor of Insane Hospital," was read once and re-committed on motion of Mr. TALBOT, for statement of facts.

Mr. HUSSEY, from the Committee on Education, reported, on the report of the directors and officers of the American Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, that the same be referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Mr. TRUSSELL, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of F. M. Lufkin and others.

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

Mr. LYNCH, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported bill "an act to amend section 34, chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on logs and lumber."

Mr. SHEPHERD, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government."

The reports were read and accepted, and bills ordered printed under the Rule.

Bill "an act relating to administrators, executors and trustees," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, amended by striking out the last section, on motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

A message was received from the Senate, through its Secretary, Samuel W. Lane, Esq., proposing a Convention of the Legislature, to-morrow, at 11¼ o'clock 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.

Mr. PHILLIPS of Orrington, rose and said :

*Mr. Speaker :* It becomes a painful duty imposed upon me to announce to this House the death of JOHN F. ROBINSON, Esq., of Holden. A member elect, he has not been privileged to sit with us in our deliberations, though hoping, from the insidious nature of the disease which was clinging to him, that he might be able to be with us during the winter, yet his friends have been disappointed, and he has been called from among them.

Mr. Robinson was a man of industry, of more than ordinary ability, a man of sound common sense; a man devoted to the interests of his family, to the interests of his town which has honored him with many of its offices. He was a man devoted to the interests of his church, of which he was a faithful and distinguished member. He was a man of respectable repute in the the vicinity where he resided. This is the testimony of those who knew him most intimately. It is not an uncommon occurrence to speak of the departure of members of this body; and yet, the present occasion is a sad one, and more especially so to the family that has been bereft of a kind and loving husband and father. His work is done; and now, to show the respect of this House, I beg to offer the following resolutions, and move their adoption :

*Resolved,* That this House receives information of the death of John F. Robinson, a member elect of this body from the town of Holden, with profound grief, and sees in this inscrutable decree of the Divine Wisdom, a solemn reminder of that eternity to which we are all rapidly hastening.

*Resolved,* That the faithful and constant efforts of the deceased for the good of the community in which he lived, his patience under the slow ravages of disease, and his high reputation and upright life, furnish examples to us all for the proper use of our opportunities, both in public and private life.

*Resolved,* That as a mark of respect for the memory of the deceased, his seat in this House be draped in mourning for seven days.

*Resolved,* That these resolutions be entered upon the Journal of the House, and a copy, signed by the Speaker and Clerk, forwarded to the family of the deceased.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Mr. HAMILTON of Dexter, rose and said :

*Mr. Speaker:* It becomes my painful duty to announce the death of GEORGE W. GETCHELL, Esq., a member of this House, who died at his home in Plymouth on the 24th instant.

Mr. Getchell was present at the organization of this House, and it is but a very few days since he occupied a seat here in our midst, with a better prospect of a long and useful life than many of us who are left. His vacant seat, draped in mourning, speaks to us to-day in language more eloquent and impressive than any words that I can possibly utter, and forcibly reminds us of the shortness and uncertainty of human life ; and it admonishes us to be also ready for we know not when or whose seat may be vacant next.

Mr. Getchell was a farmer and mechanic of industrious and frugal habits—a man of sound judgment, and respected in the community in which he lived. It was my good fortune to make his acquaintance, and it gives me pleasure to say, that he was a man of sterling integrity, a respected and honored citizen, and in all the social relations of life he sustained an unblemished character. May we emulate his virtues.

We shall miss him here ; but he will be missed more in the circle of his acquaintances where he was better known, for to know him was to respect him. The loss will be more keenly felt by the members of his family, where the arrow of affliction will make the deepest wounds, causing the greatest grief and the deepest sorrow. And as a token of respect and sympathy, I present these resolves, and move that they be adopted :

*Resolved,* That this House has received with profound sorrow the intelligence of the death of George W. Getchell, late a Representative from the town of Plymouth, and that the circumstances of his death serve forcibly to remind us that “ in the midst of life we are in death,” and to admonish us to prepare for that eternity of whose coming we know not the day or hour.

*Resolved,* That the members of this House bear willing testimony to the many virtues and high character of the deceased, and that we feel sure that in the light of his example we all may learn higher views of our duties as legislators and men.

*Resolved,* That these resolves be entered upon the Journal of the

House, and a copy, signed by the Speaker and Clerk, be forwarded to the family of our deceased fellow member.

*Resolved*, That as a mark of respect for the memory of the deceased, his seat in this House be draped in mourning for seven days.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

On motion of Mr. NEALLEY of Bangor,  
The Clerk was directed to notify the Senate of the passage of the two foregoing sets of resolutions; and as a further mark of respect to the deceased members, the House then  
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. CRAM of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of James M. Kempton, for an act to incorporate the Franklin Central Agricultural Society;

Petition of S. J. Gallagher and others, for incorporation of Seth Williams Post of the Grand Army of the Republic;

Petition of Joseph Barrett and 114 others of the town of Canaan, for the abolition of the death penalty;

Petition of Martin H. Kiff and others, to assess three dollars poll tax on each inhabitant liable to pay a tax;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Selectmen of Vinalhaven, for a charter to build a bridge across tide waters, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of Sylvanus Poor and others, for incorporation of an aqueduct company; and

Petition of John N. Bond and 33 others, praying that W. A. Jackson and C. M. Davis may have exclusive right to clear and navigate Damariscotta Lake by steam ;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Martha Soc, for dividends, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Petition of John L. Stevens and others, L. P. Graves and others, W. B. Whiting and others, in aid of Homœopathic Hospital ;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid in the construction of a railroad into Aroostook county,' approved Feb. 8, 1875."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 19 of the special laws of 1875, approved Jan. 28, 1875, relating to aid from the city of Bangor to the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad."

Bill "an act additional and amendatory of an act entitled 'an act to enable the city of Bangor to aid the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company in the extended construction of its railroad,' approved Feb. 22, 1871."

Bill "an act to extend the time for the completion of the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad."

Bill "an act granting further time to the Northern Aroostook Railroad Company to make and file the location of its line of railroad."

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of Jordan Rand and 130 others of Lisbon, for the more effectual suppression of the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Temperance.

Petition of William E. Gould and others, for authority to County Commissioners of Cumberland county to lay a road over tide water, with bill accompanying, referred by the House to Committee on Interior Waters, came back from the Senate referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges.

House receded and concurred with the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Banks and Banking, in considering the expediency of repealing all charters of banking institutions heretofore granted, which have not organized under said charters, be instructed to except the charter of the Pittsfield Savings Bank.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Fisheries be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending section 19, chapter 40 of the revised statutes, that nets may be set crosswise of said waters as well as lengthwise.

These orders came from the Senate read and passed, and were read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, reporting reference to the Governor and Council on communication of Hon. Hamilton Fish, Hon. Edward Thornton, and Governor Selden Connor, came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting, on order, bill "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes."

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to prevent the taking or destroying of fish in Hobbs' mill-pond, in the town of Farmington."

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 their third reading.

Bill "an act to legalize the acts and doings of a school district in the town of Blaine;" also

Bill "an act to amend sections 51, 53 and 55, of chapter 6 of the revised statutes;" also

Petition of city of Lewiston, for an act to authorize the city to take water from Wilson's pond and the Androscoggin river for domestic purposes only; also

Petition of Benj. Smith and others, for repeal of Calais Court Bill; also

Petition of inhabitants of Jonesborough, in aid of same; also

Petition of Selectmen and others of Bucksport, in aid of State Board of Health; also

Petition of City Council of Bangor, for an act to amend and extend the charter of the Bangor Water Power Company, with bill accompanying; also

Bill "an act to amend section 66 of the revised statutes, relating to insolvent estates;" also

Bill "an act to prevent incompetent persons from conducting the business of druggists and apothecaries in this State;" also

Petition of S. C. Hewett and 32 others, for the abolition of the death penalty; also

Bill "an act to amend section 8, chapter 4 of the revised statutes;" also

Bill "an act to amend sections 22 and 23, chapter 24 of the revised statutes;" and

"Resolve amending the Constitution of Maine;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Joseph Clark and others, for State aid in erecting a bridge across the east branch of the Kennebec river; and

Petition of Luther P. French and others, in aid of same;

Were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Petition of George H. Freeman and others, for preservation of fish in Little Sebago lake; and

Petition of J. H. Kimball, for protection of land-locked salmon, trout and bass, with bill accompanying;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of John Burnham and 39 others, for appropriation of \$500 to build a bridge across Molunkus river in the town of Sherman, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of R. P. Carr and 40 others, for an act to prevent the throwing of slabs into Cathance river, with bill accompanying, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Treasurer of the town of Princeton, for reimbursement for bounties paid on bears; and

Petition of Selectmen of Lubec, for reimbursement;

Were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of Virgil P. Hall and others, for aid in building road in the town of Mayfield; and

Petition of citizens of Orono, for an act authorizing them to

purchase the toll bridge in said town, and to make it a free bridge ;

Were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Masonic Temple at Belfast," was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Bill "an act concerning the proprietors of Sheepscot River bridge," was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of F. Stimpson, for deed of lot of land in Township No. 5, Range 3 ; also

Petition of Caleb Sherman, for deed of lot of land (No. 3) in Township No. 15, Range 3 ; and

"Resolve in favor of Hiram Hersey ;"

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

Bill "an act to incorporate the Mechanics' and Laborers' Loan and Building Association," was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of James M. Eveleth and others, to incorporate the Masonic Mutual Relief Association of Mechanic Falls, Maine ; also

Petition of Selectmen of Chester, for an act relating to wide-rimmed wheels in said town ; and

Bill "an act to amend section 42 of chapter 2 of the revised statutes, relating to the distribution of election blanks ;"

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Maine Central Railroad Company, for authority to discontinue a portion of its road ; also

Petition of same, for authority to connect depots in Lewiston ; and

Petition of Aroostook Railroad Company, for extension of time ;  
Were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of B. Emery Trott, for savings bank at Kingfield, with bill accompanying, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Petition of Virgil P. Hall and others, for correction of mistake in the resolve of 1874, relating to school and ministerial lots in the town of Mayfield, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to amend section 63 and 64 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes ;'" and



Petition of Nelson Ham and others, to be incorporated as the Maine Patrons' Co-operative Agency, with bill accompanying;

Were referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Remonstrance of the inhabitants of Woolwich, against the Merrymeeting Bay and Arrowsic bridge being supported by the county of Sagadahoc, was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Bill "an act relating to attachments of real estate," was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Bill "an act to prohibit the taking of fish in the tributaries or outlets of Webb's pond in the town of Weld;" and

Petition of C. R. Masterman, in aid of same;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of A. Linn and others, for incorporation of a fire department; and

Petition of inhabitants of Linneus, for the incorporation of Oakfield plantation;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of Penobscot Indians, for a suitable person to instruct them in farming, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 392 of the special laws of 1873, relating to schools in the Madawaska territory;" and

Bill "an act to authorize cities and towns to charge interest on certain taxes;"

Were referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

On motion of Mr. PARCHER of Leeds,

The vote whereby the House referred petition of M. T. Ludden and others, to the Committee on the Judiciary, was reconsidered, and the petition referred to the Androscoggin County Delegation.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. ROLF of Princeton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Claims be directed to inquire into the expediency of reimbursing the town of Topsfield for a certain sum of money lost in transmission from the office of State Treasurer to the treasurer of said town.

On motion of Mr. KEEGAN of Madawaska,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, inquire into the claims of John Parent, Abraham Dulay and

Joseph Dulay against the State, for lots of land paid for by them, and report thereon; also

That the same Committee inquire into the claim of the late William Harte against the State, for a lot of land paid for by him, and report thereon.

On motion of Mr. FOGLER of Hope,

*Ordered,* That the papers relating to the case of Benj. Smith of Appleton, be taken from the files of 1873 and 1875, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion of Mr. ROGERS of Bath,

*Ordered,* That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of legalizing the acts of the Winnegance Mill-dam Company; also

That the Committee on Interior Waters inquire into the expediency of discontinuing the Sagadahoc Ferry, and the surrender of its charter; also, to inquire what amendments may be made to the People's Ferry Company.

On motion of Mr. MARDEN of Palermo,

*Ordered,* That the Committee on Towns be instructed to inquire into the necessity and expediency of passing an act to legalize the records and doings of the town of Palermo for the last twenty years.

On motion of Mr. BASS of Bangor,

*Ordered,* That the Committee on Finance inquire into the expediency of requiring a two-thirds vote of the legal voters of towns, counties and cities in incurring debts, excepting temporary loans.

On motion of Mr. DEARBORN of Parsonsfield,

*Ordered,* That the Committee on Education be required to inquire into the expediency of a uniform system of text books for common schools throughout the State.

On motion of Mr. BAKER of Newcastle,

*Ordered,* That the Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill prohibiting the division of accounts, and bringing suits by creditors for the purpose of getting more than one execution against the body of a debtor.

On motion of Mr. GREELY of Lewiston,

*Ordered,* That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to

inquire into the expediency of enacting a law giving persons a lien upon wood cut and hauled.

On motion of Mr. CLEAVES of Portland,

*Ordered,* That the Committee on Legal Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Judge of Probate to allow extra compensation to appraisers on estates of deceased persons and commissioners; also

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending the law, as to provide for more terms of the County Commissioners' court for Cumberland county.

On motion of Mr. LYNCH of Machias,

*Ordered,* That the Committee on Legal Affairs be required to examine the statutes relating to imprisonment for debt, and imprisonment under the bastardy act, and ascertain if any further legislation is necessary for the protection of jailors with reference to the board of persons committed under either act.

On motion of Mr. MEADER of Waterville,

*Ordered,* That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of establishing a Superior Court at Augusta, in the county of Kennebec.

On motion of Mr. ROBINSON of Lincoln,

*Ordered,* That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 12, section 2, of the public laws of 1875, that said section shall not apply to hides of moose imported for manufacture.

On motion of Mr. MAXWELL of Webster,

*Ordered,* That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 1 of chapter 91, of the laws of 1873, relating to appeals from county commissioners.

On motion of Mr. NEALLEY of Bangor,

*Ordered,* That the Committee on the Judiciary examine and report what, if any, legislation is necessary to aid the city of Bangor to more fully carry out the provisions of an act entitled "an act for supplying the city of Bangor with water, approved Feb. 22, 1875."

On motion of Mr. STORY of Washburn,

*Ordered,* That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of amending the law relating to trust estates; also

That the Committee on Railroads be requested to inquire into the expediency of allowing the Aroostook River Railroad Company further time in which to complete the construction of said road; and also as to authorizing the filing with county commissioners a further and amended description of the location of said road.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,

*Ordered*, That the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court be required to furnish for the information of this House, an answer to the following question: "Has the Legislature authority under the Constitution of the State, to assess a general tax upon the property of the State for the purposes of distribution under 'an act to establish the school mill fund for the support of common schools,' approved February 27, 1872?"

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act in relation to wharves and fish weirs in tide waters;" also

Reported, from the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, bill "an act for the organization of business corporations."

Mr. SAWYER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported, on petition, "resolve in aid of Lola Coly."

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on Railroads, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Orchard Beach Railroad Company."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, resolve once, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of the bills and second reading of the resolve, under suspension of the rules.

Mr. PHILLIPS, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to thistles and weeds.

Mr. ALLAN, from same Committee, reported same, on order relating to line fences.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported same, on bill "an act additional to chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to ways."

Mr. HAYNES, from the same Committee, reported ought not to pass on bill "an act to amend section 19, chapter 78 of the revised statutes, relating to clerks of county commissioners."

Mr. BROWN, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported same, on bill "an act to amend section 52, chapter 224 of acts and resolves of 1874, relating to pressed hay."

Mr. SAWYER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Susup Sockalexis and others of the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

Mr. CONNOR, from the Committee on Towns, reported same, on petition of Henry F. Knowles.

Mr. SAWYER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported same, on petition of Joseph Sockbason and others of the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported same, on petition of Rebecca Ayer.

Mr. SAWYER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported reference to the Agent of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, on petition of Newell Polis for dividends.

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

Mr. YOUNG, from the Committee on Towns, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the town of Kossuth in the county of Washington."

Pending acceptance of the report, recommitted to the Committee on Towns, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. ALLAN, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported bill "an act to amend section 7 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the assessment and collection of taxes."

Mr. WHITE, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported bill "an act authorizing insurance companies to divide their directors into classes."

Mr. DUTTON, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported bill "an act to authorize the Receivers of the American Bank to pay the dividends on lost certificates."

Mr. SAWYER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported "resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians."

Mr. POWERS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill "an act permitting the defendant to give bond in trustee process."

Mr. PIKE, from the same Committee, reported bill "an act to enable non-resident guardians to obtain property in this State

belonging to their wards residing in other States or Territories of the United States."

Mr. PIKE, from the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, reported bill "an act to authorize the formation of railroad corporations."

These reports were read and accepted, and the bills and resolve ordered printed under the Rule.

Mr. HAYNES of Augusta, presented the memorial of the Maine State Association for the protection of fish, and on his motion the same was ordered printed, and referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

The hour fixed for the election of a State Treasurer having arrived, the Senate came in and a Convention was formed.

#### IN CONVENTION.

On motion,

Messrs. Talbot of Washington,  
Tolman of Hancock,  
Carney of Lincoln,  
Davis of Portland,  
Lord of Lebanon,  
Percy of West Bath,  
Chase of Standish,  
Allan of Dennysville,

were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for a State Treasurer.

Having attended to the duty assigned it, Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee, reported :

Whole number of votes.....	171
Necessary to a choice.....	86
Silas C. Hatch has.....	101
Samuel Kelley.....	1
John S. Ricker.....	69

and Hon. Silas C. Hatch was declared duly elected State Treasurer for the current fiscal year.

On motion of Mr. TOLMAN, the Secretary of the Convention was directed to notify Mr. Hatch of his election to the office of State Treasurer.

The Convention then dissolved, and the Senate retired.

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Southgate Dyking Company;"

Bill "an act to authorize Nelson W. Gamage to extend a wharf into tide waters in the town of Bristol;"

Bill "an act authorizing Abraham C. Fernald and others to build and maintain a fish weir in tide waters between Bear island and Mt. Desert;"

Bill "an act to prohibit the taking of fish of any kind from the Adams' pond, so called, and its main tributary, in the town of Newfield;" and

Bill "an act for the protection of fish in Pushaw pond, in the county of Penobscot, and the streams flowing into and out of said pond;"

Were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act authorizing Charles W. Howard to dredge bars and navigate Rangely lake by steam," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and tabled on motion of Mr. CURRIER of Wilton.

Bill "an act amendatory of, and additional to, chapter 30 of the revised statutes, in relation to deer and caribou," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend 'an act relating to the city schools of Bangor,' approved February 18, 1875;"

Bill "an act authorizing Gilbert H. Manchester, D. J. Manchester and A. S. Manchester, to build and maintain fish weirs between Sargent's ledge, so called, in Somes' sound, and Gilpatrick's farm in the town of Mt. Desert;"

Bill "an act authorizing Webster McFarland and others to

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build and maintain fish weirs in tide waters in the town of Brooklyn ;”

Bill “an act relating to school money now belonging to School District No. 4 in Biddeford ;”

Bill “an act to amend section 5 of chapter 78 of the revised statutes, relating to election returns ;”

Bill “an act to authorize the Laconia Company and the Pepperell Manufacturing Company to connect two piers of their wharf in Saco river ;”

Bill “an act to protect black bass and salmon in Moose pond and its tributaries, and Sebasticook river, in the town of Hartland ;”

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

Mr. YOUNG of Trenton, presented “resolve providing for a change in the seat of government,” which was read twice under a suspension of the rules, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. PIKE of Calais,  
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*



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THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Miss HAYNES of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Communications from the Governor, transmitting the Constitution of this State, with the amendments thereto, as drafted and arranged by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, was received from the Senate read and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, and was read and referred in concurrence.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting annual report of the Military and Naval Asylum at Bath, came from the Senate read and the report referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and was read and referred in concurrence.

Bill "an act to make free Arrowsic and Merrymeeting toll bridge;"

Petition of William Rice and others of Bath;

Petition of Joseph Wilton and others of Woolwich;

Petition of John Rogers and others of Phippsburg;

Petition of P. K. Millay and others of Bowdoinham;

Petition of Kervin W. Riggs and others of Georgetown; and

Petition of S. S. Snipe and others of Arrowsic, in aid of same, referred by the House to the Committee on Commerce, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

The House receded and concurred.

Bill "an act to establish a Board of Harbor Commissioners;"  
also

Bill "an act to protect George Dyer in running his ferry from North Haven to Vinalhaven in Knox county;" also

Petition of R. C. Hersey and others, for State Board of Harbor Commissioners; and

Petition of George Dyer, for protection in running his ferry from North Haven to Vinalhaven;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Commerce.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 124 of the public laws of 1873, relating to free high schools;" and

Bill "an act to extend the powers of school districts;"

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Education.

Petition of Bion Bradbury and others;

Petition of Arno Wiswell and others;

Petition of H. W. True and others; and

Petition of Rufus Shackford and others, in aid of Homœopathic Hospital;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Petition of Penobscot County Commissioners, for a loan, was referred in concurrence to the Penobscot County Delegation.

Petition of George Pierce and others, for an act to prohibit the playing of base ball in the streets; also

Bill "an act to legalize the doings of the town of Cornish;" and

Bill "an act to amend section 3, chapter 13 of the revised statutes, relating to the practice of medicine;"

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of citizens of Kingsbury and adjoining towns, for aid to repair the New England road, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of H. R. Stevens and 22 others of Lisbon, for suppression of the sale of intoxicating liquors, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Temperance.

"Resolve in favor of certain towns and plantations," was referred to the Committee on Towns.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Banks and Banking inquire into the expediency of so amending section 7 of chapter 266, of the public laws of 1874, that no savings bank shall be required or

obliged to pay to any depositor, until after thirty days' notice, the exact sum of five hundred dollars.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of repealing or amending chapter 37 of the public laws of 1875, relating to attachments of property.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of so amending the law relating to normal schools, that the expenses of supporting said schools may be paid from money appropriated for the support of common schools.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of repealing or amending chapter 224 of the laws of 1874.

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire into the constitutionality of the law of 1875, establishing a voting precinct on Hurricane island, in the town of Vinalhaven, and report if any further legislation should be had on the subject.

These orders came from the Senate read and passed, and were read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Towns, reporting leave to withdraw on petition of inhabitants of East Hampden; also

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act to provide for taxation of dogs and the preservation of sheep," referred from the last Legislature;

Came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, reporting leave to withdraw on petition of R. M. Lufkin and others, accepted in the House, came back from the Senate non-concurred and re-committed.

House receded and concurred.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act for the protection of pike or pickerel in Berry, Dexter and Wilson's ponds, in the towns of Wayne, Winthrop and Monmouth," 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 to incorporate the Home for Aged Men, at Bangor," 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 adopted Senate amendment "A," and passed the same to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 172 of the public laws of 1874, relating to security of life on steam vessels in inland waters," came from the Senate, read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

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

Bill "an act to amend chapter 60 of the revised statutes, relating to divorce," was referred, under suspension of rules, to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Remonstrance against the petition of Amaziah Whitten and others ; also

Remonstrance of Sewall Houghton and others, against petition of M. A. Phillips and others ; also

Remonstrance of citizens of Webster, against the annexation of Sabattus village to the city of Lewiston ; and

Remonstrance of inhabitants of the town of Greene, against petition of J. N. Davis, for annexation of part of Webster and Greene to the city of Lewiston ;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. BAKER of Newcastle,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill authorizing the sale of the unsold lands of the State.

This order was sent to the Senate.

Mr. KEEGAN of Madawaska, presented the following order, which exciting debate, was laid on the table.

WHEREAS, This House, on the 26th day of January, 1876, passed the order which reads as follows :

*Ordered*, That the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court be required to furnish for the information of this House, an answer

to the following question: "Has the Legislature authority under the Constitution of the State, to assess a general tax upon the property of the State for the purposes of distribution, under 'an act to establish the school mill fund for the support of common schools,' approved February 27th, 1872?"

And whereas, said order was acted upon on the day upon which the same was proposed, contrary to the 45th rule of the House:

*Ordered*, That said order be and the same is hereby rescinded; and the Clerk is hereby directed to notify the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court of the passage of this order rescinding the previous one.

Mr. KEEGAN, in support of his order, called the attention of the House to the forty-fifth rule of the House, which says that "a proposition to require the opinion of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, as provided by the Constitution, shall not be acted upon until the next day after such proposition is made."

Mr. PORTER inquired if the rules were not suspended? He so understood it.

Mr. KEEGAN appealed to the Chair, who said there was no record of the rules being suspended.

Mr. PORTER was willing to abide by the decision of the Chair.

Mr. TALBOT remarked that the order before the House was one that had been decided upon, and according to the rules of the House a proposition to change the vote is not in order. He understood the rules were suspended; and if so, the order could not be rescinded by this subsequent action. If the rules were not suspended, the House had passed the order, voted against reconsideration, and had thus limited their action upon that matter for the session. He further called attention to a rule of the House which says that no rule or order of the House shall be rescinded except by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Mr. MARTIN of Camden, raised the point that debate was not in order until after the accomplishment of the business of the morning hour.

The SPEAKER sustained the point, and the matter went over.

Mr. BURPEE, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported legislation unnecessary, on petition of Benjamin Smith and others of Dennysville, for charter of the Dennys' River Dairying Association; also

Reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Merrill Slate Company;" also

Same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Red Granite Company;" also

Same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Gorham Grange Hall Building Association."

Mr. MEADER, from the Committee on Claims, reported reference to the Governor and Council, on "resolve in favor of the Granger turnpike."

Mr. STONE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to the amendment of section 40 of chapter 113 of the revised statutes.

Mr. CHASE, from the same Committee, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of C. L. Dunning and others of the town of Brownville.

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

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported bill "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 70 of the revised statutes, relating to the time in which assignees shall file an inventory in probate court;" also

Reported bill "an act to amend section 87 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to witnesses and evidence, by adding a fifth exception."

Mr. SAWYER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported "resolve in favor of Penobscot tribe of Indians;" also

Reported "resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians."

Mr. ALEXANDER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported "resolve in favor of Benjamin B. Byron;" also

Reported "resolve in favor of James M. Story."

Mr. GIBSON, from the same Committee, reported "resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey to James McCornville, jr., a lot of land in Washburn."

Mr. NADEAU, from the same Committee, reported "resolve in favor of Crystal plantation."

Mr. LIBBY, from the same Committee, reported "resolve in favor of George L. Daniels of Chapman plantation."

Mr. BURNHAM, from the same Committee, reported "resolve in aid of a bridge across the Magalloway river."

These reports were read and accepted, bills and resolves ordered printed under the Rule.

Mr. NOWLAND, from the Committee on Change of Names, reported bill "an act to change the name of the town of Dalton to Ashland, its former name."

Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to give additional power to the Piscataquis Mutual Insurance Company."

Mr. LYNCH, from the same Committee, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend section 24 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on logs and lumber."

Mr. CHASE, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to prevent fishing in Adams' pond in the town of Bridgton."

Printed bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government."

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

Mr. LYNCH, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Masonic Temple of Belfast."

The report was read and accepted, bill read three times, rules being suspended, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Orchard Beach Railroad Company."

"Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey to L. T. Manson a lot of land in Chapman plantation."

"Resolve in favor of John Allen of Maysville, Aroostook county."

"Resolve in favor of Lola Coly."

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

Bill "an act to provide for the organization of business corporations;" and

Bill "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes;"

Were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, each amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

"Resolve in aid of building a bridge over Savage stream in St. Francis plantation," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the the second time, and tabled on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

Bill "an act to prevent the taking of or destroying fish in Hubbs' pond in the town of Farmington," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Lewey Snow;" and

"Resolve in favor of Joseph Francis;"

Were read twice, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Piper Reservoir Dam Company;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bridgton Telegraph Company;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Odd Fellows Mutual Relief Association of Maine;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Hibernian Society of Biddeford;"

Bill "an act additional to incorporate the Monmouth Mutual Fire Insurance Company;"

Bill "an act authorizing Mark Marshall to build and maintain a wharf in the water of Marshall's cove in St. George;"

Bill "an act for the preservation of pickerel in Northwest and Harlow ponds in the towns of Parkman and Sangerville, in the county of Piscataquis;"

Bill "an act to annex Songo Gore and the Dingley islands to the town of Casco;"

Bill "an act authorizing the town of Lyndon to loan its credit in aid of the Aroostook River Railroad;"

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of Drew plantation;"

Bill "an act to encourage and protect the breeding of trout and



land-locked salmon in Sunday pond in lots number 2 and 3, Township No. 5, Range 4, in Oxford county;”

Bill “an act additional to an act to incorporate the Penobscot Log Driving Company;”

Having had three several readings, passed to be engrossed, were reported from 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. PORTER of Burlington, bill “an act to regulate the rate of interest,” was taken from the table, the question being upon acceptance of the report.

After consideration, the matter was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. HAYNES of Augusta, same question still pending.

On motion of Mr. HAYNES,  
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. SAWYER of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Memorial relating to the Supreme Judicial Court, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

*Ordered,* That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending the laws in relation to trusteeship the wages of school teachers.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and was read and passed in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to amending section 2, chapter 113, revised statutes, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. MARTIN of Camden.

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on order relating to the amendment of chapter 91, revised statutes.

Report of the same Committee, reporting same, on order relating to the commencement of actions for the recovery of lands sold for taxes.

Report of Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of John Regan.

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on petition of George W. Kalloch.

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on petition of E. P. Smith and others, referred from the last Legislature.

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

Report of the Committee on Railroads, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act additional to an act to amend an act to incorporate the Bangor and Calais Shore Line Railroad Company."

Report of Committee on Banks and Banking, reporting, on order, bill "an act to repeal charters of unorganized savings banks."

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 State Lands and State Roads reporting, on petition, "resolve in favor of a bridge across the Mattawamkeag river in the town of Haynesville," came from the Senate read and accepted, resolve read twice, and recommitted for statement of facts, and was recommitted in concurrence.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting a communication from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Bath Orphan Asylum, was read and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Petition of Jeremiah Page and others, was referred under suspension of rules to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Jefferson Brown and others, that all bridges costing over four hundred dollars be built and maintained by the county, was referred under suspension of the rules to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Remonstrance of B. H. Lewis and others, against the Deering Boulevard, was referred under suspension of rules to the same Committee.

Petition of Sumner Whitney, for deed of a lot of land; and

Petition of C. H. Falkner, against fishing with other than dip-nets in tide waters of Steuben, with bill accompanying;

Were referred to the next Legislature under the Rule.

Petition of Warren Leighton and others; and

Petition of William Dutton and others;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Petition of sheriffs and jailors, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

Mr. BASS of Bangor, offered the following preamble and order:

WHEREAS, The lands heretofore granted by Congress to this State, have been sold by our State authorities at prices far below the market rates for such property; and

WHEREAS, The attention of the State is constantly called to the fact in consequence of applications for aid on the part of the Agricultural College, and grave suspicions have been expressed in different parts of the State as to the fairness of such sales, therefore be it

*Ordered*, That a Committee of seven be appointed for the purpose of investigating said sales, and that said Committee have power to send for persons and papers, and administer oaths.

The order was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. POWERS of Houlton.

Mr. WHITE, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported in a new draft, bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to amend sections 63 and 64, of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, relating to foreign insurance companies.'"

Mr. EASTMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill "an act to amend section 65 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to damage on ways, as amended by chapter 215 of the public laws of 1874."

Mr. FLETCHER, from the Committee on Education, reported bill "an act to extend the powers of school districts."

The reports were read and accepted, and bills ordered printed under the Rule.

Mr. CONNOR, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported, on petition, bill "an act to prohibit the taking of fish in the Newbegin brook in the town of Newfield."

Mr. CLIFFORD, from same Committee, reported bill "an act to prevent the taking of trout from the Rangely stream in the town of Rangely."

Mr. HASKELL, from the same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act for the preservation of fish in Little Sebago lake in the county of Cumberland."

Mr. FARRAR, from the same Committee, reported, on petition of H. B. Crowell and others, bill "an act to prevent fishing in Puffer pond in the town of Dexter."

Mr. TRUSSELL, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act additional to chapter 40 of the revised statutes, to prevent the destruction of certain fish in the upper waters of the Penobscot river."

Mr. FARRAR, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act concerning the proprietors of Sheepscot River bridge."

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act in addition to an act to amend the charter of the Wiscasset Bridge Company."

Mr. WHITE, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to authorize Charles Russell to build and maintain a wharf in the tide waters of the Kennebec river in the town of Bowdoinham."

Mr. NEALLEY, from the Committee on Education, reported, on petition, bill "an act to make valid certain doings of the town of Yarmouth in 1869."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 7 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the assessment and collection of taxes."

Printed bill "an act authorizing insurance companies to divide their directors into classes."

Printed bill "an act permitting the defendant to give bond in trustee process."

Bill "an act to authorize the receivers of the American Bank to pay the dividends on lost certificates."

Printed bill "an act to enable non-resident guardians to obtain property in this State belonging to their wards residing in other States or Territories of the United States."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Mr. TAYLOR, from the Committee on Pensions, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Benjamin Smith of Appleton.

Mr. GIBSON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported same, on petition of F. W. Stimson.

Mr. STOVER, from the Committee on Claims, reported same, on petition of A. G. Bird and others of Rockland.

Mr. KEEGAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported same, on memorial of George M. Weston.

Mr. NEALLEY, from the Committee on Education, reported reference to the Committee on Financial Affairs, on "resolve in favor of Wilton Academy."

Mr. HUSSEY, from the same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient, on an order relating to a uniform system of textbooks.

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

Bill "an act to change the name of the town of Dalton to Ashland, its former name;"

Bill "an act to amend section 35 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on logs and lumber;"

Bill "an act to prevent fishing in Adams Pond in the town of Bridgton;"

Were reported from 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 provide in part for the expenditures of government," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and pending its third reading, recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 172 of the public laws of 1874, relating to security of life on steam vessels on inland waters,"

was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and read the third time.

Senate amendment "A" adopted.

Further amended per sheet "B," on motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington, and tabled on motion of Mr. MARTIN of Camden, and Tuesday next assigned for its further consideration.

On motion of Mr. KEEGAN of Madawaska, an order relating to rescinding an order of the House passed on the 26th instant, was taken from the table.

The SPEAKER ruled that it could not be entertained, an appeal being taken by Mr. Keegan.

The House sustained the ruling by a vote of 92 in the affirmative, and 21 in the negative.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH. *Clerk.*

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. LALACHEUR of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine State Temperance Camp-meeting Association," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Thomas Hussey and others of Bangor, was referred in concurrence to the next Legislature.

Report of the Committee on Towns, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of J. N. Davis and others; to be set off from the town of Webster and annexed to the city of Lewiston.

Report of the same Committee, reporting same, on petition of inhabitants of Linneus, for the incorporation of Oakfield plantation.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to extending the provisions of chapter 104 of the revised statutes, relating to real actions and betterments.

Report of the Committee on Towns, reporting reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs, on an order relating to legalizing the records of the town of Palermo.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting reference to the Committee on Temperance, on petition of H. Grace Cole and others.

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

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 55, section 1 of the revised statutes, relating to libraries, charitable societies and public cemeteries," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, and bill ordered printed under the rule.

"Resolve providing for a change in the seat of government," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House adhered to its former vote.

Petition of S. C. Weld and others, for an act compelling towns to tax dogs, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of inhabitants of the town of Cutler, praying that the term of court now held at Calais, may hereafter be held at Machias, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Remonstrance of Selectmen of Montville and 93 others, against the division of said town," was referred to the Committee on Towns.

Claim of the town of Alexander, for bounty on bears, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of David Newbegin and others, for change of law so that counties shall be obliged to build bridges costing more than four hundred dollars; also

Petition of John C. Blanchard, for an act to prohibit throwing sawdust and edgings into Martin stream at Plymouth; and

Petition of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians, for authority to purchase a wood lot ;

Were referred to the next Legislature.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. HAMILTON of Dexter,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk be directed to notify the town officers of the town of Plymouth, that a vacancy exists in this body from that town, caused by the death of George W. Gatchell.

On motion of Mr. PARCHER of Leeds,

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

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Education, inquire whether a normal school has been kept up during the past year in connection with each of the following institutions, viz: Oak Grove Seminary and Maine Central Institute, and report to this House.

On motion of Mr. LAMSON of Richmond,

*Ordered*, That the time of meeting of this House on Mondays be 2 o'clock P. M., until otherwise ordered.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to amending chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relative to liens on lands for taxes ; also

Reported same, on order relating to repeal of chapter 215 of the public laws of 1874 ; also

Reported same, on order relating to rights of married women.

Mr. WYMAN, from the Committee on Claims, reported reference to the Governor and Council, on order relating to "resolve in favor of Fort Kent."

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported reference to the next Legislature, on order relating to uncollected taxes in unincorporated places ; also

Reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 227 of laws of 1874."

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

Mr. STOVER, from the Committee on Claims, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of George W. Hewey and Charles L. Hewey."



Mr. WHITE, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Aroostook River Log Driving Company."

These reports were read and accepted, and bill and resolve ordered printed under the Rule.

Mr. HAYNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill "an act to regulate and limit municipal indebtedness," and that the same should be printed.

The report was accepted, and the bill ordered printed.

Bill "an act to make valid certain doings of the town of Yarmouth in 1869."

Bill "an act to authorize Charles Russell to build and maintain a wharf in tide waters of Kennebec river, in the town of Bowdoinham."

Bill "an act in addition to and to amend an act to incorporate the proprietors of Wiscasset bridge, approved June 30, 1846."

Bill "an act concerning the proprietors of Sheepscoot River bridge."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 40 of the revised statutes, to prevent the destruction of certain fish in the upper waters of the Penobscot river."

Bill "an act to prevent fishing in Puffer pond in the town of Dexter."

Bill "an act for the preservation of fish in Little Sebago lake, situated in the county of Cumberland."

These bills were reported from 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 authorize Nelson W. Gamage to extend a wharf into tide waters in the town of Bristol."

Bill "an act to amend an act granting a charter to the Alumni Association of Bates College."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Equity Fire Insurance Company."

Bill "an act to prohibit the taking of fish of any kind from Adams' pond, so called, and its main tributary in the town of Newfield."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Home for Aged Men at Bangor."

Bill "an act relating to administrators, executors and trustees."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Southgate Dyking Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Rockland, Mt. Desert and Sullivan Steamboat Company."

Bill "an act for the protection of fish in Pushaw pond, in the county of Penobscot, and the streams flowing into and out of said pond."

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the town Lyndon, in the county of Aroostook."

Bill "an act to authorize John Neal to build and extend a wharf into tide waters in the town of Kittery."

Bill "an act to prevent the taking of fish in Hobbs' mill pond in the town of Farmington."

Bill "an act to authorize Abraham C. Fernald and others to build and maintain a fish weir in tide waters between Bear island and Mt. Desert."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Masonic Temple of Belfast."

These bills having had three several readings and passed to be engrossed, were reported from 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 Legal Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to give additional power to the Piscataquis Mutual Insurance Company," was taken from the table read the third time and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Report of the same Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to amending section 2, chapter 113, revised statutes, was taken from the table, and the report accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, reporting leave to withdraw on petition of Thomas L. Davis and others of Mt. Desert, was taken from the table, the question being upon the acceptance of the report, which was accepted and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 172 of the public laws of 1874, relating to security of life on steam vessels on inland waters," was taken from the table, the question being upon passing the same to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington, the bill was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

On motion of Mr. POWERS of Houlton, the order proposing a Committee to investigate the sale of the land scrip, was taken from the table, amended as per sheets "A" and "B," and passed, and

Messrs. Bass of Bangor,  
 Shepherd of Skowhegan,  
 Powers of Houlton,  
 Haynes of Augusta,  
 Pike of Calais,  
 Anderson of Portland,  
 Kimball of Waterford,

appointed on part of the House, and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

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MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. McCULLY of Hallowell.

Journal of Saturday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Communication from Hon. S. C. Hatch, signifying his acceptance of the office of Treasurer of State, and transmitting his official bond, came from the Senate, was read, and the bond referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Report of Railroad Commissioners, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Railroads.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cape Elizabeth Dyking Company;"

Report of the Committee on Education, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to fiscal school returns of towns, to be made to the State Superintendent of Common Schools;"

Came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice and passed to be engrossed.

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

Report of the Committee on Claims, reporting reference to the Committee on Financial Affairs, on petition of J. K. and E. D. Jewett.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to trusteeing wages of school teachers.

Report of Committee on State Printing and Binding, reporting, on order of the Legislature, such proposals as have been received, came from the Senate accompanied by the following order :

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Printing and Binding be authorized to contract for the State Printing with the firm which they consider for the best interest of the State.

This order was read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Sarah M. Ayer and another, in aid of the petition of W. H. Hunt and others, to set off a part of Montville and annex the same to the town of Liberty ;

Remonstrance of Henry Earskin and others ; and

Remonstrance of J. J. Carr, Selectman of Montville, against division of said town ;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Remonstrance of Charles R. Loring and 79 others of the town of Topsham, against making free Merrymeeting Bay and Arrowsic bridge, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Remonstrance of Joseph H. West and others, against petition of John H. Stimson, for charter for bridge ; also

Remonstrance of A. W. Googins and others, against the same ; and

Of William Mercer and others of the town of Waltham ;

Were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. HAYNES of Augusta,

*Ordered*, That the use of the Representatives' Hall be granted to Rev. Dr. Allen, President of the Maine State College, on Tuesday evening, February 18, for the purpose of a lecture on the aims and methods of the Maine State College and the training it gives.

Report of Commissioners on new Insane Hospital, was presented and ordered printed, on motion of Mr. BALLARD of Augusta, and referred to the Committee on Insane Hospital.

Mr. LYNCH, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported bill "an act to amend chapter 239 of the public laws of 1874."

Mr. TENNEY, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported "resolve in aid of building bridge over Gagnon stream in the town of Frenchville."

Mr. POWERS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported "resolve in favor of the Railroad Commissioners;" also

Reported bill "an act to amend section 5 of chapter 138 of the revised statutes, relating to fugitives from justice."

The reports were read and accepted, and bills and resolves ordered printed under the Rule.

Communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting names and residences of patients treated at the Maine General Hospital during the year 1875.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington, ordered printed.

Mr. FOGLER, from the Committee on Pensions, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Washington Carleton for pension.

Mr. KEEGAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient, on bill "an act relating to estates;" also

Reported same, on order relating to prevention of gambling on grounds of town, county or state fairs; also

Reported same, on order relating to amendment of sections 27 and 28, chapter 91, public laws, relating to liens on buildings; also

Reported same, on order relating to plantations organized for election purposes; also

Reported reference to the Committee on Temperance, on order relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors on fair grounds.

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

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on order, bill "an act to authorize the sale of the islands belonging to the State."

Report was read and accepted, bill read twice, rules being suspended, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Printed bill "an act to amend section 87 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to witnesses and evidence, by adding a fifth exception."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 70 of the revised statutes, in relation to the time in which assignees shall file an inventory in Probate Court."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 65, chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to damages on ways, as amended by chapter 215 of the public laws of 1874."

Printed bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to amend sections 63 and 64 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, relating to foreign insurance companies.'"

"Resolve in favor of Geo. L. Daniels of Chapman plantation."

"Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians;" also

"Resolve in favor of the same."

"Resolve in favor of James M. Story."

"Resolve in favor of Crystal plantation."

"Resolve making appropriation for the Penobscot tribe of Indians."

"Resolve in favor of Benjamin B. Byron."

"Resolve in favor of a bridge across the Magalloway river."

"Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey to James McCornville, Jr., a lot of land in Washburn."

These bills were 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.

Printed bill "an act to authorize the formation of railroad companies," was read twice, and Wednesday next assigned for its third reading.

Printed bill "an act to incorporate the Aroostook Log Driving Company," was read twice, amended as per sheet "A," on motion of Mr. POWERS, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Bill "an act to authorize insurance companies to divide their directors into classes;" also

Bill "an act to prevent the taking of trout from Rangely stream in the town of Rangely;" also

Bill "an act to prohibit the taking of fish from the Newbegin brook in the town of Newfield;" also

Bill "an act to authorize the receivers of American Bank to pay the dividends on lost certificates;" also

Bill "an act permitting the defendant to give bond in trustee process;" and

Bill "an act to amend section 7 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the assessment and collection of taxes;"

Were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, the last two each amended as per sheets "A," and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to repeal charters of savings banks and banking institutions, which have not organized or shall not have organized previous to August 1, 1876," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 5 of chapter 78 of the revised statutes, relating to election returns."

Bill "an act amendatory of and additional to chapter 30 of the revised statutes, relating to deer and caribou."

Bill "an act to encourage and protect the breeding of trout in Little pond and Little pond brook in Fryeburg Academy Grant."

Bill "an act to amend an act relating to the city schools of Bangor, approved January 18, 1875;"

Bill "an act authorizing Gilbert H. Manchester, D. J. Manchester and A. L. Manchester, to build and maintain fish weirs in Somes' sound in the town of Mount Desert."

Bill "an act to authorize the Lanconia Company and the Pepperell Manufacturing Company, to connect two piers of their wharves in Saco River."

Bill "an act for the protection of pike or pickerel in the Berry, Dexter and Wilson ponds in the towns of Wayne, Winthrop and Monmouth."

Bill "an act to protect black bass and salmon in Moose pond and its tributaries and Sebasticook river, in the town of Hartland."

Bill "an act relating to school money now belonging to School District No. 4 in Biddeford."

Bill "an act authorizing Webster McFarland and others to maintain fish weirs in tide waters in the town of Brooklin."

Bill "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to mortgages on personal property."

"Resolve in favor of Joseph Francis."

"Resolve in favor of Lewis Snow."

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

Bill "an act to amend section 18 of chapter 88 of the revised statutes, relating to partition of real estate," was taken from the table, read the third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Petition of sheriffs and jailors, was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. DUTTON of Lewiston, ordered printed, and referred to the next Legislature.

On motion of Mr. NEALLEY of Bangor,  
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. HARDING of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of Daniel Newbegin and others, for a change of the law so that counties shall be obliged to build all bridges costing more than four hundred dollars, came back from the Senate referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

The House insisted upon its former vote, referring the same to the next Legislature.

Remonstrance of Solomon Stuart and David Torrey, Selectmen of Deering, against the passage of the Deering Boulevard bill, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to rights of married women, read and accepted by the House, came from the Senate read and re-committed.

The House recessed and concurred.

“Resolve in relation to compulsory pilotage;” and

“Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Education;”

Came from the Senate read twice, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

The resolves were read twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting, on petition, bill “an act to amend and renew the charter of the Sebec Lake Steamboat Company;” also

Report of same Committee, reporting ought to pass, on bill “an act to authorize C. M. Davis and W. A. Jackson to navigate Damariscotta lake and river by steam.”

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Franklin Central Agricultural Society."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, bills read twice and passed to be engrossed, and were read and accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting the report of the Warden and Inspectors of the Maine State Prison, and of the Physician and Clergyman for the year 1875, was read, and the report was referred to the Committee on State Prison.

Remonstrance of Harbor Commissioners of the city of Portland ; and

Remonstrance of J. S. Ricker and 44 others, against the Deering Boulevard ;

Were referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Remonstrance of the citizens of Sabattus, against discontinuing the railroad from Leeds' junction to Crowley's, as prayed for by the Maine Central Railroad, was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of Thomas W. Hicks and John S. Case and others, for amendment of charter of city of Rockland ; and

Remonstrance of Philo Thurston, against the same ;

Were referred to the next Legislature.

Claim of Woodland plantation, for bounty paid on bears, was referred to Committee on Claims.

Petition of William N. Flinn and others of Whitneyville, for repeal of the Calais Court bill ; also

Bill "an act authorizing assignees of judgments to bring scire facias ;" and

Bill "an act additional to an act in relation to auctioneers ;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. ROLF of Princeton,

*Ordered,* That the Committee on Military Affairs inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 257 of the laws relating to rentals of armories for military companies in the State.

This order was sent to the Senate.

Mr. DAVIS of Jefferson, offered the following order, which was tabled :

*Ordered*, That after Monday, Feb. 7, this House hold two sessions a day, excepting Saturdays and Mondays, and on those days one session each day.

On motion of Mr. HAMILTON of Dexter,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk be directed to make up the pay of George W. Gatchell to the end of the session, and mileage.

Mr ALEXANDER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported "resolve in aid of road passing through Township F, Range 1, Aroostook county."

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill "an act in relation to settlement of paupers."

The reports were read and accepted, bill and resolve ordered printed under the Rule.

The vote whereby the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to liens on buildings for materials furnished, was reconsidered, on motion of Mr. GREELY, and the same recommitted.

Printed bill "an act to extend the powers of school districts," was read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Bill "an act to authorize the sale of islands belonging to the State ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 82 of the revised statutes, relating to witnesses and evidence ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 70 of the revised statutes, in relation to the time in which assignees shall file an inventory in probate court ;"

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled ' an act to amend sections 63 and 64 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, relating to foreign insurance companies ;'"

Were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, the last two amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act in relation to fiscal school returns of towns to be made to the State Superintendent of Common Schools ;" and

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cape Elizabeth Dyking Company;"

Were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 65, chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to damage on ways, as amended by chapter 215 of the public laws of 1874;" and

Bill "an act to incorporate the Aroostook River Log Driving Company;"

Were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Pending their third reading, laid upon the table on motion of Mr. BASS of Bangor.

Bill "an act to regulate the rate of interest," was taken from the table by special assignment, considered, the question being upon acceptance of the report of the Committee, pending which, it was laid on the table for further consideration.

Mr. KEEGAN of Madawaska, moved a suspension of the rules, that he might introduce an order rescinding the order of January 26th, asking the opinion of the Supreme Judges on the mill tax law.

The House refused to suspend the rules, and the order was not entertained.

Information was received from the Senate of the appointment of

Messrs. Swazey of Oxford,  
Wheelwright of Penobscot,  
Donworth of Aroostook,

on the Committee to investigate the sale of the State land scrip.

On motion of Mr. PIKE of Calais,  
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. WIREN of New Sweden.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of W. P. Scott and others, for the incorporation of the Sedgwick Horse Ferry Company, with bill accompanying, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of Henry W. Poor and 42 others, for an appropriation for building a road through Dennis' notch in Oxford county, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 19, chapter 134 of the revised statutes, relating to evidence in criminal cases.

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 75 of the revised statutes, relating to descent of estates.

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the assessment and collection of highway taxes in unincorporated places.

These orders came from the Senate read and passed, and were read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual, reporting, on order, "resolve for the purchase of Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual;" and

Report of the Committee on Commerce, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to legalize the doings of the town of Vinalhaven;"

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 next for the second reading of the resolve.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting, on order, bill "an act to amend section 52 of chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to returns of plantations," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, and indefinitely postponed.

The House concurred.

Report of the Committee on Towns, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of inhabitants of Linneus, for the incorporation of Oakfield plantation, came from the Senate recommitted, and was recommitted in concurrence.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting a list of names, ages and residence of all beneficiaries now in the Bangor Asylum, was read and ordered printed, on motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington.

Petition of E. Whittaker and others of Gouldsborough, Eugene Simpson and others of Sullivan, G. W. Pettingill and others of Sullivan, Charles F. Bray and others of Milbridge, Calvin G. Peck and others of Ellsworth, George A. Hopkins of Milbridge, E. M. Dutton and others of Steuben, Peter S. Hill of Gouldsborough, Nathan Hammond and others of Gouldsborough, W. D. McCrate and others of Sullivan, H. D. Coombs and others of Gouldsborough, Joseph Wyman and others of Milbridge, Charles H. Haskell and others of Steuben, in aid of petition of John H. Stimson, for right to build a bridge across Sullivan river between Sullivan and Hancock; and

Remonstrance of B. F. Butler of Franklin, of John D. Blaisdell and others of Sullivan, Aaron Robertson and others of Plantation No. 7, F. A. Jordan and others of Franklin;

Were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of J. C. Leighton and others of Columbia, for repeal of the Calais Court bill; and

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 62 of public laws of 1872, relating to duties of Sheriffs and County Attorneys;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading be

directed to correct titles to all bills and resolves which are not in compliance with the rules of the House.

On motion of same gentleman,

*Ordered*, That the House shall meet at 9 o'clock A. M.

On motion of Mr. LAMSON of Richmond,

*Ordered*, That any matter exciting debate, shall lie on the table till after the morning hour, and this order shall constitute a rule of the House during this session.

Mr. EASTMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to estates; also

Same, on order relating to mileage of sheriffs; also

Same, on order relating to liens on cord wood.

Mr. FRANK, from same Committee, reported same, on order relating to appointment of highway surveyors.

Mr. POWERS, from same Committee, reported same, on order relating to limiting the authority of judges of probate.

Mr. SAWYER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported same, on petition of Penobscot Indians, for the appointment of a person to instruct them in agriculture.

Mr. WHITE, from the Committee on Temperance, reported legislation unnecessary, on the various petitions and memorials praying for increased penalties for a violation of the law for the suppression of the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported same, on order relating to the amendment of chapter 24 of revised statutes, relating to relief of needy persons, with bill accompanying.

Mr. SAWYER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Martha Soc.

Mr. HAMILTON, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported same, on petition of citizens of Orono, for an act authorizing them to purchase the toll bridge in said town.

Mr. BLANCHARD, from the Committee on Commerce, reported legislation inexpedient, on annual report of Inspectors of Steamboats.

Mr. WAGG, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported ought not to pass, on "resolve in favor of the town of Island Falls."

Mr. ALLAN, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported legislation unnecessary, on petition of E. T. Cushman and others. These reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. HAYNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend the charter of the Squirrel Island Association."

Mr. POWERS, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to legalize the doings of School District No. 2 in the town of Blaine."

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on Railroads, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to extend the time for the location and construction of the Portland and Ogdensburg Railroad."

Mr. WHITE, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Ellsworth Marine Insurance Company."

Mr. HASKELL, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to protect owners of fish weirs in Lubec."

Mr. DWINAL, from the Committee on Towns, reported, on petition, bill "an act to set off J. M. Leighton from the town of Steuben, and annex him to the town of Milbridge."

Mr. TRUE, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported "resolve for the appointment of a commission to reconstruct the savings bank law."

Read once and to-morrow assigned.

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 239 of the public laws of 1874."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 5 of chapter 138 of the revised statutes, relating to fugitives from justice."

Mr. POWERS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported "resolve authorizing the Secretary of State to purchase certain reports."

"Resolve in aid of building bridge over Gagnon stream in the town of Frenchville."

"Resolve in favor of George W. Hewey and Charles L. Hewey."

"Resolve in favor of the Railroad Commissioners."

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



Mr. EASTMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 8, chapter 67 of the revised statutes."

Mr. TALBOT, from the same Committee, reported, on order, bill "an act in relation to the rights of married women."

Mr. EASTMAN, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 3, chapter 66, revised statutes."

These reports were read and accepted, bills ordered printed under the Rule.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Martin H. Kiff and others.

Mr. LAMSON, from the Committee on Claims, reported same, on petition of assessors and others of Lakeville plantation.

Pending acceptance, the foregoing reports were tabled.

Bill "an act to extend the powers of school districts."

Bill "an act to enable non-resident guardians to obtain property in this State belonging to their wards residing in other States or Territories of the United States."

"Resolve authorizing the State Treasurer to procure a fire and burglar proof safe."

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

Bill "an act to authorize C. M. Davis and W. A. Jackson, to clear the channel at the head of Damariscotta lake, and to navigate the said lake and river by steam;"

Bill "an act to amend and renew the charter of the Sebec Lake Steamboat Company;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 55, section 1 of the revised statutes, in relation to libraries, charitable societies and public cemeteries;"

Were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, except the last, which was amended as per sheet "A" and engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Franklin Central Agricultural Society," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and laid on the table, pending a third reading.

Bill "an act to change the name of the town of Dalton to Ashland, its former name."

Bill "an act to prevent fishing in Adams' pond in the town of Bridgton."

Bill "an act to amend section 34 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on logs and lumber."

"Resolve in favor of John Allen of Maysville, Aroostook county."

"Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey to L. T. Manson a lot of land in Chapman plantation."

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

Bill "an act to regulate the rate of interest," assigned for to-day, was taken from the table and further assigned till to-morrow, on motion of Mr. LYNCH of Machias.

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," was recalled from the Committee on Ways and Means, to which it had been recommitted by mistake, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. ROGERS of Bath.

Bill an "act to amend section 65 of chapter 18, revised statutes, relating to damage on ways," as amended by chapter 215 of the public laws of 1874, was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. BASS of Bangor, and next Tuesday assigned for its consideration, at 11 o'clock.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Aroostook River Log Driving Company," was taken from the table and recommitted to the Committee on Interior Waters, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias,  
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 37 of the revised statutes, relating to the foreclosure of mortgages on real estate.

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending sections 5 and 6, chapter 77, revised statutes, relating to bastardy process.

These orders came from the Senate read and passed, and were read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to repeal chapter 508 of the special laws of 1874."

Report of the Committee on Education, reporting, on order, bill "an act relating to normal schools."

Report of same Committee, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act amendatory of chapter 124 of the public laws of 1873, in aid of free high schools."

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting, on petition, "resolve in favor Joseph W. Hines."

Report of the Committee on Railroads, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act additional to an act to amend 'an act to incorporate the Bangor and Calais Shore Line Railroad Company,' approved February 17, 1873."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, bills and resolve read twice, the last amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed, and were read and accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, resolve once, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of the bills, and Wednesday next for the second reading of the resolve.

Bill "an act to amend section 7, chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to assessment and collection of taxes," passed

to be engrossed by the House, came back from the Senate, House amendment "A" adopted, and indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. HAMILTON of Dexter, the bill was laid on the table, and Friday assigned for its consideration.

Bill "an act to provide additional remedies against fraudulent conveyances;" and

Bill "an act to incorporate the Sullivan and Franklin Telegraph Company;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The vote of the House referring to the Committee on Temperance, bill "an act to repeal chapter 62, public laws of 1872, relating to duties of sheriffs," was reconsidered, and the same referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, on motion of Mr. BASS of Bangor.

Remonstrance of Granville Fernald and 74 others of Harrison and Bridgton, A. G. Cook and others, and Joseph L. Wheeler and others;

Were referred to the Committee on Education.

Remonstrance of Samuel Crabtree and others, of David Chamberlain and others, against petition of John H. Stimson;

Were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. SHEPHERD of Skowhegan,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Ways and Means be directed to consider what amount it will be necessary to raise by a State tax to meet the demand upon the State Treasurer for the ensuing year, and report thereon as early as may be practicable.

On motion of Mr. SAWYER of South Thomaston,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 40, chapter 6 of the revised statutes, by striking out the words "and shall assess on the taxable polls therein one-sixth part as nearly as may be of the whole sum to be raised."

This order was sent to the Senate.

Mr. EASTMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill "an act to amend section 46 of chapter 3 of the revised statutes."

Mr. POWERS, from the same Committee, reported bill "an act to amend sections 51 and 55 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, and section 7 of chapter 25 of the laws of 1875."

Mr. STONE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported bill "an act additional to chapter 70 of the revised statutes, relating to assignments for the benefit of creditors."

Mr. ROBINSON, from the same Committee, reported bill "an act to amend section 45 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to elections."

Mr. ALEXANDER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported "resolve in favor of Caleb Sherman."

Mr. LIBBY, from the same Committee, reported "resolve in favor of Hiram B. Hersey of Crystal plantation."

Mr. ROLF, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported bill "an act additional to chapter 29 of the laws of 1869, concerning the militia."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, bills and resolves ordered printed under the Rule.

Mr. STONE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of Selectmen of Chester, for an act relating to the use of narrow-rimmed wheels; also

Reported same, on petition of John C. Ingraham and others.

Mr. THOMPSON, from same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to legalizing the records of the town of Palermo; also

Reported same, on petition for a law making it imperative upon towns to tax dogs.

Mr. NORTON, from the Committee on Claims, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of John Allen, for payment for one-half of lot of land, No. 69, in Presque Isle.

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported reference to the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of Cyrille Pelletier and others of St. Francis.

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

Mr. HASKELL, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported, on petition, bill "an act to repeal chapter 140 of the private and special laws of 1862, relating to the taking of salmon, shad and alewives in the waters of Pleasant river in Washington county."

Mr. BURPEE, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported, on petition, bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Maine Dairymen's Association."

Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on petition, bill "an act to make valid the doings of Theodore Taylor of Burlington, county of Penobscot, as Trial Justice from February 17, 1875, to January 15, 1876."

Mr. LYNCH, from the same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to establish the division lines between the towns of Cornish and Parsonsfield."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Mr. STOVER, from the Minority of the Committee on Claims, reported "resolve in favor of Plantation No. 4, Range 1, in Penobscot county, known as Lakeville."

Pending acceptance of report, the resolve and statement of facts with the report, were ordered printed, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington, the vote whereby the contract for doing the State Printing was ordered printed, was reconsidered, and the report of the Committee accepted in concurrence.

Bill "an act to legalize the doings of School District No. 2 in Blaine;"

Bill "an act to extend the time for the location and completion of the Portland and Ogdensburg Railroad;"

Bill "an act to better protect owners of fish weirs in Lubec;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Ellsworth Marine Insurance Company;"

Bill "an act to legalize the doings of the town of Vinalhaven;"

Bill "an act to amend section 5 of chapter 138 of the revised statutes, relating to fugitives;" and

"Resolve for the appointment of a commission to reconstruct the savings bank law;"

Were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read the third time, resolve twice, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate

The vote of the House, passing to be engrossed bill "an act to extend the powers and duties of school districts," was reconsidered, on motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington, and the bill recommitted, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to repeal charters of savings banks and banking institutions which have not organized or shall not have organized previous to August 1st, 1876."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 40 of the revised statutes, to prevent the destruction of certain fish in the upper waters of the Penobscot river."

Bill "an act for the preservation of fish in Little Sebago lake, situated in the county of Cumberland."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cape Elizabeth Dyking Company."

Bill "an act concerning the proprietors of Sheepscot River bridge."

Bill "an act to authorize Charles Russell to build and maintain a wharf in tide waters in Bowdoinham."

Bill "an act in relation to fiscal school returns of towns to be made to the State Superintendent of Common Schools."

Bill "an act to make valid certain doings of the town of Yarmouth."

Bill "an act to give additional powers to the Piscataquis Mutual Insurance Company."

Bill "an act to prevent fishing in Puffer pond in the town of Dexter."

Bill "an act to provide for the organization of business corporations."

These bills having had three several readings and passed to be engrossed, were reported from 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 authorize the formation of railroad companies," was taken from the table, amended as per sheets "F," "G," "H," "I" and "J."

Pending adoption of amendment "K," offered by PORTER of Burlington, the bill was laid on the table, and the several amendments ordered printed, on motion of Mr. SHEPHERD of Skowhegan.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of M. H. Kiff and others, was taken from the table, and recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend section 16, chapter 77 of the revised statutes, relating to judicial courts," was taken from the table, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act in relation to the erection of wharves and fish weirs in tide waters," was taken from the table, read the third time, amended as per sheet "A," passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey to Enoch Hall a lot of land in Lyndon," was taken from the table, read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve in favor of a bridge across the Aroostook river, in the town of Maysville, Aroostook county," was taken from the table, read the second time, pending its passage to be engrossed, tabled on motion of Mr. WHITE of Bucksport.

"Resolve in aid of road in Frenchville," was taken from the table, read the second time, and tabled on motion of Mr. SHEPHERD of Skowhegan.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Franklin Central Agricultural Society," was taken from the table, read the third time, and indefinitely postponed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HUSSEY of North Berwick,  
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*



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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. PERKINS of Gardiner.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 7, chapter 256, public laws of 1874, relating to the commitment of insane persons.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting upon the official bond of Hon. S. C. Hatch, Treasurer of State, and recommending its approval, came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bond approved.

The report was read and accepted, and the bond approved in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act in relation to the Ellsworth Police Court," 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 Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 87, chapter 92 of the revised statutes, relating to witnesses and evidence," passed to be engrossed by the House, came back from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

Pending acceptance of the amendment, tabled on motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reporting reference to the next Legislature, with order of notice, on bill "an act authorizing and regulating the construction of the Deering Boulevard and Water Park," came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and accepted in concurrence.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting county estimates, was received and referred to the Committee on County Estimates.

Remonstrance of Charles Buck and others, of A. D. Champney of Rockport, of Thomas Eldred and R. K. Stuart, of Golding Brothers of Waterville, of F. O. Branard of China, of J. H. Sawyer and C. H. Hersey & Co., of Charles Taylor and Curtis E. Mitchell of Unity, of A. H. Briggs & Co., of George E. Thorps, of George I. Robinson of Thomaston, druggists, against the passage of an act relating to druggists and apothecaries; also

Petition of Elijah Cummins, for abolition of the death penalty; also

Petition of M. N. McKusick, for an act providing for the inspection of hides; also

Petition of David Dresser and others, in aid of recommendation of the Fish Commissioners relating to St. Croix waters; also

Petition of David Kemp and others, in aid of same; and

Bill "an act additional to chapter 69 of the revised statutes, relating to estates of deceased persons;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. NOWLAND of Dalton,

*Ordered*, That the petitions of George Kalloch and John Rives, on which leave to withdraw was reported, be taken from the files and recommitted to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

This order was sent to the Senate.

Mr. FOGLER, from the Committee on Pensions, reported reference to the Adjutant General, on petition of Melvin Reynolds of Burnham.

Mr. ROGERS, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported ought not to pass, on "resolve abating a portion of the State tax of Perkins' plantation and assessing the same upon the town of Carthage."

Mr. NEALLEY, from the Committee on Education, reported same, on bill "an act to amend chapter 229 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the transfer of scholars from one district to another."

Mr. MAXWELL, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act in relation to the apportionment of school money paid by the State Treasurer;" also

Reported same, on bill "an act to amend section 74, chapter 11 of the revised statutes, defining the duties of State Superintendent of Common Schools," referred from the last Legislature.

Mr. HUTCHINS, from the same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient, on order, referred from the last Legislature, looking to amendment of the school mill tax law.

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

Mr. NEALLEY, from the Committee on Education, reported, on order inquiring as to the maintenance of normal schools during the past year at Oak Grove Seminary and Maine Central Institute, a letter from the State Superintendent of Common Schools containing the information desired.

The report was read and accepted.

Mr. ROGERS, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported ought to pass, on "resolve refunding a part of the State tax of Perkins' plantation."

Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass in a new draft, bill "an act to make legal the doings of the First Universalist Society of Biddeford and Saco."

Mr. CLIFFORD, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported, on petition, bill "an act to continue in force chapter 15 of the special laws of 1874, relating to the fishing interest in Lufkin pond."

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 61 of the revised statutes, in relation to the rights of married women."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 8, chapter 64 of the revised statutes."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 3, chapter 66 of the revised statutes, relative to insolvent estates."

Printed bill "an act in relation to the settlement of paupers."

"Resolve in favor of Hiram B. Hersey of Crystal plantation."

"Resolve in aid of road passing through Township F, Range 1, Aroostook county."

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

Mr. WARREN, from the Committee on Education, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of the town of Mayfield."

Mr. NADEAU, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of S. B. Gates."

Mr. FOGLER, from the Committee on Pensions, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of James Johnston."

Mr. PIKE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to provide for securing the rights of mortgage bondholders;" also

Reported, on order, bill "an act to amend chapter 51, section 51, revised statutes, relating to railroads."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, bills and resolves ordered printed under the Rule.

Bill "an act relating to normal schools."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor and Calais Shore Line Railroad Company, approved February 17, 1873."

These bills were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, Senate amendment "A" adopted to the last, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act setting off John M. Leighton's estate from the town of Steuben, and annexing the same to the town of Milbridge, in the county of Washington."

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 140 of the private and special laws of 1862, relating to the taking of salmon, shad and alewives, in the waters of Pleasant river, Washington county."

Bill "an act establishing the division line between the towns of Cornish and Parsonsfield."

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Maine Dairyman's Association,' approved February 20, 1874."

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Squirrel Island Association."

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of Theodore Taylor of Burlington, county of Penobscot, as Trial Justice from February 17, 1875, to January 15, 1876."

These bills were reported from 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 repeal chapter 508 of the special laws of 1874," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading,

read the third time, and recommitted for further consideration, on motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington.

Bill "an act amendatory of chapter 124, of the public laws of 1873, in aid of free high schools," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and tabled on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, pending the third reading.

Bill "an act authorizing insurance companies to divide their directors into classes."

Bill "an act to prohibit the taking of fish from the Newbegin brook in the town of Newfield."

Bill "an act permitting the defendant to give bond in trustee process."

Bill "an act to prevent the taking of trout from the Rangely stream in the town of Rangely."

Bill "an act to amend and renew the charter of the Sebec Lake Steamboat Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Orchard Beach Railroad Company."

Bill "an act to authorize receivers of the American Bank to pay the dividends on lost certificates."

Bill "an act to authorize C. M. Davis and W. A. Jackson to clear the channel at the head of Damariscotta lake, and to navigate said lake and river by steam."

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Education."

"Resolve in aid of Lola Coly."

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

Bill "an act to reduce the rate of interest," was taken from the table, the question being upon acceptance of the report that the bill ought not to pass.

And upon this question the yeas and nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, and being so taken, the report was accepted, 74 in the affirmative and 45 in the negative.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Aldrich,	Fowler,	Powers,
Allen of Wellington,	Frank,	Robie,
Anderson,	Gay,	Robinson of Lincoln,
Baker,	Greely,	Rogers,
Ballard,	Hamilton,	Rolf,
Bean,	Haskell,	Sargent,
Blanchard, Falmouth,	Haynes,	Sawyer,
Blanchard, Yarmouth,	Hobson,	Seaward,
Brown of Oldtown,	Hume,	Shepherd,
Burpee,	Hussey,	Skillin,
Carlton,	Jordan,	Smiley,
Chase of Standish,	Keating,	Smith,
Chase of Bridgton,	Linnell,	Story,
Cleaves,	Littlefield,	Stover,
Clifford,	Lord of Lebanon,	Strickland,
Colby,	Locke,	True,
Connor,	Martin of Camden,	Trussell,
Davis of Portland,	Martin of Sebago,	Wade,
Dunning,	Maxwell,	Wagg,
Dutton,	Morrill,	Warren,
Dwinal,	Nealley,	White of Bucksport,
Eastman,	Nelson,	White of Orono,
Farrar of Turner,	Percy,	Wiggin,
Fellows,	Pinkham,	Yates—74.
Fogler,	Potter,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Gould,	Norton,
Bass,	Grant,	Nowland,
Blaisdell,	Haley,	Pendleton,
Cooper,	Hopkins,	Pike,
Cumston,	Hopkinson,	Porter,
Davis of Jefferson.	Hutchins,	Reed of Boothbay,
Dearborn,	Keegan,	Robertson,
Dennison,	Kimball,	Robinson, Mt. Vernon,
Drisko,	Libby,	Rowe,
Farrar of Buckfield,	Lord of Bluehill,	Salley,
Goldthwait,	Lynch,	Sherman,
Goodrich,	Mantor,	Stone of Biddeford,
Goodwin,	Nadeau,	Talbot,

Thompson,  
Tilden,

Woodsum,  
Wyman,

Young of Hiram,  
Young, Trenton—45.

The minority report from the Committee on Claims, reporting "resolve in favor of Plantation No. 4, Range 1, in Penobscot county, known as Lakeville," was taken from the table, and substituted for the majority report, giving the petitioners leave to withdraw.

The resolve was read once, and Wednesday next assigned for the second reading.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1876.

Met according to adjournment:

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. HUTCHINS of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting returns of stockholders of corporations for the year 1875, was received from the Senate, and read in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to transfer of scholars from district to free high schools.

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on order relating to amendment of school laws, so as to secure a more punctual attendance in our public schools.

Report of Committee on Towns, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of Amaziah Whitten and others.

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

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting, on petition, "resolve in favor of the town of Wellington."

Report of same Committee, reporting, on petition, "resolve in favor of a bridge across the Mattawamkeag in the town of Haynesville, on the military road."

Report of the Committee on Education, reporting, on order relating to normal schools, "resolve in favor of the Normal School at Farmington and the Normal School at Castine."

Report of the Committee on Public Buildings, reporting ought to pass, on "resolve in a new draft, authorizing an appropriation for a chemical fire engine and hose."

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Maine State Camp-meeting Association."

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

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, resolves once, and Monday assigned for the third reading of the bill, and Wednesday next for the second reading of the resolves.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 62, public laws of 1872, relating to duties of sheriffs and county attorneys," referred by the House to the Committee on Legal Affairs, came back from the Senate referred to the Committee on Temperance.

House recessed and concurred.

Bill "an act authorizing the sale of certain lands in Township No. 14, Range 4, W. E. L. S.," was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of J. Harris and 112 others of the town of Stockton, for abolition of the death penalty, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Newell Polis, for a census of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. FELLOWS of Windham,

*Ordered*, That the County Treasurer of the county of Cumberland be, and is hereby authorized and instructed to allow the towns of Windham and Falmouth, one hundred and fifty dollars each, annually, in aid of said towns in the support of bridges on the county roads in the aforesaid towns.

The order was referred to the Cumberland County Delegation.



On motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Portland,

*Ordered*, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to open the fire places in the Representatives' Hall, and prepare the same, if practicable, so that fire may be lighted therein, and cause the proper officer to have fires built every morning that a session is to be held in the Hall; *and be it further ordered*, that the person having charge of the Hall shall be required to open two or more of the windows in the Hall, and keep them open at least one-half hour every morning that a session is to be held.

Mr. TRUE, from the Committee on Commerce, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Commercial Wharf Company."

Mr. BLANCHARD, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Winnegance Mill Dam Company."

Mr. MARTIN, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act authorizing Samuel N. McFarland and associates to erect a wharf in tide waters of Frenchman's bay, in the town of Hancock."

Mr. JORDAN, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Deer Isle and Sedgwick Horse Ferry Company."

Mr. GOLDTHWAIT, from same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to protect George Dyer in running his scow from North Haven to Vinalhaven, in Knox county."

Mr. FARRAR, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported, on petition, bill "an act additional to regulate the survey of lumber in the county of Penobscot."

Same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported on petition, bill "an act to authorize the town of Georgetown to build a free bridge over tide waters."

Mr. CHASE, from same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the West Buxton Steamboat Company."

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on petition, bill "an act to make valid the doings of the town of Jonesport, in the assessment of taxes for the year 1875."

Mr. TRUSSELL, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported, on petition, bill "an act to prevent the taking of trout from Howard's pond and its tributaries in the town of Hanover."

Mr. HOPKINS, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to prohibit the taking of fish in the tributaries or outlet of Webb's pond in the town of Weld, Franklin county."

Printed bill "an act additional to chapter 70 of the revised statutes, relating to assignment for the benefit of creditors."

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 51, section 51 of the revised statutes, relative to railroads."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 46 of chapter 3 of the revised statutes."

Printed bill "an act to amend sections 51 and 55 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, and section 7 of chapter 25 of the laws of 1875."

Printed bill "an act additional to chapter 29 of the laws of 1869, concerning the militia."

"Resolve in favor of Caleb Sherman."

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

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to proceedings in criminal cases.

Mr. HAYNES, from the same Committee, reported same, on order relating to the expediency of amending the Calais Court bill.

Mr. HASKELL, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported same, on order relating to the expediency of amending section 19, chapter 70 of the revised statutes.

Mr. WAGG, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Alden Lewis and others.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported same, on petition of Jefferson Brown and others.

Mr. HAMILTON, from the same Committee, reported same, on petition of Benjamin Hilton and others.

Mr. MARTIN, from the Committee on Commerce, reported same, on petition of W. S. Jordan and others, for lien on vessels.

Mr. FRANK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought not to pass, on "resolve for the purchase of one hundred copies of Webb's Railroad Laws of Maine."

Mr. EASTMAN, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to prevent the careless use of firearms."

Mr. MAXWELL, from the Committee on Education, reported same, on bill "an act relating to school districts."

Mr. HAMILTON, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported same, on bill "an act requiring the expenses of keeping in repair certain bridges to be paid by the several counties."

Mr. HAYNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of Winslow Bates and others, for repeal of the Calais Court bill.

Mr. FARRAR, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported reference to the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of Melvin Grant and others.

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

Mr. EASTMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on order, bill "an act relating to the recording of assignments of wages."

Mr. TALBOT, from the same Committee, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend chapter 12 of the public laws of 1875, in relation to the protection of moose;" also

Reported, on order, bill "an act in relation to the assessment of poll taxes."

Mr. KIMBALL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on order, reported bill "an act to amend section 26, chapter 91 of the revised statutes, in relation to lime rock and slate."

Mr. BASS, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to authorize cities and towns to charge interest on certain taxes."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, bills ordered printed under the Rule.

Bill "an act to amend section 8, chapter 64, revised statutes, relating to appointment, powers and duties of executors."

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the First Universalist Society of Saco and Biddeford."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 61 of the revised statutes, in relation to the rights of married women."

Bill "an act to continue in force chapter 15 of the special laws of 1874, relating to the fishing interest in Lufkin pond."

Bill "an act to amend section 3, chapter 66 of the revised statutes, relating to insolvent estates."

Bill "an act in relation to the settlement of paupers."

"Resolve refunding a part of the State tax of Perkins' plantation."

These bills and the resolve were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read the third time, resolve the second time, and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 508 of the special laws of 1874, relating to the protection of fish in the Narraguagus river."

Bill "an act in relation to the Ellsworth Police Court."

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

Bill "an act to amend section 45 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to elections," was read twice, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. CLEAVES of Portland.

Mr. HOBSON presented an amendment which he gave notice he should offer at the proper time, to House Document 55, entitled "an act to authorize the formation of railroad companies," and on his motion the proposed amendment was ordered printed.

Bill "an act in addition to and to amend 'an act to incorporate the proprietors of Wiscasset bridge,' approved June 30, 1846."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 55, section 1 of the revised statutes, in relation to libraries, charitable societies and public cemeteries."

Bill "an act to legalize the doings of the town of Vinalhaven."

Bill "an act to amend section 18 of chapter 88 of the revised statutes, relating to partition of real estate."

Bill "an act to amend an act to amend sections 63 and 64 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, relating to foreign insurance companies."

Bill "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 70 of the revised statutes, in relation to the time in which assignees shall file an inventory in probate court."

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

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH. *Clerk.*

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. LEFFINGWELL of Gardiner.

Journal of Saturday read and approved.

On motion of Mr. DUTTON,

*Ordered*, That the use of this Hall be granted to Dr. T. S. Lambard of New York, for a lecture, Tuesday evening.

Mr. CHASE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to make valid the doings of the Livermore Falls Bridge Company."

Mr. TILDEN, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported, on order, "resolve authorizing the Adjutant General to sell the arsenal building at Portland."

These reports were read and accepted, bill read twice, resolve once, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of the bill, and second reading of the resolve.

Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend section 17 of chapter 116 of the revised statutes, relating to the regulation of fees and costs."

Mr. LYNCH, from the same Committee, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend section 14 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to taxation of dogs."

Mr. CHASE, from the same Committee, reported, on petition,

bill "an act to amend sections 28 and 31 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to meeting-houses."

Mr. TILDEN, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported "resolve in favor of the Military and Naval Asylum at Bath."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, bills and resolve ordered printed under the rule.

Mr. KEEGAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported reference to the Committee on Change of Names, on petition of W. L. Daggett and others; also

Reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act relating to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Judicial Court, and to amend chapter 81, section 9 of the revised statutes."

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

Printed bill "an act to provide for securing the rights of mortgage bondholders."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 26, chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to lime rock and slate."

Printed bill "an act in relation to poll taxes."

"Resolve in favor of the town of Mayfield."

"Resolve in favor of James Johnston."

"Resolve in favor of S. B. Gates."

The foregoing bills were read twice, resolves once, to-morrow assigned for the third reading of the bills, and Wednesday next for the second reading of the resolves.

Bill "an act additional to regulate the survey of lumber in the county of Penobscot."

Bill "an act to prevent the taking of trout from Howard's pond and its tributaries in the town of Hanover."

Bill "an act to prohibit the taking of fish in the tributaries or outlets of Webb's pond in Weld."

Bill "an act to protect George Dyer in running his scow from North Haven to Vinalhaven in Knox county."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Commercial Wharf Company."

Bill "an act authorizing Samuel N. McFarland and associates, to erect a wharf in tide waters of Frenchman's bay in the town of Hancock."

Bill "an act to amend section 46 of chapter 3 of the revised statutes."

Bill "an act to amend sections 51 and 55 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, and section 7 of chapter 25 of the laws of 1875, relating to duties of county commissioners."

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the town of Jonesport, in the assessment of taxes for the year 1875."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 29 of the laws of 1869, concerning the militia."

These bills were reported from 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 Maine State Temperance Association."

This bill was reported from 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 51, section 51 of the revised statutes, relating to railroads," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, pending the passage to be engrossed, tabled on motion of Mr. SHEPHERD of Skowhegan.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. PARK of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill "an act providing additional remedies for the collection of State taxes upon corporations," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

*Ordered,* That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending the law relative to the powers and duties of register of probate, that they may issue orders and decrees of the probate court upon which the name of the judge may be either written or printed.

*Ordered,* That the Secretary of State be directed to furnish to this Legislature, a tabular statement of the amount of money and land appropriated by the State, in aid of building roads and bridges in the several counties of the State, since and including the year 1870.

These orders came from the Senate read and passed, and were read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Commerce, reporting reference to the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on remonstrance of inhabitants of Woolwich.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of M. A. Phillips and others.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting same, on petition of George Pierce and others.

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

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to repeal section 12 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes."

Report of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, report-



ing bill "an act to provide for the organization of savings banks, trust or loan associations"

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.

Remonstrance of Philip Page and thousands of others, against unnecessary appropriations, was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Petition of Joseph Webster and others, asking permission to keep a road open across said Webster's land to the camp-meeting grounds on land of G. W. Perkins, was referred to the next Legislature.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Business of the House inquire into the state of business before the several Committees, and also when they may be able to report finally, and report to this House to-morrow morning.

On motion of Mr. PHILLIPS of Orrington,

*Ordered*, That the use of this Hall be tendered to President Allen and Mr. Madigan, to-morrow evening, for the purpose of speaking in the interest of agriculture and the Agricultural College.

Mr. REED, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported reference to Governor and Council, on petition of David Dresser and others.

Mr. CLIFFORD, from the same Committee, reported same, on petition of Daniel Kemp and others.

Mr. FARRAR, from the same Committee, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act additional to chapter forty of the revised statutes, relating to fish ways."

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

Mr. FARRAR, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported, on petition, bill "an act for the protection of smelts in Monsweag bay and river in the towns of Wiscasset and Woolwich."

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 12 of the public laws of 1875, in relation to the protection of moose."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 17 of chapter 116 of the revised statutes relating to the regulation of fees and costs."

This report was read and accepted, bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Printed bill "an act in relation to recording of assignments of wages," was read twice, and tabled on motion of Mr. STONE of Biddeford.

Printed bill "an act to amend sections 28 and 31 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to meeting-houses," was read twice, and tabled on motion of Mr. FRANK of Portland.

Mr. CLEAVES, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act incorporating the Masons' Mutual Relief Association of Mechanic Falls, Maine."

Pending acceptance, tabled on motion of same gentleman.

Mr. NADEAU, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Chapman plantation."

Mr. CLEAVES, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend section 38 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes."

These reports were read and accepted, bill and resolve ordered printed under the Rule.

Bill "an act in relation to the assessment of poll taxes."

Bill "an act to authorize the town of Georgetown to build a free bridge over tide waters."

Bill "an act to authorize cities and towns to charge interest on certain taxes."

Bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Winnegance Mill Dam Company, approved March 10, 1835."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Deer Isle and Sedgwick Horse Ferry Company."

Bill "an act to amend section 26, chapter 91 of the revised statutes, in relation to lime rock and slate."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 70 of the revised statutes, relating to assignments for the benefit of creditors."

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the Livermore Falls Bridge Company."

"Resolve authorizing the Adjutant General to sell the arsenal building at Portland."

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

"Resolve providing for the payment of the expenses of the Committee on Military Affairs," was presented by Mr. ROLF of Princeton, read twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to provide for securing the rights of mortgage bondholders," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and tabled on motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington.

Bill "an act to incorporate the West Buxton Steamboat Company," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and indefinitely postponed on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

Bill "an act to enable non-resident guardians to obtain property in this State belonging to their wards residing in other States or Territories of the United States."

Bill "an act relating to normal schools."

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 508 of the special laws of the year 1874, relating to the protection of fish in the Narraguagus river."

Bill "an act in relation to the Ellsworth Police Court."

"Resolve authorizing the State Treasurer to procure a burglar proof safe."

"Resolve in relation to compulsory pilotage."

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

Bill "an act to amend section 87 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to witnesses and evidence," by adding a fifth

exception, was taken from the table, Senate amendment "A" adopted, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 65 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to damages on ways," was taken from the table read the third time, amended as per sheets "A" and "B," and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 51, section 51, revised statutes, relative to railroads," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to authorize the formation of railroad companies," was taken from the table read the third time, further amended as per sheets "G" and "H," and passed to be engrossed.

The bill was then ordered printed before sending it to the Senate, on motion of Mr. POWERS of Houlton.

On motion of Mr. DUTTON of Lewiston,  
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. THOMAS of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Communication from the Governor, transmitting a communication from Hon. H. M. Atkinson, Commissioner of Pensions, was received from the Senate, and read in concurrence.

Petition of Almon Dow, for an act to make available the school fund of the inhabitants of Bowerbank, an unincorporated place in the county of Piscataquis, with bill accompanying, was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of R. B. McColister and others, for an act to navigate Richardson lake by steam, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

*Ordered*, That the Land Agent be directed to furnish to this Legislature a tabular statement of the amount of money and notes received by the State from sale of State lands, from sale of stumpage on State lands, and from sale of stumpage on settlers' lots in the several counties, since and including the year 1870; and also the number of lots of land deeded by said Land Agent by authority of legislative resolves to actual settlers and occupants of said lots, and also the number deeded to persons who were not in actual occupation upon which settling duties in part or in whole have been waived during said seven years.

The foregoing order was read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Printing and Binding, reporting contract for State binding, came from the Senate, and was read and accepted, and the contract approved in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture," came from the Senate, read twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

The resolve was read twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Winterport and Bucksport Ferry Company," came from the Senate, read twice, and passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules.

The bill was read once, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. MARTIN of Camden.

Report of the Committee on Reform School, reporting "resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls."

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to legalize the doings of the town of Cornish."

Report of same Committee, reporting, on order, bill "an act to repeal chapter 39 of the public laws of 1875, relating to civil actions."

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, reporting bill "an act to regulate dividends of savings banks."

Report of the Committee on Federal Relations, reporting on so much of the Governor's Message as related to the centennial, a "resolve in favor of the State Centennial Commission."

"Resolve in favor of Charles J. Schumacher."

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, resolves once, to-morrow assigned for the third reading of the bills, and Friday for the second reading of the resolves.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting ought to pass in a new draft, on bill "an act amending section 20, chapter 124 of the revised statutes, in relation to labor," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill indefinitely postponed, and was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 61 of the revised statutes, in relation to the rights of married women," passed to be engrossed by the House, came back from the Senate amended per sheet "A."

The House receded and concurred in the adoption of amendment "A," and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 65 of the revised statutes, relative to the distribution of estates of persons deceased out of the State;" and

Bill "an act relating to the framing of issues in equity cases;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of James E. Griffin, for deed of lot of land," was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Remonstrance of George A. Nelson, against the establishment of a normal school at North Bridgton, was referred to the Committee on Education.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. SHEPHERD of Skowhegan, presented the following order, which, on motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington, was laid on the table.

*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 a dollar of the State valuation.

Mr. DWINAL, from the Committee on Towns, reported reference to the next Legislature, with order of notice, on petition of John H. Clough and others.

Mr. PINKHAM, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported same, on petition of William E. Gould and others.

Mr. FELLOWS, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of S. D. Rowell and others, for authority to build a bridge across Kennebec river between Solon and Embden.

Mr. FARRAR, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported same, on petition of R. P. Carr and others, for an act to prevent the throwing of saw-dust into the Cathance river.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported same, on petition of B. Emery Pratt and others.

Mr. FELLOWS, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported same, on petition of S. A. Dinsmore and others.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Railroads, reported legislation inexpedient, on bill "an act for the further protection of the lives of railroad employes."

Mr. BROWN, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of Jeremiah Page and others.

Mr. SMITH, from the Androscoggin County Delegation, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of M. T. Ludden and others, for the establishment of a superior court.

Mr. SAWYER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported legislation inexpedient, on petition of Newell Polis.

Mr. TILDEN, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported, on order calling for information concerning the beneficiaries of the Military and Naval Asylum at Bath, that the required information may be found in the eighth annual report of the Trustees of that Institution.

Final report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, was received.

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. DUTTON, from the Committee on Business of the House, reported that all Committees will be able to report finally this week.

Mr. YOUNG, from the Committee on Towns, reported on petition, bill "an act to set off Bartlett's island to the town of Tremont.

Mr. KIMBALL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on petition, bill "an act to change the place of holding the December term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Oxford."

Mr. ANDERSON, from the Committee on Railroads, reported ought to pass, in new draft, on bill "an act to confirm the location of the Boston and Maine Railroad through the towns of Berwick and North Berwick, subject to certain restrictions, approved February 1st, 1873."

Mr. ALEXANDER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of James Phair."

"Resolve in favor of the Military Asylum at Bath."

"Resolve in favor of Chapman plantation."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 14 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to taxation of logs."



These reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, resolves once, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of the bills, and Friday next for the second reading of the resolves, under suspension of the rules.

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on Railroads, reported, on petition, bill "an act to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company to discontinue the use of a portion of its track," and on his motion the bill was ordered printed; also

Reported, on petition, bill "an act to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company to connect its track with the track of the Androscoggin Railroad Company, in the city of Lewiston;" also

Reported, on order, bill "an act to protect the rights of railroad stockholders and bondholders."

Mr. HAYNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend chapter 91, revised statutes, relating to liens on buildings and lots."

Mr. CLEAVES, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 42 of chapter 2 of the revised statutes, relating to the distribution of election blanks;" also

Reported, on order, bill "an act to amend section 30, chapter 63 of the revised statutes, relating to fees."

Mr. TRUSSELL, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported, on petition, bill "an act to amend chapter 592 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the close-time for landlocked salmon, togue or trout, in the St. Croix river and its tributaries."

These reports were read and accepted, and bills ordered printed under the Rule.

Printed bill "an act to amend sections 28 and 31 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to meeting houses," was read twice, amended as per sheet "A," and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Mr. POWERS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to abolish the death penalty."

The report was read and accepted, and the bill read twice, and Tuesday next assigned at 10 o'clock A. M., and the vote to be taken at 1 o'clock P. M., on that day.

Mr. LOCKE, from the Committee on Railroads, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to authorize the extension of the Aroostook River Railroad to Fort Kent;" also

Reported same, on bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid in the construction of a railroad into Aroostook county,' approved February 8, 1875."

Mr. FARRAR, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported, on petition of Godfrey Falls Dam Company, bill "an act to amend the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company, approved February 2, 1872."

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on Railroads, reported, on petition, bill "an act to extend the time for the location and completion of the Aroostook River Railroad."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 12 of the public laws of 1875, in relation to the protection of moose."

"Resolve in favor of Hiram B. Hersey of Crystal plantation."

"Resolve in favor of Caleb Sherman."

"Resolve in favor of S. B. Gates."

"Resolve in favor of James Johnston."

"Resolve in favor of Benjamin B. Byron."

"Resolve in favor of George S. Daniels of Chapman plantation."

"Resolve in favor of the Normal School at Farmington, and the Normal School at Castine."

"Resolve in favor of the town of Mayfield."

"Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians."

"Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey to James McCornville, Jr., a lot of land in Washburn."

"Resolve concerning an annual census of the Passamaquoddy Indians."

"Resolve making an appropriation for the Penobscot tribe of Indians."

"Resolve authorizing the Secretary of State to purchase certain reports."

"Resolve in aid of building a bridge over Gagnon stream in the town of Frenchville."

"Resolve in aid of Crystal plantation."

“Resolve in aid of George W. Hewey and Charles L. Hewey.”

“Resolve in favor of the Railroad Commissioners.”

“Resolve in favor of James M. Stary.”

The foregoing were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read the third time, resolves the second time, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate, the last amended as per sheet “A.”

“Resolve in favor of a bridge across the Magalloway river,” was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the second time, and refused a passage.

“Resolve in favor of Plantation No. 4, Range 1, in Penobscot county, known as Lakeville,” was read the second time, amended as per sheet “A,” and passed to be engrossed.

“Resolve authorizing an appropriation for a chemical fire engine and hose.”

“Resolve in favor of a bridge across the Mattawamkeag river in the town of Haynesville, on the military road.”

Bill “an act to repeal section 12 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes.”

Bill “an act to provide for the organization of savings banks, trust or loan associations.”

These bills and resolves were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read the third, resolves the second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of the town of Wellington,” was reported from 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 for the protection of smelts in Monsweag bay and river in the towns of Wiscasset and Woolwich,” was read the third time, amended by striking out the last section, and passed to be engrossed.

“Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book,” was read the second time, and tabled on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

Bill “an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government,” was reported from the Committee on Bills in Third Read-

ing, read the third time, and tabled on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,

The vote passing to be engrossed bill "an act authorizing the formation of railroad companies," was reconsidered, and the bill ordered printed with the several amendments incorporated.

On motion of Mr. NEALLEY of Bangor,

That gentleman was charged with and conveyed a message to the Governor, informing him that a vacancy exists in this body, in consequence of the death of George W. Gatchell, representative from the district composed of the towns of Plymouth, Stetson and Newport.

Mr. NEALLEY subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

Bill "an act to amend section 16 of chapter 77 of the revised statutes, relating to judicial courts."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine State Temperance Camp-meeting Association."

Bill "an act to authorize the sale of islands belonging to the State"

Bill "an act to amend section 5 of chapter 138 of the revised statutes, relating to fugitives from justice."

Bill "an act additional to an act to amend an act to incorporate the Bangor and Calais Shore Line Railroad Company," approved February 17, 1873."

Bill "an act to legalize the doings of School District No. 2, in the town of Blaine."

Bill "an act in relation to the erection of wharves and fish weirs in tide waters."

Bill "an act to better protect the owners of fish weirs in Lubec."

Bill "an act to extend the time for the location and construction of the Portland and Ogsdensburg Railroad."

"Resolve for the appointment of a commission to reconstruct the savings bank law."

"Resolve in aid of building a bridge over Savage stream in St. Francis plantation."

"Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey to Enoch Hall a lot of land."

These bills having had three, and the resolves two several readings and passed to be engrossed, were reported from 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 provide for securing the rights of mortgage bondholders;" also

"Bill "an act in relation to the assignment of wages;"

Were taken from the table, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

"Resolve in aid of road in Frenchville;" also

"Resolve in favor of bridge across the Aroostook river in the town of Maysville, Aroostook county;"

Were taken from the table, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend section 45 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to elections;" also

Bill "an act to amend section 17 of chapter 116 of the revised statutes, relating to the regulation of fees and costs;"

Were taken from the table and indefinitely postponed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend section 7, chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the assessment of taxes," was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to regulate and limit municipal indebtedness," was read twice, and Tuesday next, at half-past 11 o'clock, assigned for the third reading.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

No Chaplain present.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act for supplying the city of Bangor with water," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, rules being suspended, 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 same Committee, reporting same, on bill "an act to amend and extend the charter of the Bangor Water Power Company," 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.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of Henry Bailey and 23 other similar petitions, for charter for bridge across the Penobscot river.

Report of same Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order, relating to the salary of Railroad Commissioners.

Report of the Committee on Temperance, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act to repeal an act entitled 'an act relating to the duties of county sheriffs and county attorneys.'"

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

Report of the Committee on Railroads, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of the Bangor and Calais Shore Line Railroad Company, came from the Senate read and accepted, and was laid on the table on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

Report of the Penobscot County Delegation, reporting, on petition of county commissioners of said county, "resolve to authorize Penobscot county to procure a loan."

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

The report was read and accepted, and resolve read twice, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Towns, reporting, on petition of A. Lynn and others, bill "an act creating the Hartland Village Corporation," 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 three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate Mouse Island Association," passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, reporting, on order, "resolve in favor of the Bangor Children's Home."

Report of same Committee, reporting, on order, "resolve in favor of the Female Orphan Asylum of Portland."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, resolves read twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, resolves read once, and Friday assigned for their second reading.

Withdrawal of remonstrances of J. E. Sturgis and others of Portland, Henry C. Butler of Bangor, Samuel Anderson of Bath, F. H. Wilson and others of Brunswick, C. W. Allen of Brunswick, H. W. Campbell and others of Hallowell, and of M. A. Edwards and others, in regard to an act to prevent incompetent persons from conducting the business of druggists and apothecaries in this State;

Petition of Benjamin F. Jewett and others of School District No. 4 in the town of Westport;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Remonstrance of A. Oscar Noyes and others of Norway, against the establishment of a normal school at North Bridgton, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of George A. Bucknam, for repeal of Calais Court bill, was referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. FARRAR, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported reference to the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of Wyatt Weed and Selectmen of Veazie, and of A. B. Walter and 104 others, for remedies for flowing of land by the dam at Treat's Falls."

Mr. FRANK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported reference to the Committee on Pensions, on order relating to pensions of disabled soldiers and seamen.

Mr. BURPEE, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported legislation unnecessary, on bill "an act to incorporate the Mechanics' and Laborers' Loan and Banking Association."

Mr. BEAN, from the Committee on Towns, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to the election of municipal officers.

Mr. FRANK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported same, on order relating to amendment of section 22, chapter 24 of the revised statutes; also

Reported same, on order relating to the prompt administration of justice to the people of this State.

Mr. EASTMAN, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act in relation to auctioneers."

Mr. HAYNES, from the same Committee, reported same, on order relating to the establishment of a superior court at Augusta; also

Reported same, on order looking to a change of law relating to pound keepers.

Mr. TALBOT, from the same Committee, reported same, on order relating to amendment of section 106, chapter 6, of the revised statutes.

Mr. LYNCH, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same, on order relating to biennial sessions.

Mr. ROGERS, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported same, on "resolve in favor of Wilton Academy."

Mr. FRANK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported same, on petition of Arno Wiswell.

Mr. EASTMAN, from the same Committee, reported same, on petition of Mrs. John A. Winn.

Mr. TALBOT, from the same Committee, reported same, on petition of John Reed and others, sheriffs and jailors.

Mr. STONE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported



reference to the next Legislature, on petition of F. C. Leighton and others, for repeal of the Calais Court bill ; also

Reported same, on petition of George L. Buckman and others ; also

Reported same, on petition of William H. Leighton and others.

Mr. SARGENT, from the Committee on Railroads, reported same, on bill "an act to amend the charter of the Castine and Ellsworth Railroad Company."

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported same, on several petitions for State board of health.

Mr. HOBSON, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported same, on bill "an act to repeal chapter 380 and 392 of the special laws of 1873."

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 13 of the revised statutes, in reference to the practice of medicine."

Mr. EASTMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported same, on bill "an act to amend chapter 60 of the revised statutes, relating to divorce."

Mr. POWERS, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to amend section 28, chapter 25, public laws of 1875."

Report of the Committee on Gubernatorial Votes, reporting a statement relative to the vote of the city of Bangor.

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to the framing of issues in equity cases;" also

Reported same, on bill "an act additional to chapter 69 of the revised statutes, relating to estates of deceased partners."

Mr. EASTMAN, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act authorizing assignees of judgments to bring scire facias.

Mr. POWERS, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to amend section 16 of chapter 71 of the revised statutes, relating to sales of real estate by license of court ; also

Reported same, on bill "an act to amend section 5, chapter 77 of the revised statutes, relating to equity powers."

Mr. KIMBALL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on order, bill "an act additional to and amendatory of chapter 274 of the public laws of 1874, relating to armories for military companies."

Mr. ROBINSON, from the same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act additional to chapter 4 of the revised statutes relating to elections."

Mr. THOMPSON, from the same Committee, reported, on order, bill "an act additional to and amendatory of section 55, chapter 113 of the revised statutes, in relation to the support of debtors in jail."

Mr. CHASE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Winthrop Village Corporation."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and bills ordered printed.

Mr. CLEAVES, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on petition, bill "an act to authorize Camden Village Corporation to build a hall."

Pending acceptance, tabled on motion of Mr. STONE of Biddeford, and to-morrow at 10 o'clock assigned for its further consideration.

Mr. ALDRICH, from the Committee on Towns, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the town of Waite in the county of Washington."

The report was read and accepted, bill read three times, rules being suspended, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. PIKE of Calais.

Printed bill "an act to amend section 30, chapter 63 of the revised statutes, relating to fees;" and

Printed bill "an act to amend section 38, chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to mortgages of personal property;"

Were read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Mr. EASTMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on petition, bill "an act to authorize the Baptist Society in Warren, to transfer all its real and personal property to the Baptist Church in said Warren, and to discontinue the corporate existence of said society."

Mr. TALBOT, from the same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act in relation to the Sebago Wood Board Company."

Mr. STONE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on order, bill "an act to make valid the doings of the Winnegance Mill Dam Company."

These reports were read and accepted, bill read three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington, the vote of the House, whereby "resolve in favor of James M. Story," passed to be engrossed as amended, was reconsidered; also the vote adopting amendment "A."

The resolve was then passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend sections 28 and 31 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to meeting houses."

Bill "an act to amend an act to confirm the location of the railroad of the Boston and Maine Railroad through the towns of Berwick and North Berwick, subject to certain restrictions, approved February 1, 1874."

Bill "an act to change the place of holding the December Term of the Supreme Judicial Court in Oxford county."

These bills were reported from 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 regulate dividends of savings banks," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and tabled, pending the third reading, on motion of Mr. MARTIN of Camden.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 39 of the public laws of 1875, relating to civil actions," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and indefinitely postponed.

Bill "an act to set off Bartlett's island from the town of Mt. Desert to the town of Tremont, Hancock county," was read the third time and laid on the table, and Tuesday next assigned, on motion of Mr. YOUNG of Trenton.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 239 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the protection of game," was read the third time.

Mr. WARREN of Westbrook, offered amendment "A," pending the adoption of which, the bill was tabled on motion of Mr. LYNCH of Machias.

Bill "an act to amend section 14 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the taxation of dogs," was read the third time.

Pending passage to be engrossed, tabled on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

Bill "an act to amend section 8, chapter 64 of the revised statutes, relating to the duties of executors and administrators."

Bill "an act to amend section 3, chapter 66 of the revised statutes, relating to insolvent estates."

Bill "an act to continue in force chapter 41 of the special laws of 1874, relating to fishing interests in Lufkin pond."

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the First Universalist Society of Saco and Biddeford."

Bill "an act in relation to the settlement of paupers."

Bill "an act to establish the division lines between the towns of Cornish and Parsonsfield."

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Squirrel Island Association."

Bill "an act to amend section 87 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to witnesses and evidence, by adding a fifth exception."

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of Theodore Taylor as a Trial Justice."

Bill "an act setting off John M. Leighton's estate from the town of Steuben, and annexing the same to the town of Milbridge."

"Resolve refunding a part of the State tax of Perkins plantation."

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

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 140 of the private and special laws of 1862, relating to the taking of salmon, shad and alewives, in the waters of Pleasant river, Washington county."

Pending passage to be enacted, was tabled on motion of Mr. MARTIN of Camden.

Bill "an act to authorize the formation of railroad corporations," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed as perfected and printed.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting bill "an act to incorporate the Masons' Mutual Relief Association of Mechanic Falls," was taken from the table and accepted, bill read three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

"Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual," was taken from the table, and after consideration further assigned, on motion of Mr. TALBOT.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Wellington," was taken from the table and further assigned till to-morrow A. M. at 11 o'clock, on motion of Mr. SHEPHERD of Skowhegan.

On motion of Mr. PHILLIPS of Orrington,

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. JACKSON of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of repealing the law establishing the free high schools, and report by bill or otherwise.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and was read and passed in concurrence.

Final report of the Committee on Towns.

Final report of the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Final report of the Committee on Indian Affairs.

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to railroad commutation tickets.

Report of the same Committee, reporting same, on order relating to amending chapter six of the revised statutes.

Report of the same Committee, reporting same, on bill "an act additional to section 19 of chapter 78, revised statutes."

Report of the same Committee, reporting same, on order relating to the amendment of sections 5 and 6 of chapter 97, revised statutes.

Report of the same Committee, reporting same, on order relating to the amendment of the law relating to powers and duties of registers of probate.

Report of the same Committee, reporting same, on order relating to submitting a Constitutional Amendment changing the time for State elections.

Report of the same Committee, reporting same, on order relating to the establishing of a voting precinct on Hurricane island in the town of Vinalhaven.

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Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting same, on memorial relating to Supreme Judicial Court.

Report of the Committee on Towns, reporting leave to withdraw, on petitions of Henry Erskine, R. S. Ayer, A. P. McFarland and others.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reporting reference to next Legislature, with order of notice, on petition of William Rice and others.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act additional to chapter 48 of the revised statutes, relating to manufacturing, mining and quarrying corporations."

Report of the same Committee, reporting reference to Committee on Education, on order, relating to the amendment of law relating to appointment of Trustees for Normal Schools.

Report of the Cumberland County Delegation, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to the paying of money to the towns of Windham and Falmouth on account of bridges.

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

Report of the Committee on Railroads, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act granting further time to the Northern Aroostook Railroad Company to make and file the location of its line of railroad."

Report of the same Committee, reporting same, on bill "an act to extend the time for the completion of the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad."

Report of the same Committee, reporting same, on bill "an act additional to, and amendatory of, 'an act to enable the city of Bangor to aid the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company in the extended construction of its railroad,' approved February 22, 1871."

Report of the same Committee, reporting same, on bill "an act to amend chapter 19 of the special laws of 1875."

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 three times, under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting, on petition of County Commissioners of Aroostook county, "resolve in favor of the county of Aroostook "

Report of the same Committee, reporting, on petition of Henry R. Downes and others, "resolve in favor of Samuel G. Greenlaw of Chapman plantation."

Report of the same Committee, reporting, on petition of citizens of Kinsbury and adjoining towns, "resolve in favor of the State road between Kinsbury Mills and Blanchard in Piscataquis county."

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

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, resolves read once, and Monday assigned for their second reading.

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Reform School," came from the Senate read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The resolve was read twice, rules suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 12 of the public laws of 1875, in relation to the protection of moose," passed to be engrossed by the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

House recessed and concurred.

Claim of the town of Carroll for reimbursement for bounty on bears, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. SALLEY of Madison,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill conferring the right to regulate the tolls on toll bridges to the county commissioners in the counties where such bridges are located.

This order was sent to the Senate.

Mr. HAYNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to amendment of chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on buildings and lots.

Mr. EASTMAN, from the same Committee, reported same, on order relating to the amending of section 7 of chapter 91 of the laws of 1873; also



Reported same, on order relating to chapter 227 of the public laws of 1874.

Mr. LIBBY, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of Nelson Tenney; also

Reported same, on order relating to claim of Levi Sears for lot of land.

Mr. ALEXANDER, from the same Committee, reported same, on petition of William Brown; also

Reported same, on order relating to the claims of John Parent, Abraham Dubay and Joseph Dubay, and of William Hartt, against the State.

Mr. HAYNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported same, on order relating to the protection of life and property exposed to danger from defective steam engines; also

Reported same, on petition of Warren and others, and petition of inhabitants of Jonesboro', for repeal of the Calais Court bill.

Mr. TALBOT, from the same Committee, reported same, on petition of M. N. McKusick and others, relating to the sale of hides; also

Reported same, on petition of Wyatt Weed and Selectmen of Veazie, for remedies against flowing of land by the dam at Treat's falls, together with the report of the Committee on Interior Waters upon the same.

Mr. PIKE, from the same Committee, reported same, on petition of city of Lewiston, for an act to authorize said city to take water from Wilson's pond; also

Reported same, on petition of Melville Grant and 136 others of Eddington, Veazie and Bangor.

Mr. FRANK, from the same Committee, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act additional to chapter 24 of the revised statutes, relating to paupers."

Mr. CHASE, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported same, on recommitted bill "an act to incorporate the Aroostook River Log Driving Company;" also reported same, on bill "an act to prevent the throwing of refuse and edgings into the Medomak river in the town of Washington," referred from the last Legislature.

Mr. WARREN, from the Committee on Education, reported

leave to withdraw on petition of sundry persons for the establishment of a normal school in northern Maine.

Mr. HAYNES from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported same on petition of the heirs at law of John Goddard, relating to township No. 15, range 5.

Mr. COOK, from the Committee on Insane Hospital, reported, on order, a financial statement containing required information.

Final report of the Committee on Manufactures, was presented by Mr. BURPEE.

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

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to repeal chapter 46 of the public laws of 1872, relating to municipal officers."

Pending acceptance of the report, tabled on motion of Mr. BASS of Bangor.

Mr. CHASE, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Kittery Steam and Water Power Company."

The report was read and accepted, bill read once, and tabled on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

Mr. WARREN, from the Committee on Education, reported, on petition, bill "an act to establish a State Normal School at North Bridgton, in the county of Cumberland."

The report was read and accepted, bill read twice and laid on the table, and Wednesday next assigned, the question being upon indefinite postponement of the bill, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

Mr. BLAISDELL, from the Committee on Commerce, reported, on petition, bill "an act to authorize C. J. Guptill and R. Rand to build a wharf on the shore of Stillin Guptill's point, so called, in the town of Gouldsborough."

The report was read and accepted, bill read once, and indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

Mr. WYMAN, from the Committee on Claims, reported, on sundry claims of towns for reimbursement for bounties, "resolve providing for payment of bounties on wild animals."

The report was read and accepted, resolve read twice, and passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules.

Mr. FRANK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 65 of the revised statutes, relating to the distribution of the estate of persons deceased out of the State."

Mr. PARCHER, from the Committee on County Estimates, reported "resolve laying a tax on the several counties of the State."

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on petition, "resolve relating to claims of settlers on proprietors' lands."

Mr. NADEAU, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of George W. Kalloch;" also

Reported, on petition, resolve in favor of John Ryan."

Mr. ALEXANDER, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of the town of Sherman."

Mr. SHEPHERD, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported, on petition, "resolve in aid of the Maine General Hospital at Portland;" also

Reported, on petition, "resolve in aid of the Maine General Homœopathic Hospital."

These reports were read and accepted, bills and resolves ordered printed under the Rule.

Mr. BALLARD, from the Committee on Insane Hospital, reported statement of facts to accompany "resolve in favor of Maine Insane Hospital, (House Doc. 18) and on his motion the same was ordered printed.

Mr. PORTER of Burlington, presented bill "an act to amend chapter 30, section 9 of the revised statutes, relating to deer," and on his motion the bill was ordered printed.

Printed bill "an act relating to the framing of issues in equity cases."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 5 of chapter 77, relating to equity powers."

Printed "bill "an act to amend section 16 of chapter 71 of the revised statutes, relating to sales of real estate by license of court."

Printed bill "an act authorizing assignees of judgment to bring scire facias."

Printed bill "an act to protect the rights of railroad stockholders."

These bills were read twice, and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Printed bill "an act additional to chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to elections," was read twice, and on motion of Mr. CLEAVES laid on the table.

"Resolve in aid of road passing through Township F, Range 1, Arootook county," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third reading, read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to amend section 38 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to mortgages on personal property," was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act for supplying the city of Bangor with water,' approved February 22, 1875," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Charles J. Schumacher;" also

"Resolve in favor of the Bangor Children's Home;" and

"Resolve in favor of the Female Orphan Asylum at Portland;"

Were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, requesting the return of bill "an act to better protect owners of fish weirs in Lubec."

The bill was subsequently returned, when, on motion of Mr. POWERS of Houlton, the vote passing the same to be enacted and engrossed were reconsidered, the bill amended as per sheets "A" and "B," and indefinitely postponed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. FLOYD of Winthrop, the vote whereby bill "an act to incorporate the Winthrop Village Corporation" was

ordered printed, was reconsidered, the bill read three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company to connect its track with the Androscoggin Railroad Company in the city of Lewiston."

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 21 of the public laws of 1875, relating to disabled soldiers and seamen."

Bill "an act to amend section 42 of chapter 2 of the revised statutes, relating to the distribution of election blanks."

Bill "an act to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company to discontinue a portion of its track."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 592 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the close-time for landlocked salmon, togue or trout, in the St. Croix river and its tributaries."

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England."

These bills were read three times, the rules being suspended, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve in favor of James M. Story," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the second time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. STORY of Washburn.

"Resolve in favor of the Military and Naval Asylum at Bath;" also

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls;" and  
"Resolve in favor of Chapman plantation."

These resolves were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the second time.

Pending their passage to be engrossed, laid on the table on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

"Resolve in favor of Joseph W. Hines," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the second time.

Pending its passage to be engrossed, tabled, and Monday next assigned for its further consideration.

"Resolve in favor of the Centennial Commission," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the second time.

Pending its passage to be engrossed, tabled on motion of Mr. ROBINSON of Lincoln, and Tuesday next, at 10 o'clock A. M., assigned for its further consideration.

Mr. POWERS, from the Committee on Elections, reported the election of George H. Thayer to fill the vacancy caused by the death of George W. Gatchell, representative from the district composed of the classed towns of Stetson, Plymouth and Newport.

Mr. NEALLEY of Bangor, announced the attendance of Mr. Thayer, and conducted him to the Governor, where he took and subscribed the oath required to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Subsequently Mr. Thayer appeared and took his seat in the House.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 29 of the public laws of 1869, concerning the militia."

Bill "an act to protect George Dyer in running his ferry from North Haven to Vinalhaven, in Knox county."

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Maine Dairymen's Association,' approved February 20, 1874."

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the town of Jonesport in the assessment of taxes for the year 1875."

Bill "an act to prevent the taking of trout from Howard's pond and its tributaries in the town of Hanover."

Bill "an act to amend section 46 of chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to plantations."

Bill "an act to prohibit the taking of fish in the tributaries or outlets of Webb's pond in Weld."

Bill "an act to amend sections 51 and 55 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, and section 7 of chapter 25 of the public laws of 1875, relating to the duties of county commissioners."

Bill "an act to repeal section 12 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes."

Bill "an act to regulate the survey of lumber in Penobscot county."

"Resolve in favor of the Normal School at Farmington, and the Normal School at Castine."

"Resolve in favor of a bridge across the Mattawamkeag river in the town of Haynesville, on the military road."

“Resolve authorizing an appropriation for a chemical fire engine and hose.”

Bill “an act to amend an act entitled ‘an act for supplying the city of Bangor with water,’ approved February 22, 1875.”

Bill “an act to amend and extend the charter of the Bangor Water Power Company, approved February 19, 1875.”

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

Bill “an act to incorporate the Commercial Wharf Company,” pending its passage to be enacted, was tabled on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

“Resolve in favor of the town of Wellington,” was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill “an act to amend chapter 239 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the protection of game,” was taken from the table, amended as per sheet “A” on motion of Mr. WARREN of Westbrook, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill “an act to authorize the Camden Village Corporation to build a hall,” taken from the table, the question being upon the acceptance of the report.

The report was accepted, bill read twice, and Tuesday next assigned for the third reading.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law relative to the returns of the number of scholars in the several towns and plantations in this State, that such returns shall be certified to under oath.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to report to this Legislature a bill directing the Secretary of State to collect the criminal statistics of the several counties, so that they will show the amount of criminal cost in the State for the year 1876, and report the same to the next Legislature.

These orders came from the Senate read and passed, and were read and passed in concurrence.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to consider what legislative action is necessary to make vacant the office of Land Agent, his secretary, clerks or agents, in accordance with the amended Constitution; also to place the books and entire effects of said office in the hands of the Governor and Council or other proper officers for final adjustment.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, was read, and tabled on motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington.

Final report of the Committee on Pensions; and

Final report of the Committee on Manufactures;

Came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Commerce, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of T. C. Hersey and others; and

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, reporting legislation inexpedient, on memorial of the Maine State Association for the Protection of Fish;”.



Were read and accepted in the Senate, and were read and accepted in concurrence by the House.

Report of the Committee on Towns, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the town of Haynesville in the county of Aroostook."

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Maine General Homœopathic Hospital."

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act authorizing the sale of certain lots in township No. 14, range 4, W. E. L. S."

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 three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, reporting, on Governor's Message relating to College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, "resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts," came from the Senate read and accepted, resolve read twice, amended as per sheets "C," "E" and "F," and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, resolve read once, and Wednesday next assigned for its second reading, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

"Resolve in favor of S. B. Gates," passed to be engrossed by the House, came back from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

House receded, adopted amendment "C," and passed the resolve to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend sections 28 and 31 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to meeting-houses, passed to be engrossed by the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House receded and concurred.

Bill "an act to make bonds negotiable," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of J. W. Fairbanks, for repeal of the free high school law; and

Petition of George W. Ranger, in aid of same;

Were referred to the Committee on Education.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to report a bill authorizing the Governor and Council to audit and pay all claims for bounties on wild animals.

On motion of Mr. NADEAU of Fort Kent,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending section 39, chapter 18 of the revised statutes, providing that no petition for the laying out of a road by the county commissioners shall be entertained within two years after a previous application for the same purpose has been referred or refused on appeal, so that the time shall be one year instead of two, as now prescribed by law.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. FARRAR, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to the Sagadahoc Ferry.

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported same, on order relating to sale of State lands.

Mr. STOVER, from the Committee on Claims, reported same, on order relating to reimbursement of the town of Topsfield.

Final report of the Committee on Change of Names.

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. WYMAN, from the Committee on Claims, reported, on order, "resolve relating to bounties on wild animals."

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported on Governor's Message and report of Land Office Commissioners, bill "an act relating to the appointment of Land Agent and his duties."

Mr. EASTMAN, from the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, reported bill "an act relating to insurance companies."

These reports were read and accepted, bills and resolve ordered printed under the rule.

Mr. ALEXANDER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of James G. Griffin."

Mr. LAMSON, from the Committee on Claims, reported ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of Joseph Granger."

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 30, section 9 of the revised statutes, relating to deer."

"Resolve laying a tax on the several counties of the State."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, bills read three times, resolves twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Printed bill "an act additional to and amendatory of chapter 274 of the public laws of 1874, relating to armories for military companies."

Printed bill "an act additional to and amendatory of section 55, chapter 113 of the revised statutes, in relation to the support of debtors in jail."

Printed bill "an act additional to chapter 69 of the revised statutes, relating to the estates of deceased partners."

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 65 of the revised statutes, relating to the distribution of estates of persons deceased out of the State."

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on buildings and lots."

"Resolve in aid of the Maine General Homœopathic Hospital at Portland."

"Resolve in aid of the Maine General Hospital at Portland."

The foregoing bills were read twice, and the resolves once, Monday assigned for the third reading of the bills, and Wednesday next assigned for the second reading of the resolves.

Mr. NORTON from the Committee on Claims, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Selectmen of Lubec for reimbursement of money.

Pending acceptance of the report, it was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

Bill "an act to amend section 16 of chapter 71 of the revised statutes, relating to sales of real estate by license of court."

Bill "an act to protect the rights of railroad stockholders and bondholders."

Bill "an act to amend section 5 of chapter 77, revised statutes, relating to equity powers."

Bill "an act authorizing assignees of judgments to bring scire facias."

These bills were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, the last two amended as per sheet "A," passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act relating to the framing of issues in equity cases," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, amended as per sheets "A" and "B," and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 70 of the revised statutes, relating to assignments for the benefit of creditors."

Bill "an act creating the Hartland Village Corporation."

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the Livermore Falls Bridge Company."

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company, approved February 2, 1872."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 61 of the revised statutes, in relation to the rights of married women."

Bill "an act to amend section 3, chapter 66 of the revised statutes, relating to insolvent estates."

Bill "an act to legalize the doings of the town of Cornish."

Bill "an act to amend section 26, chapter 91 of the revised statutes, in relation to lime rock and slate."

Bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Winnegance Mill Dam Company, approved March 10, 1835."

Bill "an act in relation to assessment of poll taxes."

"Resolve authorizing the county of Penobscot to procure a loan."

"Resolve providing for the payment of expenses of the Committee on Military Affairs."

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture."

"Resolve authorizing the Adjutant General to sell the arsenal building at Portland."

"Resolve in favor of James Johnston."

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

Bill "an act to incorporate the Deer Isle and Sedgwick Horse Ferry Company."

Pending its passage to be enacted, was tabled on motion of Mr. SARGENT of Sedgwick.

"Resolve in favor of James Phair," was taken from the table, amended as per sheet "A," on motion of Mr. STORY of Washburn; and further assigned till Thursday next for its consideration, on motion of Mr. ROBINSON of Lincoln.

"Resolve in favor of Chapman plantation," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to authorize Samuel N. McFarland and associates to erect a wharf in the tide waters of Frenchman's bay in the town of Hancock," was taken from the table, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. DREW of Augusta.

Journal of Saturday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the school law, that so much of the school money as is obtained from the mill tax, shall be distributed on a basis of attendance upon schools, instead of upon the number of scholars, and report by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Finance be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing and amending chapter 283 of the public laws of 1871, and report by bill or otherwise.

These orders were read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of R. B. McAllister.

Report of the Committee on Commerce, reporting same, on petition of Andrew J. Huddleston and others.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting finally.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to taxing certain lands in unincorporated places.

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

Report of the Committee on State Prison, reporting ought to pass, on "resolve authorizing the warden of the State Prison to loan the use of the State of Maine, fire engine," came from the Senate read and accepted, resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The report was accepted, resolve read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Commerce, reporting same, on bill "an act authorizing Monroe Young to extend his wharf into tide

waters in Jordan river in the town of Trenton," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice and passed to be engrossed.

And was read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Bill "an act in relation to the Ellsworth Police Court," passed to be enacted by the House, came back from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, the House reconsidered the votes passing the bill to be enacted and engrossed, adopted Senate amendment "A," and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Petition of Samuel Kimball and others, for an act relating to annual and semi-annual interest, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of the treasurer of Waite plantation, for reimbursement for bounty paid on bears; and

Claim of the town of Oldtown for bounty;

Were referred to the Committee on Claims.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. FOGLER, from the Committee on Pensions, reported reference to chapter 21 of the laws of 1875, on order asking whether any legislation is necessary to explain section 4 of chapter 203 of the laws of 1874, relating to pensions of disabled soldiers and seamen.

Mr. TILDEN, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported reference to the Governor and Council, on order relating to State military pensions.

Mr. LEAVITT, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported reference to the next Legislature, on order of Virgil P. Hall and others.

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

Mr. WHITE, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported in a new draft, bill "an act to amend chapter 172 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the security of life on steam vessels on inland waters."

Mr. TENNEY, from the Committee on State Lands and State

Roads, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Robert Knox;" also

Reported "resolve in favor of W. N. Woodbury;" and  
"Resolve in favor of W. S. Evans."

The reports were read and accepted, bill and resolves ordered printed under the Rule.

Bill "an act relating to the appointment of Land Agent and his duties."

"Resolve in favor of the town of Sherman."

This bill was read twice, resolve once, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of the bill and second reading of the resolve.

"Resolve relating to the claims of settlers on proprietors' lands," was read once, and Wednesday next assigned for its second reading, on motion of Mr. KEEGAN of Madawaskä.

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital," was read once, and Wednesday next assigned, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

"Resolve in favor of John Ryan;" also

"Resolve in favor of George W. Kalloch;" and

"Resolve relating to bounty on wild animals;"

Were read twice, rules being suspended, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 65 of the revised statutes, relating to the distribution of the estates of deceased persons out of the State;" also

Bill "an act additional to chapter 69 of the revised statutes, relating to the estates of deceased partners;" and

Bill "an act to amend chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to a lien on buildings and lots;"

Were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, the latter amended as per sheet "A," and each of the bills passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve in favor of Samuel C. Greenlow of Chapman plantation," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.



Bill "an act additional to and amendatory of chapter 274 of the public laws of 1874, relating to armories for military companies," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, amended as per sheet "A," on motion of Mr. DUTTON of Lewiston.

Mr. SHEPHERD offered amendment "B," pending the adoption of which, the bill was laid on the table, and Wednesday next assigned for its further consideration, on motion of Mr. ROBINSON of Lincoln.

"Resolve in favor of the State road between Kingsbury Mills and Blanchard in Piscataquis county," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the second time, and tabled on motion of Mr. PIKE of Calais.

Bill "an act additional to and amendatory of section 55, chapter 113 of the revised statutes, relating to the support of debtors in jail," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and tabled on motion of Mr. POWERS of Houlton.

Bill "an act to authorize the extension of the Aroostook River Railroad to Fort Kent."

Bill "an act to amend an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid in the construction of a railroad into Aroostook county, approved February 8, 1875."

Bill "an act in relation to the recording of assignments of wages."

Bill "an act incorporating the Masons' Mutual Relief Association of Mechanic Falls, Maine."

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the Winnegance Mill Dam Company."

Bill "an act additional to and amendatory of an act to enable the city of Bangor to aid the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company in the extended construction of its railroad, approved February 22, 1871."

Bill "an act to authorize the town of Georgetown to build a free bridge over tide waters."

Bill "an act for the protection of smelts in Monsweag bay and river in the towns of Wiscasset and Woolwich."

Bill "an act to extend the time for the location and completion of the Aroostook River Railroad."

Bill "an act to authorize the Baptist Society in Warren to transfer all its real and personal property to the Baptist church in said Warren, and to discontinue the existence of said society."

Bill "an act authorizing the sale of certain lots of land in township No. 14, range 4, W. E. L. S."

Bill "an act granting further time to the Northern Aroostook Railroad Company to make and file the location of its line of railroad."

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government."

Bill "an act to amend an act to confirm the location of the railroad of the Boston and Maine Railroad through the towns of Berwick and North Berwick, subject to certain restrictions, approved February 1, 1873."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 19 of the special laws of 1875."

Bill "an act to authorize cities and towns to charge interest on certain taxes."

Bill "an act in relation to the Sebago Wood Board Company."

Bill "an act to change the place of holding the December term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Oxford."

Bill "an act to extend the time of the completion of the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad."

"Resolve in favor of the Female Orphan Asylum at Portland."

"Resolve in favor of the town of Mayfield."

"Resolve authorizing the Secretary of State to purchase certain reports."

"Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians."

"Resolve in favor of Charles J. Schumacher."

"Resolve in favor of George W. Hewey and Charles L. Hewey."

"Resolve concerning an annual census of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians."

"Resolve in favor of the town of Wellington."

"Resolve in favor of S. B. Gates."

"Resolve in favor of the Railroad Commissioners."

"Resolve in favor of the Bangor Children's Home."

"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 from the

Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, bills passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, with leave to withdraw, on petition of the Bangor and Calais Shore Line Railroad Company, was taken from the table, the question being upon acceptance of the report.

The whole matter was indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Kittery Steam Water Power Company," was taken from the table, and pending its second reading, indefinitely postponed on motion of Mr. DAVIS of Jefferson.

Bill "an act to regulate savings bank dividends," was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed on motion of Mr. MARTIN of Camden.

Bill "an act to incorporate the town of Waite in the county of Washington," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

"Resolve in favor of the Military and Naval Asylum at Bath," was taken from the table, amended as per sheets "A" and "B," and passed to be engrossed.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

"Resolve in favor of Joseph W. Hines," was taken from the table, and on motion of Mr. PHILLIPS of Orrington, indefinitely postponed.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act to repeal chapter 46 of the public laws of 1872, relating to municipal officers," was taken from the table, accepted, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve in favor of the county of Aroostook," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 30, chapter 63 of the revised statutes, relating to fees," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. SARGENT of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 31 of the revised statutes, relating to factory agents and warehouse-men," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

"Resolve relating to printing Bank Examiner's report," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Final report of the Committee on Federal Relations, Military Affairs, Railroads, and Ways and Bridges, came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, reporting, on order relating to the examination and enlistment of the members, of the several military companies, a list as required by said order, came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and accepted in concurrence.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 39 of the public laws of 1875, relating to civil actions," indefinitely postponed in the House, came from the Senate, that branch insisting upon its vote passing the bill to be engrossed and proposing a Committee of Conference, and appointing

Messrs. Donworth of Aroostook,  
Kyes of Franklin,  
Prescott of Somerset,

on its part.

The House concurred in the proposition for a conference, and joined

Messrs. Kimball of Waterford,  
Lynch of Machias,  
Cleaves of Portland,

on its part.

Petition of D. H. Thing and others, for change of law concerning watering places by the roadside, was referred to the next Legislature.

On motion of Mr. STONE of Biddeford,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 87 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to testimony in certain cases.

This order was sent to the Senate.

Mr. NADEAU, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported reference to the next Legislature, on order relating to conveyance of land to Rufus F. Stone; also

Reported same, on order relating to conveyance of land to E. S. Perry, waiving further settling duties.

Mr. CLEAVES, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend section 117 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes."

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

Mr. BAKER of Newcastle, presented bill "an act relating to the settlement of the public lands, and on his motion it was ordered printed.

Bill "an act authorizing Monroe Young to extend his wharf into tide waters in Jordan river, in the town of Trenton," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Sherman," was reported from 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 relating to the appointment of the Land Agent, and his duties," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and pending its passage to be engrossed, laid on the table, and Thursday next assigned, at 10 o'clock A. M., on motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington.

Bill "an act to authorize Camden Village Corporation to build a hall," was taken from the table and further assigned till tomorrow, at 2½ o'clock P. M., on motion of Mr. STONE of Biddeford.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 21 of the public laws of 1875, relating to disabled soldiers and seamen," was taken from the table, and after consideration, tabled again on motion of Mr. BASS of Bangor.

Bill "an act to set off Bartlett's island from the town of Mt. Desert to the town of Tremont in Hancock county," was taken from the table, pending its passage to be engrossed.

Mr. WHITE of Bucksport moved the indefinite postponement of the bill, pending which the bill was laid on the table.

Bill "an act to abolish the death penalty," came up by special assignment, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Mr. HOBSON of Wiscasset offered amendment "A," and upon the question of its adoption, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the amendment was rejected, by nays 97, yeas 45.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Aldrich,	Hopkinson,	Sargent,
Allen of Wellington,	Hume,	Shepherd,
Alexander,	Hussey,	Smith,
Brown of Oldtown,	Keegan,	Story,
Cleaves,	Leavitt,	Sweetser,
Clifford,	Libby,	Tenney,
Cooper,	Linnell,	Thompson,
Davis of Portland,	Littlefield,	Tilden,
Floyd,	Locke,	True,
Fogler,	Mantor,	Thayer,
Frank,	Martin of Sebago,	Wagg,
Goodrich,	Pillsbury,	Wiggin,
Hamilton,	Powers,	Woodsum,
Haynes,	Reed of Tremont,	Wyman,
Hobson,	Salley,	Young of Hiram—45.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Blanchard,	Falmouth,	Colby,
Allen of Waldoboro',	Blanchard,	Yarmouth,	Connor,
Anderson,	Brown of Brownville,	Cook,	
Baker,	Burnham,	Cumston,	
Ballard,	Burpee,	Currier,	
Bass,	Carlton,	Davis of Jefferson.	
Bean,	Chase of Standish,	Dearborn,	
Blaisdell,	Chase of Bridgton,	Dennison,	

Drisko,	Lord of Bluehill,	Robinson of Lincoln,
Dunning,	Lord of Lebanon,	Rogers,
Dutton,	Lynch,	Rolf,
Dwinal,	Marden,	Rowe,
Dyer,	Martin of Camden,	Sawyer,
Eastman,	Maxwell,	Seaward,
Farrar of Buckfield,	Meader,	Sherman,
Farrar of Turner,	Morrill,	Skillin,
Fellows,	Murch,	Smiley,
Fletcher,	Nealley,	Stone of Biddeford,
Fowler,	Nelson,	Stone of Hampden,
Gay,	Norton,	Stover,
Goldthwait,	Nowland,	Stratton,
Goodwin,	Parcher,	Strickland,
Gould,	Pendleton,	Talbot,
Grant,	Percy,	Trickey,
Greely,	Phillips,	Trussell,
Haley,	Pike,	Wade,
Haskell,	Pinkham,	Warren,
Hayford,	Porter,	Weymouth,
Hopkins,	Potter,	White of Bucksport,
Hutchins,	Reed of Boothbay,	White of Orono,
Keating,	Robertson,	Yates,
Kimball,	Robinson, Mt. Vernon,	Young, Trenton—97.
Lamson,		

By general consent the vote upon the passage of the bill to be engrossed was taken at 12 40 P. M.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the question being so taken, the bill received a passage, by yeas 75, nays 68.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Aldrich,	Burpee,	Dwinal,
Allan of Dennysville.	Carlton,	Dyer,
Allen of Wellington.	Chase of Standish,	Farrar of Buckfield,
Alexander,	Clifford,	Farrar of Turner,
Ballard,	Connor,	Fellows,
Bean,	Cooper,	Fletcher,
Blanchard, Falmouth,	Currier,	Floyd,
Brown of Oldtown,	Davis of Jefferson,	Fogler,
Burnham,	Davis of Portland,	Fowler,

Frank,	Linnell,	Shepherd,
Goodrich,	Locke,	Sherman,
Gould,	Mantor,	Story,
Haley,	Martin of Sebago,	Sweetser,
Hamilton,	Morrill,	Tenney,
Hayford,	Norton,	Thompson,
Haynes,	Parcher,	True,
Hobson,	Pillsbury,	Thayer,
Hopkins,	Porter,	Wagg,
Hopkinson,	Powers,	Warren,
Hume,	Reed of Boothbay,	Weymouth,
Hussey,	Reed of Tremont,	White of Orono,
Keating,	Rowe,	Wiggin,
Keegan,	Salley,	Woodsum,
Leavitt,	Sargent,	Wyman,
Libby,	Sawyer,	Young of Hiram—75.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allen of Waldoboro'	Haskell,	Robertson,
Anderson,	Hutchins,	Robinson, Mt. Vernon,
Baker,	Kimball,	Robinson of Lincoln,
Bass,	Lamson,	Rogers,
Blaisdell,	Littlefield,	Rolf,
Blanchard, Yarmouth,	Lord of Bluehill,	Seaward,
Brown of Brownville,	Lord of Lebanon,	Skillin,
Chase of Bridgton,	Lynch,	Smiley,
Cleaves,	Marden,	Smith,
Colby,	Martin of Camden,	Stone of Biddeford,
Cook,	Maxwell,	Stone of Hampden,
Cumston,	Meador,	Stover,
Dearborn,	Murch,	Stratton,
Dennison,	Nadeau,	Strickland,
Drisko,	Nealley,	Talbot,
Dunning,	Nelson,	Tilden,
Dutton,	Nowland,	Trickey,
Eastman,	Pendleton,	Trussell
Gay,	Percy,	Wade,
Goldthwait,	Phillips,	White of Bucksport,
Goodwin,	Pike,	Yates,



Grant,  
Greely,

Pinkham,  
Potter,

Young, Trenton—68.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of Ira Thorn and 49 others, for abolition of the death penalty; and

Petition of Benjamin Maxim and others, for same;

Were referred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 193, public laws of 1874, relating to clerks of judicial courts," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to return to the Senate, without action, bill "an act entitled an act to incorporate Mouse Island."

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and was read in concurrence, and laid on the table.

"Resolve laying a tax on the several counties of the State," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

House receded and adopted amendment "A," and passed the resolve to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Reform School, reporting, upon the report of the Trustees and Superintendent of said Institution, "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 once, and to-morrow assigned for the second reading.

"Resolve to more fully perfect the records of the Adjutant General's office, and to encourage the writing of regimental histories of Maine troops in the war of 1861."

The resolve was read once, and Wednesday next assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, reporting, on petition, "resolve in favor of Henry H. Haskell," came from the Senate read and accepted, resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, and the resolve read once, and tabled on motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting, on order, bill "an act to amend sections 11 and 15 of chapter 59 of the revised statutes."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, bill read three times, rules being suspended, amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting, on order, bill "an act to amend section 7, chapter 256 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the commitment of insane persons."

Report of same Committee, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to provide further remedies for the collection of State taxes upon corporations."

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 three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of a bridge across the Magalloway river," refused a passage by the House, came from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The House adhered to its former vote.

"Resolve in favor of Benjamin B. Byron," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House receded and concurred.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias,

*Ordered*, That the Governor be requested to lay before the House a statement of the amounts of salary and compensation of all officers and employees in the Insane Hospital annually paid within the last five years.

On motion of Mr. SHEPHERD of Skowhegan,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Financial Affairs inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of section 87 of the public laws of 1873, as relates to appointment of Trustees for the management of the Norma's Schools, and the propriety of placing the same under the control of the State Superintendent of Common Schools and the Governor and Council.

This order was sent to the Senate.

Mr. WHITE, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Nelson Ham and others.

This report was read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. FRANK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on order, bill "an act in relation to appeals from county commissioners."

Mr. EASTMAN, from the same Committee, reported, on order, bill "an act explanatory of an act additional for the assessment and collection of taxes approved February 27, 1871;" also

Reported, on order, bill "an act to amend section 36 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to ways."

These reports were read and accepted, and bills ordered printed under the Rule.

Mr. HAMILTON of Dexter, presented bill "an act additional to chapter 223 of the public laws of 1871, regulating railroad corporations," and on his motion ordered printed.

Printed bill "an act relating to the settlement of the public lands; and

Printed bill "an act to amend section 117 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes;"

Were read three times, rules being suspended, the last amended as per sheet "A," and both bills passed to be engrossed.

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 172 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the security of life on steam vessels on inland waters," was read twice, and tabled on motion of Mr. MARTIN of Camden.

"Resolve in favor of Robert Knox."

"Resolve in favor of W. S. Evans."

"Resolve in favor W. N. Woodbury."

The foregoing resolves were read twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 21 of the public laws of 1875, relating to disabled soldiers and seamen," was taken from the table.

The vote passing the same to be engrossed was reconsidered, and the bill indefinitely postponed.

Bill "an act additional to and amendatory of chapter 274 of the public laws of 1874, relating to armories for military companies," was taken from the table, further amended as per sheet "B," and indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. WOODSUM of Peru.

Bill "an act entitled an act to incorporate the Winterport and Bucksport Ferry Company," was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed on motion of Mr. WHITE of Bucksport.

Bill "an act to set off Bartlett's island from the town of Mt. Desert to the town of Tremont in Hancock county," was taken from the table, the question being upon indefinite postponement.

The House refused to indefinitely postpone, and passed the bill to be engrossed, and sent it to the Senate.

Bill "an act to establish and maintain a State Normal School at North Bridgton in the county of Cumberland," was taken from the table, and having had two readings, Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, moved the yeas and nays, upon the indefinite postponement of the bill, and the question being so taken, the bill was postponed by 79 yeas to 54 nays.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Blaisdell,	Burpee,
Bass,	Blanchard,	Falmouth, Carlton,
Bean,	Brown of Brownville,	Connor,

Cooper,	Lamson,	Richardson,
Currier,	Leavitt,	Robertson,
Davis of Jefferson.	Libby,	Robinson, Mt. Vernon,
Dearborn,	Linnell,	Rowe,
Dennison,	Littlefield,	Salley,
Drisko,	Lord of Bluehill,	Sawyer,
Dunning,	Lord of Lebanon,	Skillin,
Dutton,	Lynch,	Smiley,
Dyer,	Mantor,	Smith,
Farrar of Buckfield,	Marden,	Stone of Biddeford,
Farrar of Turner,	Martin of Camden,	Stone of Hampden,
Fletcher,	Murch,	Stratton,
Floyd,	Nealley,	Sweetser,
Fowler,	Norton,	Talbot,
Gay,	Parcher,	Thompson,
Goldthwait,	Pendleton,	Trussell,
Goodwin,	Percy,	Wade,
Gould,	Phillips,	Wagg,
Haley,	Pike,	Weymouth,
Hamilton,	Pillsbury,	White of Bucksport,
Haskell,	Pinkham,	Woodsum,
Hopkins,	Potter,	Wyman,
Hopkinson,	Reed of Boothbay,	Yates—79.
Keating,		

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Aldrich,	Colby,	Hume,
Allen of Wellington,	Cook,	Hussey,
Allen of Waldoboro',	Cumston,	Hutchins,
Alexander,	Davis of Portland,	Jordan,
Anderson,	Dwinal,	Keegan,
Baker,	Eastman,	Kimball,
Ballard,	Fellows,	Locke,
Blanchard, Yarmouth,	Fogler,	Nadeau,
Brown of Oldtown,	Frank,	Nelson,
Burnham,	Gibson,	Nowland,
Chase of Standish,	Grant,	Porter,
Chase of Bridgton,	Greely,	Powers,
Cleaves,	Hayford,	Robie,
Clifford,	Hobson,	Rogers,

Sargent,	Stover,	True,
Seaward,	Tenney,	Warren,
Sherman,	Tilden,	Wiggin,
Story,	Trickey,	Young of Hiram—54.

Mr. WEYMOUTH of Canaan, and the SPEAKER, asked leave to have their votes recorded, and there being no objection, their votes were entered upon the record.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to elections," was taken from the table, when Mr. GRANT of Ellsworth, offered amendment "A"; and upon the question of its adoption, Mr. CLEAVES of Portland, moved the yeas and nays, and the amendment was adopted by 77 yeas to 54 nays.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Aldrich,	Dutton,	Linnell,
Allan of Dennysville.	Dwinal,	Littlefield,
Allen of Wellington.	Farrar of Turner,	Lord of Bluehill,
Baker,	Fellows,	Lord of Lebanon,
Ballard,	Floyd,	Locke,
Blaisdell,	Fogler,	Maxwell,
Brown of Brownville,	Fowler,	Meador,
Brown of Oldtown,	Grant,	Murch,
Burnham,	Greely,	Nealley,
Burpee,	Hamilton,	Norton,
Chase of Standish,	Hayford,	Nowland,
Chase of Bridgton,	Hobson,	Parcher,
Cleaves,	Hopkinson,	Percy,
Colby,	Hume,	Phillips,
Connor,	Hussey,	Pinkham,
Cook,	Jordan,	Porter,
Cumston,	Lamson,	Powers,
Davis of Jefferson,	Leavitt,	Robinson, Mt. Vernon,
Dunning,	Libby,	Rogers,

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Salley,	Story,	White of Bucksport,
Sargent,	Sweetser,	White of Orono,
Sawyer,	Tenney,	Wiggin,
Seaward,	Tilden,	Woodsum,
Shepherd,	Thayer,	Yates,
Smiley,	Wagg,	Young of Hiram—77.
Smith,	Warren,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allen of Waldoboro'	Goldthwait,	Reed of Tremont,
Alexander,	Goodrich,	Richardson,
Anderson,	Goodwin,	Robertson,
Bass,	Gould,	Rowe,
Bean,	Haley,	Sherman,
Blanchard, Falmouth,	Hutchins,	Skillin,
Blanchard, Yarmouth,	Keegan,	Stone of Biddeford,
Currier,	Kimball,	Stone of Hampden,
Davis of Portland,	Lynch,	Stover,
Dearborn,	Mantor,	Strickland,
Dennison,	Martin of Camden,	Talbot,
Drisko,	Nadeau,	Thompson,
Dyer,	Nelson,	Trickey,
Eastman,	Pendleton,	True,
Fletcher,	Pike,	Trussell
Frank,	Pillsbury,	Weymouth,
Gay,	Potter,	Wyman,
Gibson,	Reed of Boothbay,	Young, Trenton—45.

The bill, as amended, was then passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to authorize Camden Village Corporation to build a hall," was taken from the table on motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington.

Pending its consideration, the House adjourned, on motion of Mr. PIKE of Calais.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. TILDEN of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Final reports from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads ;

From the Committee on Public Buildings ;

From the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance ;

From the Committee on the Judiciary ;

From the Committee on Agriculture.

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

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to criminal statistics of the several counties.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, reporting same, on order relating to payment of money to the State Agricultural Society, same as is paid to the State Pomological Society.

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

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reporting, on petition, " resolve in favor of rebuilding bridges across east branch of forks of the Kennebec river in Somerset county."

Report of the Committee on State Library, with " resolve in favor of Maine State Library."

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 this afternoon assigned.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting, on order, bill " an act to amend chapter 39, public laws of 1872, relating to foreclosure of mortgages on real estate."



Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 29, section 3 of the public laws of 1869, concerning the militia."

Report of the Committee on Towns, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to set off a part of the town of Montville and annex the same to the town of Liberty."

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 their third reading.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, reporting, on petition, bill "an act for the protection of landlocked salmon, trout and bass," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, amended as per sheet "A," and pass to be engrossed.

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

Report of the Committee on State Prison, reporting, on report of Warden, "resolve in favor of the State Prison."

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

The report was read and accepted, resolve read twice, amendment "A" adopted, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 73, chapter 2 of the revised statutes, relating to the State Library," came from the Senate read twice and passed to be engrossed, and was read three times, under suspension of the rules, and indefinitely postponed on motion of Mr. MARTIN of Camden.

Bill "an act to regulate the dividends of savings banks," passed to be engrossed in the Senate, indefinitely postponed in the House, came from the Senate, that branch insisting upon its former vote.

The House insisted on its former vote.

Mr. SHEPHERD presented bill "an act to increase the authority of the Judge of Probate in Somerset county for a certain purpose," which was read three times, under suspension of the rules, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, presented bill "an act to amend chapter 152 of the public laws of 1873, relating to nuisances," which was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Mr. STOVER, from the Committee on Claims, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of inhabitants of St. Francis plantation, for reduction of valuation of said plantation."

Mr. KEEGAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to the conferring the right to regulate tolls in toll bridges to the county commissioners.

Mr. WHITE, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported bill "an act relating to taxation of insurance companies," which was read twice, and ordered to be printed.

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

Mr. EASTMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend section 87 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to evidence."

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

Mr. KEEGAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on petition, bill "an act to legalize the doings of District No. 4 in the town of Westport."

The report was read and accepted, bill read three times, and passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. FARRAR, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported, on order, bill "an act for the abolition of the office of Fish Commissioner."

The report was read and accepted, bill read twice and ordered to be printed, on motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington.

Mr. GOLDTHWAIT, from the Committee on Commerce, reported, on petition, bill "an act to prevent the throwing of coal tar, gas, water or other residuum or waste matter, arising from the manufacture of gas into the waters of Saco river."

The report was read and accepted, bill read twice, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. EASTMAN of Saco.

Printed bill "an act explanatory of an act additional for the assessment and collection of taxes, approved February 27, 1871;" and

Printed bill "an act relating to insurance companies;"

Were read three times under suspension of the rules, passed to engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Printed bill "an act in relation to appeals from county commissioners," was read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Printed bill "an act to amend section 36 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to ways," was read twice, and this afternoon assigned.

"Resolve in favor of the State Reform School," was reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, read the second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England."

Bill "an act to amend section 38 of chapter 90 of the revised statutes, relating to mortgages of personal property."

Bill "an act to amend section 65 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to damage on ways, as amended by chapter 215 of the public laws of 1874."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 239 of the public laws of 1874, relating to protection of game."

Bill "an act to incorporate the town of Haynesville in the county of Aroostook."

Bill "an act to amend section 42 of chapter 2 of the revised statutes, relating to the distribution of election blanks."

Bill "an act authorizing assignees of judgment to bring scire facias."

Bill "an act to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company to discontinue the use of a portion of its track."

Bill "an act to amend section 16 of chapter 71 of the revised statutes, relating to the sales of real estate by license of court."

Bill "an act relating to framing of issues in equity cases."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 30, section 9 of the revised statutes, relating to deer."

Bill "an act to provide for the organization of savings banks or trust and loan associations."

Bill "an act to protect the rights of railroad stockholders and bondholders."

Bill "an act authorizing Monroe Young to extend his wharf in tide waters in Jordan river, in the town of Trenton."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Ellsworth Police Court."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Winthrop Village Corporation."

Bill "an act to amend section 5 of chapter 77 of the revised statutes, relating to equity powers."

Bill "an act to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company to connect its track with the track of the Androscoggin Railroad Company in the city of Lewiston."

"Resolve in favor of Hiram B. Hersey of Crystal plantation."

"Resolve in favor of the county of Aroostook."

"Resolve in favor of Plantation No. 4, Range 1, in Penobscot county, known as Lakeville."

"Resolve in favor of bridge across the Aroostook river in the town of Maysville, Aroostook county."

"Resolve authorizing the Warden of the State Prison to loan the use of the State of Maine fire engine."

"Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey to James McCornville, Jr., a lot of land in Washburn."

"Resolve in favor of James M. Story."

"Resolve in favor of Samuel C. Greenlow of Chapman plantation."

"Resolve in favor of James G. Griffin."

"Resolve in favor of road passing through Township F, Range 1, Aroostook county."

"Resolve in favor of George S. Daniels."

"Resolve in favor of Caleb Sherman."

"Resolve making appropriation for the Penobscot tribe of Indians."

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.

"Resolve in aid of the Maine General Hospital;" and

"Resolve in aid of the Maine General Homœopathic Hospital;"

Were taken from the table, on motion of Mr. BASS, and tomorrow, at 10 o'clock, assigned.

Bill "an act to authorize Camden Village Corporation to build

a hall," pending when the House adjourned yesterday, was taken up.

Mr. STONE of Biddeford offered amendment "A," and the question of its adoption being taken by yeas and nays, it was rejected, by yeas 41, nays 75.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville, Jordan,	Rogers,
Blanchard, Yarmouth, Lynch,	Rowe,
Burpee,	Martin of Sebago, Stone of Biddeford,
Cook,	Maxwell, Stone of Hampden,
Davis of Portland,	Meader, Talbot,
Dennison,	Norton, Tenney,
Drisko,	Parcher, Thompson,
Eastman,	Pendleton, Trickey,
Fogler,	Percy, True,
Gay,	Phillips, Thayer,
Goldthwait,	Pillsbury, Warren,
Haley,	Pinkham, White of Bucksport,
Haskell,	Potter, Yates—41.
Hutchins,	Reed of Boothbay,

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Aldrich,	Cumston,	Greely,
Allen of Wellington,	Currier,	Hayford,
Allen of Waldoboro',	Davis of Jefferson,	Hobson,
Alexander,	Dearborn,	Hopkinson,
Baker,	Dunning,	Keegan,
Bass,	Dutton,	Libby,
Bean,	Dyer,	Linnell,
Blaisdell,	Farrar of Buckfield,	Littlefield,
Blanchard, Falmouth,	Farrar of Turner,	Lord of Lebanon,
Brown of Brownville,	Fellows,	Locke,
Brown of Oldtown,	Fletcher,	Morrill,
Burnham,	Fowler,	Murch,
Chase of Standish,	Frank,	Nadeau,
Chase of Bridgton,	Garey,	Nowland,
Cleaves,	Gibson,	Pike,
Clifford,	Goodrich,	Powers,
Colby,	Gould,	Reed of Tremont,
Connor,	Grant,	Richardson,

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Robertson,	Shepherd,	Tilden,
Robinson, Mt. Vernon,	Sherman,	Wade,
Rolf,	Skillin,	Weymouth,
Salley,	Smith,	White of Orono,
Sargent,	Story,	Woodsum,
Sawyer,	Stover,	Young of Hiram,
Seaward,	Strickland,	Young, Trenton—75.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act relating to the appointment of the Land Agent, and his duties," was taken from the table.

Mr. TALBOT of East Machias moved the bill be indefinitely postponed, and the House ordered the question be taken by yeas and nays, and pending this question, the House

Adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment, 2½ o'clock P. M.

Final reports of the Committees on Commerce, Claims, and Reform School, came from the Senate accepted, and were accepted in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 61 of the revised statutes, in relation to the rights of married women," 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 amend section 14, chapter 142 of the revised statutes, relating to the Reform School."

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on the State Prison."

The foregoing came from the Senate read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The bill was read three times, resolve twice, under suspension of the rules, and each passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, reporting reference to the Governor and Council, "resolve in favor of certain towns and

plantations," came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and accepted in concurrence.

Bill "an act to establish and maintain a State Normal School at North Bridgton, in the county of Cumberland," came back from the Senate referred to the next Legislature.

The House receded and concurred.

"Resolve in favor of bridge across the Magalloway river," came back from the Senate, that branch insisting on its vote passing the same to be engrossed, and proposing a Committee of Conference, with

Messrs. Haskell of Cumberland,  
Peaks of Penobscot,  
Wadsworth of Oxford,

Conferees on its part.

The House receded from its vote insisting, concurred in the proposition for a conference, and the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. Talbot of East Machias,  
Thompson of Vassalborough,  
Linnell of Exeter,

Conferees.

"Resolve in favor of Crystal plantation," came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House insisted on its vote passing the same to be engrossed, proposed a conference, and the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. Powers of Houlton,  
Keegan of Madawaska,  
Alexander of Linneus,

Conferees.

Information was received from the Senate of the concurrence of that branch in the proposition for a conference, on disagreeing vote on "resolve in favor of Crystal plantation," and that it joined

Messrs. Kyes of Franklin,  
Carney of Lincoln,  
Thompson of York,

on its part.

Bill "an act in relation to appeals from county commissioners," was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading,

read the third time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington.

Bill "act to amend section 36 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to ways," was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, amended as per sheets "A" and "B," and passed to be engrossed.

Amendment "B" amends the title by striking out 36 in the title, and inserting 39.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 29, section 3 of the public laws of 1869, concerning the militia."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 37 of the public laws of 1872, relating to foreclosure of mortgages on real estate."

"Resolve in favor of Maine State Library."

The foregoing were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read the third, resolve the second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of building bridge across east branch of the forks of the Kennebec river in Somerset county," was read the second time, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. PIKE of Calais.

The House resumed consideration of bill "an act relating to the appointment of the Land Agent and his duties."

The question of indefinite postponement was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the negative, by yeas 56, nays 63.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Anderson,	Drisko,	Haskell,
Bass,	Dutton,	Hutchins,
Bean,	Dyer,	Kimball,
Blanchard, Falmouth,	Eastman,	Littlefield,
Blanchard, Yarmouth,	Fletcher,	Lynch,
Clifford,	Frank,	Mantor,
Cooper,	Garey,	Marden,
Currier,	Gay,	Martin of Camden,
Davis of Jefferson,	Goldthwait,	Martin of Sebago,
Davis of Portland,	Goodwin,	Morrill,
Dearborn,	Gould,	Pendleton,
Dennison,	Haley,	Pike,



Pillsbury,	Skillin,	Trickey,
Potter,	Stone, of Biddeford,	True,
Reed of Boothbay,	Stone of Hampden,	Trussell,
Richardson,	Stover,	Wagg,
Robertson,	Strickland,	Wyman,
Rowe,	Talbot,	Young, Trenton—56.
Sherman,	Thompson,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Aldrich,	Gibson,	Powers,
Allan of Dennysville,	Hobson,	Rogers,
Allen of Wellington,	Hopkinson,	Rolf,
Allen of Waldoboro,'	Hume,	Salley,
Alexander,	Hussey,	Sargent,
Ballard,	Keegan,	Sawyer,
Brown of Brownville,	Leavitt,	Seaward,
Brown of Oldtown,	Linnell,	Shepherd,
Burnham,	Lord of Bluehill,	Smiley,
Burpee,	Locke,	Smith,
Chase of Standish,	Maxwell,	Story,
Chase of Bridgton,	Murch,	Tenney,
Cleaves,	Nadeau,	Thayer,
Colby,	Nealley,	Wade,
Connor,	Norton,	Weymouth,
Cumston,	Nowland,	White of Bucksport,
Dunning,	Parcher,	White of Orono,
Dwinal,	Percy,	Wiggin,
Farrar of Turner,	Phillips,	Woodsum,
Fellows,	Pinkham,	Yates,
Fowler,	Porter,	Young of Hiram—63.

The bill was then amended as per sheet "A," on motion of Mr. PIKE of Calais, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve in aid of the Maine General Hospital at Portland," was taken from the table, and the vote by which to-morrow was assigned for a second reading, was reconsidered.

The resolve was then read the second time, and pending the question of passing the same to be engrossed, the House, on motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,

Adjourned.

E. C. BURLEIGH, *Clerk pro tem.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

No Chaplain present.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of Committee on Temperance, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 20 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes, in relation to persons who travel and sell intoxicating liquors by order or samples," came from the Senate read and recommitted, and was recommitted in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine General Homœopathic Hospital," passed to be engrossed by the House, came from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

House receded and adopted Senate amendment "A," and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act relating to insurance companies," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded and adopted Senate amendment "A," and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. WHITE, from the Committee on Temperance, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 152 of the laws of 1873, relating to nuisances."

Pending acceptance, tabled on motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington.

Mr. HUSSEY, from the Committee on Education, reported reference to the next Legislature, on remonstrance of George A. Nelson and others, and A. Oscar Noyes and others, against the establishment of a Normal School at North Bridgton.

Mr. FLETCHER, from the same Committee, reported same, on petition of George W. Ranger and others, C. W. Fuller and

others, S. C. Adams and others, and on order asking for the repeal of the free high school law.

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

Mr. FARRAR, from the Committee on Change of Names, reported, on petition, bill "an act to amend chapter 45 of the special laws of 1872."

Mr. PILLSBURY, from the Committee on Education, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to make available the school fund of the inhabitants of Bowerbank, an unincorporated place in the county of Piscataquis."

The reports were read and accepted, bills read three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Printed bill "an act relating to the taxation of insurance companies;" also

Printed bill "an act additional to chapter 223 of the public laws of 1871, regulating railroad corporations;" and

Printed bill "an act to amend section 87 of the revised statutes, relating to evidence;"

Were read three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Printed bill "an act for the abolition of the office of Fish Commissioner," was read three times, rules being suspended, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. RICHARDSON of Hartland.

Mr. FRANK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend section 7 of chapter 30 of the revised statutes, relating to bounties on wild animals."

Mr. HUTCHINS, from the Committee on Education, reported, on order, bill "an act additional to chapter 11 of the revised statutes," relating to lists of scholars to be returned by school agents and school committees."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, bills ordered printed under the Rule.

Mr. POWERS of Houlton, presented bill "an act relating to written licenses or permits to cut timber and logs," and on his motion the same was ordered printed.

Bill "an act to amend section 7, chapter 256 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the commitment of insane persons."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 65 of the revised statutes, relating to the distribution of the estates of persons deceased out of the State."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 69 of the revised statutes, relating to estates of deceased partners."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 592 of the private laws of 1874, relating to the close-time for landlocked salmon, togue and trout, in the St. Croix river and its tributaries."

Bill "an act to incorporate the town of Waite in the county of Washington."

Bill "an act to amend section 30, chapter 63 of the revised statutes, relating to fees."

Bill "an act to provide further remedies for the collection of State taxes upon corporations."

"Resolve in favor of a road in Frenchville."

"Resolve relating to bounty on wild animals."

"Resolve in favor of George W. Kalloch."

"Resolve in favor of John Ryan."

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

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,

*Ordered,* That no person shall speak more than three times upon any one question, nor more than five minutes at one time, except as to the member who shall have a particular bill in charge.

The foregoing order was subsequently reconsidered.

Bill "an act to set off a part of the town of Montville and annex the same to the town of Liberty," was taken from the table and

further assigned till to-morrow, on motion of Mr. LITTLEFIELD of Wells.

“Resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts,” was taken from the table, Senate amendments “C,” “E” and “F” adopted, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

“Resolve in aid of the Maine General Homœopathic Hospital,” was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

Bill “an act to regulate and limit municipal indebtedness,” was taken from the table, and further assigned to Monday next, at 2½ o’clock P. M., on motion of Mr. BASS of Bangor.

Bill “an act in relation to appeals from county commissioners;” and

Bill “an act to prevent the throwing of coal tar, gas or other residuum or waste matter arising from the manufacture of gas, into the waters of the Saco river;”

Were taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. EASTMAN of Saco, the vote passing the last to be engrossed was reconsidered, bill amended as per sheet “A,” and passed to be engrossed.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

“Resolve relating to the claims of settlers on proprietors’ lands,” was taken from the table, read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

“Resolve in aid of the Maine General Hospital at Portland,” was taken from the table, the question being upon passing the same to be engrossed, and the yeas and nays being called the resolve received a passage, by yeas 103, nays 31.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Aldrich,	Blanchard, Yarmouth, Clifford,
Allen of Wellington,	Brown of Brownville, Colby,
Allen of Waldoboro’,	Brown of Oldtown, Connor,
Anderson,	Burnham, Cook,
Ballard,	Burpee, Cumston,
Bean,	Chase of Standish, Davis of Jefferson.
Berry,	Chase of Bridgton, Davis of Portland,
Blanchard, Falmouth, Cleaves,	Dennison,

Dunning,	Littlefield,	Sargent,
Dutton,	Lord of Bluehill,	Sawyer,
Dwinal,	Lord of Lebanon,	Seaward,
Eastman,	Locke,	Shepherd,
Farrar of Buckfield,	Lynch,	Smiley,
Farrar of Turner,	Martin of Camden,	Smith,
Fellows,	Maxwell,	Stone of Hampden,
Fletcher,	Meader,	Story,
Fogler,	Morrill,	Stover,
Fowler,	Nadeau,	Sweetser,
Frank,	Nealley,	Tenney,
Garey,	Nelson,	Tilden,
Gay,	Nowland,	Trickey,
Gibson,	Parcher,	True,
Goodwin,	Phillips,	Trussell,
Gould,	Pillsbury,	Thayer,
Hayford,	Pinkham,	Wade,
Hopkinson,	Potter,	Wagg,
Hume,	Powers,	Warren,
Hussey,	Reed of Boothbay,	Weymouth,
Hutchins,	Reed of Tremont,	White of Bucksport,
Keating,	Richardson,	White of Orono,
Keegan,	Robertson,	Wiggin,
Kimball,	Robie,	Woodsum,
Lamson,	Rolf,	Yates,
Leavitt,	Rowe,	Young, Trenton—103.
Libby,		

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Haley,	Rogers,
Baker,	Linnell,	Salley,
Bass,	Mantor,	Skillin,
Blaisdell,	Marden,	Stone of Biddeford,
Cooper,	Norton,	Stratton,
Currier,	Pendleton,	Strickland,
Dearborn,	Percy,	Talbot,
Drisko,	Pike,	Thompson,
Dyer,	Porter,	Wyman,
Goldthwait,	Robinson, Mt. Vernon,	Young of Hiram—31.
Greely,		

Mr. DUTTON of Lewiston, presented bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to supply the cities of Lewiston and Auburn with pure water,'" which was read three times, rules being suspended, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

The vote whereby bill "an act to set off a part of the town of Montville and annex the same to the town of Liberty," was assigned to-morrow, was reconsidered.

Mr. MARTIN of Camden, moved to indefinitely postpone, pending which, the bill was assigned for to-morrow, at 10 o'clock.

Mr. NEALLEY, by consent of the House, withdrew his motion to reconsider the vote passing the "resolve in favor of the Military and Naval Asylum at Bath," and the resolve was sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. CURTIS of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of the Committee on Education, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to distributions of the school money derived from the mill-tax.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act additional to chapter 31 of the revised statutes, relating to factors, agents, and warehouse-men," 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 three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to set off Bartlett's island to the town of Tremont," passed to be engrossed by the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House adhered to its former vote.

Bill "an act to regulate dividends of savings banks," indefinitely postponed in the House, came from the Senate, that branch insisting upon its former vote passing the same to be engrossed, and proposing a Committee of Conference, and appointing

Messrs. Wheelwright of Penobscot,  
Carney of Lincoln,  
Watts of Knox,

on its part.

The House receded and concurred in the proposition for a conference, and joined

Messrs. Rogers of Bath,  
Martin of Camden,  
Anderson of Portland,

on its part.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Ellsworth Marine Insurance Company," passed to be engrossed in the House, came from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House receded and concurred.

A communication from the Governor was received, transmitting a statement of the amount of salary and compensation of all officers and employes in the Insane Hospital annually paid within the last five years.

Read and statement ordered printed.

On motion of Mr. PHILLIPS of Orrington,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk make up the pay and mileage of the late John F. Robinson of Holden, for the session.

Mr. PIKE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 133 of the revised statutes, relative to amendment of prosecutions;" also

Reported same, on bill "an act relating to writs in municipal courts;" also

Reported same, on "resolve concerning an amendment to the Constitution of Maine."



These reports were read and accepted, bills and resolve ordered printed under the Rule.

Mr. PIKE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to bail in criminal cases."

Mr. LINNELL, from the Committee on Claims, reported, on order, bill "an act to repeal the bounty on bears."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read three times, rules being suspended, and assigned to afternoon for further consideration.

Mr. NEALLEY, from the Committee on Education, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to the appointment of Trustees for the Normal Schools.

The report was read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Printed bill "an act additional to chapter 11 of the revised statutes, relating to the lists of scholars required to be returned by school agents and school committees."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 7 of chapter 30 of the revised statutes, relating to bounty on wild animals."

These bills were read three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 61 of the revised statutes in relation to the rights of married women."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 37 of the public laws of 1872, relating to foreclosure of mortgages on real estate."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 29, section 3 of the public laws of 1869, concerning the militia."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine General Homœopathic Hospital."

Bill "an act to amend sections 11 and 15, chapter 59 of the revised statutes, relating to solemnization of marriages."

Bill "an act for the protection of landlocked salmon, trout and bass."

Bill "an act to amend section 14 of chapter 142 of the revised statutes, relating to the Reform School."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to elections."

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on the State Prison."

“Resolve in favor of Joseph Granger.”

“Resolve laying a tax on the several counties of the State.”

“Resolve in favor of Chapman plantation.”

“Resolve in favor of the State Reform School.”

“Resolve providing for the payment of bounties on wild animals.”

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

Bill “an act to set off a part of the town of Montville and annex the same to the town of Liberty,” was taken from the table, the question being upon indefinite postponement.

Mr. NEALLEY of Bangor, moved the question be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken, the House refused to postpone, by yeas 60, nays 71.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Allen of Waldoboro'	Garey,	Pendleton,
Alexander,	Gibson,	Phillips,
Anderson,	Goldthwait,	Pinkham,
Baker,	Goodrich,	Potter,
Bass,	Goodwin,	Reed of Tremont,
Bean,	Gould,	Robertson,
Brown of Oldtown,	Haley,	Salley,
Burpee,	Haskell,	Sherman,
Clifford,	Hayford,	Stone of Biddeford,
Cooper,	Hutchius,	Stone of Hampden,
Davis of Jefferson,	Keating,	Story,
Davis of Portland,	Keegan,	Stratton,
Dearborn,	Kimball,	Strickland,
Dennison,	Locke,	Trickey,
Drisko,	Lynch,	Trussell
Eastman,	Mantor,	Thayer,
Fletcher,	Martin of Camden,	Wade,
Floyd,	Morrill,	White of Orono,
Fogler,	Nadeau,	Wyman,
Frank,	Norton,	Young, Trenton—60.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville.	Gay,	Reed of Boothbay,
Ballard,	Greely,	Richardson,
Blaisdell,	Hamilton,	Robie,
Blanchard, Falmouth,	Hopkins,	Robinson, Mt. Vernon,
Blanchard, Yarmouth,	Hopkinson,	Rolf
Brown of Brownville,	Hume,	Rowe,
Burnham,	Hussey,	Sargent,
Carlton,	Jordan,	Sawyer,
Chase of Standish,	Leavitt,	Seaward,
Chase of Bridgton,	Libby,	Shepherd,
Cleaves,	Linnell,	Skillin,
Colby,	Littlefield,	Smith,
Connor,	Lord of Lebanon,	Stover,
Cook,	Marden,	Sweetser,
Cumston,	Martin of Sebago,	Tenney,
Currier,	Maxwell,	Tilden,
Dunning,	Meador,	Wagg,
Dutton,	Nealley,	Warren,
Dwinal,	Nelson,	Weymouth,
Dyer,	Nowland,	Wiggin,
Farrar of Buckfield,	Parcher,	Woodsum,
Farrar of Turner,	Percy,	Yates,
Fellows,	Porter,	Young of Hiram—71.
Fowler,	Powers,	

So the bill was passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Report of the Committee on Temperance, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 152 of laws of 1873, relating to nuisances," was taken from the table, the question being upon acceptance.

Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, offered an amendment striking out of the report the word "not." And upon this question the yeas and nays were called, and the amendment rejected, by yeas 38, nays 91.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Alexander,	Davis of Jefferson,	Eastman,
Pass,	Davis of Portland,	Fletcher,
Blaisdell,	Dearborn,	Frank,
Blanchard, Yarmouth,	Dennison,	Garey,
Cleaves,	Drisko,	Goldthwait,

Goodrich,	Martin of Camden,	Stone of Hampden,
Goodwin,	Morrill,	Stratton,
Gould,	Nadeau,	Strickland,
Hopkins,	Pendleton,	Talbot,
Hutchins,	Porter,	Trickey,
Keating,	Reed of Tremont,	Trussell,
Lynch,	Sherman,	Young, Trenton—38.
Mantor,	Stone of Biddeford,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville,	Gibson,	Pinkham,
Allen of Waldoboro',	Greeley,	Potter,
Anderson,	Haley,	Reed of Boothbay,
Baker,	Hamilton,	Richardson,
Ballard,	Haskell,	Robertson,
Bean,	Hayford,	Robinson, Mt. Vernon,
Blanchard, Falmouth,	Hopkinson,	Rolf,
Brown of Brownville,	Hume,	Rowe,
Brown of Oldtown,	Hussey,	Salley,
Burnham,	Jordan,	Sargent,
Burpee,	Keegan,	Sawyer,
Carlton,	Lamson,	Seaward,
Chase of Standish,	Leavitt,	Shepherd,
Chase of Bridgton,	Libby,	Skillin,
Clifford,	Linnell,	Smith,
Colby,	Littlefield,	Story,
Connor,	Lord of Bluehill,	Stover,
Cook,	Lord of Lebanon,	Sweetser,
Cumston,	Locke,	Tenney,
Currier,	Marden,	Tilden,
Dunning,	Martin of Sebago,	Thayer,
Dutton,	Maxwell,	Wagg,
Dwinal,	Meador,	Warren,
Dyer,	Nealley,	Weymouth,
Farrar of Buckfield,	Nelson,	White of Bucksport,
Farrar of Turner,	Norton,	White of Orono,
Fellows,	Nowland,	Wiggin,
Floyd,	Parcher,	Wyman,
Fogler,	Percy,	Yates,
Fowler,	Phillips,	Young of Hiram—91.
Gay,		

The report was accepted, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve in favor of the State Centennial Commission," was taken from the table.

Mr. BASS of Bangor, offered amendment "A."

Mr. DUTTON of Lewiston, moved the previous question, and the House seconded the call.

Amendment "A" was rejected.

Mr. BASS then offered amendment "B," which was ruled out under the previous question.

The resolve then passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 172 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the security of life on steam vessels on inland waters," was taken from the table, amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

"Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book," was taken from the table, amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

"Resolve in favor of James Phair," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Bill "an act for the abolition of the office of Fish Commissioner," was taken from the table, considered, and returned to table.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

"Resolve in favor of the State road between Kingsbury Mills and Blanchard, in Piscataquis county," was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act relative to bail in criminal cases," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to amend section 14 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to taxation of dogs," was taken from the table, and further assigned to Monday afternoon.

"Resolve in favor of rebuilding bridge across east branch of forks of the Kennebec river in Somerset county," was taken from the table, and further assigned to Monday at half-past 2 o'clock, P. M.

"Resolve in favor of Maine Insane Hospital," was taken from the table, and Monday next assigned.

Bill "an act additional to and amendatory of section 55, chapter 113 of the revised statutes, relating to the support of debtors in jail," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to repeal the bounties on bears," was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

Report of the Committee on Claims, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of Selectmen of Lubec, for reimbursement of money paid into the State Treasury, was taken from the table, amended as per sheet "A," and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

"Resolve to more fully perfect the records of the Adjutant General's office, and to encourage the writing of regimental histories of Maine troops in the war of 1861," was taken from the table, amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

"Resolve in relation to bounties on wild animals," was presented, under suspension of the rules, read once, and indefinitely postponed.

Bill "an act to authorize Charles W. Howland to dredge bars and navigate Rangely lake by steam," was taken from the table, Senate amendment "A" adopted, further amended as per sheets "B" and "C," and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Commercial Wharf Company," was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed.

Mr. BLAISDELL, from the Committee on Commerce, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of John Stimpson

and others, for an act of incorporation for the Sullivan Bridge Company.

The report was read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

Final reports of the Committees on Pensions and Fisheries, came from the Senate read and accepted, and were accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Towns, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the town of Kossuth, in Washington county," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. PIKE of Calais.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Hibernian Society of Biddeford," passed to be enacted by the House, came from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House receded and concurred.

Bill "an act authorizing Monroe Young, to extend his wharf into tide waters in Jordan river in the town of Trenton," passed to be enacted in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House receded and concurred.

"Resolve in favor of J. W. Hines," passed to be engrossed by the Senate, and indefinitely postponed by the House, came from the Senate, that branch insisting upon its former vote.

The House insisted upon its vote, and proposed a Committee of Conference, and the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. Powers of Houlton,  
Porter of Burlington,  
Hayford of Maysville,

on its part.

The Senate concurred, and joined

Messrs. Donworth of Aroostook,  
Jordan of Androscoggin,  
White of Waldo,

on its part.

“Resolve in aid of the Maine General Homœopathic Hospital,” indefinitely postponed by the House, came from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The House adhered to its former vote.

“Resolve to provide for the uniforming of the enlisted men of the Maine volunteer militia, and for other military purposes,” came from the Senate reported from the Committee on Military Affairs, and was read once, laid on the table, and Monday at 10 o'clock A. M. assigned, on motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington.

Report of the Committee on Education, reporting ought to pass, on bill “an act to amend chapter 229 of the public laws of 1874, entitled an act to further extend the powers of school districts,” 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 in concurrence, and the bill ordered printed on motion of Mr. POWERS of Houlton.

On motion of Mr. DUTTON of Lewiston,  
Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock A. M. Monday.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*



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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. SANDERSON of Augusta.

Journal of Saturday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of roads passing through the Indian township in Washington county," 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 once, and this afternoon assigned for its second reading, under suspension of the rules.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on buildings and lots," passed to be engrossed by the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House insisted upon its former vote and proposed a Committee of Conference, and the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. Eastman of Saco,  
Cleaves of Portland,  
Chase of Bridgton,

Conferees on its part.

A communication was received from the Governor, transmitting the opinion of the Supreme Court on the constitutionality of the school mill-tax law, which was ordered printed.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias,

*Ordered*, That the Governor be requested to lay before this House a statement of the amount of salary and compensation of all officers and employes in the Insane Hospital annually paid within the last five years, giving the name of each officer and employe, and the amount annually paid to each one respectively.

Mr. LINNELL, from the Committee on Claims, reported, on order, "resolve in favor of granting bounty on bears to certain towns and plantations."

The report was read and accepted, resolve read twice, rules being suspended, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, presented bill "an act to repeal section 5 of chapter 141, revised statutes, in relation to houses of correction."

The bill was read three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. ROWE of Frankfort, presented "resolve in favor of the Governor and his staff," which was laid on the table.

Mr. PIKE of Calais, presented, under suspension of the rules, bill "an act respecting the authority of the St. Croix Gas Light Company," which was read three times, and passed to be engrossed.

"Resolve concerning an amendment to the Constitution of Maine," was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Printed bill "an act relating to writs in municipal courts."

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 133 of the revised statutes, relating to commencement of prosecutions."

Printed bill "an act relating to written licenses or permits to cut timber and logs."

The foregoing printed bills were read three times, rules being suspended, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 229 of the public laws of 1874, entitled 'an act further to extend the powers of school districts,'" was read three times, Senate amendment "A" adopted, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to abolish the death penalty and to regulate the manner of applying for pardons in certain cases."

Bill "an act to authorize Camden Village Corporation to build a hall."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 51, section 51 of the revised statutes, relating to railroads."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 31 of the revised statutes, relating to factors, agents and warehouse-men."

Bill "an act to provide for securing the rights of mortgage bondholders."

Bill "an act relating to the settlement of the public lands."

Bill "an act to set off a part of the town of Montville and annex the same to the town of Liberty."

Bill "an act to make available the school fund of the inhabitants of Bowerbank, an unincorporated place in the county of Piscataquis."

Bill "an act relating to the appointment of Land Agent and his duties."

Bill "an act to authorize the formation of railroad corporations."

Bill "an act to amend section 117 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to division of accounts."

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to supply the cities of Lewiston and Auburn with pure water.'"

"Resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts."

"Resolve in favor of Robert Knox."

"Resolve in favor of Maine State Library."

"Resolve in favor of W. S. Evans."

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls."

"Resolve in aid of the Maine General Hospital at Portland."

"Resolve in favor of the State Centennial Commission."

"Resolve in favor of W. N. Woodbury."

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

Bill "an act to incorporate the Deer Isle and Sedgwick Horse Ferry Company," was taken from the table, the vote passing the same to be engrossed reconsidered, bill amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve to provide for the uniforming of the enlisted men of the Maine volunteer militia, and for other military purposes," was taken from the table, read the second time, when Mr. MARTIN

of Camden moved its indefinite postponement, and upon this question the yeas and nays were ordered, and being so taken the House refused to postpone, by 73 in the negative, to 41 in the affirmative.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Baker,	Keating,	Reed of Tremont,
Cooper,	Kimball,	Rogers,
Dearborn,	Linnell,	Salley,
Dennison,	Locke,	Sawyer,
Drisko,	Lynch,	Sherman,
Dyer,	Mantor,	Stratton,
Farrar of Buckfield,	Marden,	Talbot,
Fletcher,	Martin of Camden,	Trussell,
Garey,	Martin of Sebago,	Thayer,
Goodrich,	Norton,	Wade,
Haskell,	Parcher,	Weymouth,
Hopkins,	Pike,	Woodsum,
Hussey,	Porter,	Wyman—41.
Hutchins,	Potter,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Anderson,	Farrar of Turner,	Meador,
Ballard,	Fellows,	Morrill,
Bean,	Fogler,	Nadeau,
Brown of Oldtown,	Frank,	Nealley,
Burnham,	Gay,	Nelson,
Burpee,	Goldthwait,	Nowland,
Carlton,	Greely,	Pendleton,
Chase of Standish,	Haynes,	Percy,
Chase of Bridgton,	Hopkinson,	Phillips,
Cleaves,	Hume,	Pinkham,
Clifford,	Jordan,	Powers,
Connor,	Keegan,	Reed of Boothbay,
Cook,	Lamson,	Richardson,
Cumston,	Leavitt,	Rolf,
Currier,	Libby,	Rowe,
Dunning,	Littlefield,	Sargent,
Dutton,	Lord of Bluehill,	Seaward,
Dwinal,	Lord of Lebanon,	Shepherd,
Eastman,	Maxwell,	Smiley,

Smith,	Sweetser,	Warren,
Stone of Biddeford,	Tenney,	White of Bucksport,
Stone of Hampden,	Tilden,	White of Orono,
Story,	Trickey,	Wiggin,
Stover,	Wagg,	Yates—73.
Strickland,		

The resolve was then passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend section 14 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to taxation of logs," was taken from the table amended as per sheets "A" and "B," and indefinitely postponed.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Sherman," was taken from the table, and finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. DUTTON of Lewiston, presented bill "an act to extend the time of location and completion of the Somerset railroad."

The bill was read three times, rules being-suspended, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve in favor of rebuilding bridge across the east branch of the forks of the Kennebec river in Somerset county," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the town of Kossuth in the county of Washington," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to regulate and limit municipal indebtedness," was taken from the table, further amended as per sheets "B," "C," "D" and "E," and referred to the next Legislature.

Bill "an act for the abolition of the office of Fish Commissioner," was taken from the table, when Mr. NEALLEY of Bangor, moved the indefinite postponement of the bill.

And the question was ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken, the House refused to postpone, by nays 81, yeas 38.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Aldrich,	Floyd,	Reed of Boothbay,
Bass,	Hamilton,	Robertson,
Bean,	Hume,	Rogers,
Carlton,	Keating,	Rowe,
Cleaves,	Libby,	Sargent,
Cook,	Lord of Bluehill,	Smith,
Currier,	Locke,	Stone of Hampden,
Dearborn,	Meador,	Sweetser,
Dennison,	Morrill,	Thayer,
Drisko,	Nealley,	Wagg,
Dutton,	Norton,	White of Bucksport,
Dwinal,	Percy,	Wiggin—38.
Fellows,	Porter,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allan of Dennysville.	Frank,	Littlefield,
Alexander,	Garey,	Lord of Lebanon,
Ballard,	Gay,	Lynch,
Blaisdell,	Gibson,	Mantor,
Brown of Brownville,	Goldthwait,	Martin of Camden,
Brown of Oldtown,	Goodrich,	Martin of Sebago,
Burnham,	Gould,	Maxwell,
Burpee,	Greely,	Nadeau,
Chase of Standish,	Haley,	Nelson,
Clifford,	Haskell,	Nowland,
Colby,	Hayford,	Parcher,
Connor,	Hobson,	Pendleton,
Cooper,	Hepkins,	Phillips,
Currier,	Hopkinson,	Pinkham,
Davis of Jefferson,	Hutchins,	Potter,
Dyer,	Jordan,	Powers,
Eastman,	Keegan,	Reed of Tremont,
Farrar of Turner,	Kimball,	Richardson,
Fletcher,	Lamson,	Robinson, Mt. Vernon,
Fogler,	Leavitt,	Rolf
Fowler,	Linnell,	Salley,

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Sawyer,	Stover,	Wade,
Sherman,	Talbot,	Warren,
Skillin,	Thompson,	Weymouth,
Smiley,	Tilden,	Wyman,
Stone of Biddeford,	Trickey,	Yates,
Story,	Trussell	Young of Hiram—81.

Bill "an act amendatory of chapter 124 of the public laws of 1873, in aid of free high schools," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act authorizing Samuel N. McFarland and associates to erect a wharf in the tide waters of Frenchman's bay, in the town of Hancock," was taken from the table, the vote passing the same to be engrossed reconsidered, and the bill indefinitely postponed.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee of Conference, on "resolve in favor of a bridge across the Magalloway river," reported that the Committee were unable to agree, and recommended that the House adhere.

The report was accepted.

Subsequently the resolve came from the Senate, that branch proposing a second Committee of Conference.

The House refused to concur in the proposition.

Mr. FRANK of Portland, presented bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to abolish the death penalty, and to regulate the manner of applying for pardons in certain cases,' approved February 21, 1876."

The bill was read three times, rules being suspended, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. ANDERSON of Portland, presented bill "an act for the proper gradation of punishments," and on his motion the same was ordered printed, and to-morrow morning assigned for its further consideration.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 140 of the private and special laws of 1862, relating to the taking of salmon, shad and alewives in the waters of Pleasant river, in Washington county."

"Resolve to provide for the uniforming of the enlisted men of the Maine volunteer militia and for other military purposes."

This bill having had three and the resolve two several readings and passed to be engrossed, were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, bill passed to be enacted, resolve finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

No Chaplain present.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Berwick Savings Bank."

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to mileage of members.

Report of same Committee, on order relating to imprisonment for debt.

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

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting, on petition, "resolve in favor of the town of Mt. Chase in Penobscot county," came from the Senate read and accepted, and the resolve indefinitely postponed.

The House concurred.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting, on petition, "resolve in aid of the road through Dunn's notch in Oxford county."

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

The report was read and accepted, resolve read and indefinitely postponed.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, reporting, on order, bill "an act to repeal chapter 257 of the public laws of 1874, relating to armories for military companies," 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 this afternoon assigned for its third reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting, on order, bill "an act to repeal chapter 244 of the laws of 1874, and chapter 44 of the laws of 1872," 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 once, and indefinitely postponed.

"Resolve in favor of the Military and Naval Asylum at Bath," amended as per sheets "A" and "B," and passed to be engrossed by the House, came back from the Senate, amendment "A" amended as per sheet "C," amendment "B" adopted, and passed to be engrossed.

The House insisted upon its former vote, and proposed a Committee of Conference, and the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. Talbot of East Machias,  
Rogers of Bath,  
Pike of Calais,

Conferees on its part.

The Senate concurred, and joined

Messrs. Peaks of Penobscot,  
Kyes of Franklin,  
Tolman of Hancock,

Conferees on its part.

"Resolve in favor of the State road between Kingsbury Mills and Blanchard in Piscataquis county," indefinitely postponed in the House, came back from the Senate, that branch insisting upon its former vote passing the same to be engrossed, and proposing a Committee of Conference, and appointing

Messrs. Brown of Piscataquis,  
Peaks of Penobscot,  
Estes of Waldo,

Conferees on its part.

The House insisted, and concurred in the proposition for a conference, and joined

Messrs. Porter of Burlington,  
Smith of Auburn,  
Parcher of Leeds,

Conferees on its part.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 172 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the security of life on steam vessels on inland waters," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House recessed and concurred.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of roads passing through the Indian township in Washington county," came from the Senate read and accepted, resolve read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted, resolve read twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Secretary of the Senate," came from that branch read twice and passed to be engrossed, and was read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Subsequently the foregoing vote was reconsidered, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, and the resolve referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Mr. PORTER of Burlington, presented bill "an act to make valid the drawing of grand jurors for Penobscot county," which was read three times, rules being suspended, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, reported "resolve approving the draft and arrangement of the Constitution of this State, as amended, made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, and providing for the enrollment of the same."

The report was read and accepted, resolve read twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. MARTIN of Camden,

*Ordered*, That A. C. Nelson of New Gloucester, be excused from further attendance upon this Legislature after this day, and that the Clerk make up his pay in full to the end of the session.

On motion of Mr. FRANK of Portland,  
*Ordered*, That the books in charge of the Clerk be presented to him at the close of the session.

The vote whereby the House refused to concur in the Senate proposition for a Committee of Conference, for the consideration of "resolve in favor of a bridge across Magalloway river," was reconsidered, and the House joined

Messrs. Powers of Houlton,  
 Woodsum of Peru,  
 Chase of Bridgton,

Conferees on its part.

The report of the Committee of Conference, to which was referred bill "an act to amend chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on buildings and lots," was read and accepted, bill read the third time, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Mr. KEEGAN from the Committee of Conference, for the consideration of "resolve in favor of Crystal plantation," reported that the Committee were unable to agree, and asking to be discharged.

The report was read and accepted, and the Committee discharged.

Mr. CHASE, from the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, reported bill "an act to authorize the formation of telegraph companies," and on his motion the same was ordered printed and referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. HOBSON of Wiscasset, presented "resolves in relation to the resumption of specie payments," and on his motion the same were ordered printed.

Mr. SHEPHERD, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported bill "an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1876, amounting to the sum of eight hundred and forty-three thousand six hundred and eight dollars and twenty-one cents (\$843,608.21;)" also

Reported "resolve authorizing a temporary loan," which was read twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Same gentleman presented "resolve in favor of Sprague, Owen and Nash," which was read twice, refused a passage, and referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

“Resolve concerning an amendment to the Constitution of Maine,” was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed, the question of its passage being taken by yeas and nays, and was decided in the affirmative, by yeas 93, nays 36.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Allen of Waldoboro',	Goodwin,	Pinkham,
Alexander,	Gould,	Potter,
Anderson,	Haley,	Reed of Boothbay,
Bass,	Haskell,	Reed of Tremont,
Bean,	Hobson,	Richardson,
Blaisdell,	Hopkins,	Robertson,
Blanchard, Falmouth,	Hopkinson,	Rogers,
Blanchard, Yarmouth,	Hussey,	Rowe,
Burnham,	Hutchins,	Salley,
Burpee,	Keating,	Sawyer,
Chase of Standish,	Keegan,	Shepherd,
Colby,	Kimball,	Sherman,
Cooper,	Leavitt,	Skillin,
Currier,	Libby,	Smith,
Davis of Jefferson,	Linnell,	Stone of Biddeford,
Davis of Portland,	Littlefield,	Stone of Hampden,
Dearborn,	Lord of Bluehill,	Story,
Dennison,	Lynch,	Stover,
Dyer,	Mantor,	Strickland,
Eastman,	Marden,	Talbot,
Farrar of Buckfield,	Martin of Camden,	Thompson,
Farrar of Turner,	Martin of Sebago,	Tilden,
Fletcher,	Maxwell,	Trickey,
Floyd,	Morrill,	True,
Fogler,	Nadeau,	Trussell,
Frank,	Nelson,	Wade,
Garey,	Norton,	Weymouth,
Gay,	Nowland,	Wiggin,
Gibson,	Pendleton,	Wyman,
Goldthwait,	Percy,	Young of Hiram.
Goodrich,	Pike,	Young, Trenton—93.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Aldrich,	Brown of Brownville,	Connor,
Allen of Wellington,	Brown of Oldtown,	Cook,

Cumston,	Jordan,	Seaward,
Dunning,	Locke,	Smiley,
Dutton,	Meador,	Sweetser,
Dwinal,	Murch,	Tenney,
Fellows,	Nealley,	Thayer,
Fowler,	Parcher,	Wagg,
Grant,	Phillips,	Warren,
Greely,	Powers,	White of Bucksport,
Hamilton,	Robinson, Mt. Vernon,	White of Orono,
Haynes,	Sargent,	Yates—36.

“Resolve in favor of the Governor and his staff,” was taken from the table, refused a passage, and sent to the Senate.

Bill “an act for the proper gradation of crime,” was taken from the table, read the third time, and indefinitely postponed.

Bill “an act to increase the authority of the Judge of Probate in Somerset county;” and

Bill “an act relating to insurance companies.”

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

Adjourned to afternoon.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Final reports of the Committees on Financial Affairs, State Prison and Counties, were read and accepted.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting “resolve fixing the number of the Bank Examiner’s report to be printed annually hereafter at the expense of the State,” came from the Senate read and accepted, resolve read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted, resolve read twice under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of same Committee, reporting "resolve relating to the number and size of certain reports," 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, and amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve providing for the publication and distribution of the Constitution, as amended," presented by Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, read twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Lone Mountain Aqueduct Company of Andover, Oxford county," 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, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee of Conference, on "resolve in favor of the State road between Kingsbury Mills and Blanchard, in Piscataquis county," reporting the resolve in a new draft.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, resolve read twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Report of the Committee of Conference, on bill "an act to repeal chapter 39 of public laws of 1875, relating to civil actions," reporting that the House should recede and concur with the Senate, was read and accepted.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Franklin Central Agricultural Society," indefinitely postponed in the House, came back from the Senate that branch insisting upon its former vote, and proposing a Committee of Conference, and appointing

Messrs. Kyes of Franklin,  
Wadsworth of Oxford,  
Sturgis of Androscoggin,

Conferees on its part.

The House insisted upon its former vote, concurred in the proposition for a conference, and joined

Messrs. Keegan of Van Buren,  
Lynch of Machias,  
Thompson of Vassalborough,

on its part.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 592 of the private laws of 1874, relating to close-time for landlocked salmon, togue or trout, in the St. Croix river and its tributaries," passed to be enacted in the House, came from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House receded and concurred.

Mr. ROGERS of Bath, presented bill "an act relating to tramps and vagrants," which was read three times, under suspension of the rules, amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

The vote whereby the House receded and concurred with the Senate in the indefinite postponement of bill "an act to amend chapter 172 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the security of life on steam vessels on inland waters," was reconsidered.

The House then insisted and proposed a Committee of Conference, and the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. Chase of Bridgton,  
Shepherd of Skowhegan,  
Kimball of Waterford,

Information was received from the Senate of the concurrence of that branch in the proposition for a conference, on bill "an act to amend chapter 172 of the public laws of 1874, relating to security of life on steam vessels on inland waters," and

Messrs. Haskell of Cumberland,  
Brown of Piscataquis,  
White of Waldo,

joined on its part.

Mr. SHEPHERD, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported "resolve in favor of Sprague, Owen and Nash," which was read twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported "resolve

in favor of the Secretary of the Senate," which was read twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

The foregoing resolves were sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act relating to the settlement of the public lands," passed to be enacted by the House, came from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The House reconsidered the votes passing the bill to be enacted and engrossed, adopted Senate amendment "A," and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital," was taken from the table and refused a passage.

Bill "an act to repeal an act entitled an act relating to armories for military companies," was taken from the table, indefinitely postponed, and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate :

Report of the Committee on Temperance, reporting reference the next Legislature, on order relating to the sale of cider and native wines; also

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on petition of Mrs. H. Grace Cole and others;

Came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

"Resolve in aid of the road through Dunn's notch in Oxford county," indefinitely postponed by the House, came back from the Senate referred to the next Legislature.

The House receded and concurred.

Bill "an act repealing chapter 44 of the public laws of 1872, and chapter 244 of the public laws of 1874," indefinitely postponed in the House, came back from the Senate, that branch insisting upon its former vote passing the same to be engrossed, and proposing a Committee of Conference, appointing

Messrs. Wheelwright of Penobscot,  
Kyes of Franklin,  
Talbot of Washington,

Conferees on its part.



The House insisted upon its vote, concurred in the proposition for a conference, and joined

Messrs. Pike of Calais.

Anderson of Portland,

Powers of Houlton,

Conferees on its part.

Report of the Committee of Conference, on "resolve in favor of Joseph W. Hines," reporting that the resolve be amended as per sheet "A" and passed, came from the Senate read and accepted, resolve amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, Senate amendment "A" adopted, further amended as per sheet "B," and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act regulating the rate of interest," came from the Senate, read twice and passed to be engrossed, and was read three times, rules being suspended, and indefinitely postponed, by yeas 81, and nays 44.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Aldrich,	Davis of Jefferson,	Hussey,
Allen of Wellington,	Davis of Portland,	Jordan,
Allen of Waldoboro,'	Drisko,	Keating,
Anderson,	Dunning,	Lamson,
Ballard,	Dutton,	Linnell,
Bass,	Dwinal,	Littlefield,
Bean,	Dyer,	Lord of Lebanon,
Blanchard, Falmouth,	Eastman,	Martin of Camden,
Blanchard, Yarmouth,	Fellows,	Martin of Sebago,
Brown of Brownville,	Floyd,	Meador,
Brown of Oldtown,	Fogler,	Morrill,
Burnham,	Fowler,	Murch,
Burpee,	Frank,	Nelson,
Carlton,	Garey,	Percy,
Chase of Standish,	Gay,	Phillips,
Chase of Bridgton,	Greely,	Pinkham,
Cleaves,	Haskell,	Porter,
Clifford,	Haynes,	Powers,
Colby,	Hobson,	Richardson,
Connor,	Hopkins,	Rogers,
Cook,	Hume,	Rolf,

Rowe,	Smith,	Trussell,
Salley,	Stone of Hampden,	Wagg,
Sargent,	Story,	Warren,
Seaward,	Stover,	Yates,
Shepherd,	Sweetser,	Young of Hiram,
Skillin,	True,	Young, Trenton—81.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Alexander,	Keegan,	Robertson,
Blaisdell,	Kimball,	Robinson of Lincoln,
Cooper,	Leavitt,	Sawyer,
Cumston,	Libby,	Sherman,
Dearborn,	Lord of Bluehill,	Stone, of Biddeford,
Farrar of Buckfield,	Locke,	Talbot,
Gibson,	Lynch,	Thompson,
Goldthwait,	Mantor,	Tilden,
Goodrich,	Marden,	Trickey,
Gould,	Maxwell,	Weymouth,
Grant,	Nadeau,	White of Bucksport,
Haley,	Norton,	Wiggin,
Hayford,	Nowland,	Woodsum,
Hopkinson,	Parcher,	Wyman—44.
Hutchins,	Pendleton,	

Mr. YOUNG of Trenton, moved a reconsideration of the foregoing vote, and on that question the yeas and nays were ordered, and the House refused to reconsider, by nays 60, and yeas 45.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Alexander,	Gould,	Norton,
Bass,	Haley,	Nowland,
Cooper,	Hayford,	Parcher,
Cumston,	Hopkinson,	Pendleton,
Dearborn,	Keegan,	Richardson,
Dunning,	Kimball,	Robertson,
Dutton,	Leavitt,	Robinson, Mt. Vernon,
Dwinal,	Libby,	Rolf
Eastman,	Lord of Bluehill,	Salley,
Fellows,	Locke,	Sawyer,
Gibson,	Lynch,	Sherman,
Goldthwait,	Mantor,	Stone of Biddeford,
Goodrich,	Nadeau,	Talbot,

Thompson,	Weymouth,	Woodsum,
Tilden,	White of Bucksport,	Wyman—45.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allen of Wellington.	Fowler,	Pinkham,
Allen of Waldoboro',	Frank,	Potter,
Anderson,	Greely,	Powers,
Ballard,	Haynes,	Reed of Boothbay,
Bean,	Hobson,	Rogers,
Blanchard, Falmouth,	Hussey,	Rowe,
Blanchard, Yarmouth,	Jordan,	Sargent,
Burnham,	Keating,	Seaward,
Burpee,	Lamson,	Shepherd,
Carlton,	Linnell,	Skillin,
Chase of Standish,	Littlefield,	Smith,
Chase of Bridgton,	Lord of Lebanon,	Stone of Hampden,
Cleaves,	Martin of Camden,	Story,
Clifford,	Maxwell,	Stover,
Colby,	Meador,	True,
Connor,	Morrill,	Wagg,
Davis of Portland,	Murch,	Warren,
Farrar of Buckfield,	Nelson,	Wiggin,
Floyd,	Percy,	Yates,
Fogler,	Phillips,	Young, Trenton—60.

Bill "an act to make valid the drawing of grand jurors for the county of Penobscot," having had three several readings and passed to be engrossed, was reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

The Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, requesting a return of "resolve in favor of rebuilding bridge across the east branch of forks of the Kennebec river in Somerset county."

The resolve was subsequently returned, when Mr. WIGGIN moved a reconsideration of the vote passing the same to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. BASS of Bangor, that motion was tabled, and to-morrow assigned for its further consideration.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. ECOB of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Final reports of the Committees on Temperance and Education, came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting, on order, "resolve relating to salaries of State officers," came from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and engrossed.

The report was read and accepted, resolve read twice, Senate amendment "A" rejected, and passed to be engrossed.

Report of the same Committee, reporting, on order, "resolve relating to the pay of the officers of the State Prison," came from the Senate read and accepted, resolve read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted, resolve read twice, and tabled on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

Bill "an act to prevent the throwing of coal tar, gas water, or other residuum or waste matter arising from the manufacture of gas, into the tide waters of the Saco river," passed to be engrossed by the House, came back from the Senate referred to the next Legislature.

The House insisted upon its former vote, and proposed a Committee of Conference, and the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. Stone of Biddeford,  
Blaisdell of Franklin,  
Martin of Camden,

on its part.

The Senate voted to adhere.

"Resolve concerning an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine," passed to be engrossed in the House, came from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House adhered.

Bill "an act for the abolition of the office of Fish Commissioner," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House insisted upon its vote, and proposed a Committee of Conference, and the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. Haynes of Augusta,  
Martin of Camden,  
Haskell of Deer Isle,

on its part.

Information was received from the Senate of the concurrence of that branch in the proposition for a conference, and of the appointment of

Messrs. Swazey of Oxford,  
Haskell of Cumberland,  
Hinckley of Hancock,

on its part.

Report of the Committee of Conference, on bill "an act to incorporate the Franklin Central Agricultural Society," reporting that the bill ought to pass, came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and accepted in concurrence, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act relating to insurance companies," 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 and concurred.

"Resolve fixing the number of the reports of the Warden of the State Prison to be printed annually hereafter at the expense of the State," came from the Senate read twice, rules suspended, and passed to be engrossed, and was read twice, rules suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to repeal an act entitled 'an act relating to armories for military companies,'" indefinitely postponed in the House, came from the Senate, that branch insisting upon its former vote in passing the same to be engrossed, and proposing a Committee of Conference, and appointing

Messrs. Tolman of Hancock,  
Brackett of York,  
Kyes of Franklin,

on its part.

The House concurred, and joined  
 Messrs. Stone of Biddeford,  
 Bass of Bangor,  
 Rolf of Princeton,  
 on its part.

The Committee of Conference on disagreeing vote on "resolve in favor of the Military and Naval Asylum at Bath," reported that the resolve as amended per sheet "D," ought to pass.

The report came from the Senate read and accepted, and the resolve passed to be engrossed as amended.

The report was read and accepted, and the resolve passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

William Hyler and Columbus Hayford, were excused from further service upon this House, and the Clerk ordered to make up their pay in full to the end of the session.

Report of the Committee of Conference upon disagreeing vote upon "resolve in favor of bridge across the Magalloway river," reporting that the resolve as amended should pass, came from the Senate read and accepted, resolve amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The report was accepted, amendment "A" adopted, and the resolve passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Governor and staff," refused a passage in the House, came from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

House insisted and proposed a Committee of Conference, and appointed

Messrs. Pike of Calais,  
 Talbot of East Machias,  
 Rogers of Bath,

on its part.

Information was received from the Senate of the concurrence of that branch, and of the appointment of

Messrs. Swazey of Oxford,  
 Haskell of Cumberland,  
 Donworth of Aroostook,

Conferees on its part.

Report of the Committee of Conference, on bill "an act to amend chapter 172 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the security of life on steam vessels on inland waters," reporting that the bill in a new draft ought to pass, was read and accepted, bill passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Report of Committee of Conference, on bill "an act to repeal chapter 44 of the public laws of 1872, and chapter 244, public laws of 1874," reporting that the House recede and concur, came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and accepted, and bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act amendatory of chapter 124 of the public laws of 1873, in aid of free high schools."

Bill "an act to legalize the doings of District No. 4, in the town of Westport."

Bill "an act in relation to appeals from county commissioners."

Bill "an act to amend section 87 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to evidence."

Bill "an act to incorporate the town of Kossuth in the county of Washington."

Bill "an act explanatory of an act additional for the assessment and collection of taxes, approved February 27, 1871."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 45 of the special laws of 1872, relating to the New Portland Camp-meeting Association."

Bill "an act relating to the taxation of insurance companies."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 229 of the public laws of 1874, entitled 'an act further to extend the powers of school districts.'"

"Resolve to more fully perfect the records of the Adjutant General's office, and to encourage the writing of regimental histories of Maine troops in the war of 1861."

"Resolve relating to claims of settlers on proprietors' lands."

"Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual."

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

Bill "an act to authorize Charles W. Howard to dredge bars and navigate Rangely lake by steam," was taken from the table, and passed to be enacted.

"Resolve in favor of building a bridge across the east branch of the Kennebec river in Somerset county," was taken from the table, the question being upon reconsideration of the vote whereby the resolve was passed to be engrossed, and the House refused to reconsider, by yeas 68, yeas 60.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Allen of Waldoboro',	Gay,	Norton,
Baker,	Goldthwait,	Pendleton,
Bass,	Goodwin,	Pike,
Bean,	Gould,	Potter,
Blanchard, Yarmouth,	Grant,	Robinson, Mt. Vernon,
Burpee,	Haley,	Rolf,
Chase of Standish,	Haskell,	Skillin,
Cooper,	Hopkinson,	Stone of Biddeford,
Davis of Jefferson,	Hume,	Stone of Hampden,
Dearborn,	Hutchins,	Strickland,
Dennison,	Jordan,	Sweetser,
Drisko,	Kimball,	Talbot,
Dunning,	Libby,	Thompson,
Dwinal,	Linnell,	Trickey,
Dyer,	Locke,	True,
Eastman,	Lynch,	Trussell,
Farrar of Turner,	Marden,	Wade,
Fletcher,	Martin of Camden,	Wiggin,
Floyd,	Martin of Sebago,	Young of Hiram.
Garey,	Morrill,	Young, Trenton—60.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Aldrich,	Brown of Brownville,	Cumston,
Allan of Dennysville,	Brown of Oldtown,	Davis of Portland,
Allen of Wellington,	Chase of Bridgton,	Dutton,
Alexander,	Cleaves,	Farrar of Buckfield,
Anderson,	Clifford,	Fellows,
Ballard,	Colby,	Fowler,
Blaisdell,	Connor,	Frank,
Blanchard, Falmouth,	Cook,	Gibson,



Goodrich,	Nadeau,	Shepherd,
Greely,	Nowland,	Smiley,
Hamilton,	Percy,	Smith,
Hayford,	Phillips,	Story,
Haynes,	Pinkham,	Stover,
Hobson,	Powers,	Tenney,
Hussey,	Reed of Boothbay,	Tilden,
Keating,	Reed of Tremont,	Wagg,
Keegan,	Richardson,	Weymouth,
Lamson,	Robertson,	White of Bucksport,
Leavitt,	Rogers,	White of Orono,
Lord of Lebanon,	Salley,	Woodsum,
Mantor,	Sargent,	Wyman,
Meador,	Sawyer,	Yates—68.
Murch,	Seaward,	

“Resolve relating to pay of the officers of the State Prison,” was taken from the table and read the second time.

Pending its passage to be engrossed,

The House adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate:

*Ordered,* That the Librarian be directed to furnish the town of Haynesville one copy of the revised statutes, and one copy of the acts and resolves for each year subsequent to the revision of the statutes, and the digests of Maine, with the reports of the State of Maine issued, not embraced in the digests, and one Bible, if such books can be spared from the library.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and was read and passed in concurrence.

“Resolve relating to the salaries of State officers,” passed to be engrossed in the House, came from the Senate, that branch insisting upon amendment “A,” and further amending the resolve per sheet “B” and passing the same to be engrossed, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to prevent the throwing of coal tar, gas water, or other residuum or waste matter arising from the manufacture of gas into the waters of Saco river," came from the Senate, that branch insisting upon the former vote referring the same to the next Legislature.

The House adhered to its vote passing the bill to be engrossed.

Mr. HAYNES, from the Committee of Conference, on bill "an act to abolish the office of Fish Commissioner," reported that the Committee were unable to agree.

The House accepted the report and voted to adhere.

"Resolve providing for the expenses of George H. Thayer," was presented by Mr. HAMILTON of Dexter, read twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve providing for the expenses of W. M. Hyler of Thomaston," was presented by Mr. ROBINSON of Lincoln, read twice, and passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules.

Mr. STONE, from the Committee of Conference, on bill "an act relating to armories for military companies," reported that they were unable to agree, and that the House adhere.

The report was read and accepted.

Bill "an act for the abolition of the office of Fish Commissioner," came from the Senate, that branch adhering.

The House still adhered.

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital," refused a passage in the House, came from the Senate, read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded and concurred.

"Resolve providing for the expenses of George H. Thayer," 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.

Report of the Committee of Conference, on "resolve in favor of the Governor and staff," reporting that the House should recede and adopt Senate amendment "A," and pass the resolve.

The report was read and accepted, and the resolve passed to be engrossed.

Mr. BASS, from the Committee appointed to investigate the sale of the Agricultural College land scrip, reported finally, and 2,000 copies were ordered printed.

The report was then sent to the Senate.

Same gentleman, also presented "resolve for paying the expenses of the Committee appointed to investigate the sale of the Agricultural College land scrip," which was read twice, rules being suspended, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. CHASE of Bridgton, presented "resolve for payment of Nathaniel S. Littlefield of Bridgton," which was read twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Papers from the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Financial Affairs be directed to reduce the appropriation for the support and maintenance of Fish Wardens and Fish Commissioners for the current year to two thousand dollars, came from the Senate read and passed, and was read and passed in concurrence.

"Resolve fixing the salary of officers of the State Prison," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate that branch insisting upon its former vote, and proposing a Committee of Conference, and appointing

Messrs. Stevens of Somerset,  
Brackett of York,  
Prescott of Somerset,

Conferees on its part.

The House insisted and concurred in the proposition for a conference, and joined

Messrs. Shepherd of Skowhegan,  
Dutton of Lewiston,  
True of Portland,

on its part.

The Committee subsequently reported, that the resolve amended as per sheet "C" ought to pass.

The report was read and accepted, and the resolve passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Bill "an act respecting the St. Croix Gas Light Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Lone Mountain Aqueduct Company of Andover, Oxford county."

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 39 of the public laws of 1875, relating to civil actions."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 11 of the revised statutes, relating to the lists of scholars required to be returned by school agents and school committees."

Bill "an act relative to the settlement of the public lands."

Bill "an act relating to tramps and vagrants."

Bill "an act relating to insurance companies."

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to abolish the death penalty, and to regulate the manner of applying for pardons in certain cases.'"

Bill "an act to extend the time for the location and completion of the Somerset railroad."

Bill "an act to amend section 7 of chapter 30 of the revised statutes, relating to bounty on wild animals."

Bill "an act relative to bail in criminal cases."

Bill "an act relating to writs in municipal courts."

Bill "an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1876, amounting to the sum of eight hundred and forty-three thousand six hundred eight dollars and twenty-one cents."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 133, revised statutes, relative to commencement of prosecutions."

Bill "an act additional to and amendatory of section 55, chapter 113 of the revised statutes, relating to the support of debtors in jail."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 223 of the public laws of 1871, regulating railroad corporations."

Bill "act to incorporate the Deer Isle and Sedgwick Horse Ferry Company."

Bill "an act to repeal section 5, chapter 171 of the revised statutes, in relation to houses of correction."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on buildings and lots."

Bill "an act to incorporate the town of Kossuth in the county of Washington."

"Resolve in favor of building a bridge across east branch of forks of the Kennebec river in Somerset county."

"Resolve in favor of the State Road between Kingsbury Mills and Blanchard in Piscataquis county."

"Resolve in favor of James Phair."

“Resolve in favor of granting bounty on bears to certain towns and plantations.”

“Resolve in favor of road passing through the Indian township in Washington county.”

“Resolve approving the draft and the arrangement of the Constitution of this State as amended, made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, and providing for the enrollment of the same.”

“Resolve authorizing a temporary loan.”

“Resolve transferring the Granger Turnpike fund into the treasury.”

“Resolve fixing the number of the Bank Examiner’s report to be printed annually hereafter at the expense of the State.”

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

“Resolve in favor of the State Prison,” was taken from the table and finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

“Resolve relating to the pay of the officers of the Maine State Prison,” was taken from the table, Senate amendment “A” rejected, amended as per sheet “B,” and passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. BLAISDELL of Franklin,  
Adjourned to meet at 9 o’clock P. M.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

#### EVENING SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. BASS, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported  
“resolve on the pay-roll of the House.”

The resolve was read twice, rules suspended, 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, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. SHEPHERD, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government."

The bill was read three times, rules being suspended, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 172 of the public laws of 1874, relating to security of life on steam vessels on inland waters."

Bill "an act repealing chapter 44 of the public laws of 1872, and chapter 244 of the public laws of 1874."

Bill "an act to amend section 39 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to ways."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Franklin Central Agricultural Society."

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government."

"Resolve providing for the publication and distribution of the Constitution as amended."

"Resolve in favor of Sprague, Owen and Nash."

"Resolve in favor of the Secretary of the Senate."

"Resolve in favor of a bridge across the Magalloway river."

"Resolve fixing the number of the reports of the Warden of the State Prison to be printed hereafter annually at the expense of the State."

"Resolve relating to salaries of State officers."

"Resolve in favor of Maine Insane Hospital."

"Resolve in favor of the Governor and his staff, appropriating two thousand dollars to defray their expenses in attending the Centennial Exposition."

"Resolve providing for the expenses of George H. Thayer."

"Resolve providing for the expenses of W. M. Hyler of Thomaston."

"Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey lots No. 41 and 17 in Castle Hill plantation."

"Resolve relating to the number and size of certain reports."

"Resolve in favor of Henry H. Haskell."

"Resolve in favor of the Military and Naval Asylum at Bath."

"Resolve on the pay-roll of the Senate."

"Resolve on the pay-roll of the House."

"Resolve for pay of Nathaniel S. Littlefield of Bridgton."

“Resolve for defraying expenses of the Committee appointed to investigate the sale of the Agricultural College land scrip.”

“Resolve relating to the pay of the officers of State Prison.”

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

Mr. BASS of Bangor, 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, 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. Brown of Piscataquis,  
Jordan of Androsscoggin,  
Watts of Knox,

appointed.

The House joined

Messrs. Shepherd of Skowhegan,  
Anderson of Portland,  
Cook of Lewiston,  
Lynch of Machias,  
Lord of Lebanon,  
Allan of Dennysville,  
Jordan of Brunswick,

Subsequently, Mr. ANDERSON 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.

A message was thereupon received from the Governor, through the Secretary of State, transmitting a list of the acts and resolves

signed by him, numbering 213 acts and 100 resolves, and that he had no further communication to make.

Mr. ANDERSON of Portland, arose and said :

I will beg the indulgence of the House for a few moments. It is true that I cannot express the feelings which I now have, and which I feel confident to-day a large body of our fellows who are here assembled entertain, in terms suitable for the occasion. But I do rise at this time to express here, as one of the Representatives of this body, the feelings which I have in the parting that is now to take place. We have been here, to be sure, but a few short weeks. We met comparatively as strangers. Many of us for the first time came into this Hall as Representatives for our respective constituencies,—most of us strangers to each other. We have been here but a short time, and yet I think I can safely say that if we are not as brothers, we are certainly to-day warm friends to each other, and that there is no man in this body who does not view this parting hour with feelings very different from what he supposed he would have when he first took his seat within this Hall. We came here with our own business and our own thoughts pressing upon our minds; with strong prejudices against men, some of whom we expected and did meet here. We have been here long enough to have the thoughts of our own business put in the back-ground, in the press of business that came fresh upon us. We have been here long enough to have those aspersions that we thought might arise, those antagonisms that we felt towards men, those prejudices which existed in the minds of many of us in regard to other men, give place to feelings not only of kindness but of friendship, to those very men whom we expected to meet, at least, not as friends, if not as enemies.

Our session has been short, but it has been full of life and of vitality amongst the members. Our proceedings have been characterized by kindness, by cordiality, one with another, by friendships and by an intelligent regard to the business which we have been called here to transact. And I think I may safely say that no man goes from this body with the same feelings with which he came, but that we have one for another a warm and kindly feeling.

And I may say further, that for one, the memories which will ever cluster round these few weeks, will form one of the brightest



pictures on memory's walls. And in the dark November days that are soon to come to me, as well as many others whom I see around this Hall, when the gloom and the clouds settle down upon, as we sit by our own firesides in contemplation of this picture which our imaginations will conjure up, of the men, the faces, and the kindly hearts which we have here met, and which have been open to us, memories of our associations will come over us, with a glow like a summer sun, displacing the frosts of that same November, and even adding beauty and glory to the sere and decaying period of life. And in those dark days we shall feel within us a warmth that will be generated by the thoughts of these few days which we have here passed. And I think I may safely say that I express the feeling of all this body, when I give to the honorable gentleman who has presided over our deliberations, a great part of the praise for all the pleasure which we have here had during this session. For one, I certainly can never forget the manner in which he has ever presided over our deliberations. Better to me than all other qualities, he has that electric feeling of heart to heart, which to-day is the feeling that must predominate in most all our breasts, and it will make me ever hold our honored Speaker in esteem such as even the recollection of more than twenty years has not brought out from my heart.

Although as boys we lived together, although we were in the same college at the same time, and although I have ever respected the memory, the recollection of the days that we had in our youth, yet, I have never felt the feeling which I have felt sitting here as we have, and receiving the kindly support, on all occasions, of the presiding officer of this House. And, gentlemen, I only offer the sentiments of all our body, when I beg leave to lay upon the table the following resolution, and ask that it may be, at the proper time, by the Clerk, presented to this House, and that the vote may be taken upon it by standing:

*Resolved,* That fully appreciating the difficulties, perplexities and labor attending a faithful discharge of the duties of Speaker, we hereby tender our thanks to the Hon. Frederick Robie, for his careful attention to the varied requirements of that position, the sound judgment displayed in his decisions, and the entire impartiality and kindly indulgence always manifested in his treatment of the members of this House. [Applause.]

Mr. ROBINSON of Lincoln, said :

Mr. CLERK : It affords me great pleasure to second the motion for the passage of this resolution offered by the gentleman from Portland. I cannot allow this occasion to pass without some expression of gratitude for the very faithful and impartial manner in which our Speaker has presided over the deliberations of this body, during the session which is now to close. Something less than eight weeks ago we came together nearly all strangers to each other. To-day we separate as though we had been life-long friends. As one of the minority of this House, while I have been in my seat, I must say that politics has been so foreign to our deliberations that I do not know to which political party those who sit nearest to me belong. Commencing with you, Mr. Speaker, and running down to him who occupies the humblest position here, no partisan feeling has ever been shown. But, on the contrary, that courtesy and consideration of the majority is too highly appreciated soon to be forgotten. If, after the coming political contest of 1876, the political standing of the two great parties shall be reversed in the next Legislature, the majority can no better distinguish themselves than by remembering and following your example in the many courtesies which the majority of this House have extended to their opponents.

That in this session, so short, so busy and so harmonious, we have been able to accomplish so much, and, as I believe, perform our labors so well, is due in a great measure to the dignity, impartiality and faithfulness of our presiding officer, who, at every session without exception, has been found at his post. And I feel that to-night I bespeak the sentiment of every member in wishing for him that success in life (no matter what vocation he may choose to follow,) which has crowned his efforts as Speaker of this House during the 55th session.

It ill becomes me to speak of the merit of our work here ; it is enough to believe and know that we have all had at heart the welfare and best interests of our own noble State. This is my first experience as a legislator, and I esteem myself exceedingly fortunate in having been placed upon a committee made up of young men of energy and rare ability, courteous and accommodating ; and upon casting around among members, I find that each one invariable believes that his committee is made up of the cream of the House. This only proves that the people were

exceedingly fortunate in the selection of their representatives—in choosing men worthy of this high and honorable position.

As we look over our numbers to-night, to see if we are all here before we part, never all to meet again, we find that death with its icy hand has taken two of our number away, one before he was able to meet with us, the other at the eve of the session. This should remind us that the day will soon come when we too must bid adieu to all that is near and dear to us here, and prepare ourselves for that untried future. To us the winter of '75 and '76 is a resting place in the journey of life. As the traveller sits down to rest on the mountain side beneath the shade of some stately tree, so we in the pleasant associations, the acquaintances, and friendships here formed never to be broken, have found a season of labor and rest—*rest* from the care and anxiety of business life; and we shall forget many, many other occasions and associations ere we forget this. Wherever our paths in life may lead, we shall ever look back to this winter with pride and much pleasure.

Mr. FRANK of Portland, said :

Mr. CLERK: I hardly know how to express my sentiments on this occasion. Coming here as I did but a short time ago, young, inexperience and somewhat diffident, I am happy to say that I received a warm welcome from the presiding officer of this House. And I wish to say that his courtesy and kindness extended toward me individually, as towards all the other members of the House, has gone far toward whatever success I may have had in the deliberations of this House. And for this I feel that I cannot too warmly express my thanks and my gratitude. And as a member of the minority of this House, permit me to say that I am under the greatest obligations to those in the majority for the kindness and the friendly feelings that have been extended towards me. I have engaged somewhat in the debates of this House, and have quite as frequently struck hands with those of the majority party as with those of my own political belief; and the measures that have been supported by me have received a cordial support by those of the opposite party, for whatever merit there might have been contained in them. I am happy to say that I believe that the deliberations of this House have not been marked by political lines; that we have frequently divided in our own ranks and taken

opposite views upon questions of importance. And I am happy to say and extremely gratified that not only age and experience have received attention and respect from other members of this House, but an honest endeavor and a fidelity to principle as well, have been at all times manifested. And now, in this hour of parting, while feelings of sadness cluster around my heart, I cannot but feel that they are also mingled with thoughts of pleasure, and that the associations formed here, and the experience had here, will be dear to my heart to the end of my life. And, Mr. Speaker, let us hope that we have not failed in our duty as legislators, for I think it has been our endeavor to do right. I think we can truly say that whatever errors we may have made, they are not errors of the heart but of the head. Permit me, gentlemen, once more to extend to you my sincere thanks for the respect that you have paid me; and I trust when we meet again that we shall meet upon the same friendly terms and with the same friendly feelings that have grown up here.

Mr. HAYNES of Augusta, said :

Mr. CLERK : I would like to say to the members of this House that the turn of the remarks that have been made is well calculated to touch a sympathetic cord in my own heart and feelings. It has been exceedingly gratifying to me to hear these expressions of cordiality and good feeling which have been offered by gentlemen here to-night, because it calls to mind many things which I have, during the closing days of this session, thought of myself. And I must agree with the gentleman from Portland, [Mr. Anderson], who indicated that upon assembling here many of us came together, possibly, with prejudices, outlined with surmises as to what might be the course which would be adopted by parties and by gentlemen. It has been extremely gratifying to me, as has been said by gentlemen who have been in the minority this winter, to feel that in many cases upon important measures all partisan feeling has been abandoned and overlooked, and the true interests of the State and honesty and candor has prevailed in the deliberations of this House. It is a pleasant thing, indeed, at the close of this session, after the turmoil and the discussions and the condition of things which has prevailed between members, to assemble at last in a quiet, subdued and solemn manner, to listen to expressions of feeling with regard to impending separation.

Ever since the characteristics of human nature have been understood, we have observed the same thing. It is said that once in four years the conflicting tribes of Greece put aside the armor of war, laid aside the instruments of contest, and assembled in friendly intercourse on the banks of the Alpheus, beneath the sacred olive groves of Olympia. Following these natural impulses and inclinations of the human heart, after our discussions and our contests and our conflicts, we have assembled on this last night of the session at our Olympia in friendly greeting, friendly congratulation and the expression of mutual obligations.

This has been in some respects a remarkable session. From what I have observed of the course of legislation here, and the members who have occupied this Hall, I believe it to have been remarkable in more than one respect. We have performed a large amount of business. We have had before this House important and vital questions, and it cannot but be the feeling of all members of this House, as it is my feeling to-night, that those questions have been settled with calmness, deliberation and impartiality, unbiased by any influences of party. No matter what idiosyncracies of our nature have affected us, the most important questions affecting the State of Maine have been settled honestly and upon their merits by all members of this House, no matter to which party they belong. And it is to the everlasting honor and credit of the State of Maine that she produces men that are above all partizan feeling on questions that affect the interests of the Commonwealth.

This, gentlemen, is the anniversary of the Independence and the establishment of this Nation, and of the government. The State of Maine never before has been able to refer to that transaction as one in which it was associated as a State. And to-day, for the first time, the State of Maine takes her position in this Centennial Anniversary as a nation. And this Legislature will be remembered as the Legislature of 1876, one hundred years from that Declaration of Independence which established this the coming nation among the nations of the earth. I well remember when with all the longings of an urchin, I looked out over the the wind-blown hills of Maine with the natural ambition which belongs to boys, and thought the State of Maine was too rugged, its climate too severe, its opportunities too narrow, its chances too limited; but in the vicissitudes of later life I have met the

people of our sister States, and I have met those who live under different governments from ours; and I have heard the criticisms which are made upon our government, and I have had an opportunity to compare it somewhat with others. And there is one thing above all others that has been impressed upon my mind, and it is that of all nations that now occupy the face of this globe, the coming nation is the nation of the United States. We stand here to-day in the beginning of our second century with a government, a people, a faith, an impulse and a hope which must carry our achievements beyond those of the history of any nation that ever existed on the face of the earth. There sits on the shores of the Mediterranean, a nation which the poet has called the mother of Empires; and it took centuries on centuries to build that reputation. In the Island of Great Britain is a nation that has controlled the destinies of the world, and it has taken centuries to build it up. And to-day, on this continent, with only one hundred years of growth, the United States stands in the vanguard of all nations. And the State of Maine, the State which lies nearest the rising sun, and whose ambitious motto is *Dirigo*, "*I lead*," the State whose Legislature I am now addressing upon the subject of our separation as legislators, and upon the general expressions of good feeling at the pleasant occasions which we have experienced here together, is worthy of her position and her motto.

It is unnecessary for me to say to the honorable, able, and amiable gentlemen who occupies the Speaker's chair, what I think of the manner in which he has presided over this House. He will understand all I feel. It has been well, ably, and sufficiently expressed already. So far as I am concerned myself, I came here, as the gentleman from Machias says, without experience, timid, diffident, uncertain as to the result. And yet, I have received at the hands of all the members that kindness, that courtsey, that expression of sympathy, which has given me confidence and has enabled me to perform my part with a certain satisfaction. I shall separate from you all with as kindly and with as friendly feelings as any individual that goes out of this hall. And in closing my my remarks, I will only express the hope that it will be my good fortune to meet you all again in this hall. [Applause.]

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Speaker, Mr ROBIE, then said :

*Gentlemen of the House:* An occasion like the present has become more familiar to me than to most of the members, but its frequent occurrence does not detract from its significance, or lessen its peculiar influence, over the kindlier and more sensitive feelings of human nature. In such a tide of affairs, you have easily forgotten my own faults, and have thus been enabled to mete out to me such a generous and unanimous approbation, and in return receive my sincere and heartfelt gratitude. Many events and questions in life we can control for our own good, and the happiness of others, and the world would hardly be thankful that we had ever lived if it were not so. Few persons, if any, can look back upon the track that we are all traveling, and measure their own footprints, without noticing faults and irregular steps. The same rule will apply to communities, as an assembly like our own. Our legislative history may perhaps have its faults; enactments may have been passed in a wrong direction, which a more mature deliberation would have corrected; but this I am pleased to say, the duties of the working committees have been very arduous, and as promptly and carefully performed. The proceedings of the House, as recorded by your faithful and efficient clerks, furnish reliable evidence of your industry and devotion to the interests of our noble State. We have been economical in our appropriations, we have established a policy of retrenchment, and have enacted such laws as will lessen the burden of future legislatures, and make shorter sessions practicable. Your constituents in these respects, will notice your ability and devotion to the best interests of the State. I have endeavored to discharge the duties of the chair impartially, and for much that is pleasant, incident thereto, I am indebted to your uniform kindness and courtesy. The session has been a short and pleasant one, there has been no shorter one for the past twenty-four years. Our social relationship and friendships have been strong. Party connections have not interfered for a moment. Friendship is only a burden when separation comes, and then the cord is tested. We feel the tension of that cord at this moment, but strengthened by the belief that our legislative acts have been judicious, our individual intercourse with each other manly and honorable, and that our social and friendly relationship will furnish a pleasant retrospect, we can say farewell, "a word that has been, and must be, a

sound which makes us linger, and yet farewell," but not to all. Death has entered our numbers, there are vacant chairs in our midst, our absent friends have finished their work, and it is well done, and so may it be with us all. I commend you to the watchful care of that Providence which has thus far protected us all, and it will be my greatest happiness to learn that health and happiness are your constant companions. I now bid you all an affectionate and final farewell.

Mr. PHILLIPS of Orrington, presented the following :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the members of this House are hereby tendered to Oramandal Smith, Clerk, and Edward C. Burleigh, Assistant Clerk, for the very able and impartial manner in which they have performed their various duties.

Mr. PHILLIPS said :

Mr. SPEAKER: In presenting this resolution it may bear the semblance of formality of the business of the Legislature. But notwithstanding, I feel it bears the testimony of this House. Coming to their office for the first time, we can bear testimony to their fidelity, to their gracefulness, to their simplicity of manner, to their ease, to their cordiality, to their willingness to accommodate, to wait upon and attend to their several duties and to the wants and the wishes of the members of this Legislature. May they be rejoiced hereafter in the consciousness of duties well performed. May they bear their honors with grace and dignity that more may fall upon them. [ Applause. ]

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. LYNCH of Machias, said :

Mr. SPEAKER: I never was a member of the Legislature before, I may never be again. And in the light of the last fifty days, I esteem it a privilege and a pleasure to give utterance to the feelings with which the exercises of this evening have filled my heart. I came here with many misgivings. I had no knowledge of legislation other than I obtained in a secondary way. I supposed that a session of the Legislature was marked by partisan warfare; that here would be crimination and recrimination; here would be blows given and blows received; that it was, in fact, a warfare of words and of endeavors. But I am most happy to



say that in this particular I have been disappointed, and that I have found this session a pleasant, sunny pastime. And in going away from here I shall carry with me those same feelings of friendship for the members of this Legislature that I felt for my school-boy associates, and which I now esteem so highly. Such acquaintances, such feelings of friendship I have never formed from that time until now. And the present occasion reminds me of those associations. I find here the same warm friendship, the same true affection among the members of this House that I found there. And I have learned here, also, another lesson, a lesson which impresses itself upon me very powerfully. It is this, that the antagonisms of men are in a great measure imaginary; that if all human kind could be associated together as closely as we have been during the last fifty days, we should learn that the natural condition of the human heart is kindness, and that the more closely people are brought together, the warmer that feeling of kindness will grow. And while I heartily concur in all that has been said in relation to the presiding officer of this House, and I do heartily concur in it all, I think I shall be excused if I speak particularly of the Messenger, to whom the resolution I hold in my hand relates.

In my boyhood days the common race of men, to me, were of but little account. I had my ideals—the great statesmen, the warriors, the heroes of earth. But as years increase upon me, another class arise in my mind, and fill a greater space in my affection and my imagination than those. It is that class of men who have in their heart the “milk of human kindness;” who give you the warm grasp of a friend upon all occasions; who can hold a position among men of different political feelings and aspirations and do no injustice to either class; that class of men that are so particularly impartial that it is noticeable upon all occasions. And I think the Messenger of this House is eminently one of that class. I do not know what the views of other members of this House may be, but my opinion is that no person here has had any occasion to believe for a moment that he discriminated in the least. That he has given to us each and all attention, even more than we could expect from a gentleman in his position, I think will be the universal sentiment of this House. And as years increase upon him, I hope that the knowledge of this appreciation will gladden his heart, and that he may be a living

example, and impress upon all that he associates with the fact that kindness of heart and warm affection for our fellows is more to be desired than greatness or distinction.

And in closing my remarks, I would say to the members of this House, that no greater pleasure can I enjoy than the meeting of any member here, in the future. I shall always remember them with a warm feeling of friendship, and I hope and trust that my action here has been such that I shall always have a place in their affections. [Applause.]

Mr. LYNCH then sent to the Speaker's desk the following :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the members of this House are due and they are hereby tendered to James B. Walker, Messenger, Edward H. Crie, First Assistant Messenger, Charles H. Getchell, Second Assistant Messenger, and Frank Barron and Joseph D. Randall, Pages, for the faithful and impartial performance of their several duties during the present session of the Legislature.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. ROWE of Frankfort, said :

Mr. SPEAKER: I feel that I should not be doing justice to my own feelings if I suffered this session to draw to a close without expressing my gratitude to the officers and members of this House. I fully endorse every resolution that has been offered; and I feel under great obligation to all for their courtesy and their kindness that have been extended to me. Courtesy, kindness and affection has a claim that we cannot resist. It forms a cord that we cannot sever. If there is a sight, the semblance of which towers above everything, it is to see the people living together in harmony, regarding each other's rights in every respect. I must say that the few days that I have spent here are among the pleasantest days of my life, and they will always afford me a great source of pleasant recollections. My desire is, that this feeling shall not be confined to this House, but that it shall go out from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Lakes to the Rio Grande, so that this whole nation, this whole people, shall constitute one perfect brotherhood. I tender my thanks to all the officers for their kindness and courtesy extended to me on all occasions. The thought that we are about to part brings a

sadness to my mind. These faces I shall ever recollect, and it will afford me the greatest pleasure to meet them. Again thanking the officers and members for their kindness, I bid you good night.

Mr. FOGLER of Hope, presented the following :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the members of this House are due and are hereby tendered to N. W. Dutton, the faithful and efficient Chairman of the Committee on Business of the House, for the vigilant attention and untiring application which he has given to the discharge of his duties.

Mr. DUTTON responded in a few well chosen remarks. If he had, as Chairman of the Business of the House, met with any measure of success, it was largely due to the kindness and generosity of the members. He had received naught but kindness from both officers and members. Especially was he indebted to the Speaker for many favors at his hands.

Mr. TILDEN responded in a feeling manner to the sentiment embodied in the resolve. It had not been his purpose to speak, but he could not remain silent. He referred to the fact that he came among the members a stranger, and of the courtesy and kindness uniformly extended to him, and closed with thanks to all, his remarks being received with applause.

Mr. POWERS of Houlton, expressed his entire approbation of the resolutions in fitting terms, and returned his sincere thanks for the courtesy and kindness extended to him by both members and officers. It gave him pleasure to say, that in legislating for the interests of the State there had been little or nothing of politics. When the question comes, what is best for our own State, we are all democrats and we are all republicans.

Mr. Powers' remarks were received with applause.

Mr. LORD of Lebanon, said :

I am aware "that speech is silver and silence is gold," and yet, as one of the youngest members of this House, I cannot leave this assembly without extending my thanks for the courtesy and kindness extended to me. And my only hope and prayer shall be, that in the upper Courts our hands may be clasped in the presence of Him who spake as never man spake.

Mr. FRANK of Portland, offered resolutions complimentary to the Reporters, F. A. Small and Z. A. Smith, which were unanimously passed.

Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. SAWYER of Thomaston, member of the House.

The SPEAKER then declared the House adjourned without day.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

## TITLES OF ACTS

Passed by the Legislature of 1876.

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### PUBLIC LAWS.

- An act to amend section one of chapter thirty-four of the revised statutes, relating to auctioneers.
- to amend section one, chapter ninety-seven of the public laws of eighteen hundred seventy-three.
- relating to administrators, executors and trustees.
- amendatory of, and additional to, chapter thirty of the revised statutes, in relation to deer and caribou.
- to amend section five of chapter seventy-eight of the revised statutes, relating to election returns.
- to amend section three of chapter ninety-one of the revised statutes, relating to mortgages on personal property.
- to amend section thirty-four of chapter ninety-one of revised statutes, relating to liens on logs and lumber.
- to provide for the organization of business corporations.
- to repeal charters of savings banks and banking institutions which have not organized or shall not have organized previous to August first, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.
- additional to chapter forty of the revised statutes, to prevent the destruction of certain fish in the upper waters of the Penobscot river.
- in relation to fiscal school returns of towns to be made to the state superintendent of common schools.
- permitting the defendant to give bond in trustee process.
- authorizing insurance companies to divide their directors into classes.
- to amend chapter fifty-five, section one of the revised statutes, in relation to libraries, charitable societies and public cemeteries.

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- An act to amend section eighteen of chapter eighty-eight of the revised statutes, relating to partition of real estate.
- to amend section three of chapter seventy of the revised statutes, in relation to the time in which assignees shall file an inventory in probate court.
- to amend "an act to amend sections sixty-three and sixty-four of chapter forty-nine of the revised statutes, relating to foreign insurance companies."
- to enable non-resident guardians to obtain property in this state belonging to their wards residing in other states or territories of the United States.
- relating to normal schools.
- to amend section sixteen of chapter seventy-seven of the revised statutes, relating to judicial courts.
- in relation to the erection of wharves and fish weirs in tide waters.
- to authorize the sale of islands belonging to the state.
- to amend section five of chapter one hundred thirty-eight of the revised statutes, relating to fugitives from justice.
- to amend section eight, chapter sixty-four of the revised statutes, relating to the duties of executors and administrators.
- in relation to the settlement of paupers.
- to amend section eighty-seven of chapter eighty-two of the revised statutes, relating to witnesses and evidence, by adding a fifth exception.
- to amend section three, chapter sixty-six of the revised statutes, relative to insolvent estates.
- to amend sections fifty-one and fifty-five of chapter six of the revised statutes, and section seven of chapter twenty-five of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-five, relating to duties of county commissioners.
- additional to chapter twenty-nine of the public laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, concerning the militia.
- to amend section forty-six of chapter three of the revised statutes, relating to plantations.
- to repeal section twelve of chapter twelve of the revised statutes, relating to parishes.
- additional to chapter seventy of the revised statutes, relating to assignments for the benefit of creditors.

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- An act to amend section twenty-six, chapter ninety-one of the revised statutes, in relation to lime rock and slate.
- in relation to the assessment of poll taxes.
- to authorize cities and towns to charge interest on certain taxes.
- in relation to the recording of assignments of wages.
- authorizing the sale of certain lots of land in township number fourteen, range four, west from the east line of the state.
- to change the place of holding the December term of the supreme judicial court in the county of Oxford.
- to provide for the organization of savings banks or trust and loan associations.
- to amend section sixty-five of chapter eighteen of the revised statutes, relating to damage on ways, as amended by chapter two hundred and fifteen of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-four.
- to amend chapter two hundred and thirty-nine of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-four relating to the protection of game.
- to amend section thirty-eight of chapter ninety-one of the revised statutes, relating to mortgages of personal property.
- to amend section forty-two of chapter two of the revised statutes, relating to the distribution of election blanks.
- to amend section five of chapter seventy-seven of the revised statutes, relating to equity powers.
- authorizing assignees of judgments to bring scire facias.
- relating to the framing of issues in equity cases.
- to amend section sixteen of chapter seventy-one of the revised statutes, relating to sales of real estate by license of court.
- to protect the rights of railroad stockholders and bondholders.
- to amend chapter thirty, section nine of revised statutes, relating to deer.
- additional to chapter four of the revised statutes, relating to elections.
- to amend section thirty, chapter sixty-three of the revised statutes, relating to fees.

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- An act to amend chapter sixty-five of the revised statutes, relating to the distribution of the estates of persons deceased out of the state.
- to amend sections eleven and fifteen of chapter fifty-nine of the revised statutes, relating to the solemnization of marriages.
- to amend section fourteen of chapter one hundred and forty-two of the revised statutes, relating to the reform school.
- to amend chapter sixty-one of the revised statutes, in relation to the rights of married women.
- to amend chapter thirty-seven of the public laws of eighteen hundred seventy-two, relating to foreclosure of mortgages on real estate.
- to abolish the death penalty, and to regulate the manner of applying for pardons in certain cases.
- to provide further remedies for the collection of state taxes upon corporations.
- additional to chapter sixty-nine of the revised statutes, relating to estates of deceased partners.
- to amend section seven, chapter two hundred and fifty-six of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-four, relating to the commitment of insane persons.
- to amend chapter twenty-nine, section three, of the public laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, concerning the militia.
- relating to the appointment of land agent and his duties.
- to authorize the formation of railroad corporations.
- to amend section one hundred and seventeen of chapter eighty-two of the revised statutes, relating to division of accounts.
- to provide for securing the rights of mortgage bondholders.
- to amend chapter fifty-one, section fifty-one, of the revised statutes, relative to railroads.
- additional to chapter thirty-one of the revised statutes, relating to factors, agents and warehouse-men.
- for the protection of landlock salmon, trout and bass.
- explanatory of "an act additional for the assessment and collection of taxes," approved February twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and seventy-one.



- An act in relation to appeals from county commissioners.
- to amend section eighty-seven of chapter eighty-two of the revised statutes, relating to evidence.
- relating to the taxation of insurance companies.
- to amend chapter two hundred and twenty-nine of the public laws of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, entitled "an act further to extend the powers of school districts."
- amendatory of chapter one hundred twenty-four of the public laws of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three, in aid of free high schools.
- to amend an act entitled "an act to abolish the death penalty and to regulate the manner of applying for pardons in certain cases," approved February twenty-first, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.
- to amend chapter one hundred and thirty-three of the revised statutes, relative to commencement of prosecutions.
- to repeal section five, chapter one hundred forty-one of the revised statutes, in relation to houses of correction.
- additional to chapter two hundred and twenty-three of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, regulating railroad corporations.
- to amend section seven of chapter thirty of the revised statutes, relating to bounty on wild animals.
- relative to bail in criminal cases.
- relating to writs in municipal courts.
- additional to and amendatory of section fifty-five, chapter one hundred and thirteen of the revised statutes, relating to the support of debtors in jail.
- to amend chapter ninety-one of the revised statutes, relating to liens on buildings and lots.
- relating to the settlement of the public lands.
- additional to chapter eleven of the revised statutes, relating to the lists of scholars required to be returned by school agents and school committees.
- to repeal chapter thirty-nine of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-five, relating to civil actions.
- relating to insurance companies.

An act repealing chapter forty-four of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-two, and chapter two hundred and forty-four of the public laws eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

to amend section thirty-nine of chapter eighteen of the revised statutes, relating to ways.

relating to tramps and vagrants.

to amend chapter one hundred seventy-two of the public laws of eighteen hundred seventy-four, relating to the security of life on steam vessels on inland waters.

#### PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS.

An act to authorize the union of the Portland Athenæum and the Portland Institute and Public Library, and to empower the conversion of the same into a Free Public Library.

to incorporate the Katahdin Iron Company.

prohibiting fishing with nets or hooks in the Hlewes pond or any waters tributary to said pond, in the town of Hermon.

authorizing Mathew Cleland to erect and maintain wharves and fish weirs in front of his land in Robbinston, Maine.

authorizing Thomas Cleland to erect and maintain wharves and fish weirs in front of his land in Mill cove and Passamaquoddy or St. Andrews' bay, in Robbinston, Maine.

to prohibit the taking of smelts in the waters of Patten's bay, in the town of Surry, in any other manner than by hook and line.

to protect Medomak river.

to prevent the taking of pickerel in Lovejoy pond, in the county of Kennebec, from December first to June first of each year.

additional to incorporate the Monmouth Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

to annex Songo gore and the Dingley islands to the town of Casco.

to authorize the town of Lyndon to loan its credit in aid of the Aroostook River Railroad.

An act for the preservation of pickerel in Northwest and Harlow ponds, in the towns of Parkman and Sangerville, in the county of Piscataquis.

to incorporate the Piper Reservoir Dam Company.

authorizing Mark Marshall to build and maintain a wharf in the waters of Marshall's cove, in St. George.

to encourage and protect the breeding of trout and land-locked salmon in Sunday pond, in lots number two and three, township number five, range four, in Oxford county.

to make valid the doings of Drew plantation.

additional to "an act to incorporate the Penobscot Log Driving Company."

to incorporate the Bridgton Telegraph Company.

to incorporate the Masonic Temple Association of Belfast.

to incorporate the Odd Fellows' Mutual Relief Association of Maine.

to amend "an act granting a charter to the Alumni Association of Bates College."

to incorporate the Rockland, Mt. Desert and Sullivan Steamboat Company.

to authorize John Neal to build and extend a wharf into tide waters in the town of Kittery.

to encourage and protect the breeding of trout in Little pond and Little pond brook, in Fryeburg Academy grant.

to incorporate the Equity Fire Insurance Company.

to incorporate the Southgate Dyking Company.

to authorize Nelson W. Gamage to extend a wharf into tide water in the town of Bristol.

authorizing Abraham C. Fernald and others to build and maintain a fish weir in tide waters between Bear island and Mount Desert.

for the protection of fish in Pushaw pond in the county of Penobscot, and the streams flowing into and out of said pond.

to incorporate the Home for Aged Men at Bangor.

to prohibit the taking of fish of any kind from the Adams pond, so called, and its main tributary in the town of Newfield.

- An act to prevent the taking or destroying of fish in Hobb's mill-pond in the town of Farmington.
- to amend "an act relating to the city schools of Bangor," approved February eighteen, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.
- to authorize the Laconia Company and the Pepperell Manufacturing Company to connect two piers of their wharves in Saco river.
- to protect black bass and salmon in Moose pond and its tributaries, and Sebasticook river, in the town of Hartland.
- authorizing Webster McFarland and others to build and maintain fish weirs in the tide waters of the town of Brooklin.
- relating to school money now belonging to school district number four in Biddeford.
- for the protection of pike or pickerel in the Berry, Dexter and Wilson ponds, in the towns of Wayne, Winthrop and Monmouth.
- authorizing Gilbert H. Manchester, D. J. Manchester and A. L. Manchester to build and maintain fish weirs in Somes' sound, Mount Desert.
- to change the name of the town of Dalton to Ashland, its former name.
- to prevent fishing in Adams pond in the town of Bridgton.
- to make valid the doings of the town of Lyndon, in the county of Aroostook.
- for the preservation of fish in Little Sebago lake, situated in the county of Cumberland.
- to make valid certain doings of the town of Yarmouth, in eighteen hundred and sixty-nine.
- concerning the proprietors of Sheepscoot River bridge.
- to prevent fishing in Puffer pond in the town of Dexter.
- to authorize Charles Russell to build and maintain a wharf into the tide waters of Kennebec river, in the town of Bowdoinham.
- to give additional power to the Piscataquis Mutual Insurance Company.
- to incorporate the Cape Elizabeth Dyking Company.

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- An act to authorize the Receivers of the American Bank to pay the dividends on lost certificates.
- to prohibit the taking of fish from the Newbegin brook, in the town of Newfield.
- to incorporate the Orchard Beach Railroad Company.
- to amend and renew the charter of the Sebec Lake Steamboat Company.
- to authorize C. M. Davis and W. A. Jackson to clear the channel at the head of Damariscotta lake, and to navigate the said lake and river by steam.
- to prevent the taking of trout from the Rangely stream, in the town of Rangely.
- to legalize the doings of the town of Vinalhaven.
- to repeal chapter five hundred and eight of the special laws of the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, relating to the protection of fish in the Narraguagus river.
- in addition to and to amend "an act to incorporate the proprietors of Wiscasset bridge," approved June thirtieth, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.
- additional to "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Bangor and Calais Shore Line Railroad Company," approved February seventeen, eighteen hundred and seventy-three.
- to extend the time for the location and construction of the Portland and Ogdensburg Railroad.
- to legalize the doings of school district number two in Blaine.
- to amend and extend the charter of the "Bangor Water Power Company," approved February nineteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven.
- to amend an act entitled "an act for supplying the city of Bangor with water," approved February twenty-two, eighteen hundred seventy-five.
- to incorporate the Maine State Temperance Camp-Meeting Association.
- to amend the charter of the Squirrel Island Association.

An act to continue in force chapter four hundred and fifteen of the special laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-four, relating to the fishing interests in Lufkin pond.

to make legal the doings of the First Universalist Society of Saco and Biddeford.

setting off Joshua M. Leighton's estate from the town of Steuben and annexing the same to the town of Milbridge. establishing the division line between the towns of Cornish and Parsonsfield.

to make valid the doings of Theodore Taylor, a trial justice.

to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Maine Dairymen's Association," approved February twentieth, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.

additional to regulate the survey of lumber in the county of Penobscot.

to make valid the doings of the town of Jonesport in the assessment of taxes for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

to prevent the taking of trout from Howard's pond and its tributaries in the town of Hanover.

to amend "an act to incorporate the Winnegance Mill-Dam Company," approved March tenth, eighteen hundred and thirty-five.

to make valid the doings of the Livermore Falls Bridge Company.

to amend the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company, approved February second, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

creating the Hartland Village Corporation.

to legalize the doings of the town of Cornish.

to protect George Dyer in running his ferry from North Haven to Vinalhaven, in Knox county.

to authorize the town of Georgetown to build a free bridge over tide waters.

for the protection of smelts in Monsweag bay and river, in the towns of Wiscasset and Woolwich.

to amend "an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of a railroad into Aroostook county," approved February eighth, eighteen hundred seventy-five.

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- An act to authorize the extension of the Aroostook River Railroad to Fort Kent.
- to extend the time for the location and completion of the Aroostook River Railroad.
  - to make valid the doings of the Winnegance Mill-Dam Company.
  - incorporating the Masons' Mutual Relief Association of Mechanic Falls, Maine.
  - to provide in part for the expenditures of government.
  - in relation to the Sebago Wood Board Company.
  - to amend chapter nineteen of the special laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-five.
  - to authorize the Baptist society in Warren, to transfer all its real and personal property to the Baptist church in said Warren, and to discontinue the corporate existence of said society.
  - to extend the time for the completion of the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad.
  - to amend "an act to confirm the location of the railroad of the Boston and Maine Railroad through the towns of Berwick and North Berwick, subject to certain restrictions," approved February first, eighteen hundred and seventy-three.
  - additional to and amendatory of "an act to enable the city of Bangor to aid the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company in the extended construction of its railroad," approved February twenty-two, eighteen hundred and seventy one.
  - granting further time to the Northern Aroostook Railroad Company to make and file the location of its line of railroad.
  - to incorporate the town of Haynesville in the county of Aroostook.
  - to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company to connect its track with the track of the Androscoggin Railroad Company in the city of Lewiston.
  - to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company to discontinue the use of a portion of its track.
  - to incorporate the Winthrop Village Corporation.

An act to amend the charter of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England.

in relation to the Ellsworth Police Court.

to prohibit the taking of fish in the tributaries or outlets of Webb's pond in Weld.

to set off a part of the town of Montville and annex the same to the town of Liberty.

to incorporate the Maine General Homœopathic Hospital.

to incorporate the town of Waite, in the county of Washington.

to repeal chapter one hundred and forty of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-two, relating to the taking of salmon, shad and alewives, in the waters of Pleasant river, in Washington county.

to amend an act entitled "an act to supply the cities of Lewiston and Auburn with pure water."

to authorize Camden Village Corporation to build a hall.

to make available the school fund of the inhabitants of Bowerbank, an unincorporated place in the county of Piscataquis.

to make valid the drawing of grand jurors for the county of Penobscot.

to increase the authority of the Judge of Probate in Somerset county for a certain purpose.

to legalize the doings of district numbered four, in the town of Westport.

to amend chapter forty-five of the special laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-two, relating to the New Portland Camp-Meeting Association.

authorizing Charles W. Howard to dredge bars and navigate Rangely lake by steam.

to incorporate the Deer Isle and Sedgwick Horse Ferry Company.

to extend the time for the location and completion of the  
• Somerset Railroad.

for the assessment of a State tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, amounting to the sum of eight hundred forty-three thousand six hundred eight dollars and twenty-one cents.



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An act to incorporate the town of Kossuth, in the county of Washington.

to incorporate the Lone Mountain Aqueduct Company of Andover, Oxford county.

respecting the authority of the St. Croix Gas Light Company.

to incorporate the Franklin Central Agricultural Society.

to provide in part for the expenditures of government.

## TITLES OF RESOLVES

Passed by the Legislature of 1876.

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- Resolve in favor of economy in the public expenditures.  
in favor of Leonora A. Patterson, widow of Herman V. Patterson.  
in favor of Lewey Snow.  
in favor of Joseph Francis.  
authorizing the land agent to convey to L. T. Manson, a lot of land in Chapman plantation.  
in favor of John Allen of Maysville, county of Aroostook.  
in favor of joint standing committee on education.  
in aid of Sola Coly.
- Resolves in relation to compulsory pilotage.
- Resolve authorizing the state treasurer to procure a fire and burglar proof safe.  
refunding a part of state tax of Perkins plantation.  
in favor of the normal school at Farmington and the normal school at Castine.  
authorizing an appropriation for a chemical fire engine and hose.  
in favor of bridge across the Mattawamkeag river in the town of Haynesville on the military road.  
in favor of James Johnston.  
authorizing the adjutant general to sell the arsenal building at Portland.  
providing for the payment of the expenses of the committee on military affairs.  
to authorize the county of Penobscot to procure a loan.  
in favor of the joint standing committee on agriculture.  
authorizing the secretary of state to purchase certain reports.  
in favor of the railroad commissioners.  
in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians.

Resolve concerning an annual census of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

- in favor of George W. Hewey and Charles L. Hewey.
- in favor of the town of Mayfield.
- in favor of Charles J. Schumacher.
- in favor of the Bangor Children's Home.
- in favor of the Female Orphan Asylum, Portland.
- in favor of the town of Wellington.
- in favor of S. B. Gates.
- in favor of the joint standing committee on reform school.
- in favor of plantation numbered four, range one, in Penobscot county, known as Lakeville.
- making appropriations for the Penobscot tribe of Indians.
- in favor of Samuel C. Greenlow of Chapman plantation.
- in favor of the county of Aroostook.
- authorizing the warden of the State Prison to loan the use of the State of Maine fire engine.
- in favor of James G. Griffin.
- in favor of Caleb Sherman.
- in favor of Hiram B. Hersey of Crystal plantation.
- in favor of James M. Story.
- authorizing the land agent to convey to James McConville, junior, a lot of land in Washburn.
- in aid of road passing through township F, range one, Aroostook county.
- in favor of George S. Daniels of Chapman plantation.
- in favor of bridge across the Aroostook river, in the town of Maysville, Aroostook county.
- for the appointment of a commission to reconstruct the savings bank law.
- in aid of building a bridge over Savage stream, in Saint Francis plantation.
- authorizing the land agent to convey to Enoch Hall a lot of land in Lyndon.
- in favor of Joseph Granger.
- in favor of George W. Kalloch.
- in favor of John Ryan.
- relating to bounty on wild animals.
- providing for the payment of bounties on wild animals.
- laying a tax on the several counties of the state.

- Resolve in favor of the State Reform School.  
 in favor of Chapman plantation.  
 in favor of the joint standing committee on the state prison.  
 in aid of building bridge over Gagnon stream, in the town of Frenchville.  
 in aid of road in Frenchville.  
 in favor of the town of Sherman.  
 in favor of Maine State Library.  
 in favor of Robert Knox.  
 in favor of W. S. Evans.  
 in aid of the Maine General Hospital at Portland.  
 in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls.  
 in favor of W. N. Woodbury.  
 in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.  
 in favor of the State Centennial Commission.  
 to provide for the uniforming of the enlisted men of the Maine Volunteer Militia, and for other military purposes.  
 relating to claims of settlers on proprietors' lands.  
 for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual.  
 to more fully perfect the records of the Adjutant General's office, and to encourage the writing of regimental histories of Maine troops in the war of eighteen hundred and sixty-one.  
 in favor of rebuilding bridge across east branch of Forks of the Kennebec river, in Somerset county.  
 in favor of granting bounty on bears in certain towns and plantations.  
 in favor of James Phair.
- Resolves authorizing a temporary loan.
- Resolve transferring the Granger Turnpike fund into the treasury.  
 in favor of roads passing through the Indian township, in Washington county.
- Resolves approving the draft and arrangement of the Constitution of this State, as amended, made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, and providing for the enrolment of the same.

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- Resolve fixing the number of the Bank Examiner's reports to be printed annually hereafter at the expense of the State.  
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in favor of the State Prison.  
providing for the publication and distribution of the Constitution as amended.  
in favor of bridge across the Magalloway river.  
in favor of the Secretary of the Senate.
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- Resolves relating to the number and size of certain reports.
- Resolve in favor of the Military and Naval Asylum at Bath.  
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relating to the pay of the officers of the State Prison.  
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### 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 allowed 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



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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.

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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 to 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.

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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



committed 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.

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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.

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## MEMORANDA.

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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 :

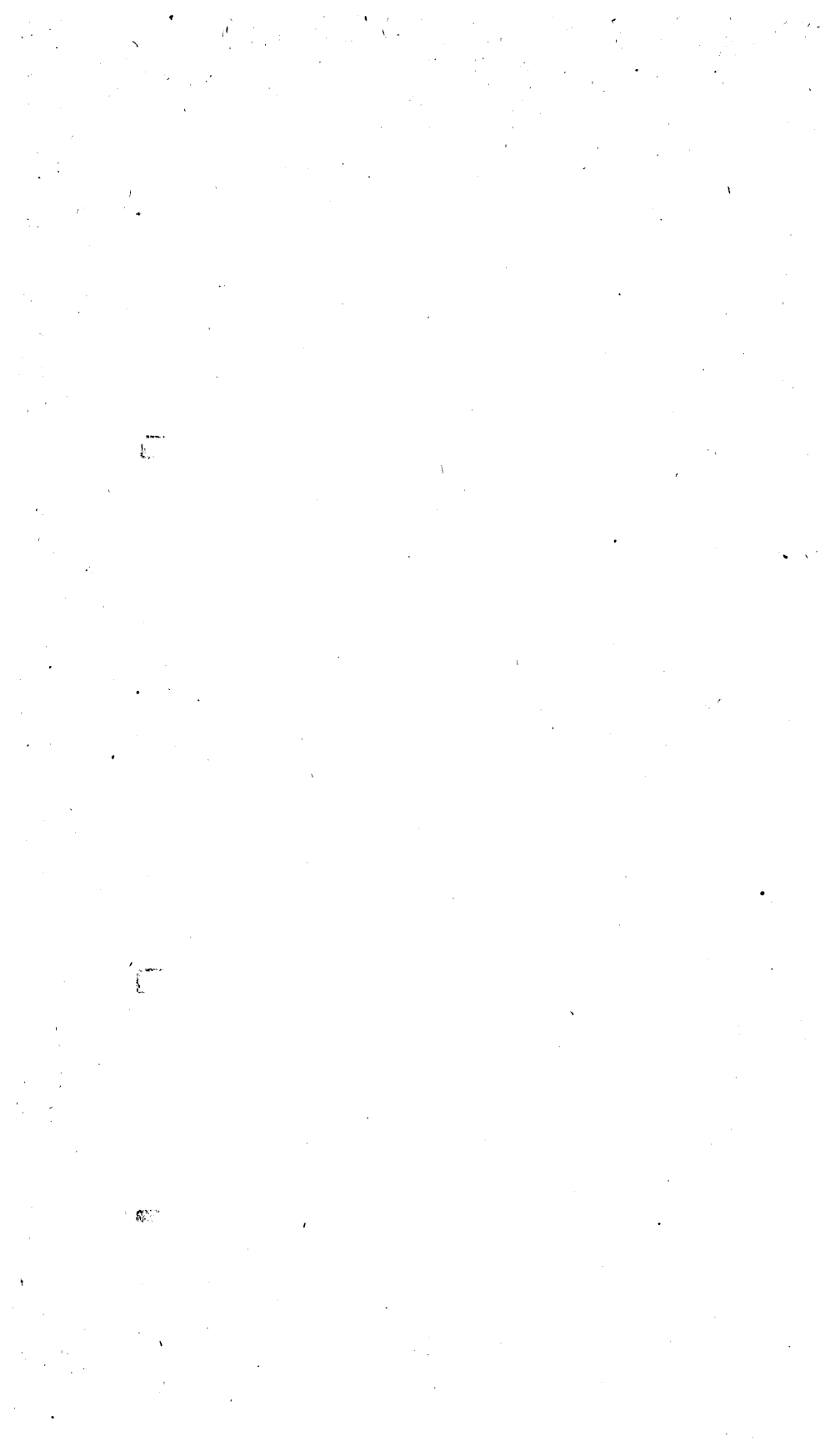
STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, ———, 187 .

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*Ordered,* ———

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	28	H. R. 199. A bill to amend chapter 152 of the public laws of 1873, relating to nuisances.
Ways and Bridges....	29	H. R. 5. A resolve in favor of the town of Island Falls.
	30	H. R. 57. A bill requiring the expenses of keeping in repair certain bridges to be paid by the several counties.

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Banks and Banking ..	2	S. 54. A bill to regulate dividends of savings banks.
Claims .....	3	H. R. 221. A bill to repeal the bounty on bears
Commerce .....	4	S. 3. A bill authorizing Monroe Young to extend his wharf into tide waters in Jordan river in the town of Trenton.
	5	H. R. 41. A bill to incorporate the Commercial Wharf Company.
	6	H. R. 147. A bill authorizing Samuel N. McFarland and associates to erect a wharf in the tide waters of Frenchman's bay in the town of Hancock.
	7	H. R. 179. A bill to authorize C. J. Guptill and R. Rand, to build a wharf on the shore of Stillin Guptill's point, so called, in the town of Gouldsbrough.

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	9	H. R. 180. A bill to amend chapter 592 of the private laws of 1874, relating to the close-time for land-locked salmon, togue or trout in the St. Croix river and its tributaries.	
Interior Waters.....	10	H. R. 159. A bill to incorporate the West Buxton Steamboat Company.	
	11	H. R. 187. A bill to incorporate the Kittery Steam and Water-power Company of Kittery.	
Judiciary .....	12	H. R. 163. A bill to amend chapter 12 of the public laws of 1875, in relation to the protection of moose.	
	13	H. R. 197. A bill to repeal chapter 21 of the public laws of 1875, relating to disabled soldiers and seamen.	
Legal Affairs .....	14	S. 4. A bill amending section 20, chapter 124 of the revised statutes, in relation to labor.	
	15	S. 11. A bill to amend section 52 of chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to the returns of plantations.	
	16	H. R. 27. A bill to incorporate the Hibernian Society of Biddeford.	
	17	H. R. 52. A bill to amend section 45 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to elections.	
	18	H. R. 166. A bill to amend section 17 of chapter 116 of the revised statutes, relating to the regulation of fees and costs.	
	19	H. R. 174. A bill to amend sections 28 and 31 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to meeting houses.	
	20	H. R. 198. A bill additional to and amendatory of chapter 274 of the public laws of 1874, relating to armories for military purposes.	
	21	H. R. 225. A bill to amend section 14 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to taxation of logs.	
	Merc. Affairs and Ins.	22	H. R. 55. A bill to incorporate the Ellsworth Marine Insurance Company.
	Railroads .....	23	Report on the petition of the Bangor and Calais Shore Line Railroad Company, for extension of time for locating said road.
St. Lands & St. Roads.	24	S. 1. A resolve in aid of the town of Mt. Chase, Penobscot county.	
	25	H. R. 32. A resolve in favor of Benjamin B. Byron.	
No Committee .....	26	S. 7. A bill to amend section 6 of chapter 115 of the revised statutes, regarding mileage of members of the legislature.	
	27	S. 57. A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Winterport and Bucksport Ferry Company.	
	28	S. 61. A bill relating to the rate of interest.	
	29	S. 69. A bill to amend section 73, chapter 2 of the revised statutes, relating to the State Library.	
	30	H. R. 63. A resolve in relation to bounties on wild animals.	
	31	H. R. 233. A bill for the proper gradation of punishments.	

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Claims.....	2	Petition of inhabitants of St. Francis plantation for a reduction of State valuation.
Commerce.....	3	Petition of John H. Stimson and others, for incorporation of the Sullivan Bridge Company.
Constitutional Amend.	4	H. R. 235. A bill to authorize the formation of telegraph companies.
Education.....	5	Petition of George W. Ranger and others, for the repeal of the law establishing free high schools.
	6	Petition of sundry persons, submitting bill (H. R. 189) to establish and maintain a State normal school at North Bridgton in the county of Cumberland.
Financial Affairs.....	7	H. R. 85. A bill to repeal chapter 380 and chapter 392 of the special laws of the year 1873, relating to schools in the Madawaska territory and the town of Frenchville.
Judiciary.....	8	H. R. 51. A bill to regulate and limit municipal indebtedness.
	9	H. R. 178. A bill to provide for the inspection of stationary steam boilers and examination of persons in charge of same.
	10	Petition of Melvin Grant and others, for locks in the dam at Treat's falls.
	11	Petition of city of Lewiston for amendment of the act authorizing the taking of water from Wilson pond.
	12	Petitions of sundry persons for the establishment of a State board of health, with bill H. R. 58.
	13	Petition of Warren Leighton and others, for the repeal of the Calais Court bill.
	14	Petition of M. McKusick and others, relating to the sale of hides.
	15	An order relating to the duties of county treasurers in regard to uncollected taxes assessed on roads in unincorporated plantations.
	16	Petition of Wyatt Weed and others for remedy for damages by flowing lands by dam at Treat's falls.
Legal Affairs.....	17	Petition of selectmen of Chester, relating to the use of certain wheel rims in said town.
	18	Petition of John C. Ingraham and others, for authority to sell church property in Hodgdon.
	19	Petition of C. L. Dunning and others, relating to sale of burial ground in Brownville.
Railroads.....	20	Petition of Castine and Ellsworth Railroad Company, for extension of road to Calais and Eastport, with bill S. 85.
St. Lands & St. Roads.	21	An order relating to conveying certain lots of land to E. S. Perry.
	22	An order relating to conveying land to Rufus F. Stone.
	23	An order relating to claims of John Parent, A. Dubay and Joseph Dubay, to land.
	24	Petition of William Brown, for conveyance of land to John M. Brown.
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	26	An order relating to claim of Levi Sears to land.
	27	Petition of Henry W. Poor and others, in aid of road through Dunn's notch, with resolve S. 35.
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Ways and Bridges . . . . .	33	Petition of William E. Gould and others, with bill H. R. 49, to authorize the county commissioners of Cumberland county to lay out a road over tide waters of Long creek, in the town of Cape Elizabeth.
	34	H. R. 81. A bill authorizing and regulating the construction of the Deering Boulevard and Water Park.
	35	Petition of Jeremiah Page and others, for aid in building a road from Lowell to Greenbush.
	36	Petition of Virgil P. Hall and others, for aid in building a road in Mayfield.
	37	Petition of William Rice and others, for legislation to make free Arrowsic and Merrymeeting toll bridges.
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	39	Petition of Lewis Snow, for purchase of a wood lot for the Passamaquoddy Indians.
	40	Petition of John C. Blanchard, for legislation to prevent the throwing of sawdust and edgings into the Martin stream in Plymouth.
	41	Petition of Thomas W. Hicks and others, for an amendment of the charter of the city of Rockland.
	42	Petition of Sumner Whitney, for a deed of land.
	43	Petition of Thomas Hersey and others, citizens of Bangor, for the incorporation of the town of Home.
	44	Petition of D. H. Thing and others, for legislation relating to roadside watering places.
	45	Petition of David Newbegin and others, for legislation requiring counties to build certain bridges.
	46	Petition of Joseph Webster and others, for authority to open a road in Castine.

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Financial Affairs . . . . .	2	H. R. 60. A resolve in aid of the Maine General Homoeopathic Hospital.
Fisheries . . . . .	3	H. R. 229. A bill for the abolition of the office of Fish Commissioner.
Judiciary . . . . .	4	H. R. 18. A resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine.
Military Affairs . . . . .	5	S. 67. A bill to repeal chapter 257 of the public laws of 1874, relating to armories for military companies.
Towns . . . . .	6	H. R. 195. A bill to set off Bartlett's island from the town of Mt. Desert to the town of Tremont in Hancock county.
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