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STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 12, 1881. }

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

Read and passed.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

A true copy. Attest:

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

STATE OF MAINE.

AUGUSTA,
WEDNESDAY, January 5, 1881. }

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 ORAMANDAL SMITH, Clerk of the House of 1880.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. BUTLER of Hallowell.

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

STATE OF MAINE.

To the Clerk of the House of Representatives :

In compliance with section 21, chapter 2 of the revised statutes, I hereby certify the following are the names and residences of the Representatives elect to the Sixtieth Legislature, as appears by the reports of the Governor and Council, under date of November 26, December 1, and December 21, 1880.

In testimony whereof I have caused the seal of the State to be hereunto affixed at Augusta, this 4th day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one.

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

On motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor,

Messrs. Hatch of Bangor,
Strout of Portland,
Goss of Bath,
Ritchie of Winterport,
King of Caribou,
Benner of Waldoborough,
Nickerson of Linneus,

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

Mr. HATCH subsequently reported that the Committee had discharged the duty assigned it, and the Governor was pleased to say that he would forthwith attend upon the Representatives elect for the purpose of administering to them the oaths required by the Constitution.

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.

Messrs. Lang of Palmyra, and Jones of Winthrop, having conscientious scruples against taking an oath, were duly qualified by affirmation.

The Governor and suite then retired.

On motion of Mr. BRADSTREET of Bridgton.

Messrs. Bradstreet of Bridgton,
Wentworth of Kittery,
Heath of Waterville,
Parker of Lewiston,
McKusick of Calais,
Staples of Parsonsfield,
Glidden of St. George,

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

Mr. BRADSTREET, from the Committee, subsequently reported :

Whole number of votes	143
Necessary for a choice	72
L. H. Hutchinson had	78
Thomas B. Swan.....	65

And Hon. L. H. Hutchinson having received a majority of the votes, was duly elected Speaker of the House of the Sixtieth Legislature.

The Speaker elect was conducted to the chair by Mr. Swan of Minot, and addressed the House.

On motion of Mr. WENTWORTH of Kittery,

Messrs. Wentworth of Kittery,
Cook of Lewiston,
Burnham of Sherman,
True of Portland,
Joy of Union,
Dickey of Fort Kent,
Gilbert of Kingfield,

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

Mr. WENTWORTH subsequently reported :

Whole number of votes	140
Necessary for a choice	71
Oramandal Smith had.....	82
W. E. Gibbs	58

And Oramandal Smith having received a majority of all votes cast, was declared duly elected Clerk of the House for the Sixtieth Legislature.

On motion of Mr. ROWELL of Hallowell,

Messrs. Rowell of Hallowell,
Tarbox of Phillips,
Bragdon of Sullivan,
Seavey of West Gardiner,
Bird of Rockland,
Crosby of Norridgewock,
Foss of Danforth,

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

Mr. ROWELL subsequently reported :

Whole number of votes	139
Necessary for a choice	70
Frank L. Patten had.	84
Franklin Jack	55

And Frank L. Patten having a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Assistant Clerk for the Sixtieth Legislature.

On motion of Mr. COOK of Lewiston,

That gentleman conveyed a message to the Governor, informing him of the organization of the House, by the election of Hon. L. H. Hutchinson of Lewiston, as Speaker, and Oramandal Smith, Esq., as Clerk.

The same information was conveyed to the Senate by Mr. HATCH of Bangor.

On motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland,

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. Strout subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him, and Oramandal Smith, Clerk, and Frank L. Patten, 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 the discharge of their official duties.

ATTEST :

ORAMANDAL SMITH,

Clerk of the House of 1880.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. PARCHER of Androscoggin, informing the House of the organization of that branch by the election of Hon. Joseph A. Locke as President, and C. W. Tilden as Secretary.

On motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland,

Ordered, That Charles H. Gatchell be Messenger, John W. Phinney, 1st Assistant, and W. J. Smith, 2d Assistant Messengers, and that the Speaker appoint Pages of the House.

On motion of Mr. McALISTER of Bucksport,

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

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

On motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland,

Ordered, That Rev. John Allen of Farmington, act as Chaplain of this House, until further order of the House.

On motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland,

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 that the usual number of copies be printed and distributed.

On motion of Mr. McKUSICK of Calais,

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, one copy of Cushing's Manual, and one copy of Lippincott's Pronouncing Gazetteer.

On motion of Mr. WENTWORTH of Kittery,

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

On motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Rules and Orders of the last House of Representatives, be adopted for the government of this House, until otherwise ordered.

The SPEAKER announced the Committee on Elections, as follows :

Messrs. Wyman of Augusta,
King of Caribou,
Redlon of Portland,
Lord of Bangor,
Bridgham of Buckfield,
Ritchie of Winterport,
Staples of Parsonsfield.

The Monitors of the House were appointed, as follows :

1st Division.....	Cook of Lewiston.
2d " 	Boody of Windham.
3d " 	Pitcher of Belfast.
4th " 	Nickerson of Linneus.
5th " 	Bridgham of Buckfield.
6th " 	Sargent of Sedgwick.
7th " 	Tarbox of Phillips.
8th " 	Berry of Garland.

The SPEAKER appointed as Pages, Joseph C. Campbell of Augusta, and Charles F. Pressey of Lewiston.

Paper from the Senate.

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

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and

Messrs. Berry of Kennebec,
Mortland of Knox,
Dingley of Androscoggin,
Hill of Penobscot,
Walker of Oxford,
Pattangall of Washington,
Clarke of Lincoln,

appointed on its part.

The order was read and passed in concurrence, and

Messrs. Morrill of Augusta,
Parker of Lewiston,
Verrill of Portland,
Dickey of Fort Kent,
Linscott of Farmington,
McAlister of Bucksport,
Hall of Rockland,
Fisher of Boothbay,
Marble of Paris,
White of Levant,
Flint of Dover,
Goss of Bath,

Messrs. Goodale of Hartland,
Harding of Waldo,
McKusick of Calais,
Emery of Saco,
were joined on part of the House.

The returns of votes for Governor, came from the Senate, and were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Gubernatorial Votes.

A communication was received, transmitting returns of votes for Representatives to the Sixtieth Legislature, which was read, and with returns referred to the Committee on Elections.

The following order came from the Senate read and passed :

Ordered, The House concurring, that the Joint Rules and Orders of 1880, be adopted as the Joint Rules of this Legislature, until otherwise ordered.

The order was read and passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that when this House adjourns, it be to meet to-morrow, at 4 o'clock P. M.

This order was sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. JORDAN of Auburn,

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Roll of the House was called when 136 members were found to be present.

On motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland,

The House took a recess until 11.45 A. M., at which time the House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

On motion by Mr. STROUT of Portland,

The Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate proposing a Joint Convention, this day, forthwith, for the purpose of electing a Secretary of State, Attorney General, Adjutant General, and seven Executive Councillors, and asking the concurrence of the Senate.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Tilden, Secretary of the Senate, informing the House of the concurrence of that branch in the proposition for a Convention, for the purpose of electing a Secretary of State, Attorney General, Adjutant General, and seven Executive Councillors.

The hour 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. HILL of Hancock,

Messrs. Hill of Hancock,
Beatty of York,
Rowell of Hallowell,
Marble of Paris,
Purinton of Bowdoin,
Parker of Lewiston,
Redlon of Portland,

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

Mr. HILL, from the Committee, subsequently reported :

Whole number of votes	165
Necessary for a choice	83
Joseph O. Smith had	103
Prince A. Sawyer	62

The report was read and accepted, and Hon. Joseph O. Smith declared duly elected Secretary of State for the current political years of 1881-82.

On motion of Mr. PARCHER of Androscoggin,

Messrs. Parcher of Androscoggin,
Jennings of Penobscot,
Donnell of Biddeford,
Lord of Bangor,
Pitcher of Belfast.
Hutchinson of Houlton,
Ritchie of Winterport,

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

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

Whole number of votes	162
Necessary for a choice	82
Henry B. Cleaves had	102
David R. Hastings	60

The report was read and accepted, and Hon. Henry B. Cleaves declared duly elected Attorney General for the current political years of 1881-82.

On motion of Mr. WAKEFIELD of York,

Messrs. Wakefield of York,
Sherman of Waldo,
Emery of Saco,
Bradstreet of Bridgton,
Goss of Auburn,
Sweat of Brownfield,
Wheeler of Etna,

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

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

Whole number of votes	157
Necessary for a choice	79
Gen. George L. Beal had	102
Melville M. Folsom	55

The report was read and accepted, and Gen. George L. Beal declared duly elected Adjutant General for the current political years of 1881-82.

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Kennebec,

Messrs. Berry of Kennebec,
Smith of Penobscot,
Kendall of Freeport,
Joy of Union,
Linscott of Farmington,
Smith of Mt. Vernon,
Staples of Parsonsfield,

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

Mr. BERRY subsequently reported :

Whole number of votes	162
Necessary for a choice	82
Roscoe L. Bowers had	101
Frederick Robie	101
Joseph T. Hinckley	101
William Wilson	101
James G. Pendleton	101
Lewis Barker	102
Samuel N. Campbell	101
J. F. Dearborn	61
Charles H. Chase	61
John B. Redman	61
D. H. Thing	61
Ezra Manter	61
John B. Foster	60
Charles R. Whidden	61

The report was accepted, and the Hons. Roscoe L. Bowers, Frederick Robie, Joseph T. Hinckley, William Wilson, James G. Pendleton, Lewis Barker and Samuel N. Campbell were declared

duly elected Executive Councillors for the current political years of 1881-82.

On motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor,

The Secretary of the Convention was ordered to notify Hon. Joseph O. Smith of his election as Secretary of State, Hon. H. B. Cleaves of his election as Attorney General, Gen. George L. Beal of his election as Adjutant General, and Hons. Roscoe L. Bowers, Frederick Robie, Joseph T. Hinckley, William Wilson, James G. Pendleton, Lewis Barker and Samuel N. Campbell of their election as Executive Councillors for the current political years of 1881-82.

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

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

A communication from the Governor transmitting a list of pardons, came from the Senate read and was read in concurrence, and ordered printed, on motion of Mr. WENTWORTH of Kittery.

On motion of Mr. SWAN of Minot,

Ordered, That the order relating to the time for presentation of petitions for private or special legislation, be published in the Daily Morning News of Portland, in addition to the papers already ordered.

This order was sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. JORDAN of Brunswick,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to deliver to the several monitors of this House each a copy of the Acts and Resolves of the State for each year from 1871 to 1880 inclusive, and one copy of the Revised Statutes, the same to be returned to the Secretary of State at the close of the session.

On motion of Mr. BRIDGHAM of Buckfield,

Ordered, That a Joint Select Committee of seven on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to prepare specifications for the State printing and binding for the years 1881-82, advertise for sealed proposals, and contract therefor with the bidder or bidders whose proposals shall be the lowest, and report said contracts to the Legislature.

This order was sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. McKUSICK of Calais,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House make up the pay of Asbury F. Haynes, Messenger of the last House, for five days' service at two dollars per day and the usual mileage.

On motion of Mr. JORDAN of Auburn,

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, That a Joint Select Committee of three on part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to contract with some suitable person or persons to do the State printing and binding for the current years of 1881 and 1882, subject to the approval of the Legislature.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and

Messrs. Berry of Kennebec,
Hill of Hancock,
Wakefield of York,

appointed on its part.

The order was read, when Mr. BENNER of Waldoborough, offered an amendment, which was tabled on motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland.

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

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and

Messrs. Brewer of Cumberland,
Lamson of Sagadahoc,
Taber of Waldo,

appointed on its part.

The order was read and passed in concurrence, and

Messrs. Heath of Waterville,

Pitcher of Belfast,

Goodall of Sanford,

Burnell of Baldwin,

Sweat of Brownfield,

Staples of Elliot,

Foss of Danforth,

joined on part of the House.

A communication was received from Gen. George L. Beal, Adjutant General elect, signifying his acceptance of the office.

The remonstrance of John Polleys, against the right of Joel Foss of Danforth, to a seat in the House, was presented and referred to the Committee on Elections.

On motion of Mr. NICKERSON of Linneus,

Ordered, That the use of Representatives' Hall, be granted to the Maine State Board of Agriculture, on the evenings of January 19th and 20th.

Communications were received from Hons. Roscoe L. Bowers, Frederick Robie, Joseph T. Hinckley, William Wilson, James G. Pendleton, Lewis Barker and Samuel N. Campbell, signifying their acceptance of the office of Executive Councillors, came from the Senate, and were read in concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Tilden, its Secretary, proposing a Convention in the Representatives' Hall, this day forthwith, for the purpose of administering to Hons. Roscoe L. Bowers, Frederick Robie, Joseph T. Hinckley, William Wilson, James G. Pendleton, Lewis Barker and Samuel N. Campbell, the oath 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.

Immediately the Senate came in and a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. MORTLAND of Knox,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Convention inform Hons. Roscoe L. Bowers, Frederick Robie, Joseph T. Hinckley, William Wilson, James G. Pendleton, Lewis Barker and Samuel N. Campbell, Executive Councillors elect, 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.

Mr. Tilden 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. Roscoe L. Bowers, Frederick Robie, Joseph T. Hinckley, William Wilson, James G. Pendleton, Lewis Barker and Samuel N. Campbell, Executive 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.

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

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

There being no quorum present, the Speaker declared the House adjourned until Monday at 10 o'clock A. M.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

In the absence of the Speaker the House was called to order by the Clerk, who declared that no business could be transacted, as there was evidently no quorum present.

On motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor,

The House was declared adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

No Chaplain present.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

There being no business before the House, on motion of Mr. GOSS of Bath, the House adjourned until 4 o'clock P. M.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

On motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland,

The House took a recess until 12 o'clock M., at which time the House came to order, when on motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland, the House agreed that when it should adjourn it be to meet at 2 o'clock P. M.

On motion of Mr. COOK of Lewiston,

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate :

Communication from Hon. Joseph O. Smith, signifying his acceptance of the office of Secretary of State, came from the Senate, and was read in concurrence.

The majority and minority reports from the Joint Select Committee on Gubernatorial Votes, came from the Senate, the majority accepted. The report is as follows :

STATE OF MAINE.

The Joint Select Committee on Gubernatorial Votes have attended to their duty and ask leave to report :

Whole number of votes.....	147,802
Harris M. Plaisted had.....	73,713
Daniel F. Davis.....	73,549
Joshua Nye.....	309
William P. Joy.	124
Harrison M. Plaisted.....	57
Scattering	55

And Harris M. Plaisted having a plurality of all the votes returned, is duly elected Governor for the current political term of 1881-82.

Messrs. J. S. BERRY,
A. H. WALKER,
E. S. PATTANGALL,
J. W. CLARK,
J. DINGLEY, Jr., *of the Senate.*

Messrs. A. P. MORRILL,
BYRON D. VERRILL,
O. G. HALL,
G. C. GOSS,
GEO. C. GOODALE,
G. W. MCALISTER,
GEO. A. EMERY,
W. DICKEY,
J. G. HARDING,
JOHN WHITE,
JOHN J. LINSKOTT,
I. N. PARKER,
J. C. MARBLE, *of the House.*

The minority report was read and is as follows :

STATE OF MAINE.

The minority of the Joint Select Committee on Gubernatorial Votes, have attended to their duty and ask leave to make the following report, to wit :

Whole number of votes.....	147,802
Harris M. Plaisted had	73,713
Daniel F. Davis	73,544
Joshua Nye.....	309
William P. Joy.	124
Harrison M. Plaisted.....	57

And there were 55 scattering votes.

And whereas, the Constitution of Maine, Art. 5th, Sect. 3d, in force on the day of said election, provides that a majority of all the votes returned shall be necessary to constitute an election of Governor by the people, and it appearing to your Committee that no person had received a majority of all the votes returned as cast at

said election, we cannot concur in the conclusion arrived at by the majority of the Committee.

And whereas, the Constitution, Art. 5, Sec. 3, provides that the Supreme Judicial Court may be required by the Governor, Council, Senate or House of Representatives, to give their opinion upon important questions of law and upon solemn occasions, we believe it to be the duty of the Senate and House, or either, to require of the Court to give their opinion as to whether or not the constitutional amendment providing for the amendment of Art. 5, Sec. 3, by striking out the word "majority" wherever it occurs therein, and inserting in place thereof the word "plurality," applied to the election held on the said 13th day of September.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) D. N. MORTLAND,
M. N. MCKUSICK,
EPHRAIM FLINT.

Mr. KING of Caribou, moved to substitute the minority for the majority report, and upon that question the yeas and nays were ordered, and the question being so taken, the House refused to substitute by yeas 8, nays 129.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Averill,	Flint,	McKusick,
Blanchard,	Hatch,	Nutter—8.
Bradstreet,	Palermo,	King,

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Achorn,	Bragg,	Cushman,
Allen,	Bridgham,	Dennis,
Andrews,	Brown,	Dickey,
Ashford,	Buck,	Donnell,
Bartlett,	Burnell,	Doore,
Bean,	Burr,	Eastman,
Benner,	Chadbourne,	Eaton,
Berry,	Chase,	Eldred,
Bird,	Clark,	Estes,
Boody,	Cook,	Folsom,
Boothby,	Crosby, Norridgewock,	Foss,
Bradstreet, Bridgton,	Crosby of Whiting,	Freeman, Cherryfield,
Braddon,	Cummings,	Freeman, Lincolnville,

Gilbert,	Lord of Kennebunk,	Sprague,
Glidden,	Loud,	Staples of Biddeford,
Goodale,	Mallett,	Staples of Dayton,
Goodall,	Marble,	Staples, Parsonsfield,
Goodwin, Hudson,	Marston,	Staples of Elliot,
Goodwin, Shapleigh,	Maxcy,	Strout of Portland,
Goss of Auburn,	McAlister,	Strout, C: Elizabeth,
Hall,	McKellar,	Sturdivant,
Harding,	Means,	Swan,
Harris,	Morrill,	Sweat,
Haskell,	Nickerson of Brewer,	Tarbox,
Heath,	Nickels,	Thatcher,
Hersom,	Norris,	Thompson,
Hilton,	Noyes,	Torry,
Hopkins,	Packard,	Trafton,
Hutchinson, Lewiston,	Parker,	True,
Hutchinson, Houlton,	Parsons,	Trufant,
Jones of Winthrop,	Partridge,	Varney,
Jones of Brighton,	Perley,	Verrill,
Jordan,	Pitcher,	Vinal,
Keegan,	Purinton,	Wardwell,
Kendall,	Redlon,	Ware,
Lang,	Rowe,	Waters,
Leavitt,	Rowell,	Webb,
Leighton,	Ritchie,	Wentworth, Gardiner,
Leland,	Sargent,	Wheeler of Easton,
Libby,	Seavey,	Wheeler of Etna,
Linscott,	Shaw,	White,
Livernore,	Smith of New Sharon,	Wilder,
Lord of Bangor,	Smith of Buxton,	Wyman—129.

The majority report was then accepted in concurrence, on motion of Mr. MORRILL of Augusta,

On motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent,

The President of the Senate and Speaker of the House were requested to notify Hon. Harris M. Plaisted of his election as Governor and request his attendance.

On motion of Mr. MAXCY of Portland,

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, The House concurring, that the first Joint Rule of the two Houses, be and the same is hereby amended, by adding to the Joint Standing Committees, a Committee on Mines and Mining.

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

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. Harris M. Plaisted, and inform him he has been duly elected Governor of the State of Maine for the current political years of 1881 and 1882.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and

Messrs. Berry of Kennebec,
Coffin of Washington,
Hill of Penobscot,

appointed on part of the Senate.

The order was read and passed in concurrence, and

Messrs. Morrill of Augusta,
Dickey of Fort Kent,
Cook of Lewiston,
Folsom of Oldtown,
Hersom of Berwick,
Freeman of Cherryfield,
Leighton of Westbrook,

were joined on part of the House.

Mr. MORRILL 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. Tilden, its Secretary, proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature, this day at 11 o'clock, in the Hall of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of administering to Hon. Harris M. Plaisted, 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. PARCHER of the Senate,

Messrs. Parcher of Androscoggin,
Friend of Penobscot,
Walker of Oxford,
Strout of Portland,
Wentworth of Gardiner,
Buck of Orland,
Sweat of Brownfield,
Lord of Bangor,
Lang of Palmyra,
Staples of Biddeford,

were appointed a Committee to wait upon Hon. Harris M. Plaisted, Governor elect, to inform 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. Parcher 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. Harris M. Plaisted, 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. S. J. CHADBOURNE, 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 plurality thereof were given to Harris M. Plaisted, 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 HARRIS M. PLAISTED is Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the State of Maine, and that due obedience should be rendered to all his lawful acts and commands as such.

God save the State of Maine.

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

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

Called by the voice of the people and the voice of law, to assume the responsibilities and undertake the duties of Chief Magistrate of our State, I avail myself of this presence to express my grateful thanks to my fellow citizens, to whose partiality I am indebted for this distinguished honor. I should be, indeed, something more, or less, than human, if so distinguished a mark of public favor did not command my gratitude and my devotion, and fill me with a profound sense of the trust reposed.

A public trust is the most sacred of all trusts, and one that should bear, with the greatest weight of obligation, upon every right-thinking mind. The betrayal of a high public trust is more than treason, and admits of no excuse or palliation, and no mercy or pity for him who betrays it. For, be it remem-

bered, that, after all the safeguards human wisdom and human prudence can devise for the security of our most sacred interests, we must repose at last, for that security, upon the simple honesty of man. No sure foundation but this hath society or government.

While it is with no little distrust of my own abilities, it is not without some confidence, that I assume the trust to which I am called of my fellow citizens, and to the faithful discharge of which I have just pledged myself by the most solemn sanctions; for the people are never unreasonably exacting of their public servants. Brilliant talents and great abilities are held by them in comparatively light regard; but faithful public services, when rendered by moderate abilities, never fail of their reward in the appreciation and gratitude of the people. The short comings and mistakes of a public servant, in the highest station, even, are forgiven and overlooked, provided he has done his best. Indeed, so little exacting, and so indulgent are the people, it would seem as if they were quite ready to impute it to him for righteousness if a public servant does not betray his trust. This is a sad reflection, if it be true, and yet one that should inspire each of us, entering upon this term of service, with a zeal to do his best for the commonwealth, and, at the same time, to lament that he is not able to do more.

I shall not be able, gentlemen, to furnish you with any detailed statement of the affairs of the departments and institutions of the State. I have not had access to the official Reports of the last year; they have not yet been published. Besides, owing to the uncertainty as to the election—the declaration of the result—I have not made such examination of these affairs of the State as I might otherwise have felt it my duty to make. Hence, for needed information respecting the affairs of the several departments and the condition and wants of our State institutions, I have to refer you to the official Reports, which will be laid before you at an early

day ; confining myself in the main, to such general reflections and suggestions, concerning them, as seem to me appropriate.

FINANCES.

Upon the subject of the State finances I give you such information as I have been able to obtain from the Treasurer's office :

Receipts for 1880.....	\$1,672,395 13
Expenditures	1,581,469 96
Sinking fund, Jan. 1, 1881.....	1,307,857 75
Bonded debt.....	5,883,900 00

The estimates for 1881 are not yet completed. For these and all other details as to the finances of the State, I refer you to the Treasurer's Report.

TAXATION.

Taxation is the one subject of universal and vital interest to the people of this State. It will receive from you, I doubt not, that earnest attention which its supreme importance demands. I wish it were permitted me to say, that none of our people were oppressed by debt and taxation ; that none looked to the future with gloomy forebodings, seeing no way out of the toils of debt and taxation ; that none, under the weight of these burdens, either succumbed to despair or left their homes to try their fortunes in a new country ; but, rather, that all were prosperous, contented and happy. It would be far more agreeable to me and more in accordance with the customary language of this occasion.

The truth is, the people of this State are oppressed by the burdens they bear,—the burdens of debt and taxation. Taxation falls heavily upon some, because it does not fall equally upon all. Too large a proportion of the public burdens falls upon real estate. This is especially true of all farm property. The property of the farmer, both real and personal, is all visible and exposed to assessment. Besides, no account is taken of his mortgages, though his farm may be mortgaged

for all that it is worth. It approximates the truth, to say that none of his property escapes taxation "according to the just value thereof." Of this the farmer does not complain, but when other classes of property, in vast amounts, are permitted to escape taxation, in whole or in part, he does complain, and has a right to complain of the injustice of his government. For he is thus made to bear, not his own burdens only, but the burdens of others. This is injustice. Taxation and protection are reciprocal. It is the spirit of our institutions to be equal as well as free, equal rights and equal benefits; equal protection and equal burdens; special privileges to none.

It will devolve upon you, the legislative branch of the government, to devise and pursue such measures of relief from unequal taxation as shall seem to you the most appropriate. It will be your pleasure, as well as your duty, I doubt not, to reduce the current expenses of the government, if it can be done by the practice of a severe, not parsimonious, economy.

But it is not in the economical expenditure of the public revenue, so much as in seeking new sources of revenues and in equalizing the burdens of taxation, that you will be able to compass such reforms and such relief as will gladden the hearts and cheer the hopes of our people. The public burdens are unequally borne. When all the property in the State is reached and taxed as real estate and all property of farmers, "according to the just value thereof," the rate of taxation will be reduced one half. Then will taxation fall lightly and be borne cheerfully, because it will fall equally upon all. True it is, that absolute equality in taxation can never be attained. A disproportionate share of the public burdens will always be thrown on certain kinds of property because they are visible and tangible. The best system to be sought is that which, in its practical operation, approximates nearest to equality.

EXEMPTIONS.

The legislature in its discretion, has always exercised the power of exempting certain kinds of property from taxation. On the theory that taxation and protection are reciprocal, no exemptions can be defended. As all property receives the equal protection of the laws, all should be made to bear its proportionate share of the public burden. The exemption of any species of property is not equal taxation, and can only be defended on the ground of a subsidy; for it is the same thing as granting, to the owners of the exempted property, a considerable sum out of the public treasury.

MONEY AT INTEREST.

While there is a large amount of property in the State exempt by law from taxation, an amount much larger, in the form of bonds and notes—money at interest, is practically exempt because not reached by the assessors. How can this property be reached? Most of the States in the Union require the inventory to be made under oath. Experience has shown that the pains and penalties of perjury are not without an immense moral influence in bringing personal property within the reach of the assessors, and there would seem to be no valid reason why these should not be invoked to secure that end. As the law now stands, it is left to the discretion of the assessors whether they will require the taxpayers to give in their inventory under oath. There would seem to be good and obvious reasons why this requirement should not be left to the discretion of the assessors, but made imperative in all cases; and in case of refusal or neglect, on the part of any tax payer, to give in such sworn statement, then the assessors should assess such persons, from the best knowledge within their reach, adding thereto a heavy doom-age. It cannot be doubted that by this means the aggregate mass of taxable property, brought within the reach of the assessors, would be greatly increased, the rate of taxation lessened, and individual burdens lightened.

TAXATION OF RAILROADS.

Prior to the law of 1880, providing for the taxation of railroad corporations, the capital stock only, of these corporations, in other words the right of redemption only, was taxable. Property of more than \$20,000,000 in value, therefore, escaped with trifling taxes compared with other kinds of property in the State. Hence, the law of last winter was passed providing for the assessment by the Governor and Council of one per cent. on the road-ways, rolling-stock and franchises of the several roads—leaving “the lands, buildings and fixtures outside of the road-ways to be taxed by the town” where situated.

Under this act the several railroads were assessed by the Governor and Council, and the assessments have been paid by the several corporations assessed, excepting the Maine Central, the Boston and Maine, and the Portland, Saco and Portsmouth Railroads. These corporations resist the payment on the ground that the Act of last winter is unconstitutional. Actions to recover the taxes of these corporations have been commenced by the Attorney General; the cases have been made up and are now in the hands of the Court. An early decision is hoped for, and expected before the close of this session.

The taxes levied upon the corporations contesting the legality of the tax, are as follows: Maine Central, \$22,000; Boston and Maine, \$18,000; Portland, Saco and Portsmouth, \$12,000; assessed upon a valuation of \$2,200,000, \$1,800,000, and \$1,200,000, respectively; being at the rate per mile of \$7,000, \$38,000, and \$24,000, respectively.

It is possible that these corporations may escape the payment of their assessments, through defects of the law in the mode of imposing the tax. The assessments may not be sustained, either as a property or an excise tax. The constitution is over all, corporations and individuals alike, and, in a case of doubtful constitutionality, it is the right and duty of

the management of these corporations to test the validity of the tax. They have seconded the efforts of the Attorney to the State, in seeking the decision of the Court at the earliest possible day.

As to your power to tax these corporations, you need only to be reminded that you are clothed with the sovereign functions of legislation, and that the only question for your determination is: what is the just and effective mode of imposing the tax. The power of taxation is an incident of Sovereignty, a State necessity, and the only power which our constitution, in express terms, declares that "the Legislature shall never in any manner suspend or surrender." All subjects therefore, over which the sovereign power of the State extends, are in its discretion legitimate subjects of taxation in one form or another; either as a property or an excise tax or license; and this may be carried to any extent to which the government may choose to carry it, provided the constitutional limitation, as to equality, is observed.

SUCCESSION TAX.

As all property should bear its just and equal proportion of taxation, it would seem but reasonable that all legacies and inheritances should not go untaxed. The propriety of an inheritance tax, distinguishing between lineal and collateral inheritance, is approved by the soundest political economists; nor can there be any doubt of the legal and moral right of the Legislature to impose it. The conditions that make such a tax just and desirable, are, that a large amount of personal property that passes by bequest—particularly Government bonds—will escape taxation altogether, unless taxed when it comes to the light in its transfer from the dead to the living. Besides, it would seem but just and proper that this class of property should be made to contribute to the cost of maintaining Courts of Probate and of Probate Records, established and maintained for the sole benefit thereof. Then, again, the expenses attending the collection of this tax would

be but trifling, and the burden of the tax would fall lightly upon those who pay it, because it would be deducted from what was never in their possession. The State of Pennsylvania derives an annual income of over \$300,000 from collateral inheritances and bequests, and in addition thereto a revenue of over \$100,000 from a tax on wills, writs, deeds, etc.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

When the burdens of taxation shall fall equally upon all, they will bear lightly and be paid cheerfully by all. This equalization of the public burdens, so devoutly to be wished and so earnestly to be sought, is a subject that should command your especial attention. Without the determination of values for the purpose of taxation, there can be no equalization of the public burdens. Values should be readjusted oftener than once in ten years. State boards of equalization, or tax commissioners, have been created, in many of the States of the Union, for the determination and readjustment of values, and the discovery of new sources of revenue for purpose of taxation. The Attorney General, Secretary of State, and State Treasurer are the officers usually selected to constitute these boards, in States where there is no Executive Council. Any expense necessary to secure a result of such vital and universal interest as the determination of values for the purposes of taxation, will be an expenditure in the line of true economy.

RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

The railroads of our State are of great public utility, and should be objects of public favor; but though the property of these corporations is of private ownership, they are public highways, the creatures of the law—created to promote, not private interests, but the public good, and it is the bounden duty of the Legislature to see to it that their franchises are *used* to that end.

The almost unlimited control these corporations have over their rates, the power to change them at pleasure, raise or lower them, and levy discriminating rates, places the industries of our State at their mercy. For it is in the power of the few individuals, controlling their management, to tax production and commerce at will, and practically dictate what reward the farmer, manufacturer and merchant shall receive for their labor. The public interests involved in the management of these highways of traffic, require that their management should be regulated and controlled by the sanctions of law. It may be said the railroads of Maine have been managed upon business principles only; that they can be trusted, and should be trusted. So they can be—to look after their own interests, but not to look after the public interests altogether. For the protection of these interests, the State can be trusted, and trusted, also, to do no wrong to private interests, but even and exact justice to both. We have to-day more than one thousand miles of railroad in operation in this State, and one hundred thousand miles in the United States. Certain it is that unless the railroads of the country are subjected to legislative supervision, the legislation of the country will soon be subjected to railroad supervision.

The railroad commissioners should be invested with ample power to supervise the management of railroads in respect to rates, with full power to revise and establish them. The law providing for the appointment of the commissioners implies as much. While one only of the commissioners is required to be an engineer, the law expressly declares that two of them shall be experienced in the "management," as well as construction of railroads. This requirement of the law has not been observed in the construction of the board; while the board is composed of two engineers of well-known experience and skill in the construction of railroads, and one lawyer, I am not aware that it has ever contained even one member experienced as a railroad-manager.

STATE COLLEGE.

The administration of the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts for the past two years has been of very economical character, but by very close work on the part of the instructors, its efficiency, it is believed, has been fully maintained.

The value of the farm, buildings, apparatus, stock, etc., which the State holds in this Institution is about \$145,000, and the endowment is \$131,300, yielding an annual revenue of between \$7,000 and \$8,000; a revenue unfortunately much too small for the wants of the College. The Burnside's bill, which has recently passed the Senate, provides for an annual appropriation for the support of the State Colleges of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts. Should the bill become a law, it is hoped that this institution need be of no further charge to the State.

The number of graduates is 134; and the number that has been connected with the college for periods ranging between one term and three and a half years, is 186, giving a total of 320. This does not include the 104 now in the institution. Of the 310 graduates and former students, the vocations of 230, who may be regarded as established in the work of life, are known. Of these, 27 per cent. are in agricultural pursuits, and 27 per cent. in the mechanic arts. Only 11 per cent. are in the so-called professions; 89 per cent. being engaged in pursuits of non-professional character. It is very obvious that the college is training its pupils for the industries of life rather than for the professions.

I believe that the college is filling a necessary and important place in our educational system; that its affairs are judiciously managed; that its work is carried forward with efficiency, and that it is worthy of hearty and liberal support. I am free to say, that the knowledge I have of this institution, and of its discipline, and particularly of the character of the young men gathered there, has given me a most favor-

able opinion of its advantages. These advantages, I believe, are not surpassed, in many respects, by those of any sister institution in this State. Then, as to the necessary expenses to the student, I am able to state from actual knowledge, that they need not exceed, or even reach, \$150 a year. Hence it may be truly said that the inestimable advantages of a liberal education are within the reach of every young man in the State who possesses only the ordinary resources of the farmer's boy—pluck and muscle.

INSANE HOSPITAL.

The condition and treatment of the insane in the State demand very careful consideration. Statistics clearly show that insanity is greatly on the increase, both in this State and throughout the country.

The dictates of ordinary humanity require that the best care and treatment possible should be given to this most unfortunate and helpless class. They should be placed under the most skillful and efficient superintendence; and the highest ability and intelligent experience should be secured for this purpose. As these patients are among the most difficult cases that come under medical practice, the best medical skill at command should have them under their care. Modern science is making a more thorough diagnosis of insanity, seeking more fully to learn its causes and how to reach it with a remedy. The Insane Hospital of Maine ought not to be behind others in the progress that is making in this direction.

Many States have a permanent Board of Commissioners in Lunacy, who have the general oversight of all insane institutions, both public and private, in the State.

Nearly one-half of the patients in our Hospital are women. In many cases their insanity is the result of diseases incident to their sex, and all of them require medical attention. There are many thoroughly educated women physicians, who have made the treatment of their own sex a specialty. A

growing public sentiment favors the employment of a woman physician at the Hospital. There are now several women physicians, successfully occupying such positions in different hospitals for the insane in the United States.

The increase of insanity in the State demands more hospital room for the insane. The hospital at Augusta is already crowded, so that it would seem to be impossible to have proper classification of the patients; and patients are constantly associated in an improper manner, so that the recovery of hopeful cases is greatly retarded, if not rendered impossible.

Previous Legislatures have authorized the trustees to erect another building and appropriated funds for the purpose. No such building has been erected. The two systems of hospital buildings, viz: the massive, expensive, castle-like and prison-like structures, and what is known as the "cottage system," deserve careful consideration and investigation.

There appears to be a question whether the Hospital has an adequate supply of water. This is a matter of such grave importance, the people will rest satisfied with nothing less than absolute certainty that the water supply is abundant and at command, at all seasons of the year. The Legislature, through its committee, can settle this question, and secure what is of such vital importance. If there be any of our fellow citizens whose condition should touch our sympathies, and command our most considerate care and protection, they are these wards of the State, deprived of both reason and liberty. This subject is full of pathos. All other calamities that can befall humanity, are but light afflictions, and it would seem as if some were made to bear the accumulated woes of our race, lest man should become wholly unmindful of his absolute dependence. Unacquainted as I am with the peculiar needs and demands of this institution, I can do no more than refer you to the official reports of its officers, and to pledge myself to discharge, so far as in me lies, my duties concerning it.

REFORM SCHOOL.

The Reform School will command, as it deserves, your especial attention. All who have boys, and know how they love liberty, and must have it, cannot but feel a deep sympathy for the class of unfortunates detained here. True, they have been committed, and are detained by sentence of the court, but not so much for their own, as the fault of their parents and of society. When we consider their tender years, a large proportion of them not in their teens, and orphans, committed for "Truancy," "Malicious mischief," "Sabbath-breaking," "Idle, and disorderly conduct," and other petty misdemeanors, this school must be regarded by every humane person as a part of our Educational System, and not as a State prison for boys. But it must be admitted, that such is the impression upon the public mind; due, not to the treatment its inmates receive, but to the name the institution bears. Every boy who leaves this institution has a feeling, and is looked upon as such, that he is a graduate of the State prison for boys, and this feeling he must carry with him through life. If he learn a trade, it is a constant reminder of the misfortune of his youth. It is the skeleton in his house from which legislation should relieve him, by changing the name of the institution to that of Industrial School for Boys. We have a kindred institution for girls. No one ever thought of giving to that institution the name of Reform School for Girls. Why should not the boys be treated with equal consideration and humanity? The general affairs of the institution will be laid before you in the report of the superintendent and trustees.

INSURANCE.

Every public officer, holding public funds, should be required to give the usual bond. There would seem to be no good reason why the Insurance Commissioner should be made an exception to this general rule.

As to the insurance of our public buildings, I can see no valid reason why the State should not exercise the common prudence of business men, and insure such property.

STATE PRISON.

The duties now devolved upon the Warden of the State Prison seem to me to require qualifications rarely found united in one person. If this institution is to be made self-sustaining, I believe its business and financial affairs must be separated from the duties of warden, and devolved upon a business agent of the very best business capacity and qualifications. When the business affairs of the institution are managed upon strict business principles, by the best skill and ability attainable, it will pay its way. No doubt of it.

The management of the State Prison and all other State institutions, should be taken out of politics—wholly. While Inspectors and Trustees of these institutions are all given to one party, we may expect them to be a burden to the taxpayers; for they can hardly fail to be run, not on business, but on political principles. It should be required by law that Inspectors and Trustees of all our State institutions should be representatives of the different political parties.

MILITIA.

The report of the Adjutant General will furnish you with the full information as to the military organizations of the State, and the expenditures for military purposes during the year.

The well considered Act of last winter provides for a complete and efficient military system. First, the enrollment, biennially, of all able-bodied male citizens between the ages of 18 and 45 (not exempt) to be known as the enrolled militia of Maine, not to be subject to active duty except in case of war. Second, the Reserve Militia—companies organized from the enrolled military, uniformed at their own expense, the State furnishing arms and equipments. Third, the

Active or Volunteer Militia, regularly enlisted for five years, consisting of not more than three regiments of infantry, one battery of artillery and one squadron of cavalry. On a peace footing the whole force is limited to 2025 enlisted men, uniformed, and when on duty paid by the State.

Under the provisions of this Act two regiments of infantry, one company of artillery and one company of cavalry have been organized as the active military of the State, armed and equipped and uniformed at the expense of the State, comprising in the aggregate 1034 enlisted men and commissioned officers. The work of organization under this act has proceeded *de novo*. The whole force has been enlisted, officered, and organized without regard to the previously existing military establishment. The Adjutant General has discharged his duties with great ability and faithfulness. It has been to him a labor of love, in the results of which he may indulge a just pride. The completeness and efficiency of organization and supervision, if maintained and perfected by practice, will give to Maine a military establishment of surpassing excellence.

The expenditures for military purposes during the year have not yet been reported.

The estimated cost to the State for maintaining the present military establishment, will require an annual appropriation of \$15,000. As the law now stands, the expenditures for military purposes are limited only by the discretion of the Executive. Section 156 of the Militia Act provides as follows: "and to carry into full effect the provisions of this law, the Governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant from time to time on any funds in the Treasury not otherwise expended, for the purposes thereof."

So large a discretion should not be imposed on the Executive. It is a responsibility that belongs to the Legislature. The amount of annual expenditures for military purposes should be limited by law.

Cui bono publico? For what are we training these citizens in the art of war, in the practice of arms?

Undoubtedly military exercises and military discipline, when maintained at a high standard of excellence, should be accounted, even in time of peace, as among the most effective agencies for the moral and physical training of our young men. For such military training cannot fail to impart to our citizen soldiers a spirit of manly independence and pride, a love of order and neatness, and habits of subordination. Besides, they serve to keep alive, in old and young, the spirit of patriotism. Reminded of the past glorious achievements of our citizen soldiers in defence of their country, they will covet the honors of those who have deserved well of their country, and lament that they had not lived in the heroic days of the Republic, and had part in the war of the Revolution, or the great struggle for the vindication and preservation of the work of our fathers. A true military spirit is a patriotic spirit.

These are considerations which should recommend, and justify, the requirements, by law, of military drill and discipline as a part of our educational system for the moral and physical training of young men in our colleges. But whether they are sufficient to justify the annual appropriation necessary to maintain a military establishment beyond the small number of highly disciplined companies, scattered over the State, to supplement the police force, you will judge and determine.

The great Republic has passed that period of its existence when it was thought arms might be necessary to vindicate national honor or preserve national interests against a foreign foe. The Geneva Arbitration settled that point, and forever.

Our dangers are not from without; they are all from within. And yet, thank God, we are not training these soldiers for another sectional war. The conditions for such a conflict no longer exist. That great barrier between the sections—Slavery—that barred all intercourse and made us

strangers, hence enemies, is removed. A chasm is left, but that will be filled. Then, again, it is no longer true that,

—“Mountains interposed
Make enemies of nations, which had else
Like kindred drops been mingled into one.”

For, by the agencies of steam and electricity, all our mountain barriers are removed, and space, that severs and estranges, is annihilated. So that now the dwellers upon the Atlantic and Pacific slopes are neighbors as well as fellow citizens, and the most distant portions of our widely extended Republic are brought into the closest relations, commercial and social, as well as political. We are now one people, of one country, with one constitution and one destiny. Nor need we train soldiers to sustain a “Strong Government”—a government of force to be felt only in its power, in its control, and not in its protection, in its beneficence. For the now fifty millions, and the untold future millions, of this Republic cannot be governed. They must govern themselves or the Republic itself cease to be; for force is ever the immediate parent of despotism.

Our dangers are all from within; and our chief danger is that which we share in common with all governments—the peril attending the transfer of power from the hands of one to the hands of another. “Wars of successions” have desolated all lands but ours, and even our experience has rendered us sensible of this peril to our institutions. But we need not train soldiers for this contingency; for our exemption from civil war—a war of succession—depends not upon the presence of military force at the Capital, but rather upon their absence; so liable are armed men, like concealed weapons, to be used when the blood is up.

In the days of the Roman Republic her legions were not permitted to approach the Capital, not permitted to cross the Rubicon. Cæsar crossed it and the Roman Republic fell. Is it possible that the American people can contemplate, with indifference, the proposed gathering of militia of the States at

the National Capital on the 4th day of March next? True, the result of this election is not in dispute, but the result of the next election may be disputed, and then the gathering of the military forces, at the inauguration of General Garfield, may prove a fatal precedent, the very Rubicon of our Republic. If the President-elect has the instinct of a patriot, he will signalize his inauguration by placing his veto upon this proffered courtesy, and imitate the simplicity of the third President, who, without pomp and circumstance, almost unattended, walked to the Capitol and took the oath of his great office. By a wise provision of our Constitution the militia of Maine cannot be marched out of the State by the commander-in-chief, without the consent of the Legislature.

Recent events, in our own State, have taught us that we are not exempt from this common danger, attending the transfer of the Government from the hands of one to the hands of another. We should look this danger square in the face, and apply such remedy as wisdom and patriotism demand of us.

If the framers of our Constitution failed, in any respect, to guard perfectly and at all points, the citadel of constitutional liberty, it was in this precise particular. Their great patriotism seems to have rendered them incapable of appreciating this great peril. They never dreamed that the American people could ever become so blinded by party zeal as to sink the patriot in the partisan, and be ready to tear down the very temple of liberty itself if public offices were not occupied by men of their choice. This danger dawned upon the mind of the Father of our country, and in his farewell address he gave us solemn warnings against it.

And Jefferson, having in view this great peril to our institutions, lays down this rule as the vital principle of all republics, viz: "Absolute acquiescence in the decisions of the majority!" But this rule does not touch the point of our difficulties. One element is wanting. Who shall decide? Who shall canvass the returns, and determine the result? No

man shall be a judge in his own case. Absolute acquiescence in the decisions of the majority, *as determined by the tribunal constituted, by law, for that purpose*;—this is the vital principle, to which the attention of the people should be directed; the essential condition of the orderly conduct of the Government; the only safe-guard against civil strife and bloodshed.

The powers of our Government are distributed into three Departments: Legislative, Executive and Judicial, each independent of the other. While it belongs to the Executive Department to canvass the votes, returned for Senators and Representatives, and certify the *prima facie* result, it is made the duty of the Legislature to canvass the returns for Governor, determine the result and declare it. And from that decision there is no appeal except to force. The Governor and Council may err in certifying who "appear" to be elected members of the Legislature; the Legislature may err in determining who is elected Governor; but in either case, there is no appeal except to force. So, possibly, either of these departments in the discharge of these official duties, may act corruptly and fraudulently, and decide in favor of a candidate not elected; yet there is no appeal except to force. All possible frauds that may thus be committed, better be borne for a time, than to plunge the State into the horrors of civil war.

The provision of our constitution which permits the Executive, or Legislature, to call upon the Court on any occasion, solemn or otherwise, for its opinion, seems to me as wrong in principle, as dangerous in practice. Under this provision, questions are referred to the Court not for decision, only for opinions, which the Executive or Legislature may take for what they are worth, follow them or disregard them at will, as has sometimes happened in our history. If these opinions are to be regarded as decisions binding the conscience and free will of the other branches of the government, where is the boasted independence of these co-ordinate branches,

which has ever been deemed the peculiar beauty of our system, and as fundamental as the reserved rights of the State?

As the Court has not the responsibility of *deciding* such questions, its opinions partake of the character of opinions generally. We all know how cheap our opinions are when we are not responsible for them. We never know quite what we ought to do, any more than what we can do, until brought face to face with our responsibilities. For responsibility is the true inspirer that gives us wisdom and courage equal to our day,—the wisdom to discern the path of duty, and the courage to pursue it.

In the Constitutional Convention of 1787, John Adams proposed to engraft upon our National Constitution this provision of his own State Constitution—whence we derived it; but fortunately for the Republic, his proposition was rejected. If, in an evil moment, it had been adopted, can it be doubted that our Constitution would have contained a dangerous, if not fatal, provision;—that the Supreme Court would have become the overshadowing power in the Government, and, in the hands of a weak or wicked President, been used to sustain Executive usurpations, destructive of the Government itself?

It may be asked, is there, then, no remedy against possible fraud and corruption, in matters of such vital importance? Yes, wait for the righteous and certain vengeance of the ballot box; and, as to the guilty perpetrators of the fraud—traitors to a public trust—let their punishment be as swift as was his of old, who laid his hand upon the Ark of the Covenant.

IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT.

The increase of population in this State, during the last decade, is between three and four per cent. This increase, for the most part, is limited to two counties, Androscoggin and Aroostook, and is due chiefly to the manufacturing interests of the one, and the agricultural attractions of the other. Thousands of our citizens have left the State, during

the decade, to escape their burdens of debt and taxation, hoping to better their chances in a new country.

Why is it that the West is making such drafts upon our population, upon the bone and muscle and intelligence of our people? A prosperous people do not emigrate; only those who are in distress. This is true of emigration from one State to another, as well as of emigration from the old countries to this.

One of the most efficient causes tending to drive citizens from the State, is the law of imprisonment for debt, as all must admit who know anything of its operation. This law is made the means of great oppression. Demands are cut up into small amounts, ten or fifteen dollar notes given, execution taken out upon each, and the debtor is pursued, harassed and oppressed, until he is forced to leave the State to preserve his personal liberty. The poor debtor in this State is deprived of the benefits of the statute exempting his property from attachment, for it must go, if it be his last cow or shoat, to pay the fees and costs of his disclosure. It is a shame that the personal liberty of the citizen should be held more cheaply than the collection of a ten dollar demand. Maine is now about the only State that retains upon its statute books this relic of barbarism.

The act of last winter, giving justices of the peace and of the quorum jurisdiction throughout the State, adds to the abomination of this law; for, in cases of disclosure, the creditor may now take his justice from the most distant part of the State, at the expense of the debtor.

USURY.

Then, in aid of the law of imprisonment for debt, we have a statute which limits the interest, which the creditor may exact only by his greed and the necessities of the debtor. Under this law, whatever the exactions by the money-lender, in the form of interest, they are not regarded as usury or extortion, only as a business transaction. The evil effects of

the law develop slowly but surely. They tend not only to transfer the property of the many to the pockets of the few, but to paralyze and blight all productive industries, by rendering the trade of the money-lender the most profitable as well as the most favored business in the State.

The evil effects of this law have been most conspicuous in the disasters it has brought upon our savings institutions. All have suffered by it, and many been brought to the verge of ruin. The managers of these institutions are of the best men in our State, and yet, in the management of funds not their own, and under the restraints of legislative supervision, such was their passion for high rates of interest, these men neglected their first duty to the depositors and loaded the banks with investments of such doubtful character that banks holding six millions of deposits, suspended payment. If these insolvent banks had gone into the hands of receivers, instead of having their liabilities scaled down under the wise provisions of our law, the result would have been disastrous indeed. If good men—the best in the State—handling trust funds, are so anxious to make money for others, what may we not expect, under the license of this law, from men who are governed in their rates of interest, only by their greed to make money for themselves?

This law also tends to aggravate, immensely, far greater evils—those resulting from the non-taxable Government bond.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

Debt, public and private ; debt and taxation are slowly but surely undermining our free institutions. Government bonds not only escape taxation themselves, but they furnish a cover for all other kinds of evidences of debt that *are* taxable. This double iniquity must be borne so long as United States bonds are endured. It would seem that the proposition to refund the seven or eight hundred millions of United States bonds now maturing, could meet with but little favor by the mass of the people in this State ; that their interests demanded

that these bonds should be paid, not refunded to remain a burden for a generation at least, and perhaps for generations. Then that other proposition, before the American Congress, to retire and destroy the 346,000,000 of legal tender notes,—burn them, so that out of their ashes may arise a like amount of interest-bearing bonds to further tax the labor and industry of the country! Would it not be more in accordance with the interest of the toiling masses in this country, to require the National Banks to retire their currency, some over three hundred millions, and replace it with United States legal tenders, and thereby pay off a like amount of United States bonds, burn them up and thus relieve the people of so much burden of interest, and above all, from the baneful influence of these bonds upon the currency and business of the country?

The Treasurer of the United States in his last report says: “Instead of the volume of the circulation being regulated by the business needs of the country, it is governed by the price of United States bonds! Within the last year a large reduction of bank circulation has taken place in the face of an active demand for money, simply because a good profit could be made by withdrawing and selling the four per cents deposited as security for circulation. Nearly twenty-five million dollars in four per cent. bonds were thus withdrawn during the last fiscal year.” The power that controls the volume of the people’s money is certain to control the people’s destinies.

This question of the currency is one about which honest men may honestly differ. It is an important question. Its decision will be of far-reaching consequence. If the bank currency win the whole field of circulation, then we shall have a never-ending national debt, maintained by the banks as the basis of their existence; yes, fostered by them as “a national blessing”—to the banks, ever increasing in number and power as the country increases in wealth and population, and certain to become, if not so already, a political machine,

hostile to free government, mingling in the elections and legislation of the country, corrupting the press and exerting its influence in the only way known to the money power—by corruption.

But it is claimed that this bond policy is demanded in the interest of idle capital; that it is necessary to furnish “an opportunity for the safe investment of idle capital.” These safe investments for idle capital are destructive, not only of the industries, but of the morals of the people. As they render the trade of the money lender the most profitable business, they tend to create a race of idlers, misers and cowards who will never take any chances with labor in the productive industries, while this opportunity, for safe investment and exemption from taxation, is open to them. They take no risks. The Vanderbilts, with tens of millions of United States bonds, spending the interest in Europe, and the tens of thousands of lesser bondholders, who produce nothing and do nothing except clip coupons, what are they to this country and its industries, but a class of gilded paupers supported by the labor of the country.

If this bondholding policy shall continue, judging by the rapid accumulation of property in the hands of the few, during the last fifteen years, how long will it be before we shall see, in this country, the same condition of things as in England, where one hundred and sixty persons own one-half of all the soil of England, and two-thirds of Scotland; or, as in Ireland, where only one person in ten hundred and fifty-eight, owns one foot of mother earth? Order reigns at Dublin to-day; so it did at Warsaw.

We have in this country 5,000 persons who own and possess 5,000 millions of property, mostly accumulated within the last fifteen years, and that, too, through unequal laws. Twenty years ago a millionaire in this country, was as rare as a prince, and so was a tramp.

CORPORATE POWER.

According to Poor's Manual on Railroads, the number of miles of railroads in operation in this country, increased from 9,000 in 1851, to 86,500 miles in 1879; and the gross earnings from \$36,000,000 in 1851 to \$529,000,000 in 1879. These facts serve to illustrate the most startling development of the age—the development of corporate power.

The presidents of the great trunk lines in this country control property, three of them, valued at \$1,818,000,000; and three others, property valued at \$943,000,000.

These great trunk lines have been in the habit of combining, and raising and lowering rates, not according to business principles, but according to their selfish interests. It is notorious that the change of these rates in a single week recently added \$5,000,000 per week to the burdens of the people, and put many times that amount into the hands of Eastern holders of grain, some of whom were Railroad Directors. Continue for another thirty years the present power of corporations to tax the public, and we shall have a moneyed aristocracy in this country, such as the world has never seen, and with all the attendant phenomena of venal legislators, and corruption in high places, which has caused the downfall of all republics in history.

How, then, can any reflecting mind, any patriot, contemplate without anxious concern, the tendency of the legislation of this country to create such rapid accumulation of property in the hands of the few at the expense of the many?

"The freest government," says Webster, "cannot long endure, where the tendency of the laws is to create a rapid accumulation of property in a few hands, and to render the masses of the people poor and dependent."

Universal suffrage and great landed estates cannot long exist together, for either the owners of the estates must restrict the right of suffrage, or that right of suffrage will in the end divide their estates.

Is it not time we paused in our career, and reviewed our principles?

FREEHOLDS.

Our institutions were founded upon equality, or rather, grew out of equality—that condition of comparative equality as to property, that characterized the early settlers of New England. They brought with them no great capitals, and, fortunately for humanity, there was nothing here productive, to tempt investments. If one millionaire had come over in the Mayflower, he would have blasted the prospects of a continent; for ours, then, would have been a government not to protect labor but capital. Capital would have shaped it. Our ancestors came here all upon an equality as to property, or rather as to poverty. But the lands were all open and free to them. They entered into possession and established the town system, the hundred acre lot system, the district school system, and upon this foundation they builded their free and Christian republic. All were tillers of the soil, farmers—not tenant farmers, but freeholders, having absolute dominion over their acres, recognizing no man as lord or master, no power between them and the God they worshipped. They were lords and sovereigns themselves, and if we are a nation of sovereigns to-day, it is only so far as we are a nation of freeholders. When these sovereigns got together to form a government what kind of a government could they form? Only that under which all were equals, all were sovereigns. They could not have formed any other if they had tried. It was this necessary act of parceling out the land into small freeholds, says Webster, “that fixed the future frame and form of their government.”

Our New England ancestors not only began their system of government under a condition of comparative equality as to property, but all their laws were of a nature to favor and perpetuate that equality. This is undoubtedly the true principle of legislation. Any system of legislation, therefore, that tends to destroy this happy equality, wipe out the small free-

holds and centralize the ownership of land in the hands of the few, not only destroys the prosperity and independence of the people, but strikes at the very foundation of our republic. There is nothing in this country so sacred as the freehold. It was the immediate parent of our free-school system and constitutes the essential condition of its existence, for in a country of great landed estates the district school system is as impossible as it is unknown.

CONCLUSION.

At the foundation of our free system, therefore, lies the principle of EQUALITY, and it is only upon that principle it can be preserved; for it can rest in the love of all only as it rests in the interests of all. Move it from this basis of equality and our temple of liberty falls, and then who shall raise up its shapely columns again? It was only by a happy concurrence of the most fortunate circumstances, our Constitution was framed and adopted. No other people, no other country, no other age were equal to the work. How far above the powers of the American people to-day is such an achievement? We should know, since we are not able to supply its one little defect, in relation to counting the electoral votes. The wisdom and patriotism of Congress is unequal to the task, though urged to it by every consideration of public safety. No, if our experiment of free government shall fail from the earth, it will be the knell of popular liberty the world over and for all time.

Cicero, in one of his orations, is led off into a panegyric upon the Roman Constitution. How apt are his words, when applied to our immaculate charter, the crowning glory of the Revolution,—that master-piece of human invention, at once the wonder and hope of the world,—the Constitution under which we live! for, says the great orator, "O wonderful system and discipline of government which we have received from our fathers!—LET US PRESERVE IT."

HARRIS M. PLAISTED.

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. DICKEY of Fort Kent, announced the attendance of John C. Talbot, member elect from East Machias, and was charged with the duty of conducting him to the Governor, where he took and subscribed the necessary oaths of office.

Subsequently Mr. Talbot appeared and took his seat in the House.

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

On the Judiciary.

Messrs. Emery of Hancock,
Mortland of Knox,
Bisbee of Oxford, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Strout of Portland,
McKusick of Calais,
Hall of Rockland,
Flint of Dover,
King of Caribou,
Talbot of East Machias,
Hutchinson of Houlton, *of the House*.

On Legal Affairs.

Messrs. Walker of Oxford,
Dingley of Androscoggin,
Cornish of Kennebec, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Verrill of Portland,
Parker of Lewiston,
Freeman of Cherryfield,
Emery of Saco,
Sprague of Phipsburg,
Swan of Minot,
Bridgham of Buckfield, *of the House*.

On Financial Affairs.

- Messrs. Cornish of Kennebec,
Hill of Hancock,
Beatty of York, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Hatch of Bangor,
Morrill of Augusta,
True of Portland,
Goss of Bath,
Jordan of Auburn,
Jones of Winthrop,
Ritchie of Winterport, *of the House*.

On Federal Relations.

- Messrs. Nutting of Cumberland,
Coffin of Washington,
Dudley of Aroostook, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Jordan of Auburn,
Glidden of St. George,
Averill of Prentiss,
Parsons of New Portland,
Foss of Danforth,
Chadbourne of Waterborough,
McKellar of South Thomaston, *of the House*.

On Education.

- Messrs. Parcher of Androscoggin,
Cornish of Kennebec,
Nutting of Cumberland, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Thompson of Brunswick,
Marble of Paris,
Perley of North Yarmouth,
Purinton of Bowdoin,
Hatch of Bangor,
Keegan of Van Buren,
Estes of Troy, *of the House*.

On Railroads.

Messrs. Beatty of York,
Lamson of Sagadahoc,
Smith of Penobscot, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Bradstreet of Bridgton,
Fisher of Boothbay,
Wentworth of Kittery,
Buck of Orland,
Seavey of West Gardiner,
Goodwin of Hudson,
Staples of Eliot, *of the House*.

On Commerce.

Messrs. Coffin of Washington,
Wakefield of York,
Sherman of Waldo, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Goss of Bath,
Lord of Bangor,
Bragdon of Sullivan,
Nickels of Searsport,
Harris of York,
Benner of Waldoborough,
Cummings of Jonesport, *of the House*.

On Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Messrs. Lamson of Sagadahoc,
Lord of Cumberland,
Sanborn of York, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Buck of Orland,
Redlon of Portland,
Bird of Rockland,
Boody of Windham,
Sweat of Brownfield,
Marston of Glenburn,
Strout of Cape Elizabeth, *of the House*.

On Banks and Banking.

- Messrs. Dingley of Androscoggin,
Lord of Cumberland,
Hill of Penobscot, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Lord of Bangor,
True of Portland,
Wyman of Augusta,
Clark of Tremont,
Kimball of Rumford,
McKellar of South Thomaston,
Elder of Gray, *of the House*.

On Manufactures.

- Messrs. Dingley of Androscoggin,
Friend of Penobscot,
Pattangall of Washington, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Heath of Waterville,
Shaw of Lisbon,
Lord of Kennebunk,
Burnell of Baldwin,
Goodale of Hartland,
Goodwin of Shapleigh,
Crosby of Norridgewock, *of the House*.

On Agriculture.

- Messrs. Berry of Kennebec,
Sanborn of York,
Hill of Penobscot, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Andrews of Norway,
Mallett of Topsham,
Tarbox of Phillips,
Norris of Monmouth,
Haskell of Turner,
Staples of Parsonsfield,
Partridge of Bristol, *of the House*.

On Military Affairs.

Messrs. Fernald of Franklin,
Flint of Piscataquis,
Buxton of Somerset, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Goss of Auburn,
Shaw of Lisbon,
Heath of Waterville,
Kendall of Freeport,
Libby of Carthage,
Freeman of Lincolnville,
Rowe of Peru, *of the House*.

On Interior Waters.

Messrs. Wakefield of York,
Nutting of Cumberland,
Berry of Kennebec, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Dickey of Fort Kent,
Twitchell of Bethel,
Burnham of Sherman,
Leland of Skowhegan,
Nickerson of Brewer,
Hilton of Kingsbury,
Gilbert of Kingfield, *of the House*.

On State Lands and State Roads.

Messrs. Flint of Piscataquis,
Baker of Somerset,
Clarke of Lincoln, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Cook of Lewiston,
Burnham of Sherman,
Hilton of Kingsbury,
Berry of Garland,
White of Levant,
Ware of Athens,
Bradstreet of Palermo, *of the House*,

On Ways and Bridges.

- Messrs. Hill of Hancock,
Hill of Penobscot,
Coffin of Washington, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Nickerson of Linneus,
Nutter of Corinna,
Wentworth of Gardiner,
Chase of Newcastle,
Vinal of Thomaston,
Doore of Charleston,
Leighton of Westbrook, *of the House*.

On Fisheries and Game.

- Messrs. Brewer of Cumberland,
Jennings of Penobscot,
Wakefield of York, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Thatcher of Bangor,
Leavitt of Deering,
Eastman of Dennysville,
Torrey of Surry,
Wilder of Pembroke,
Smith of Buxton,
Webb of Deer Isle, *of the House*.

On Counties.

- Messrs. Mortland of Knox,
Brewer of Cumberland,
Taber of Waldo, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Bragdon of Sullivan,
Cook of Lewiston,
Maxcy of Portland,
Eldred of Belgrade,
Bartlett of Hope,
Waters of Patten,
Packard of Searsmont, *of the House*.

On Towns.

Messrs. Smith of Penobscot,
Berry of Kennebec,
Walker of Oxford, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. McAlister of Bucksport,
Twitchell of Bethel,
Kendall of Freeport,
Sargent of Sedgwick,
Achorn of China,
Trafton of Newport,
Wheeler of Etna, *of the House*.

On Indian Affairs.

Messrs. Jennings of Penobscot,
Pattangall of Washington,
Parcher of Androscoggin, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Cushman of Ellsworth,
Blanchard of Eastport,
Joy of Union,
Donnell of Biddeford,
Folsom of Oldtown,
Crosby of Whiting,
Loud of Hampden, *of the House*.

On Claims.

Messrs. Baker of Somerset,
Parcher of Androscoggin,
Sherman of Waldo, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Wyman of Augusta,
Pitcher of Belfast,
Varney of Winslow,
Goodall of Sanford,
Bean of Denmark,
Livermore of Bradley,
Sturdivant of Cumberland, *of the House*.

On Pensions.

- Messrs. Sanborn of York,
Friend of Penobscot,
Flint of Piscataquis, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Parker of Lewiston,
Nickerson of Linneus,
McAllister of Bucksport,
Burnham of Sherman,
Wheeler of Easton,
Brown of Sebago,
Dennis of Passadumkeag, *of the House*.

On Insane Hospital.

- Messrs. Pattangall of Washington,
Hill of Hancock,
Dudley of Aroostook, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Morrill of Augusta,
Goss of Auburn,
Wentworth of Kittery,
Sargent of Sedgwick,
Linscott of Farmington,
Marble of Paris,
Eaton of Camden, *of the House*.

On Reform School.

- Messrs. Lord of Cumberland,
Fernald of Franklin,
Taber of Waldo, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Rowell of Hallowell,
Smith of Mt. Vernon,
Burr of Mercer,
Smith of New Sharon,
Boothby of Gorham,
Goodwin of Hudson,
Edgcomb of Limington, *of the House*.

On State Prison.

Messrs. Bisbee of Oxford,
Brewer of Cumberland,
Buxton of Somerset, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Maxcy of Portland,
Wentworth of Gardiner,
Means of Machias,
Leland of Skowhegan,
Hersom of Berwick,
Lang of Palmyra,
Staples of Biddeford, *of the House*.

On Public Buildings.

Messrs. Sherman of Waldo,
Lamson of Sagadahoc,
Baker of Somerset, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Keegan of Van Buren,
Kenniston of Williamsburg,
Wardwell of Otisfield,
Trufant of Harpswell,
Jones of Bridgton,
Staples of Dayton,
Folsom of Oldtown, *of the House*.

On Library.

Messrs. Clarke of Lincoln,
Emery of Hancock,
Fernald of Franklin, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Noyes of Jefferson,
Sprague of Phippsburg,
Harding of Waldo,
Hopkins of Trenton,
Allen of Dresden,
Bragg of Wales,
Ashford of Windsor, *of the House*.

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

On Ways and Means.

Messrs. Hatch of Bangor,
Morrill of Augusta,
True of Portland,
Goss of Bath,
Jordan of Auburn,
Jones of Winthrop,
Ritchie of Winterport.

On Business of the House.

Messrs. Verrill of Portland,
McKusick of Calais,
Staples of Parsonsfield.

On Leave of Absence.

Messrs. Boody of Windham,
Dickey of Fort Kent,
Means of Machias,
Clark of Tremont,
Folsom of Oldtown,
Benner of Waldoborough,
Donnell of Biddeford.

On Change of Names.

Messrs. Fisher of Boothbay,
Strout of Portland,
Bird of Rockland,
Parsons of New Portland,
Andrews of Norway,
Eastman of Dennyville,
Goodwin of Shapleigh.

On Bills in the Third Reading.

Messrs. Eaton of Rockport,
McAlister of Bucksport,
Nutter of Corinna,
Glidden of St. George,
Redlon of Portland,
Estes of Troy,
Goodall of Sanford.

On Engrossed Bills.

Messrs. Pitcher of Belfast,
Rowell of Hallowell,
Bradstreet of Bridgton,
Flint of Dover,
Linscott of Farmington,
Freeman of Lincolnville,
Sweat of Brownfield.

On motion of Mr. MORRILL of Augusta,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

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

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

Ordered, The House concurring, that Section 1, Joint Rules and Orders of the two Houses, be amended by adding to the list of Joint Standing Committees, a Committee on the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

The foregoing order came from the Senate indefinitely postponed, and was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

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 consider the Governor's Message and report a reference of its several subjects to appropriate committees.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and

Messrs. Jennings of Penobscot,

Emery of Hancock,

Bisbee of Oxford,

appointed on its part.

The order was read and passed in concurrence, and was laid aside by the Speaker.

Ordered, That a Joint 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 prohibitory laws shall be referred.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and
Messrs. Flint of Piscataquis,
Berry of Kennebec,
Taber of Waldo,
appointed on its part.

The order was read and passed in concurrence, and laid aside by the Speaker.

“Resolve relating to taxes assessed upon railroads for the year 1880;”

Bill “an act to amend an act entitled ‘an act to incorporate the Square Pond Reservoir Company;’”

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Penobscot and Lake Megantic Railroad Company;

Bill “an act to enable the Boston and Maine Railroad to purchase the Orchard Beach Railroad,” with a petition;

Were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of Augustus Stevenson and others, for charter for steam ferry from Kittery to Portsmouth, N. H.;

Petition of Shaw Brothers, for a charter to erect dams and make improvements on Scagg Rock and Jimmy Brook;

Petition of T. A. Egery and others, for an amendment of charter of Katahdin Dam Company;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Nathan R. Dyer et. als., for Marine Railway at Cape Elizabeth, was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of Putnam Wilson and others, for an act of incorporation, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Amos L. Allen and others of the town of Alfred, for an act to prohibit the taking of fish from Messabesic pond and its outlet for two years, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of F. Shaw and Brothers and others, to divide the town of Eaton, was referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of Benjamin W. Peckett and others, for an act of incorporation for an Eclectic Medical College of Maine, was referred to the Committee on Insane Hospital.

Claim of A. J. Cameron for binding for the State, disallowed by the Council of 1880, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. SWAN of Minot,

Ordered, That two thousand copies of the address of Governor Harris M. Plaisted, be printed for the use of this House.

Mr. SHAW of Lisbon, presented the following, which was laid on the table at his request :

Ordered, That a Joint Select Committee, consisting of sixteen on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to consider the apportionment of Senators and Representatives, who shall be elected to constitute the Legislature of Maine, and report to the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland,

Ordered, That at 12 o'clock, noon, on Tuesday next, the House shall proceed to vote for a Senator to Congress, for the full term from March 4th 1881, in accordance with the laws of the United States.

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire what legislation is necessary in relation to the equity practice in the courts of this State.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON of Brunswick,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of so amending section 15 of the insolvency law, that it shall apply to the property of debtors who have absconded or removed from the State.

On motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 174 of the laws of 1877, relating to administrators, executors, and trustees, by adding after the word "executors," the word "guardians."

On motion of Mr. LEAVITT of Deering,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the charter of the Ocean Street Railroad Company, that the par value of the shares shall be \$25 instead of \$50, as is now provided by chapter 249, section 7, of the public laws of 1880.

Mr. VERRILL of Portland, presented the following :

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that when the Legislature adjourns this day, it be to meet on Tuesday next at 10 o'clock A. M.

Mr. GOSS of Auburn, moved to amend by striking out "10 o'clock" and inserting "11 o'clock."

The amendment was accepted by Mr. Verrill, and the order was given a passage.

On motion of Mr. EATON of Camden,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of providing by statute for the election of selectmen of towns in the same manner as the superintending school committee are now chosen; also that the same committee inquire into the expediency of providing by statute for the abolition of imprisonment for debt.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. BRIDGHAM of Buckfield,

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Report of the Board of Managers of the Industrial School for Girls, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on State Reform School.

Communication from the State Treasurer transmitting his annual report, came from the Senate read, and the report referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

The communication was read and the report referred in concurrence.

Annual report of the Directors and Managers of the American Asylum at Hartford for the Deaf and Dumb, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Education.

Annual report of Trustees and Resident Officers of the Maine Insane Hospital, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Insane Hospital.

Petition of N. W. Dutton and others, for a charter for an Eclectic Medical College ;

Petition of R. Blake and others ;

Petition of J. F. Cobb and others ;

Petition of Minard Roberts and others of Hallowell ;

Petition of O. Currier and others ;

Petition of G. E. Newcomb and others ;

Petition of W. H. Hatch and others ;

Petition of J. Chandler and others of Gardiner ;

Petition of C. W. Fuller and others of Livermore ;

Petition of T. S. Murry and others of Portland ;

Petition of Ara Cushman and others, in aid of the same ;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of citizens of Berwick, asking that a portion of Berwick be set off to South Berwick ; and

Petition of citizens of South Berwick, asking that the prayer of citizens of Berwick be granted ;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of John F. Sprague and 21 others, for incorporation of Piscataquis Game and Fish Protective Association, with bill accompanying, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of Benjamin Chase, for bounty on bears, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of G. M. Ogden and others, for incorporation of Mount Desert Reading Room, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Ordered, That a new apportionment of the State for Senators and Representatives to the Legislature is expedient, and that a Joint Select Committee of seven on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed, to take into consideration the enumeration of the inhabitants of this State as a basis for such apportionment.

On motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland, the House ordered that the Committee should consist of sixteen on part of the House, one to be taken from each county.

Ordered, That there be appointed a Committee of five, consisting of one from each Congressional District in the State, on the part of

the Senate, with such as the House may join, for the purpose of making a new apportionment of the State with proper Districts for members of Congress, if expedient and necessary, at this session.

Ordered, That a Committee of seven on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed for the purpose of making a new arrangement of the Councillor Districts of the State for the next decade, if expedient, together with the assignment to each county in said Councillor Districts.

These orders came from the Senate read and passed, and were read and passed in concurrence, and sixteen ordered to be the proportion of the Committee on part of the House.

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

Ordered, The House concurring, that the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be requested to inquire into the rights of Peter McKinnee of Maysville, to a portion of a lot of land in said Maysville, in the county of Aroostook, of which by evident mistake, either in the Land Office or in the Aroostook registry, he appears to have no valid recorded title thereof, and report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law relating to common schools, as to make it the duty of the superintending school committees to employ teachers in all cases, and to report by bill or otherwise.

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

The Joint Standing Committee on Mines and Mining, came from the Senate and was joined by the House and is as follows :

Messrs. Jennings of Penobscot,

Emery of Hancock,

Lord of Cumberland, of the Senate,

and was laid aside by the Chair.

A communication was received from Hon. Henry B. Cleaves, Attorney General elect, accepting the office to which he had been elected.

Communications were received from the Secretary of State, transmitting the annual report of the officers of the Maine Insane Hos-

pital, Maine Industrial School for Girls, Reform School and Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb at Hartford, Conn., which were referred to the appropriate Committees in concurrence.

A communication was received from Hon. S. A. Holbrook, Treasurer of State, transmitting his annual report, which was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

On motion of Mr. FLINT of Dover,

That gentleman was charged with the duty of conducting Mr. Kennison, member from Williamsburg, to the Governor, where he took and subscribed the oath required to qualify him to enter upon his official duties.

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

Petition of commissioners of Washington county, for right to reassess certain taxes on the unincorporated townships in said county, was referred to Washington County Delegation.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Ocean Park Association ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Dyer Library Association ;"

Petition of Nelson Dingley, Jr. and 50 others, for a change of divorce laws ;

Petition of L. G. Downs and others, in relation to deeding certain real estate to Calais National Bank ;

Bill "an act additional to chapter 275, special laws of 1863 ;"

Petition of F. M. Drew and 52 others, for change of divorce laws ;

Petition of J. A. Mahar and others of Washington county, for repeal of cider law ;

Petition of H. A. Sprague and others from the town of Charlotte, for an act to prohibit smoking at public places ;

Petition of W. Woodbury and 51 others, for change of divorce laws ;

Bill "an act to incorporate the Island Cottage Company ;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of J. P. Moore and others, pertaining to the sale of vinegar ;

Petition of L. B. Waldron and others, relating to the jurisdiction of trial justices in the town of Dexter ;

Petition of E. Sproul and others of Veazie, in aid of petition of N. W. Dutton and others, for an Eclectic Medical College ;

Petition of S. O. Snipe and others of Bath, in regard to manufacture of vinegar ;

Bill " an act making cemeteries public ;"

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of W. S. Cram and others of the town of Trescott, for division of said town ;

Petition of Ephraim Grant and others, to be set off from the town of Columbia to Cherryfield, with bill accompanying ;

Petition of Willard L. Robbins and others, for exemption from certain taxes ;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

The hour having arrived to vote for a Senator in the Congress of the United States for the term of six years from the fourth of March next ; and this being the second Tuesday subsequent to the meeting and organization of the Legislature of this State, the day designated by sections 14 to 19 inclusive, of chapter 1, title II of the Revised Statutes of the United States, in relation to the election of Senators, the House proceeded openly and by a *viva voce* vote of each member present, on call of the roll, to name a person for Senator in Congress from this State, for a term of six years from the fourth of March next, with the following result :

Whole number of votes was	147
Necessary to a choice	74
Hon. Eugene Hale had	83
Hon. J. L. Smith	64

And Hon. Eugene Hale had a majority of all the votes cast.

Those who voted for Mr. Hale were Messrs.

Achorn,	Buck,	Fisher,
Andrews,	Burnell,	Flint,
Ashford,	Burnham,	Freeman, Cherryfield,
Bean,	Burr,	Goodall,
Berry,	Chase,	Goss of Auburn,
Bird,	Clark,	Goss of Bath,
Blanchard,	Cook,	Hall,
Boody,	Cushman,	Harris,
Bradstreet, Bridgton,	Eastman,	Hatch,
Bragdon,	Emery,	Heath,

Hersom,	McAlister,	Shaw,
Hilton,	McKusick,	Smith of New Sharon,
Hopkins,	Means,	Smith of Mt. Vernon,
Hutchinson, Lewiston,	Morrill,	Sprague,
Jones of Winthrop,	Nickerson of Linneus,	Strout of Portland,
Jordan,	Nickerson of Brewer,	Tarbox,
Joy,	Nickels,	Thatcher,
Kendall,	Norris,	Thompson,
Kennison,	Noyes,	Torry,
Kimball,	Nutter,	True,
King,	Parker,	Twitchell,
Leland,	Perley,	Varney,
Libby,	Pitcher,	Verrill,
Lord of Bangor,	Purinton,	Wentworth, Gardiner,
Lord of Kennebunk,	Redlon,	Wentworth, Kittery,
Mallett,	Rowell,	Wilder,
Marble,	Sargent,	Wyman—83.
Maxey,	Seavey,	

Those who voted for Mr. Smith were Messrs.

Allen,	Estes,	McKellar,
Averill,	Folsom,	Packard,
Bartlett,	Foss,	Parsons,
Benner,	Freeman, Lincolnville,	Partridge,
Boothby,	Gilbert,	Rowe,
Bradstreet of Palermo,	Glidden,	Ritchie,
Bragg,	Goodale,	Smith of Buxton,
Bridgham,	Goodwin, Hudson,	Staples of Dayton,
Brown,	Goodwin, Shapleigh,	Staples, Parsonsfield,
Chadbourne,	Harding,	Staples of Eliot,
Crosby, Norridgewock,	Haskell,	Strout, C. Elizabeth,
Crosby of Whiting,	Hutchinson, Houlton,	Sturdivant,
Cummings,	Jones of Brighton,	Sweat,
Dennis,	Keegan,	Talbot,
Dickey,	Lang,	Trafton,
Doore,	Leavitt,	Trufant,
Eaton,	Leighton,	Vinal,
Edgcomb,	Linscott,	Wardwell,
Elder,	Loud,	Ware,
Eldred,	Marston,	Waters,

Webb, Wheeler of Easton, Wheeler of Etna,
White—64.

Petition of towns of Shirley and Blanchard, in regard to wagon wheels ;

Petition of county commissioners of Franklin county, for aid in building road ;

Were referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Petition of Samuel S. Davis and others, for an act establishing the weight of a barrel of herring ;

Petition of Francis P. Emerson, for exclusive right to use Barrell's mill pond in York, for the purpose of stocking it with fish ;

Petition of Robert McClain and others, for an act to prohibit taking of mackerel with seines ;

Petition of Nathan Carsley and others, for protection of trout in Carsley and other brooks in town of Harrison ;

Were referred to Committee on Fisheries.

Bill "an act to revive the charter of the Brownfield and Sebec Railroad Company ;"

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Aroostook River Railroad Company ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Portland and Rochester Railroad ;"

Were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of Henry A. Sprague and others, for a bounty on hawks ;

Petition of S. M. Locke and others, for a bounty on bears ;

Petition of David Toothaker and others, in aid of same ;

Petition of Henry A. Sprague, for a bounty on squirrels ;

Were referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of G. H. Vose and others, for State pension ; and

Petition of Alonzo M. Bartlett, asking for pension ;

Were referred to Committee on Pensions.

Credentials of Joseph Nicola, Representative from the Penobscot tribe of Indians ; and

Petition of Penobscot Indians, for certain appropriation for benefit of the tribe ;

Were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Petition of Edward K. Hitchcock, ex-County Treasurer of Franklin county, for re-assessment of certain taxes, was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Memorial of Albert W. Paine, for amendment of insurance laws

so as to require annual report of Insurance Commissioner, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of Charles H. Brown and others, for right to dyke a certain marsh in Georgetown;

Petition of J. S. Jenness, to build wharves in tide waters of Hampden;

Petition of F. L. Farnham and others, for aid in building bridge in town of Washburn;

Petition of John G. Remick and others, for charter for Flood Pond Stream Dam Company;

Bill "an act to incorporate Pleasant Cove Ice and Water Power Company;"

Petition of Charles G. Stevens and others, for amendment of charter of Sebois Dam Company;

Petition of J. A. Steadman and others, for right to construct dykes in certain marsh in Georgetown;

Petition of J. P. Small and others, in aid of petition of F. L. Farnham and others;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of J. F. Fritz and others, for an appropriation for military encampment;

Petition of Company A, Second Regiment, in aid of same;

Were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Petition of citizens of Patten and others, for an appropriation on road known as Shin Pond road in Mt. Chase;

Petition of Alonzo Ricker of Oakfield, for stumpage;

Petition of Peter Sponburg, relative to lot of land;

Petition of Andrew Wiren, relative to property in New Sweden;

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

Petition of M. C. Kelly and others of Phillips, for an act authorizing superintending school committees to employ teachers;

Petition of Abner Phipp and others; and

Petition of George H. Emerson and others, in aid of same;

Petition of Henry A. Sprague and others, for establishment of a school for the education of certain children;

Petition of Selectmen of town of Washington, for reimbursement of school fund;

Petition of N. T. Talbot and others, for an act in aid of common schools in Rockport and Camden;

Were referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of Erastus Redman and 31 others, for a steam ferry across Sullivan river ;

Petition of George A. Hopkins and 46 others ;

Petition of R. E. Wallace and 18 others ;

Petition of Charles P. Nickells and 40 others ;

Petition of H. H. Bowles and 46 others ;

Petition of D. B. Byther and 70 others ;

Petition of — Wooster and 24 others ;

Petition of John P. Gordon and 45 others ;

Petition of B. F. Sumner and 40 others ;

Petition of A. H. Joy and 32 others ;

Petition of C. B. Hodgkins and 45 others ;

Petition of M. C. Stanley and 30 others ;

Petition of Ed. B. Wyman and 44 others ;

Petition of F. Gerrish and 45 others ;

Petition of John H. Stinson and 44 others ;

Petition of Eugene J. Swan and 45 others ;

Petition of A. Sherman and 45 others ;

Petition of A. W. Cushman and 41 others, severally in aid of same ;

Petition of Isaiah Blaisdell and 69 others of Ellsworth, to memorialize the General Assembly of New York to repeal the Hell Gate pilot laws ;

Petition of George H. Boardman and others, in reference to same ;

Petition of Hartford H. Weed and others, to be allowed to dredge and navigate Winnecook lake ;

Petition of George W. Caldwell and others, for right to build and maintain a wharf on the eastern shore of Muscongus bay ;

Were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of Melville D. Marshall, asking that his name be changed, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing, as far as practicable, by general laws, for all matters usually appertaining to special or private legislation.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the several Joint Standing Committees be instructed to report legislation inexpedient upon all applications referred to them, whether by bill, petition, or otherwise, for special or private legislation, or for the formation of corporations, except for municipal purposes, and where the objects of such corporations cannot be otherwise obtained.

These orders exciting discussion, were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. KING of Caribou,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing by enactment for the holding of one term annually of the Supreme Judicial Court at Caribou, in the county of Aroostook.

On motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Library be directed to see what rules and legislation are necessary for the better regulation and protection of the State Library, and report the same to this Legislature.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. GOSS of Auburn,

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Petition of Benj. W. Pickett and others, for an act for Eclectic Medical College of Maine, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of F. C. Barker for renewal of charter to navigate by steam Mooselucmeguntic and Cupsuptic Lakes ;

Petition of J. H. Kimball and others, in aid of same ;

Petition of T. D. Page and others ;

Petition of Sylvanus Poor and others ;

Petition of Thomas McLeard, in aid of same ;

Were referred in concurrence to Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Mrs. Catharine M. Crowell and 34 others, for bounty on foxes, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of George R. Schofield and others, for division of the town of Harpswell, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of C. I. Briggs, for aid on roads in Carrying Place plantation, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Petition of N. W. Farwell and others, for an act of incorporation, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of Samuel Farmer and others of Phillips, to prevent winter fishing in Rangely lake, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of C. A. Western, for an appropriation for instruction in rifle practice, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Petition of S. W. Baker and others, for an act authorizing superintending school committees to employ teachers, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Education.

Petition of Samuel Sylvester, for right to build dam across Pemiquid river ;

Petition of Daniel B. Gove and others ;

Petition of Albert C. Sproul and others ;

Petition of Eugene Sproul and others ;

Petition of C. P. Tibbetts and others, in aid of same ;

Petition of L. C. Crockett, for right to raise the dam at the outlet of Trickey pond in Naples ;

Petition of T. N. Egery, W. T. Pearson and others, for amendment of charter of Bangor Boom Company ;

Petition of C. C. Leighton and others, for an act additional to an act authorizing the erection of a dam across Sheepscot river ;

Petition of Levi W. Weston and others, for right to construct a boom across Kennebec river ;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of William Forsyth and others of Bucksport, for change of law in regard to divorce ;

Petition of H. N. Fairbanks and others, for incorporation of Norombega Sporting Club ;

Petition of I. Record of Houlton, for change of divorce law ;

Petition of A. G. Farrar and others, against trial justices having jurisdiction throughout the State ;

Petition of Rev. J. S. Richards and others, for change of divorce law ;

Petition of W. A. DePew, for same ;

Petition of Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad Company ;

Petition of Warren W. Rice, late warden of State Prison, for reimbursement for money paid for damages and costs incurred in the discharge of his duty ;

Bill "an act authorizing county commissioners of the County of Somerset to re-assess certain taxes ;"

Petition of J. S. Cogswell and others of the city of Auburn, for change of divorce law ;

Petition of Ezekiel Vose and others of Washington county, for change of the law of 1879, relating to compensation of jailers for board of prisoners in county jails ;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The hour of twelve meridian, having arrived, the time fixed by a law of the United States for the two Houses of the Legislature to meet in Joint Assembly, for the purpose of comparing the votes cast for a Senator in Congress, for the term of six years from the fourth of March next,

The Senate came in and a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

So much of the records of both branches as related to the choice of a Senator in Congress, was then read.

The PRESIDENT then announced the result, and declared that the Hon. EUGENE HALE had been elected a Senator in Congress for the term of six years commencing March 4, 1881.

On motion of Mr. EMERY of the Senate,

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

The purpose of the Convention having been accomplished, the Senate retired.

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

Petition of citizens of Patten in favor of J. P. Leslie ;

Petition of citizens of Maewahoc plantation, praying for appropriation to build bridge in said plantation ;

Petition of Virgil P. Hall and others of Mayfield, for change of resolves of 1878 ;

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

Petition of Peter Sabattis and others, members of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians ;

“Resolve relating to the purchase of land by the agent of the Passamaquoddy Indians ;”

Credentials of Newell Joseph, Representative of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians ;

Were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Petition of citizens of Mattawamkeag, that the school law be amended so that the superintending school committee shall employ teachers in all cases ;

Petition of George W. Page and 33 others, asking that such changes be made in the school laws of this State as shall confer upon the superintending school committee of towns the absolute power to employ teachers ;

Were referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of John B. Farrell and others, inhabitants of northern Aroostook, for aid in building a bridge across the St. John river at Van Buren, was referred to Committee on Federal Relations.

Petition of James Mitchell of Orland to change his name ;

Bill "an act to change the name of Alice York of Caribou ;"

Were referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of the inhabitants of Hartland and Palmyra, for an appropriation for an annual encampment for Maine militia ;

Petition of city government of Biddeford, Company G. 1st Regiment, M. V. M., J. H. McMullan, citizen, and seventy others, for an appropriation for instruction in rifle practice and annual encampment ;

Were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Bill "an act to amend section 67 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the assessment of taxes ;"

Petition of John W. Perry and others of the town of Brunswick, to prevent destruction of pigeons at shooting matches ;

Bill "an act to establish reasonable maximum rate of fare for transportation of passengers and to prevent an unjust discrimination in charges for transportation of freight on railroads ;"

Petition of A. M. Hopkins and others of Ellsworth, for an act to incorporate the Bar Harbor Gas Light Company, to supply the inhabitants of the town of Eden and Mt. Desert with gas ;

Bill "an act to amend section 48, chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to highway taxes ;"

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Ephraim Stevens and 61 others, to prohibit the taking of mackerel in seines within the jurisdiction of this State ;

Petition of Daniel Gilbert and 45 others of Bristol, in aid of same ;

Petition of Joseph W. Farrar and 36 others of Bristol, in aid of same ;

Petition of Lyman Curtis and 48 others of Bristol, in aid of same ;

Bill "an act to amend chapter 200 of private and special laws of 1876, relating to fishing in Hewes' pond in the town of Hermon ;"

Petition of Orestes M. Brown and 23 others of Sebago, to prohibit the taking of fish in Sabbath Day pond for the term of three years ;

Petition of A. J. Darling and others, for a law to prevent taking and killing of smelts in Cold Stream pond and tributaries ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of Capt. C. W. Robinson and 60 others of Machiasport, to memorialize the General Assembly of New York to repeal the Hell Gate pilot laws ;

Petition of Edwin O. Clark and others of Waldoborough, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of citizens of Lee, asking that pension be granted to Almyra E. Cobb, daughter of late Charles W. Cobb of Portland ;

Petition of Samuel Webb, soldier of the Aroostook war, for pension for injuries received while in active service in the winter of 1839 ;

Were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Petition of Mrs. M. J. Baldwin for herself and others, praying to be reimbursed for an over-payment of money to the State for Township No. 7, R. 9, (N. W. P.) purchased by them from the State by deed dated Nov. 27, 1867 ;

Petition of the inhabitants of Oakfield plantation, asking an appropriation to repair in part for damage caused by a hail storm ;

Petition of Thomas W. Porter, asking payment according to terms of agreement with Adjutant General for enlisting men for the 14th Regiment of Maine Volunteers in the year 1861 ;

Were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of Mary G. Perley, to be set off from Bridgton Center Village Corporation, was referred to the Committee on Towns.

Memorial of John T. Gilman, for aid to Maine General Hospital, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petition of G. S. Bunker and others, in aid of steam ferry across Sullivan river ;

Petition of William Hill and others ;

Petition of O. C. Daniel and others ;

Petition of H. Winterbotham and others ; and

Petition of O. B. Foss and others, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Remonstrance of C. H. Eaton and others, against division of the town of Eaton ;

Petition of J. G. Record, to be set off from Crystal plantation and annexed to the town of Sherman ;

Petition of W. C. Hammond and others of Van Buren plantation, to be incorporated into a town of Van Buren ;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition for a bridge in Southport, over tide waters, with bill accompanying ;

Petition of Charles C. Cole and others, for a bridge over tide waters across the mouth of Spinney's creek ;

Petition of George R. Page of Houlton, for protection of mill property ;

Were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. STURDIVANT of Cumberland,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of enacting a law for the better protection of persons whose names upon notes shall be fraudulently obtained.

On motion of Mr. WHEELER of Etna,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be required to inquire into the expediency of enacting a statute requiring town clerks to preserve the ballots cast at any State election for the period of six months after said election.

On motion of Mr. MEANS of Machias,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be and is hereby instructed to furnish the Library with maps of those counties of which it is deficient.

On motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire what legislation, if any, is necessary to carry into effect the fourth item of section 71, chapter 11 of the revised statutes.

On motion of Mr. PERLEY of North Yarmouth,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire what changes, if any, are necessary in the law regarding the selection and supply of text books in our public schools.

On motion of Mr. BURNHAM of Sherman,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 22 of chaptnr 24 of the revised statutes, so as to include persons found in places not incorporated.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the Constitution of this State as to provide that the biennial State elections shall be held on Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, instead of the second Monday in September.

On motion of Mr. GOSS of Bath,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill to prevent double taxation.

The foregoing orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. FLINT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient, on an order relating to suffrage of soldiers who are public beneficiaries, referred from the last Legislature.

Mr. KING, from same Committee, reported same, on an order relating to abolishing the Executive Council, referred from the last Legislature.

Mr. HALL, from same Committee, reported same, on an order relating to codifying of constitutional provision touching elections, referred from the last Legislature.

Mr. TALBOT, from East Machias, from same Committee, reported same, on an order relating to amendment of the Constitution relating to issue of certificates to Representatives and Senators, referred from last Legislature.

Mr. McKUSICK, from same Committee, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to amend the charter of the city of Augusta, approved July 23, 1849."

The same gentleman, from same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient, on an order relating to amending the city charter of Calais.

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

Mr. EMERY, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Dyer Library Association."

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

On motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland,

The order relating to State Printing and Binding was taken from the table, the question being upon the amendment offered by Mr. BENNER of Waldoborough, upon the adoption of which the yeas and nays were ordered, and the House refused to adopt the amendment, by yeas 63, nays 80.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Allen,	Folsom,	Rowe,
Averill,	Foss,	Ritchie,
Bartlett,	Freeman, Lincolnville,	Smith of Buxton,
Benner,	Gilbert,	Staples of Biddeford,
Boothby,	Glidden,	Staples of Dayton,
Bradstreet of Palermo,	Goodale,	Staples, Parsonsfield,
Bragg,	Goodwin, Shapleigh,	Staples of Eliot,
Bridgham,	Harding,	Strout, C. Elizabeth,
Brown,	Haskell,	Sturdivant,
Chadbourne,	Jones of Brighton,	Swan,
Crosby, Norridgewock,	Keegan,	Sweat,
Crosby of Whiting,	Lang,	Talbot,
Cummings,	Leavitt,	Trafton,
Dennis,	Leighton,	Trufant,
Dickey,	Linscott,	Vinal,
Doore,	Loud,	Wardwell,
Eaton,	Marston,	Waters,
Edgecomb,	McKellar,	Webb,
Elder,	Packard,	Wheeler of Easton,
Eldred,	Parsons,	Wheeler of Etna,
Estes,	Partridge,	White—63.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Achorn,	Bradstreet, Bridgton,	Cushman,
Andrews,	Bragdon,	Donnell,
Ashford,	Buck,	Eastman,
Bean,	Burnham,	Emery,
Berry,	Burr,	Fisher,
Bird,	Chase,	Flint,
Blanchard,	Clark,	Freeman, Cherryfield,
Boody,	Cook,	Goodall,

Goss of Auburn,	Lord of Bangor,	Redlon,
Goss of Bath,	Lord of Kennebunk,	Rowell,
Hall,	Mallett,	Seavey,
Harris,	Marble,	Smith of New Sharon,
Hatch,	Maxcy,	Smith of Mt. Vernon,
Heath,	McAlister,	Sprague,
Hersom,	McKusick,	Strout of Portland,
Hilton,	Means,	Tarbox,
Hopkins,	Morrill,	Thatcher,
Hutchinson, Lewiston,	Nickerson of Linneus,	Thompson,
Jones of Winthrop,	Nickerson of Brewer,	Torry,
Jordan,	Nickels,	True,
Joy,	Norris,	Twitchell,
Kendall,	Noyes,	Varney,
Kennison,	Nutter,	Verrill,
Kimball,	Parker,	Wentworth, Gardiner,
King,	Perley,	Wentworth, Kittery,
Leland,	Pitcher,	Wilder—80.
Libby,	Purinton,	

On motion of Mr. KEEGAN of Van Buren, the following order was taken from the table, and received a passage :

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the several joint standing committees be instructed to report legislation inexpedient upon all applications referred to them, whether by bill, petition, or otherwise, for special or private legislation, or for the formation of corporations, except for municipal purposes, and where the objects of such corporations cannot be otherwise obtained.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Remonstrance of E. E. Church and others, against the petition of John G. Remick and others, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of W. H. Atwood and 75 others, in relation to the sale of vinegar ;

Bill " an act to exempt the Lewiston and Auburn Railroad from taxation ;"

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Bill " an act to protect fish in Hosmer's pond in the town of Camden ;"

Petition of inhabitants of Bangor and Brewer, in relation to taking of salmon ;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of Albert M. Nash and others of Harrington, to memorialize the General Assembly of New York, to repeal the Hell Gate Pilot Laws ;

Petition of R. B. Abbott and others, for amendment of charter for steam ferry across Sullivan river ;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of W. F. Spear and others, for bounty for killing bears, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of Omar Clark and others, for appropriation for road in Somerset and Piscataquis counties, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Bill " an act conferring suffrage on women," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of G. H. Stevens and others, of Guilford, for an appropriation for an annual encampment of Maine militia, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Petition of Cyrus Andrews and others, for reduction of toll on lumber being shipped, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of J. A. Mahar and others of Washington county, for repeal of cider law, referred in the House to the Committee on the Judiciary, came from the Senate non-concurred and referred to the Committee on Temperance.

The House receded and concurred.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of further limiting the power of abatement by assessors.

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

The order relating to limitation of private legislation, passed by the House, came back from the Senate amended by increasing the time ten days, to the first day of February instead of twentieth day of January.

The House receded and concurred in the adoption of the amendment, and the order was then passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act to make women eligible to any office," came from the Senate read and accepted, and was accepted in concurrence.

Petition of C. M. Bailey and 240 others of Winthrop, for repeal of chapter 137, public laws of 1879, relating to flowing of highways ;

Petition of Amos Wheeler and others of Winthrop ;

Petition of W. H. Wing and others of Manchester, in aid of same ;

Bill "an act to amend and additional to section 127, chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to the removal of alias and pluries executions ;"

Petition of S. L. Bowler and others, for change of divorce laws ;

Petition of W. W. Thomas and hundreds of others, for school suffrage for women ;

Bill "an act to preserve and enforce attachments on estates of insolvent debtors;"

Petition of J. O. Fisk and others, for change of divorce laws;

Petition of R. C. Robinson and others, for power to sell the Baptist meeting-house in Mount Vernon;

Petition of Frank Wilson and others of the town of Sanford, in aid of petition for amendment of the law by the Square Pond Reservoir Company;

Petition of Francis Cobb and others, asking the Legislature to memorialize Congress in regard to Hell Gate Pilot Laws;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of C. C. Spaulding and 96 others, legal voters of Buckfield, for a law regulating the sale of vinegar;

Bill "an act relating to forcible entry, detainer and tenancies;"

Bill "an act to amend sections 1 and 4 of chapter 163, public laws of 1877, relating to loiterers;"

Petition of J. C. Holbrook and others of Brewer, for authority to county commissioners of Penobscot county, to take and appropriate land in said town for a ferry landing;

Bill "an act relating to actions against insolvent estates;"

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Lewis Freeman and others, for a wharf in tide waters of Bass Harbor, was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of inhabitants of Hersey, for an appropriation on bridge across Mallowamkearl stream, was referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Petition of Thomas Lolah and others, for division of certain lands deeded to Passamaquoddy Indians;

Remonstrance of Mitchell Neptune and 41 others, against taking land for a way on Oldtown island;

Remonstrance of Solomon Francis and others, against division of lands at Pleasant Point;

Were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Petition of John P. Perley and others, for extension of railroad charter, was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of citizens of Dyer Brook plantation, asking for aid, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Memorial of the managers of the Female Orphan Asylum, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petition of W. W. Thomas and 769 others of Portland, for a constitutional amendment forever forbidding the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, save for medical purposes and for the arts, was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Petition of Oliver C. Clark and others, for an appropriation for instruction in rifle practice and for an annual encampment of State militia ;

Petition of A. A. Martin and others ;

Petition of Frank J. Clarkson and others ;

Petition of D. C. Palmer and others ;

Petition of Henry Richards and others of Gardiner, severally in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Petition of Joseph Lamb and others, for protection of trout and land-locked salmon in Cupsuptic and Kennebago streams in the town of Rangely ;

Petition of Nahum Warren and others of the town of Veazie, for equal rights to catch salmon in Penobscot river ;

Petition of B. A. Cox and others of Pittston, to prevent the taking of smelts in Kennebec river except by hook and line ;

Petition of J. R. Bodwell and others of Hallowell, against seining smelts in the Kennebec river or its tributaries ;

Petition of John P. Swasey and others of Canton, against the taking of fish from Bog brook for the term of five years ;

Petition of Isaac W. Smith and others, for an act to protect fish in Lufkin pond in the town of Phillips ;

Petition of John Berry and others of Gardiner, for a law to prevent the taking of smelts from the Kennebec river except by hook and line ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Bill "an act relating to Maine Central Institute," was referred to the Committee on Education.

The foregoing were sent the Senate.

On motion of Mr. FREEMAN of Lincolnville,

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on Insane Hospital be instructed to ascertain and report for the information of this House, how many inmates of the Insane Hospital are State wards, justly chargeable to the State, and from what towns said wards

were committed; also the same facts as regards those inmates of the hospital not chargeable in full to this State.

On motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent,

Ordered, That the Committee on Interior Waters be directed to inquire into the necessity of some appropriation to rebuild the bridge on the old State road, over Fish river, near the south line of Eagle Lake plantation.

On motion of Mr. SPRAGUE of Phippsburg,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of enacting a law for the improvement of salt marshes, and that the law may be in accordance with the general law of Massachusetts, chapter 148.

On motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire what further legislation is necessary for the prevention of injuries to persons getting on and off the cars whilst in motion.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. BRADSTREET of Bridgton,

Ordered, That the use of the Representatives' Hall be granted to the Principal of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum of Hartford, Conn., on February 3, 1881.

Mr. EATON of Camden, submitted the following which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Ireland has given to the world many of her greatest statesmen and heroes, and her sons to-day are toiling on every field; and

WHEREAS, by reason of land monopolists who sink the laborer to the serf, Ireland presents now a whole population of millions in the anguish of oppression, starvation, misery and war, therefore

Resolved, That Ireland in this her time of trial and suffering has the sympathy and commiseration of the people of this State.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Dyer Library Association," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time and passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. BRIDGHAM,

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Communication from the Secretary of State transmitting report of Commissioners of Fisheries and Game ; also transmitting report of the Attorney General for 1880.

The communications were read, and the first report referred in concurrence to the Committee on Fisheries and Game, and the last to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of S. O. Paine and others, for an act to prohibit the taking of fish from Great Watchic pond or any of its tributaries, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Fisheries.

Bill "an act relating to taxation of railroads," was referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

Petition of E. T. Homer and others, for incorporation of a water company at Bar Harbor ;

Petition of Haskell Derby and others ;

Petition of T. C. Woodman and others ;

Petition of O. M. Shaw and others, in aid of same ;

Petition of Richard Downing and others, in aid of petition of N. W. Dutton ;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of A. D. Sherman and others, for an appropriation for an annual encampment of Maine militia ;

Petition of J. J. Lynch and others, members of Company E, First Regiment, in aid of same ;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire what legislation, if any, is necessary, in order to give addi-

tional relief to poor debtors, under chapter 113 of the revised statutes, and to report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire what legislation, if any, is necessary to regulate the travel and fees of trial justices and justices of the peace and of the quorum.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending, or repealing, chapter 106 of the laws of 1879, relating to travel and attendance of parties recovering cost in the Supreme Court of the State.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs, inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 6, section 169 of the revised statutes, relating to the sale of the lands of resident owners for taxes.

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

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Mt. Desert Reading Room at Bar Harbor, in the town of Eden, Hancock county," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, and passed to be engrossed, was accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned.

Petition of E. H. Smith and 49 others, for amendment of divorce laws ;

Petition of Dexter Lodge No. 28, Independent Order of Good Templars, for right to convey property to Selectmen of Dexter, with bill accompanying ;

Bill "an act to incorporate the Saco Gas Light Company ;"

Petition of Thomas Hill and others, for change of divorce laws ;

Petition of Frank Bean and others, for change of law relating to interest ;

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Sportsmen Association ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 19, chapter 18, revised statutes, relating to public and private ways ;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of John Estes and others, citizens of Penobscot county, asking that rates and fares on railroads be fixed by law, was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of A. E. Adams and others, for appropriation for an

annual encampment, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Petition of Elden Burkett and others, in favor of claim of Benjamin Smith of Appleton, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Bill "an act relating to suits to enforce liens;"

Petition of A. K. P. Buffum and others of Gardiner, for an act regulating sale of cider;

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of N. S. Allan and others of Dennysville and Edmunds, for an amendment to section 2, chapter 578 of the special laws of 1868, relating to taking of salmon in Dennys river;

Petition of B. Lincoln and others, for an amendment to section 2, chapter 105 of special laws of 1879, relating to the taking of alewives in Dennys river;

Petition of Joseph F. Burgess and others of South Gardiner, relating to smelt fishing in Kennebec river;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of C. F. Gilbert and others of Kingfield, for bounty on bears;

Petition of J. D. Teague and others, for a reduction of toll on buckwheat;

Were referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of Benjamin and Frank R. Conant of Auburn, for the right to erect a boom across Little Androscoggin river in the county of Androscoggin, with bill accompanying, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Bill "an act to amend sections 22 and 25, chapter 27, revised statutes, as amended by chapter 247, sections 2 and 3, public laws of 1880;"

Petition of M. L. Stevens, President of Women's Christian Union, for an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

The foregoing petitions were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. NICKERSON of Linneus,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 215 of the public laws of 1880, that justices of the peace appointed and commissioned

prior to said act, may exercise their powers and duties in each and every county in the State.

On motion of Mr. McALISTER of Bucksport,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 170, chapter 6 of the revised statutes, in relation to costs in sale of resident real estate.

On motion of Mr. SPRAGUE of Phippsburg,

Ordered, That the Committee on Fisheries inquire into the expediency of enacting a law giving a bounty on dog-fish.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. CUSHMAN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, presented "resolve in favor of Newall Joseph, Representative from the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians;" and

"Resolve in favor of Joseph Nicolar, Representative from the Penobscot tribe of Indians;"

And on his motion, the rules were suspended, and the resolves read twice and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported reference to Committee on Claims, on petition of Warren W. Rice.

Mr. SPRAGUE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported reference to Committee on Mines and Mining, on bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Mining Exchange."

Mr. FREEMAN, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to poll tax.

Mr. FLINT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported same, on order relating to amendment of section 22, chapter 24, revised statutes, relating to persons in unincorporated places.

Mr. HALL, from same Committee, reported same, on order relating to persons whose signatures to notes are fraudulently obtained.

Mr. BURNHAM, from the Committee on Pensions, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Samuel Webb for pension.

Mr. FLINT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought not to pass, on "resolve relating to taxes assessed on railroads."

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

Mr. STROUT, from the Committee on Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act authorizing the county commissioners of the County of Somerset, to re-assess certain taxes.

Mr. HUTCHINSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend chapter 174 of the public laws of 1877.

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and bills ordered printed under Joint Rule.

Mr. McKUSICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Ocean Street Railroad Company,' approved March 4, 1880:"

Mr. STROUT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act additional to chapter 275 of the private and special laws of 1863, conferring certain powers on the city of Portland in relation to Evergreen Cemetery."

Mr. McKUSICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to revive the charter of the Calais Bank for certain purposes."

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

Mr. STROUT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Ocean Park Association."

The report was read and accepted, bill read three times under suspension of rules, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. VERRILL of Portland, moved a reconsideration of the vote of the House, whereby "resolve concerning Ireland," was adopted, and the House so voted, when the resolve was tabled, and Wednesday next assigned, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The SPEAKER announced the Joint Standing Committee on Mines and Mining, as follows:

Messrs. Jennings of Penobscot,

Emery of Hancock,

Lord of Cumberland, of the Senate;

Messrs. Lord of Kennebunk,

Bragdon of Sullivan,

Messrs. Freeman of Cherryfield,
Noyes of Jefferson,
Ashford of Windsor,
Cummings of Jonesport,
Dennis of Passadumkeag, of the House.

Also the Joint Select Committee on Temperance, as follows :

Messrs. Flint of Piscataquis,
Berry of Kennebec,
Taber of Waldo, of the Senate ;

Messrs. Morrill of Augusta,
Goss of Bath,
Fisher of Boothbay,
Cook of Lewiston,
Livermore of Bradley,
Lang of Palmyra,
Wheeler of Eaton, of the House.

On State Printing.

Messrs. Berry of Kennebec,
Hill of Hancock,
Wakefield of York, of the Senate ;

Messrs. Rowell of Hallowell,
Goss of Auburn,
Bradstreet of Bridgton,
Lord of Bangor,
Trufant of Harpswell,
Benner of Waldoborough,
Webb of Deer Isle, of the House.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Petition of Benjamin Nutter for State aid, with statement of facts, was referred in concurrence to Committee on Pensions.

Petition of E. H. Gregory and others, for appointment of a chemist for testing commercial fertilizers, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 22, chapter 122 of the revised statutes, relating to certificates of witnesses in civil actions ;"

Petition of Frances W. Bakeman and others, for change of divorce laws ;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of citizens of Seasmont, for change of law regarding employment of teachers ;

Petition of citizens of Damariscotta and Newcastle ;

Petition of citizens of Deering ;

Petition of citizens of Topsfield, in aid of same ;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Education.

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be requested to inquire into the rights of Thomas Lovely, in relation to a lot of land in Mapleton plantation, the deed of which is withheld only in consequence of a clerical error, and report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of a revision of the laws for the formation of corporations under the general laws.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of a revision of the laws relating to tax sales and titles.

These orders were read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting legislation inexpedient, on an order relating to the death penalty, referred from the last Legislature ;

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of Henry A. Sprague and others, for bounty on hawks ;

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on petition of Catharine Crowell and others, for bounty on foxes ;

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on petition of Henry M. Sprague and others, for bounty on squirrels ;

Report of the Committee on Education, reporting same, on petition of same petitioners, for school in Washington and Penobscot counties ;

Came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Petition of E. W. Whitehouse and others, for a law regulating the catching of smelts in Kennebec river ;

Petition of C. B. Hall and others, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Petition of E. LeVasseur and others, to be set off from the town of Caribou and annexed to Connor plantation, was referred to the Committee on Towns.

Remonstrance of George Mitchell and others of Cambridge, against granting jurisdiction to trial justices outside of the County of Somerset, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of James Adams, Clerk of Godfrey Falls Dam Company, for amendment to their charter, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of G. A. Washburn and others of Brewer, for an act authorizing the county commissioners of Penobscot county to take and appropriate land for a ferry landing in said town, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Col. Fifield and others, for an appropriation for an annual encampment of Maine militia, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. KING of Caribou,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of providing by enactment that deeds of minors shall be unavoidable if not disaffirmed within a reasonable time after the grantor shall attain his majority.

On motion of Mr. HASKELL of Turner,

Ordered, That the Committee on Ways and Bridges inquire into the expediency of amending section 44, chapter 18 of the public laws, relating to duties of highway surveyors, by striking out the last clause in said section.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. HUTCHINSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill "an act to authorize the sale of the old Baptist meeting-house in Mount Vernon."

The report was read and accepted, bill read three times under suspension of the rule, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 275 of the private and special laws of 1863, conferring certain powers on the city of Portland in relation to Evergreen Cemetery;"

Bill "an act to revive the charter of the Calais bank for certain purposes;"

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Ocean Street Railroad Company, approved March 4, 1880;'"

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 Mount Desert Reading Room at Bar Harbor in the town of Eden, Hancock county," was reported from the same Committee, read the third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent, the House voted that when it adjourned it would adjourn to meet at 11 o'clock Monday.

On motion of Mr. NICKERSON of Linneus,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

Journal of Saturday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of defining by statute the duties of auditor of accounts.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to properly fit up the Senate wash-room.

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

Report of Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Auburn Steam Heating Company."

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

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

Bill "an act to repeal sections 4 and 5, public laws of 1880, relating to constables and county attorneys ;"

Petition of W. E. Slayton and others, to amend section 40, chapter 3, revised statutes, relating to city ordinances ;

Bill "an act to incorporate the Van Buren Lumbering and Manufacturing Company ;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Richard Dresser and others, for amendment of charter of municipal court of city of Auburn, relating to forcible entry and detainer ;

Petition of Roscoe K. Benner and others, for permission to build wharf in tide waters in the town of Bremen, with bill accompanying ;

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Everett W. Stetson and others, for an amendment prohibiting sale of intoxicating liquors ;

Petition of Joel Pease and others, in aid of same ;

Were referred to Committee on Temperance.

Petition of S. B. Hume and Son and others, in reference to Hell Gate pilot laws, was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of selectmen of Kingsbury, for reimbursement for support of State paupers, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of D. C. Palmer and others of Gardiner, for change of law in relation to employment of teachers, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of Mitchell Newell and others, for security of rights to Indians, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Petition of James French and others, asking to have portions of Fryeburg Academy Grant and Batchelor's Grant annexed to town of Gilead, was referred to the Committee on Towns.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. EDGECOMB of Limington,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending a part of section 1 of chapter 128 of the revised statutes of 1871, relating to killing veal calves under four weeks' old, so as to make the law more effectual.

On motion of Mr. LANG of Palmyra,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of prohibiting by statute the sale to any butcher or butchers, servants or agents, any calves under four weeks' old, unless the same is accompanied by the mother.

On motion of Mr. KING of Caribou,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 8 of chapter 7 of the revised statutes, so as to transfer the town of Woodland and the plantations of Perham and New Sweden from the northern to the southern registry district.

On motion of Mr. McKUSICK of Calais,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be requested to inquire into the expediency of amending the statute, so that Representatives of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians shall be allowed travel and expenses for attending regular sessions of the Legislature; also that the same Committee examine the doings of the Governor and Council of 1879, in reference to land deeded to William Todd by the State in payment for building Tomah Stream bridge; also that the same Committee be directed to

inquire into the expediency of amending section 6, chapter 125 of the acts and resolves of 1879, by striking out the word "two" and inserting in place thereof the word "three," so that as amended it will read: "Agent of the Passamaquoddy Indians, \$300 per year."

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 174 of the public laws of 1877;"

Printed bill "an act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Somerset to re-assess certain taxes;"

Were read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Mr. FREEMAN, from the Washington County Delegation, presented bill "an act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Washington to re-assess certain taxes," and on his motion the rule was suspended, bill read twice and to-morrow assigned for third reading.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Ocean Park Association," 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.

On motion of Mr. GOSS of Auburn,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the Senate :

A communication was received from Hon. J. O. Smith, Secretary of State, in regard to returns from corporations, and on motion of Mr. EMERY it was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill " an act explanatory of section 3, chapter 78, laws of 1878, relating to tramps," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of citizens of Cape Elizabeth, favoring change in the law regarding employment of teachers ;

Petition of citizens of Naples ;

Petition of citizens of Princeton ;

Petition of citizens of Monticello ;

Petition of citizens of Yarmouth ;

Petition of citizens of Benton ;

Petition of citizens of Talmadge ;

Petition of citizens of Edmunds ;

Petition of citizens of Litchfield ;

Petition of citizens of Porter ;

Petition of citizens of Dexter ;

Petition of citizens of Wilton ;

Petition of citizens of Grand Isle ;

Petition of citizens of Castine ;

Petition of citizens of Whiting ;

Petition of citizens of Vinalhaven ;

Petition of citizens of Casco, relating to the same ;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Education.

Remonstrance of George Mitchell and others, against granting certain jurisdiction to trial justices, referred to Committee on the

Judiciary, came from the Senate non-concurred, and was referred to Committee on Legal Affairs.

House recessed and concurred.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire what changes, if any, are necessary in chapter 92 of the revised statutes, and report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire what further legislation, if any, is necessary, to fix the time when damage for land taken for highways shall be paid.

Ordered, That the Committee on Judiciary inquire into the expediency of providing by general law for the formation of telegraph companies.

These orders were read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of O. W. Rogers and others, for change of divorce laws ;

Petition of W. H. Shailer and others ;

Petition of P. Torry and others of Yarmouth ;

Petition of A. L. Park and others of Gardiner, for same ;

Bill "an act to enable the Cumberland and Oxford Canal Corporation to dispose of its property ;"

Bill "an act in relation to the time of holding sessions of the county commissioners ;"

Bill "an act for the speedy detection and punishment of crime ;"

Bill "an act additional to section 45, chapter 74, public laws of 1878, and chapter 154 laws of 1879 ;"

Bill "an act relating to appointment of administrators, with will annexed ;"

Bill "an act relating to the municipal court for the town of Brunswick ;"

Bill "an act for the promotion of medical science ;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of citizens of Camden, in regard to Hell Gate pilot laws ;

Petition of Isaac Coombs and others, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Bill "an act to amend section 4, chapter 55 of the revised statutes, relating to libraries, charitable societies and public cemeteries ;"

Remonstrance of J. B. Mayo and others of Piscataquis county, against the enactment of a law authorizing certain officers of Penobscot county to exercise jurisdiction in Piscataquis county ;

Bill "an act relating to mortgages on real estate and actions thereon ;"

Bill "an act to facilitate the consolidation of the Maine Turning Company ;"

"Resolve in favor of the town of Fort Kent ;"

Were referred to Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Charles E. Allen for an amendment of chapter 43, section 7, revised statutes, relating to logs ;

Petition of T. N. Egery and others, for amendment to the charter of the Pleasant River Dam and Improvement Company, with bill accompanying ;

Remonstrance of Levi Sears and others, against diverting the Waters of Fish river to Violet stream ;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Charles Sherer and others of Rockland, for division of said town ;

Petition of G. L. Farrand and others, in aid of same ;

Remonstrance of Charles A. Keene and others, against said petition ;

Remonstrance of J. P. Bradbury and others ;

Remonstrance of A. J. Bird and others, in aid same ;

Petition of E. L. Chadbourne and others of township number 8, range 8, for incorporation of said township ;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of Benjamin Penney and others, for an act providing for wider rims, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Petition of B. C. Stone, Deputy Clerk of Superior Court of Cumberland county, for increase of salary, was referred to Cumberland County Delegation.

Petition of Sedgwick Post No. 4, G. A. R., for the erection of a monument in Oak Grove Cemetery, Bath, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

"Resolve in favor of French spoliation," was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Petition of B. T. Chase and others of Bridgton, for change of law in regard to employment of teachers, was referred to Committee on Education.

Petition of Samuel C. Smith and others, for permission to lease the Bridgton and Presumpscot River Railroad when completed ;

Petition of J. R. Bodwell and others, for a charter for a railroad from New Portland to Gardiner ;

Petition of J. S. Tobey and others, for a charter for a narrow gauge railroad from Skowhegan to Athens ;

Were referred to Committee on Railroads.

Petition of Henry Tilley and others of Castle Hill, for aid in building a bridge across Aroostook river in Washburn ;

Petition of Charles A. J. Farrar, for extension of charter to navigate the Richardson lakes by steam ;

Were referred to Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of the Portland Temperance Union for a constitutional amendment forbidding the liquor traffic ;

Petition of Capital Lodge of Augusta ;

Petition of Arcana Lodge of Portland, in aid of same ;

Petition of William L. Putnam and others of Portland, for amendment of the liquor law ;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Petition of T. B. Spatt and others, for a change of law in regard to fishing in the Penobscot waters ;

Remonstrance of W. H. Brown and others, against any change in the present law in regard to the taking of salmon on the Penobscot river ;

Petition of Philander N. Knowles and others, for the exclusive right to stock and take trout in the Daniel McKenzie mill pond in Addison ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

The foregoing petitions were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. FREEMAN of Cherryfield,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of enacting a law that no person shall be deemed to be ineligible to serve upon a school committee by reason of sex ; also that the same Committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 114 of the public laws of 1876, that the death penalty shall be restored in all cases where capital offences are committed by convicts while under sentence for life.

On motion of Mr. WENTWORTH of Gardiner,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 49, section 65 of the revised statutes, as to make accident insurance policies exempt from attachment.

On motion of Mr. KEEGAN of Van Buren,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads inquire into the expediency of conveying such interest as the State may have in lot No. 115, in the town of Mars Hill, to S. G. Wheeler, who now occupies said lot under a deed from the European and North American Railway Company.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Printed bill "an act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Somerset to re-assess certain taxes;"

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 174 of the public laws of 1877;"

Bill "an act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Washington to re-assess certain taxes;"

Were reported from Committee on Bills in Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Auburn Steam Heating Company," was reported from same Committee, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Mt. Desert Reading Room at Bar Harbor, in the town of Eden, Hancock county;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Dyer Library Association."

"Resolve in favor of Joseph Newell, Representative of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians."

"Resolve in favor of Joseph Nicolar, Representative of the Penobscot tribe of Indians."

These bills and resolves 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.

On motion of Mr. HALL of Rockland,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Communication from Secretary of State, transmitting annual report of the Trustees and Officers of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts for 1880.

The communication was read and the report referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Communication from the Governor, transmitting a request from Gen. Joshua L. Chamberlain, also a resolve passed at a meeting of Maine soldiers and sailors, requesting the use of the regimental colors now in custody of the law at the capitol.

The communication was read and the request and resolve referred in concurrence to Committee on Military Affairs.

Bill " an act to amend chapter 140, public laws of 1879, relating to normal schools ;"

" Resolve for the compilation of school laws ;"

Petition of citizens of Hodgdon, for change of law relating to employment of teachers ;

Petition of citizens of Blaine ;

Petition of citizens of Bowdoinham ;

Petition of citizens of Newburg ;

Petition of citizens of Boothbay ;

Petition of citizens of Benedicta ;

Petition of citizens of Medford, in aid of same ;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Education.

Bill " an act to authorize the Little Androscoggin Water Power Company to increase its capital stock," was referred to the Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

Petition of the President of Auburn Aqueduct Company, asking for an increase of capital stock ;

Bill "an act to amend section 28, chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on buildings and lots;"

Were referred to Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of Zenas Cook and others, with bill accompanying, for act to permit the Crystal Lake Ice Company in Friendship to build a wharf in tide waters, was referred to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence.

Petition of Isaac Bagnall, asking that a law may be enacted to prevent refuse matter from being thrown into Howard's pond in Oxford county, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting no further legislation necessary, on order relating to a revision of laws relating to tax sales and titles, was read and accepted in concurrence.

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

1. That so much of said address as relates to ways and means of raising revenue, except taxes on railroads, be referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

2. That so much thereof as relates to taxes on railroads, be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

3. That so much thereof as relates to State finances and financial affairs, except as above referred, be referred to the Committee on Finances.

4. That so much thereof as relates to equalization of taxes, be referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

5. That so much thereof as relates to Railroads and Railroad Commissioners, be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

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

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

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

9. That so much thereof as relates to Insurance Commissioner, be referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

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

11. That so much thereof as relates to Public Buildings, be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

12. That so much thereof as relates to the Militia and Military Affairs, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

13. That so much thereof as relates to imprisonment for debt, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

14. That so much thereof as relates to rates of interest and the fixing the same by law, be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

15. That so much thereof as relates to United States bonds, be referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

16. That so much thereof as relates to the courts and the constitutional provision for requiring the opinion of the Court on certain occasions, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

17. That so much thereof as relates to alleged burdens of debt and taxation; dangers from corporations and corporate powers; dangers from accumulations of wealth; emigration from the State, and generally the condition of the people, except so far as above referred, be referred to a Joint Select Committee on the State of the Commonwealth, consisting of three on the part of the Senate, and seven on the part of the House.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a dam across the Pemaquid river," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice and passed to be engrossed, was accepted in concurrence, bill read twice and to-morrow assigned for its thjrd reading.

Petition of J. C. Adams and others of Falmouth, for change of divorce laws;

Petition of S. J. Wetherbee;

Petition of Alexander Wiswell and others;

Petition of Charles R. Loring and others;

Petition of Edward S. Tead and others;

Petition of Edward Chase and others;

Petition of George B. Pierce and others;

Petition Henry T. Arnold and others;

Petition of Edward S. Tingby and others of Turner;

Petition H. H. Osgood and others;

Petition of Sumner Webb and others ;
Petition of F. Southworth and others ;
Petition G. F. Tewksbury and others ;
Petition of Horatio Ilsley and others ;
Petition of Joseph Freeman and others ;
Petition of George E. Chapin and others ;
Petition of J. B. Hamilton ;

• Petition of George S. Dickman ;
Petition of G. B. Ilsley, in aid of same ;
Petition of wardens of St. James' Church, Oldtown ;

Bill "an act to amend an act approved February 19, 1878, entitled 'an act in addition to chapter 51 of the revised statutes, relating to mortgages of corporations ;'"

Bill "an act to enable the creditors of the A. and W. Sprague Manufacturing Company to obtain possession of the property ;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of James Costello and others, asking that the sale of liquors be legalized, was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Petition of E. P. Lovejoy and others, citizens of Rockland, for division of that town ;

Petition of Reuben Sherer and others, in aid of same ;

Remonstrance of J. E. Babbidge and others, against petition of Charles Sherer and others, for division of Rockland ;

Remonstrance of A. D. Lawry and others ;

Remonstrance of W. O. Fuller and others ;

Remonstrance of Albert S. Rice and others ;

Remonstrance of R. C. Thomas and others, in aid of same ;

Remonstrance of Nelson Gilkey and others, against exempting Job's Island from tax ;

Petition of Alfred Thompson of Winterport, for State bounty ;

Petition in favor of the town of Carroll, for five dollars paid by the town treasurer as bounty on wild animals ;

Were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Memorial of James A. Henley, for aid to the St. Elizabeth Orphan Asylum of Portland ;

Petition of the Managers of the Children's Home of Bangor, asking for an appropriation for the years 1881 and 1882 ;

Were referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Petition of the Frontier Guards and citizens of Eastport, praying

for an appropriation for instruction in rifle practice and an annual encampment of the militia ;

Petition of Edward O'Brien and others of Thomaston, for this Legislature to memorialize the Legislature of the State of New York, to modify or repeal the Hell Gate pilotage law ;

Petition of J. L. Jordan and others of Thomaston ;

Petition of T. J. Stuart and others of Bangor ;

Petition of J. W. Frederick and others ;

Petition of Ambrose White and others ;

Petition of A. C. Hagerthy and others ;

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

Were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of Charles G. Stevens & Co. and others, for an amendment of charter of Mattawamkeag Log Driving Company ;

Bill "an act to improve the channel of the Magalloway river so as to facilitate the driving of logs and other timber ;"

Petition of Elias J. Hale and others of Piscataquis county, asking for protection to the navigation and fisheries of Sebec lake and its tributaries, from the throwing into same of sawdust, edgings and all other refuse lumber, with bill accompanying ;

Petition of G. L. Boynton and others, for bill "an act to increase the tolls of the Nahmakanta Dam Company ;"

Petition of M. S. Drummond, for an amendment to the charter of Pleasant River Dam Company ;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Remonstrance of George B. Kenniston and others, against the enactment of any laws prohibiting or restricting the catching of mackerel by seine ;

Petition of A. M. Holbrook and others, for change in time of taking smelts in New Meadows river ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Petition of William E. Bogart and others of Hampden, to be classed with town of Orrington for Representative district ;

Petition of N. Warren and others of Veazie, to be classed with town of Orrington for Representative district ;

Were referred to the Committee on Apportionment of Senators and Representatives.

Bill "an act relating to licenses to keep billiard rooms and bowling alleys ;"

Petition of W. H. Bartlett and others of Hope, for law regulating the sale of vinegar ;

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of D. E. Manter and others, for the protection and beautifying of highways, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Bill "an act to change the name of Cora E. Camody," was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

The foregoing petitions were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of repealing section 2 of chapter 176 of the public laws of 1877.

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINSON of Houlton,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of revising and consolidating the public laws.

On motion of Mr. McALISTER of Bucksport,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing sections 51 and 54, chapter 38 of the revised statutes, in relation to the branding of hay.

On motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of so amending section 15 of the insolvency law, that insolvency proceedings may be instituted by one or more creditors whose claims amount to one-fourth of all the insolvent's unsecured liabilities.

On motion of Mr. WHITE of Levant,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of submitting to the people a resolve providing for an amendment to the constitution, section 1, article 11, so as to extend the right of suffrage to paupers and persons under guardianship.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. KING of Caribou,

Ordered, That the Clerk make up the pay and travel of John Poleys, contestant for the seat now held by Joel Foss in this House, at \$2.50 per day, with usual mileage.

The Joint Select Committees on Apportionment, came from the Senate, and were joined by the House, as follows :

On Senators and Representatives.

- Messrs. Berry of Kennebec,
Brewer of Cumberland,
Dingley of Androscoggin,
Dudley of Aroostook,
Mortland of Knox,
Pattangall of Washington,
Taber of Waldo, *of the Senate*;
- Messrs. Shaw of Lisbon,
Burnham of Sherman,
Maxcy of Portland,
Smith of New Sharon,
Sargent of Sedgwick,
Morrill of Augusta,
Bartlett of Hope,
Benner of Waldoborough,
Andrews of Norway,
Lord of Bangor,
Hilton of Kingsbury,
Goss of Bath,
Ware of Athens,
Freeman of Lincolnville,
Cummings of Jonesport,
Wentworth of Kittery, *of the House*.

Councillor Districts.

- Messrs. Lord of Cumberland,
Lamson of Sagadahoc,
Wakefield of York,
Clarke of Lincoln,
Fernald of Franklin,
Flint of Piscataquis,
Buxton of Somerset, *of the Senate*;
- Messrs. Fisher of Boothbay,
Haskell of Turner,
Nickerson of Linneus,
Perley of North Yarmouth,
Tarbox of Phillips,

Messrs. McAlister of Bucksport,
Wentworth of Gardiner,
Vinal of Thomaston,
Bridgham of Buckfield,
Loud of Hampden,
Kennison of Williamsburg,
Sprague of Phipsburg,
Burr of Mercer,
Bradstreet of Palermo,
Eastman of Dennysville,
Chadbourne of Waterborough, *of the House.*

On County Estimates.

Messrs. Goodall of Sanford,
Goss of Auburn,
Dickey of Fort Kent,
Boothby of Gorham,
Libbey of Carthage,
Hopkins of Trenton,
Heath of Waterville,
Glidden of St. George,
Chase of New Castle,
Kimball of Rumford,
Thatcher of Bangor,
Hilton of Kingsbury,
Mallett of Topsham,
Parsons of New Portland,
Pitcher of Belfast,
Foss of Danforth.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to expediency of a bill to prevent double taxation.

Mr. BRIDGHAM, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same, on order relating to justices of the peace.

Mr. GLIDDEN, from the Committee on Federal Relations, reported same, on order relating to map of the survey of eastern boundary of the State.

Mr. HILTON, from the Committee on State Lands and State

Roads, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Alonzo E. Ricker of Oakfield.

Mr. BERRY, from the same Committee, reported same, on petition of Andrew Wiren and others of New Sweden.

Mr. BRIDGHAM, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 67, chapter 6, revised statutes, relating to the assessment of taxes."

Mr. FLINT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported the same, on bill "an act to preserve and enforce attachments in certain cases on estates of deceased insolvent debtors."

Mr. McKUSICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported the same, on bill "an act to amend and as additional to section 127, chapter 82, revised statutes, relating to renewal of alias and pluries executions."

Mr. HUTCHINSON, from the same Committee, reported reference to the next Legislature with order of notice, on bill "an act to incorporate the Saco Gas Light Company."

Mr. HALL, from same Committee, reported, on bill "an act to incorporate the Van Buren Lumbering and Manufacturing Company," that the same be referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Mr. BRIDGHAM, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported reference to the Committee on Railroads, on bill "an act to establish a reasonable maximum rate of fare for transportation of passengers and to prevent unjust discrimination in charges of freight on railroads."

Mr. EMERY, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported legislation unnecessary, as the Committee have already reported upon a similar matter.

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

Mr. COOK, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on petition, "a resolve in favor of the town of Mayfield," with statement of facts.

Mr. VERRILL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported on petition, bill "an act additional to section 1 of chapter 128 of revised statutes, to regulate the manufacture and sale of vinegar."

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 19 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to public and private ways."

Mr. SPRAGUE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend sections 1 and 4 of chapter 163 of the public laws of 1867, relating to loiterers.

Mr. FREEMAN, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to actions against insolvent estates."

Mr. McKUSICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend sections 40, chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to city ordinances."

These reports were read and accepted, bills and resolve ordered printed under rule.

Mr. BRADSTREET, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Portland and Rochester Railroad."

The report was read and accepted, bill read three times, rules being suspended, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. THATCHER, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported on petition of Amos L. Allen, bill "an act to prohibit the taking of fish from Messabesic pond and its outlet in the town of Alfred."

Same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported, on petition of Benjamin Lincoln and others, bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 105, private laws of 1879, relating to the taking of alewives in Denny's river."

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

Mr. KING, from the Committee on Elections, reported, on remonstrance of John Polleys against right of Joel Foss to a seat in this House, that remonstrant have leave to withdraw.

The report was read and accepted.

Bill "an act to authorize the sale of the old Baptist Meeting House in Mt. Vernon," 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.

On motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland, the "resolve concerning Ireland," was taken from the table, when the same gentleman offered a substitute, and moved the reference of both to the Committee on Federal Relations.

On motion of Mr. KEEGAN of Van Buren, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the resolves were referred, by yeas 91, nays 41.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Achorn,	Goodall,	Nickels,
Allen,	Goss of Auburn,	Norris,
Andrews,	Goss of Bath,	Noyes,
Ashford,	Hall,	Nutter,
Berry,	Harding,	Packard,
Blanchard,	Harris,	Partridge,
Boody,	Hatch,	Perley,
Bradstreet, Bridgton,	Heath,	Pitcher,
Bragg,	Hopkins,	Purinton,
Brown,	Hutchinson, Lewiston,	Rowell,
Burnell,	Hutchinson, Houlton,	Sargent,
Burnham,	Jones of Winthrop,	Seavey,
Burr,	Jones of Brighton,	Shaw,
Chadbourne,	Joy,	Smith of New Sharon,
Chase,	Kendall,	Smith of Mt. Vernon,
Clark,	Kennison,	Sprague,
Cook,	Kimball,	Staples of Dayton,
Crosby, Norridgewock,	King,	Strout of Portland,
Cummings,	Leland,	Tarbox,
Dickey,	Libby,	Thatcher,
Donnell,	Lord of Bangor,	Thompson,
Doore,	Lord of Kennebunk,	Torrey,
Eastman,	Mallett,	True,
Elder,	Marble,	Twitchell,
Eldred,	Marston,	Varney,
Emery,	Maxey,	Verrill,
Fisher,	McKusick,	Ware,
Flint,	Means,	Wentworth, Gardiner,
Freeman, Cherryfield,	Morrill,	Wilder,
Freeman, Lincolnville,	Nickerson of Linneus,	Wyman—91.
Goodale,	Nickerson of Brewer,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Averill,	Bridgham,	Edgecomb,
Bartlett,	Crosby of Whiting,	Estes,
Boothby,	Dennis,	Folsom,
Bradstreet of Palermo,	Eaton,	Foss,

Gilbert,	Loud,	Trafton,
Glidden,	Parsons,	Trufant,
Goodwin, Hudson,	Redlon,	Vinal,
Goodwin, Shapleigh,	Rowe,	Wardwell,
Keegan,	Ritchie,	Waters,
Lang,	Staples of Biddeford,	Webb,
Leavitt,	Staples, Parsonsfield,	Wheeler of Easton,
Leighton,	Strout, C. Elizabeth,	Wheeler of Etna,
Linscott,	Sturdivant,	White—41.
Livermore,	Talbot,	

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of W. A. Waterhouse and Company for allowance of claims for State printing, was referred to Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 120 of the public laws of 1879, as amended, was referred to Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "an act to establish a steam ferry across Sullivan river in the county of Hancock," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Commerce.

Ordered. That the Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 8, chapter 19 of the revised statutes, relating to fast driving on bridges.

Ordered. That the Committee on Mines and Mining be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 294 of the special laws of 1880, so as to secure the purposes of said act, to

wit: the consolidation of the Acton Silver Mining Company, the Forest City Silver Mining Company and the Boston Acton Silver Mining Company.

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending item 5th of section 24 of the school laws, so as to make plain the meaning of said item, and report by bill or otherwise.

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

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting, on bill an act, reference to the Committee on Temperance.

Report of Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting, on order relating to tax titles, no further legislation is expedient thereon.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting, on petition, reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting, on order, reference to the Committee on Agriculture.

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

Committee on Congressional Apportionment came from the Senate and was joined by the House, and is as follows:

Messrs. Bisbee of Oxford,
Beatty of York,
Cornish of Kennebec,
Emery of Hancock,
Smith of Penobscot, *of the Senate*.

Messrs. Verrill of Portland,
Purinton of Bowdoin,
Parker of Lewiston,
Hutchinson of Houlton,
Gilbert of Kingfield,
Buck of Orland,
Smith of Mt. Vernon,
Allen of Dresden,
Twitchell of Bethel,
Nutter of Corinna,
Flint of Dover,

Messrs. Bird of Rockland,
Jones of Brighton,
Nickels of Searsport,
McKusick of Calais,
Lord of Kennebunk, *of the House.*

Bill "an act to amend chapter 4, revised statutes, in relation to lists of voters ;"

Petition of Patrons of Husbandry, for some act relating to notes of persons for patent rights ;

Bill "an act to amend section 28, chapter 2, revised statutes ;

Petition of Westbrook Manufacturing Company, to increase amount of real and personal estates which may be held by said company ;

Petition of C. G. McCully and others of Calais, for change in divorce laws ;

Were referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Bill "an act to amend section 6, chapter 63, revised statutes, relating to the jurisdiction of probate court ;"

Bill "an act to regulate the sale of trees and shrubs ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 4, chapter 65, revised statutes, relating to certain corporations ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 23, chapter 103, revised statutes, relating to assignment of dower ;"

Bill "an act to authorize the Bridgton Telegraph Company, to discontinue its present line of telegraph ;"

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of S. J. Kimball of the Maine Christian Temperance Union, for constitutional amendment, prohibiting sale of intoxicating liquors ;

Petition of Llewellyn A. Wardsworth and others of Hiram ;

Petition of Seth W. Fife and others of Fryeburg ;

Petition of Sylvanus B. Bean and others of Brownfield ;

Petition of S. W. Larrabee and 225 others of Portland ;

Petition of John Leavitt and others, in aid of same ;

Were referred to Committee on Temperance.

Petition of James F. Grindle and others of Islesborough, in regard to compulsory pilotage through Hell Gate ;

Petition of George S. Bunker and 48 others, relating to same ;
Were referred to Committee on Commerce.

Remonstrance of C. B. Goodell and others of No. 8, R. 8,
against being incorporated as a town ;

Petition of Josiah Tolman and others of Rockland, for division
of said town ;

Remonstrance of G. W. Cochrane and others ;

Remonstrance of Otis Larrabee and others ;

Remonstrance of Maynard Sumner and others ;

Remonstrance of John T. Berry and others, against said division ;

Were referred to Committee on Towns.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Junction Railway Company of
Portland, was referred to Committee on Railroads.

Petition of Company D, 2d Regiment M. V. M. for an appropria-
tion for an annual encampment, was referred to Committee on
Military Affairs.

"Resolve of the order of Patrons of Husbandry" asking for an
appropriation ;"

Petition of Benjamin Durrell and 78 others of Eustis and vicinity,
for bounty on bears ;

Were referred to Committee on Agriculture.

Bill "an act in relation to salmon and alewives in Waldoborough,
was referred to Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Petition of A. F. Adams and others, for a road from the Forks in
Somerset County, to Shirley in Piscataquis County, was referred to
Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Remonstrance of Albert J. Spencer and others, against petition
for town of Veazie to be classed with town of Brewer ;

Remonstrance of W. W. Rogers and others, against petition for
town of Hampden, to be classed with town of Orrington ;

Were referred to Committee on Apportionment of Senators and
Representatives.

Petition of George M. Brown and others, with bill accompanying,
for an act to incorporate the Bear River Improvement Company,
was referred to Committee on Interior Waters.

The foregoing petitions were sent to the Senate.

Mr. HATCH of Bangor, submitted the following, which was laid
on the table, on motion of Mr. FREEMAN of Cherryfield :

Ordered, That a Joint Select Committee to consist of seven on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed on State valuation, to whom shall be referred, when submitted, the report of the commissioners of 1880, on the State valuation, and all petitions and orders relating thereto, as they may be presented to this Legislature.

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINSON of Houlton,

Ordered, That the petition of Francis Albert, and the inhabitants of Monticello, be taken from the files, and referred as new matter to the appropriate Committee.

On motion of Mr. FLINT of Dover,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 208, of the public laws of 1880, as to limit the jurisdiction of the commissioners of fisheries and wardens, and to require them to give bond for the faithful discharge of their duties.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. EATON of Camden,

Ordered, That the Steward and Treasurer of the Maine Insane Hospital, be requested to forward to this House, as soon as may be, the amounts expended by the trustees of said hospital, for additions to the farm, and for improvements on said farm, together with the amounts for new buildings, water works, introduction of gas, and ornamentation of grounds since January 1st, 1874.

Mr. VINAL, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported legislation inexpedient, on order in regard to amendment of section 44, chapter 18, public laws, relating to surveyors of highways.

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

Mr. HALL, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Island Cottage Company."

Mr. THATCHER, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported, on petition, bill "an act for the protection of fish in Sabbath Day pond."

Same gentlemen, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 200, private and special laws of 1876, relating to fishing in Hewes pond in the town of Hermon."

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

Mr. EMERY, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act additional to chapter 15 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 241 of the public laws of 1874 relating to burying grounds."

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to authorize the extension of certain wharves in Portland harbor."

Mr. SARGENT, from the Committee on Towns, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the town of Van Buren."

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

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINSON of Houlton, the vote accepting the report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of Alonzo E. Ricker of Oakfield, was reconsidered.

The report was then recommitted.

Bill "an act to prohibit the taking fish from Messabesic pond and its outlet in the town of Alfred."

Bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 105 of the private and special laws of 1879, relating to the taking of alewives in Dennys river."

Bill "an act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a dam across the Pemaquid river."

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

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Ocean Street Railroad Company, approved March 14, A. D. 1880;'"

Bill "an act to revive the charter of the Calais Bank for certain purposes;" and

Bill "an act additional to chapter 275 of the private and special laws of 1863, conferring certain powers on the city of Portland in relation to Evergreen cemetery;"

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.*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Petition of David Hammond and others, for change of place for holding the December term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the County of Oxford, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of John F. Robinson, for repeal of chapter 453, laws of 1865, entitled "an act to increase the tolls of the Baskahegan Dam Company," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Henry Nash of Addison, for reimbursement for islands bought of the State of Maine, the title being invalid, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Bill "an act to provide for minority representation in corporations," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Manufactures.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 150, section 8 of the laws of 1879, so that the price of board of prisoners shall be reduced, and report by bill or otherwise ;

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 2 of the revised statutes, in relation to notice on petitions for legislation ;

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture be directed to inquire into the expediency of fixing the standard weight of a bushel of oats at 32 pounds, as in other States, instead of 30 pounds, as now fixed by section 56, chapter 38 of the revised statutes, and report by bill or otherwise ;

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of C. F. Briggs and others, for an appropriation ;

Report of the same Committee, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 115, section 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the compensation of members of the government ;"

Were read and accepted in concurrence.

The order relating to a constitutional amendment conferring right of suffrage on paupers, passed in the House, came from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House recessed and concurred.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting, on the accounts of the State Treasurer, came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and accepted in concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin Conant and others, for change of divorce laws ;

Petition of J. E. Adams and others of Bangor ;

Petition of N. W. Jenkins and others of Boothbay ;

Petition of Luther Maxwell and others, in aid of same ;

Bill "an act to amend chapter 49 of revised statutes, relating to insurance ;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of C. D. Starbird and others, and various other parties, for constitutional amendment to prohibit the sale of liquor ;

Petition of the Augusta Reform Club ;

Petition of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union ;

Petition of George C. Andrews and others of Baldwin, for same ;

Petition of Eugene M. Hersey and others of Bangor, for repeal of chapter 247 of the laws of 1880, relating to sale of liquor ;

Petition of George H. Burgess and others ;

Petition of L. J. Morse ;

Petition of W. T. Pearson and others of Bangor ;

Petition of John S. Temple and others ;

Petition of Smith and Thayer and others, for same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Bill "an act to prevent cruelty to birds ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 86, section 13 of the revised statutes, relating to trustee costs ;"

Remonstrance of E. F. Harvey and others of Parkman, against enactment of a law giving trial justices and sheriffs certain jurisdiction ;

Bill "an act to amend section 12, chapter 43 of the revised statutes, relating to meridian lines ;"

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of inhabitants of Reed and Barker plantations for division ;

Petition of William Marston and others, to set off certain lands in Waterville to West Waterville ;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of inhabitants of Monticello, for aid on bridge, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Petition of J. H. Allen and Company and others, relating to suspension bridge across East River, connecting the cities of New York and Brooklyn, was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of Francis Albert for increase of State pension, was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Petition of H. T. Morris and others, for repeal of chapter 110, private and special laws of 1866, relating to preservation of pickerel in Winthrop pond, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Petition of O. W. Davis, Jr. and others, for an appropriation for a road from Brownville to Katahdin Iron Works, was referred to Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

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

Petition of W. G. Palmer and others, for a railroad from Cape Elizabeth to Prout's Neck ;

Petition of William F. Penney and others, for charter for railway from Bridgton to some point on the Portland and Ogdensburg Railroad, was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. STROUT of Portland, presented "resolve inviting Hon. C. W. Goddard to deliver an address in the Hall of the House, on Turkey and Constantinople."

The resolve was adopted.

On motion of Mr. MORRILL of Augusta,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire what legislation is necessary, if any, to equalize the salaries paid to the county attorneys in the several counties of the State.

On motion of SWAN of Minot,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of so amending the law that in the election of town officers, all the officers who are required to be chosen by ballot, except moderator, shall be voted for on one ballot, and also fixing the time when the polls shall close.

On motion of Mr. HEATH of Waterville,

Ordered, That the Committee on Fisheries and Game inquire into the expediency of amending the game laws, so that the open time for moose, deer and caribou, shall be from the first of September to the first day of the following December.

On motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of so amending the free high school act, as to authorize the State Treasurer to deduct from the school fund, before its apportionment, the sum annually expended by the State for free high schools.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be requested to investigate the claim of Henry E. Merrill for unpaid balance due him for the year 1866, under the laws of the State providing State aid to volunteers while in the service.

The foregoing orders were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. SHAW of Lisbon,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State cause to be printed for the use of the House, 2,000 copies of the official census of 1880; also that the State Valuation Commission be and they are hereby requested to make to this Legislature, at their earliest convenience, such recommendations and suggestions in relation to further valuation of the State, as they may deem necessary or important.

Mr. STROUT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to present railroad accidents."

Mr. EMERY, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same, on bill "an act to amend section 4 of the 55th chapter of the revised statutes, relating to libraries, charitable societies and public cemeteries."

Mr. BUCK, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported, on memorial of Albert W. Paine, bill "an act to repeal section 31 of chapter 239 of the acts of 1880, and to amend section 56 of chapter 49, revised statutes, relating to report of Insurance Commissioner."

Mr. VERRILL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend section 15 of chapter 74 of the public laws of 1878, as amended by chapter 154 of the public laws of 1879, relating to the insolvent laws of Maine."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to licenses to keep billiard rooms and bowling alleys."

Mr. BRIDGHAM, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same, on bill "an act relating to forcible entry and detainer and tenancies."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and bills ordered printed under Joint Rule.

Mr. STROUT from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, in a new draft, on bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Sportsmen's Association."

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Norembege Sportsman's Club."

Mr. EMERY, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same, on bill "an act to authorize Roscoe K. Benner, Murry F. Benner, Martin Willey and their associates, to build and maintain a wharf in tide waters of Muscongus bay or harbor in the town of Bremen."

Mr. DICKEY, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported ought pass, in a new draft, on bill "an act to amend the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, bills read twice and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Mr. VERRILL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to facilitate the consolidation of the Maine Turning Company and the International Turning Company," and on his motion the rules were suspended, the bill read three times, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of John W. Perry.

Mr. FREEMAN of Cherryfield, from same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to rate of interest.

Mr. EMERY, from same Committee, reported, on petition of W. H. Bartlett, that a bill had already been reported.

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Commerce, reported reference to the Committee on Interior Waters, on order relating to Winnecook lake.

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

A message was received from the Senate, proposing a Joint Convention, to-day, at half-past 11 o'clock, for the purpose of electing a Treasurer of State.

The House non-concurred, and proposed a Convention on Wednesday next, at 12 o'clock, for the purposes aforesaid.

A message was subsequently received informing the House of the concurrence of the Senate in the proposition.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Island Cottage Company;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 200 of the private and special laws of 1876, relating to fishing in Hewes pond in the town of Hermon;"

Were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act for the protection of fish in Sabbath Day pond," was reported from same Committee, read the third time, and recommended to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Auburn Steam Heating Company," 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.

On motion of Mr. GOSS of Auburn,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Petition of J. H. Hight and others, to repeal section 4, chapter 150, laws of 1879 ;

Petition of D. D. Stewart and others, to repeal section 5, chapter 150, laws of 1879 ;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 49, revised statutes, and chapter 148, laws of 1873, relating to insurance," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of Wellington O. Amazeen, to be set off from the town of Garland and annexed to the town of Exeter, was referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Petition of M. F. Eldredge and others of Brewer, for repeal of chapter 247 of the laws of 1880, relating to county constables, the removal of county attorneys and the sale of cider ;

Petition of J. H. Gould and others of Bangor ;

Petition of W. R. Hunnewell and others of Mattawamkeag ;

Petition of Nathan P. Kellogg and others of Bangor, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture, inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 57, section 6 of the revised statutes, that said section may read as follows: "The toll for grinding, cleansing and bolting all kinds of grain, except buckwheat and Indian wheat, shall not exceed one-tenth part thereof; and for hulling, grinding and bolting buckwheat and Indian wheat, the toll shall not exceed four quarts a bushel, and for grinding without hulling and bolting three quarts a bushel."

Ordered, That the Committee on Fisheries and Game be requested to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of section 1, chapter 208 of the public laws of 1880, as confers and extends to the Commissioners of Fisheries, the power and duty over all matters pertaining to game.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law that women may hold the position of deputy town clerk.

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

Report of Committee on Manufactures, reporting, on petition of N. W. Farwell and others, bill "an act to incorporate the Pejepscot Manufacturing Company;"

Report of Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to authorize the Little Androscoggin Water Power Company to increase its capital stock;"

Came from the Senate read and accepted, bills read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, bills read twice and Monday assigned.

Petition of Albert R. Sawyer and others, for an increase of salary of Judge of Probate for Androscoggin county;

Petition of E. W. Dunbar and others of Damariscotta, for change of divorce law;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 190, special laws of 1879," was referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of Nathaniel J. Hanna and others, relating to sale of lobsters, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Petition of Norton & Thompson and others, for appropriation on Mattawamkeag bridge, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of S. C. Smith and others, for a railroad from Harrison to Portland, was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of C. B. Meserve, for right to build wharf in tide waters in New Harbor, Bristol, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of citizens of Winn, for repeal of cider law;

Petition of Warren & Robinson and others of Bangor, for same ;
Petition of Albert Farwell and 164 others, citizens of Vassalborough, asking for a constitutional amendment prohibiting the sale of liquor ;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Petition of D. J. Sawyer and others, memorializing the General Assembly of New York, relating to Hell Gate pilot laws, was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The foregoing petitions were sent the Senate.

Mr. BURNHAM, from the Committee on Pensions, reported reference to the Pension Agent, on petition of Alonzo M. Bartlett ;

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Education, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Maine Wesleyan Seminary ;

Which were read and accepted and sent to the Senate.

Printed bill "an act to authorize the extension of certain wharves in Portland harbor," was read three times, under suspension of the rules, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Printed bill "an act to incorporate the town of Van Buren," was read three times, passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules, and sent to the Senate.

Printed bill "an act to amend section 40, chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to city ordinances ;"

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 163 of the public laws of 1877 ;"

Printed bill "an act additional to section 1 of chapter 128 of the revised statutes, to regulate the manufacture and sale of vinegar ;"

Printed bill "an act to amend section 19, chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to public and private ways ;"

Printed bill "an act additional to chapter 15 of the revised statutes, as amended be chapter 241 of the public laws of 1874, relating to burying grounds ;"

Printed bill "an act relating to actions against insolvent estates ;"

Printed bill "an act relating to suits to enforce liens ;"

Printed bill "an act to repeal section 31 of chapter 239 of the acts of 1880, and to amend section 56 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, relating to report of Insurance Commissioner ;"

Were read twice and Monday assigned.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Mayfield," was read once and Monday of next week assigned for its second reading.

Mr. NICKERSON, from the Committee on Pensions, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Almira E. Cobb of Lee."

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

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Sportsmen's Association ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Norombega Sportsman's Club ;"

Bill "an act to authorize Roscoe K. Benner, Murray F. Benner, Martin Willey, and their associates, to build and maintain a wharf in the tide waters of Muscongus bay or harbor in the town of Bremen ;"

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company ;"

Were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a dam across Pemaquid river ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 174 of the public laws of 1877 ;"

Bill "an act authorizing the county commissioners of the County of Somerset, to re-assess certain taxes ;"

Bill "an act authorizing the county commissioners of the County of Washington, to re-assess certain taxes ;"

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.*

MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 1881.

In the absence of the Speaker, the House was called to order by the Clerk, ORAMANDAL SMITH, Esq.

On motion of Mr. NICKERSON of Linneus,

Ordered, That in the absence of the Speaker, Hon. S. C. HATCH of Bangor, be Speaker *pro tem*.

Mr. Hatch was conducted to the chair by Mr. Nickerson, and addressed the House as follows :

Representatives: I thank you for the honor conferred ; and during the brief time that I shall occupy the chair, it shall be my endeavor faithfully and impartially to discharge its duties.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of Saturday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Petition of A. T. Palmer and others of Brewer, for repeal of cider law ;

Petition of George W. Getchell and others of Bangor ;

Petition of C. Woodbury and others of Oldtown ;

Petition of H. B. Marden and others of Bangor, in aid of same ;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Temperance.

Petition of Otis Hayford and others of Oxford county, for aid in building a road from Byron in said county to Mooselucmeguntic lake, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

“ Resolve of the Board of Agriculture concerning amendment of section 4, chapter 235, laws of 1880,” was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Agriculture.

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture be and they are hereby directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing by law a standard weight per bushel for the different grades of salt.

Ordered, That the list of Joint Standing Committees be printed in the Daily Kennebec Journal until the 10th of February, for the information of members of the Legislature.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 6 of the revised statutes, in relation to the assessment of taxes, as shall compel the assessors of all cities, towns and plantations, to require every person liable to taxation in such city, town or plantation, to return a written inventory of all their estate liable to taxation, duly signed and sworn to; also to provide for proper penalties in case of a refusal of any person to so make oath to and return said inventory.

Ordered That the Committee on Railroads be requested to inquire into the expediency of repealing all of section 5 of chapter 249 of the public laws of 1880, after the word "company" in the second line of said section.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 83, section 8 of the revised statutes.

These orders were read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the Auburn Aqueduct Company;"

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

Bill "an act to incorporate the Portland and Rochester Railroad," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate amended and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded, adopted Senate amendment "A," and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 76, chapter 86 of the revised statutes, relating to trustee process;"

Bill "an act to amend section 13, chapter 22 of the revised statutes, relating to partition fences;"

Petition of George F. Ropes and others, for a charter for mining and other purposes;

Petition of John Shoenbar and others, for a charter for mining and milling purposes;

Bill "an act to make valid and legal the doings of the First Universalist Society in Biddeford;"

Petition of W. H. Spencer and others, for amendment to divorce laws;

Bill "an act for the protection of life in hotels and other buildings ;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Remonstrance of James Otis Bradbury and others of Hartland and St. Albans, against jurisdiction of trial justices and sheriffs ;

Bill "an act authorizing the county commissioners of Piscataquis county to discharge a tax assessed by them and to include the amount thereof in another assessment ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Lewiston Steam Heating Company ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 116, public laws of 1879, in relation to hawkers and peddlers ;"

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

"Resolve in favor of Eugene Michaud," was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of Henry Blackstone and others of Shirley, for appropriation for an annual encampment, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Petition of A. A. Plaisted and others, for amendment to game laws, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Bill "an act to amend section 45, chapter 27 of the revised statutes, relating to sale of intoxicating liquors ;"

Petition of L. B. Sprague and others, for repeal of chapter 247, public laws of 1880, relating to cider ;

Petition of P. O. Vickery and others, for constitutional amendment prohibiting sale of liquor ;

Petition of Willis Patten and others of Bangor, relating to temperance ;

Petition of G. L. Toothaker and others, in relation to same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Petition of Charles A. Moody and others, for an act to provide for election of school committee and superintendency of schools in Biddeford, was referred to Committee on Education.

Petition of S. S. Moore and others, in favor of amending the charter of the Pleasant River Dam and Improvement Company ;

Bill "an act to authorize the Kennebec Log Driving Company to erect a boom across Kennebec river at Brown's Island ;"

Petition of Rodney C. Barker, to incorporate the West Branch Improvement Company ;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters ;

Petition of John L. Sprague and others, for amendment to charter of Penobscot and Lake Megantic Railway Company ;

Petition of Charles W. Folsom and others, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of C. B. Goodell and others of No. 8, range 8, Piscataquis county, for aid on bridge in said township ;

Remonstrance of B. McCorison and others, against petition of Joseph Penney and others, relative to width of wheel tires between Bangor and the tanneries east of said city ;

Were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Petition of George A. Hopkins and others, for a law to prohibit taking spawn herring at spawning time ;

Petition of John Darling and others, for change of close-time for moose, deer and caribou ;

Remonstrance of John F. Pickering and others, against any change in the lobster law ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Petition of Jacob McLellan and others, with bill accompanying, for change of Harbor Commissioners' line in Portland harbor ;

Petition of S. G. Haskell and others of Deer Isle, concerning the Hell Gate pilot laws ;

Were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of Dirigo Slate Quarry and others, for amendment of charter of Penobscot and Lake Megantic Railroad Company ;

Remonstrance of William H. Brown and others, against the amendment of the charter of the Penobscot and Lake Megantic Railroad Company ;

Petition of A. G. Lebroke and others of Piscataquis county, for amendment of charter of Penobscot and Lake Megantic Railroad Company, with accompanying memorial ;

Were referred to Committee on Railroads.

Petition of E. M. Hersey and others, for the consolidation of the Twin Lead and Young Hecla Copper Mining Companies, with bill accompanying, was referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining ;

Petition of Charles B. Sanford and others, for charter to build a wharf in tide waters in the town of Stockton, was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of Albert D. Sherman and others, for an appropriation for road from Monson village to Ship pond, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of C. D. Brown and others, for amending charter of Kennebec Fibre Company, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of Mrs. Julia M. Carter of Bangor, to authorize the town of Bradley to pay her for teaching school in said town in the year 1874, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Pedagogical Society," was referred to the Committee on Education.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. EATON of Camden, laid on the table bill "an act to abolish imprisonment for debt," which was ordered printed on motion of the same gentleman.

On motion of Mr. KEEGAN of Van Buren,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, inquire what townships or tracts of land now held by the European and North American Railway Company, which said railway company is required by law to open up for settlers when requested by the Governor, State Treasurer and Land Agent, should now be opened up to settlement, and report such recommendations as may seem fitting in the premises, to this Legislature.

Mr. EATON of Camden, submitted the following, which received a passage :

Ordered, That the sheriff of each county in this State be requested to communicate forthwith to this Legislature the number and names of persons now imprisoned for debt in his county, and the number and names of those committed for debt since January 1, 1880, the date of commitment and discharge, the amount of the debt, the nature of the process under which committed, whether mesne process or execution or otherwise, together with any further information he may deem of public interest respecting the condition and relation of the debtor prisoners.

These orders were read and passed and sent to the Senate.

The following order was presented by Mr. KEEGAN of Van Buren.

Ordered, That the Senate concurring, the Committees be instructed to report finally on or before Tuesday the 15th day of February next.

Mr. STROUT of Portland, moved to table the order, and upon that question the yeas and nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent.

On call of the roll no quorum being present, the House was declared adjourned by the Speaker *pro tempore*.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Berry,	Heath,	Purinton,
Blanchard,	Kendall,	Rowell,
Cook,	Kennison,	Thatcher,
Crosby, Norridgewock,	Leavitt,	Thompson,
Dickey,	Libby,	Trufant,
Doore,	Mallett,	Wentworth, Gardiner,
Flint,	McKusick,	Wilder,
Freeman, Cherryfield,	Morrill,	Wyman—26.
Harris,	Nickels,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allen,	Foss,	Nickerson of Linneus,
Averill,	Freeman, Lincolnville,	Nutter,
Bartlett,	Gilbert,	Rowe,
Benner,	Goodale,	Seavey,
Bradstreet of Palermo,	Goodwin, Hudson,	Smith of Buxton,
Bragdon,	Harding,	Staples of Dayton,
Bragg,	Haskell,	Staples, Parsonsfield,
Buck,	Hatch,	Strout, C. Elizabeth,
Chadbourne,	Hopkins,	Tarbox,
Crosby of Whiting,	Hutchinson, Houlton,	Torry,
Cummings,	Keegan,	Wardwell,
Dennis;	Lang,	Waters,
Eastman,	Livermore,	Webb,
Eaton,	Marston,	Wheeler of Easton,
Eldred,	McKellar,	Wheeler of Etna—47.
Folsom,	Means,	

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Petition of E. Bills and others of Kenduskeag, for repeal of chapter 247, laws of 1880, ~~was~~ referred in concurrence to the Committee on Temperance.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting the report of the State Reform School, which was referred to the Committee on Reform School in concurrence.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 162, section 3 of the public laws of 1879, by striking out the words "one hundred" in the second line and inserting in place thereof the word "fifty."

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by statute that the affidavit required by rule 6th of the Supreme Court, to pleas in abatement, may be made at any time before the session of the court at which the writ is entered.

These orders were read and passed in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Lewis Chase, Whitten & Co. and others of Portland, against a law prohibiting the taking of mackerel with seines ;

Remonstrance of Charles A. Dyer and others of Portland ;

Remonstrance of J. W. Munger & Co. and others of Portland ;

Remonstrance of Michael Stinson and others of Swan Island ;

Remonstrance of E. G. Willard and others of Portland ;

Remonstrance of Carney & Prince and others of Portland ;

Remonstrance of Thomas Cameron and others of Southport ;

Remonstrance of W. S. Jordan and others of Portland ;

Remonstrance of E. H. Chase and others of Portland, in aid of same, accompanied by list of schooners engaged in taking mackerel in 1880 ;

. Petition of William A. Holbrook and others, praying that the law may be so amended as not to prohibit the taking of smelts between the 15th of September and the 1st day of November;

Remonstrance of J. W. Spaulding and others of Richmond, against an act prohibiting the taking of smelts from the waters of the Kennebec and its tributaries;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Report of Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to establish the Eclectic Medical College of Maine."

Report of same Committee, reporting, on order, bill "an act to amend section 169, chapter 6 of the revised statutes."

Report of Committee on Fisheries and Game, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Piscataquis Game and Fish Protective Society."

Report of same Committee, reporting, on petition, bill "an act for the protection of trout and and land-locked salmon in Kennebago and Rangely chain of lakes."

Report of same Committee, reporting, on petition, bill "an act for the protection of fish in Hosmer's pond in the town of Camden."

Report of Committee on Towns, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to change the boundary line between the towns of Berwick and South Berwick."

Report of Committee on State Year Book, reporting, on order, "resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual."

Report of Committee on Military Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 168, chapter 225, public laws of 1880, relating to the militia."

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

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

Report of Committee on Insane Hospital, reporting, on the reports of the Trustees, Resident Officers and Visiting Committee of Maine Insane Hospital, "resolve to provide for the erection of an additional building to the Maine Insane Hospital."

Resolve read once, and tabled on motion of Mr. EATON of Camden.

Report of Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting, on order, "resolve in favor of Peter McKenzie."

Resolve read once, and tabled on motion of Mr. MORRILL of Augusta.

Communication from Secretary of State, transmitting list of county estimates, was read and referred to the Committee on County Estimates.

Remonstrance of Arthur Sewall and others of Bath, against any law prohibiting taking of smelts from Kennebec river;

Remonstrance of Baxter Marr and others;

Remonstrance of W. W. Walker and others of Dresden, in aid of same;

Petition of G. H. Curtis and others of Auburn relative to taking fish from Wilson pond;

Petition of B. H. Josslyn, in aid of same;

Petition of J. A. Creighton, for right to plant oysters in tide waters of Georges river;

Remonstrance of Benjamin T. Hinekley, against prohibition of smelt fishing in Kennebec river;

Remonstrance of T. W. Hyde and others of Bath, in aid of same;

Remonstrance of J. R. McDougal and others, against any law to prevent taking mackerel by seine;

Petition of William J. Reed and others, for amendment of law relating to smelts;

Petition, with bill accompanying, of Eastman H. Tripp and others, for the protection of trout in Kennebunk pond in town of Lyman;

Were referred to Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Bill "an act for the prevention of the destruction of game by shooting matches;"

Petition of E. A. Harlow and others, for change of divorce law;

Petition of C. M. Emery and others, for same;

Petition of William D. Swan and others, for authority to city of Belfast to refund its debt, with bill accompanying;

"Resolve concerning a deed of settlers lots in township 17, range 7, Aroostook county;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of S. D. B. Spear and others of Bangor, for constitutional amendment prohibiting the sale of liquor ;

Petition of George Farrington of Bangor ;

Petition of James R. Carleton and others of Bangor ;

Petition of Charles A. Neally and others of Bangor, in aid of same ;

Remonstrance of Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens and 1134 others, against allowing the manufacture of intoxicating liquors in this State ;

Bill " an act to repeal section 2, chapter 193, public laws of 1874, relating to Clerks of the Supreme Judicial Court ;"

Petition of South Buxton Cemetery Association, to have its doings made legal ;

Bill " an act to amend chapter 182, public laws of 1874, relating to sale of merchandise by express companies and other corporations ;"

Petition of G. E. Sherman and others, relative to imprisonment for debt ;

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of the selectmen and assessors of the town of Stockton, relating to certain taxes ;

" Resolve in favor of St. Croix and Penobscot Railway Company, for abatement of taxes of 1880 ;"

Claim of E. F. Pillsbury and Company, for balance due for State printing ;

Were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of W. C. Haynes and others, relating to width of sleds in Piscataquis county ;

Petition of citizens of Winn, for an appropriation on county road in Staceyville ;

Were referred to the Committee Ways and Bridges.

Petition of Charles J. Davis and others of Piscataquis county, against change of charter of Penobscot and Lake Megantic Railroad ;

Remonstrance of J. B. Cochran and others of Dover and Foxcroft ;

Remonstrance of E. A. Thompson and others of Dover and Foxcroft, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of municipal officers of Brooks, for establishment of new division line, with bill ;

Remonstrance of E. J. Mains and others of Fryeburg Academy Grant, against being set off upon town of Gilead ;

Petition of A. T. Oxtan and 12 others of Rockland, for division of Rockland ;

Petition of F. A. Packard and others, in aid of same ;

Were referred to Committee on Towns.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 145 of the public laws of 1879, relating to insurance ;"

Petition of William P. Lennox and others of Wiscasset, relating to Hell Gate pilot laws ;

Petition of W. E. Emery and others of Hampden, asking to be classed with the town of Orrington as a representative district under the new apportionment ;

Petition of H. P. Sargent and others of Brewer, asking that the towns of Brewer and Veazie be classed together under the new apportionment ;

Were referred to the Committee on Apportionment of Senators and Representatives.

Remonstrance of Edw. Jordan and others of Bangor, against the removal of the battle flags from the State House ;

Remonstrance of L. T. Carleton and others of Winthrop ;

Remonstrance of John H. Raymond and others ;

Remonstrance of M. M. Folsom and others of Oldtown ;

Remonstrance of William Willey and others of Gardiner ;

Remonstrance of Orrin S. Haskell and others of Pittsfield ;

Remonstrance of I. S. Bangs and others of Waterville ;

Remonstrance of J. O. Johnson and others, in aid same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Wassataquoik Dam Company ;"

Petition of A. H. Norris and others, for charter for a dam on Union river, with bill accompanying ;

Petition of George A. Cony, for right to navigate Cobbosseecontee lake by steam ;

Petition of J. H. Goudy and others, for right to build a wharf into the tide waters of the Damariscotta river ;

Were referred to Committee on Interior Waters.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. McKELLAR of South Thomaston,

Ordered, That the time for presenting petitions be extended to February 8th.

On motion of Mr. WENTWORTH of Gardiner,

Ordered, That the Committee on Ways and Bridges be instructed to inquire into the expediency of enacting a law providing that Kennebec county assume the expense of maintaining bridges on all rivers within said county, instead of the towns, as now provided by law.

On motion of Mr. WHEELER of Easton,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 59, section 2 of the revised statutes, by inserting after the word "idiot" the word "inebriate," so that said section shall read in the second line, "no insane person, idiot or inebriate, shall be capable of contracting marriage."

On motion of Mr. WHEELER of Etna,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 67, chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to bribery at elections.

On motion of Mr. LIVERMORE of Bradley,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 1 of chapter 139 of the revised statutes, by striking out in the third line thereof the words "regular fees," and inserting in place thereof, "fees prescribed by sections 6 and 7 of chapter 116 of the revised statutes."

On motion of Mr. FLINT of Dover,

Ordered, That the Committee on Financial Affairs be requested to inquire into the expediency of more definitely defining by law the compensation of clerks in the office of Secretary of State.

On motion of Mr. KEEGAN of Van Buren,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of providing by law that ten hours shall constitute a legal day's work, and prohibiting by law the employment of persons for more than ten hours each day in manufacturing establishments.

On motion by the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of repealing the present tramp laws.

On motion of Mr. KEEGAN of Van Buren,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of making better provisions for the advancement of education in the plantations of Connor and Caswell, than said plantations enjoy under existing laws.

The same gentleman offered the following :

WHEREAS, A serious controversy has arisen between certain proprietors claiming to own lands within the towns and plantations in the Madawaska territory, so-called, and the settlers upon such lands, especially those mentioned in the report of the Hon. Noah Barker, made in 1873, as a result of which several hundred families may be left homeless,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Attorney General of the State, or the County Attorney of Aroostook county, or some other suitable attorney to defend suits brought to dispossess such settlers, at the expense of the State.

On motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to inquire into the propriety of a law allowing the citizens of township No. 17 in the 6th range, the right to vote in Fort Kent, and of Fort Kent through their school committee of drawing the school money for said plantation, and of establishing and supervising a school or schools in said townships in the same way as in Fort Kent.

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Committee on Railroads inquire into the expediency of so amending the law taxing railroads, that the entire right of way, all tracks, stations, improvements on the right of way, all rolling stock and all property owned by a railroad corporation, personal or real, shall be taxed exclusively by the State for the benefit of the State.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. VERRILL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 48, chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to highway taxes."

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

Bill "an act to amend section 4 of the 55th chapter, revised statutes, relating to libraries, charitable societies and public cemeteries."

Printed bill "an act to prevent railroad accidents."

Bill "an act to amend section 15 of chapter 74 of the public laws of 1878, as amended by chapter 154 of the public laws of 1879, relating to the insolvent laws of Maine."

Printed bill "an act relating to licenses to keep bowling alleys and billiard rooms."

Bill "an act relating to forcible entry and detainer and tenancies ;"

"Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual."

These bills were read twice, resolve once, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of the bills; and Wednesday next for second reading of resolve.

"Resolve in favor of Almira E. Cobb," was read once and tabled.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 15 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 241 of the public laws of 1874, relating to burying grounds."

Bill "an act to amend section 19 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to public and private ways."

Bill "an act to repeal section 31 of chapter 239 of acts of 1880, and to amend section 56 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, relating to report of Insurance Commissioner."

Bill "an act relating to suits to enforce liens."

Bill "an act additional to section 1, chapter 128 of the revised statutes, to regulate the manufacture and sale of vinegar."

Bill "an act to amend section 40, chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to city ordinances."

Bill "an act relating to actions against insolvent estates."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 163, public laws of 1877, relating to loiterers."

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 Pejepscot Manufacturing Company ;"

Bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the Auburn Aqueduct Company ;"

Bill "an act to authorize the Little Androscoggin Water Power Company to increase its capital stock ;"

Were reported from the same Committee, read a third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an to incorporate the Portland and Rochester Railroad ;"

Bill "an act to facilitate the consolidation of the Maine Turning Company and the International Turning Company ;"

Were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker *pro tem.*, and sent to the Senate.

The order relating to final reports, came up as unfinished business, the question being upon laying the order upon the table.

The House refused to table, and gave the order a passage.

Mr. GOSS of Bath, presented "resolve for the equitable distribution of the balance of the Geneva award fund."

The resolve was read twice and adopted, and ordered printed, and copies sent to the Maine Delegation at Washington.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Petition of Nathan Dane and others, for more stringent divorce laws ;

Petition of W. H. Brown and others, members of the Penobscot Bar, for repeal of chapter 247, laws of 1880, relating to appointment and office of county constables, the removal of county attorneys and the sale of cider ;

Petition of G. D. Boynton and others of Bangor, in aid of same ;
Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of E. B. Chase and others, for charter for horse railroad in the city of Portland ;

Petition of Noah Woods, for extension of time for building the Northern Aroostook Railroad ;

Bill "an act additional to chapter 51 of the revised statutes, and to other acts relating to the transportation of passengers and freight by railroad ;"

Bill "an act to authorize the extension of the Bucksport and Bangor Railroad to Ellsworth ;"

Were referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire what changes, if any, are necessary in the third and fourth division of section 1, chapter 75 of the revised statutes, relating to the descent of property.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of legislation providing for the taking of land for public parks in towns or cities of over 5,000 inhabitants, on the same conditions as land is taken for highways.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 145 of the public laws of 1879, and

restoring section 19, chapter 49 of the revised statutes, relating to insurance.

These orders were passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting no legislation necessary, upon the report of the Attorney General.

The report was accepted.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting, on petition, bill "an act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Franklin to re-assess certain taxes."

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting, on order, bill "an act to amend section 8, chapter 19 of the revised statutes, relating to fast driving on bridges."

Report of same Committee, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 28, chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on buildings and lots."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted in concurrence, bills read twice and to-morrow assigned.

Remonstrance of E. P. Hill and others, against removing the battle flags from the State House;

Petition of Saco Rifle Company, to be attached to the active militia;

Were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate Division One of Penobscot County, Maine, Ancient Order of Hibernians of the United States," was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of Register of Probate for Hancock county, for restoration of salary, was referred to the Hancock County Delegation in concurrence.

Petition of Cyrus Andrews and others, for inquiry into the expediency of the reduction of toll on slippage of logs at Upper Kezar dam, as per acts and resolves of 1869, chapter 75, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Petition of Hanson T. Carver, for permission to extend fish weirs into tide waters in town of North Haven, was referred to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence.

Bill "an act extending right of municipal officers to send for persons and papers ;"

Petition of A. S. Ladd and others, relating to change of divorce laws ;

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

Petition of Hiram Hall, Jr. and others of Rockland, for the abolition of imprisonment for debt and taxes ;

Petition of F. E. Hurley and others, for amendment of the Constitution conferring right of suffrage on all persons regardless of sex ;

Petition of John Carr and others of Rockland ;

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

Petition of Richard Hall and others, for school suffrage to women ;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of C. Bradford and others, for aid on road in Staceyville, so-called, in Patten ;

Petition of citizens of Mattawamkeag, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Bill "an act to abolish the office of town agent," was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of F. D. Carney and others, concerning compulsory pilotage, was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of P. W. Abbott and others, for bounty on bears, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Remonstrance of Charles A. Payson and others of Hope, in regard to employment of teachers ;

Remonstrance of D. B. Pride and others, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of E. A. Norton, W. W. Brown and others of Portland, for constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors ;

Petition of A. E. Pote, C. F. Davenport and others, for repeal of chapter 247 of the public laws of 1880 ;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Remonstrance of George R. Palmer and others, soldiers, against removing the battle flags from the State House ;

Remonstrance of S. W. Lane and others of Augusta, in aid of same.

Remonstrance of John S. Case and others of Rockland, against petition of Charles Sherer for division of Rockland ;

Remonstrance of H. N. Fairbanks, against removal of battle flags from the State House ;

Petition of John E. Fossett and others, for an appropriation for annual encampment of Maine militia ;

Were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The foregoing were sent to Senate.

On motion of Mr. KING of Caribou, that gentleman was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, informing that body that in the absence of the Speaker, Hon. S. C. Hatch of Bangor, had been chosen Speaker *pro tem*.

On motion of Mr. COOK of Lewiston, that gentleman was charged with and conveyed a similar message to the Governor.

On motion of Mr. FOSS of Danforth,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads inquire into the expediency of reporting a resolve appropriating a sufficient sum of money to repair the Houlton and Baring road across Indian township, and the road leading from said Houlton and Baring road in said township to Grand Lake Stream in the county of Washington.

On motion of Mr. McKUSICK of Calais,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of so amending the present law that one or more inspectors of stationary steam engines shall be appointed.

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending the present law so that no administrator shall be liable on his bond in any case, until cited in to settle his account.

On motion of Mr. LORD of Kennebunk,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be requested to inquire into the expediency of more effectually protecting by law the rights of females holding an interest in parish property.

On motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency and the demand of passing a law that any one who shall buy or attempt to buy, hire or bribe a voter, shall for such offence, lose his franchise or right to vote for State or county officers for ten years, and any voter who shall sell his vote

or offer to, for money or pay, shall lose his right to vote for five years.

On motion of Mr. BARTLETT of Hope,

Ordered, That the papers on file in the matter of the claim of Benjamin Smith of Appleton, be taken from the files in the Secretary of State's office and placed in the hands of the Committee on Claims.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. BURNHAM, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of citizens of Patten and Mount Chase.

Same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported same, on petition of the citizens of Patten, for allowance of claim of John P. Leslie.

Mr. COOK, from same Committee, reported reference to the Attorney General, on order relating to lot of land No. 115 in the town of Mars Hill.

Mr. WHEELER, from the Committee on Towns, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of inhabitants of Reed and Barker plantations.

Mr. SPRAGUE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to prevent cruelty to birds."

Mr. FREEMAN, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to regulate the sale of trees and shrubs."

Same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of L. B. Waldron and others, relating to the jurisdiction of trial justices in the town of Dexter.

Mr. VERRILL, from the same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to election of town officers on one ticket.

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

Mr. EMERY, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to authorize the county commissioners of the County of Piscataquis to discharge the assessment of a tax made by them, and to include the amount thereof in another assessment.

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

Bill "an act to amend section 168, chapter 225 of the public laws of 1880, relating to the militia ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Piscataquis Game and Fish Protective Society ;"

Bill "an act for the protection of trout and land-locked salmon in Kennebago and Rangely chain of lakes and streams ;

Bill "an act for the protection of fish in Hosmer's pond in the town of Camden ;"

Bill "an act entitled an act to amend section 169, chapter 6 of the revised statutes ;"

Bill "an act to change the boundary line between the towns of Berwick and South Bewick ;"

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 establish the Eclectic Medical College of Maine," was reported from the same Committee, read the third time, amendment "A" proposed by Mr. EATON of Camden, when on motion of Mr. KING of Caribou, the amendment was table and ordered printed.

Bill "an act relating to licenses to keep bowling alleys and billiard rooms ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 15 of chapter 74 of the public laws of 1878, as amended by chapter 154 of the public laws of 1879, relating to the insolvent laws of Maine ;"

Bill "an act relating to forcible entry and detainer and tenancies ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 4 of the 55th chapter of the revised statutes, relating to libraries, charitable societies and public cemeteries ;"

"Resolve in favor of the town of Mayfield ;"

Were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read the third time, resolve the second time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act to prevent railroad accidents," was reported from the same Committee, read three times, amended as per sheet "A," passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The time specified for the election of a State Treasurer, having arrived, the Senate came in, and a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. DINGLEY of the Senate,

Messrs. Dingley of Androscoggin,

Friend of Penobscot,

Freeman of Cherryfield,

McKusick of Calais,

Flint of Dover,

Goss of Auburn,

Hutchinson of Houlton,

were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for State Treasurer.

Having attended to the duty assigned it, Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee reported :

Whole number of votes	159
Necessary for a choice	80
S. A. Holbrook had	95
Charles A. White	64

The report was accepted, and Hon. S. A. Holbrook was declared duly elected Treasurer of State, for the current fiscal years of 1881 and 1882.

On motion of Mr. WAKEFIELD of York,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Convention be directed to notify the Hon. S. A. Holbrook of his election as State Treasurer, for the current fiscal years of 1881 and 1882.

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

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

“Resolve in favor Almira E. Cobb,” was taken from the table, a statement of facts read, and the resolve assigned to Wednesday next for second reading.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Petition of H. R. Taylor and others, against change of game laws ;

Remonstrance of Winship R. Libby and others of Woolwich, against the passage of an act prohibiting the taking of smelts from the waters of Kennebec river and its tributaries by any other means than by hook and line ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Petition of Tyler Kidder and others, for an appropriation to aid in building a road from John Houghton's in Byron, to the mouth of Bemis stream flowing into Mooselucmeguntic lake ;

Petition of J. G. Reed and others, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Petition of Rufus Taylor and Company and others of Jay, asking for a change in the pauper law so as to provide for the support of the poor by counties instead of towns, was referred to Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of P. C. Witham and others of Byron, for bounty on bears, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 193, laws of 1874, and chapter 211, laws of 1877, relating to clerks of judicial courts.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of fixing the fees of appraisers and commissioners at a certain sum per day.

These orders were passed in concurrence.

Petition of J. H. Goudy and others, for right to build a wharf into the tide waters of Damariscotta river, referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in the House, came back from the Senate non-concurred, and was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Bill "an act to regulate and provide for appeals from county commissioners," was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to exempt the Lewiston and Auburn Railroad from taxation," came from the Senate committed to the Committee on Railroads.

The House concurred.

Report of the same Committee, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act to repeal chapter 120, public laws of 1879, and revive section 27, chapter 6 of the revised statutes," came from the Senate accepted, and was accepted in concurrence.

The order relating to final reports, passed in the House, came back from the Senate amended.

The House receded, concurred and passed the order as amended.

Communication from C. B. Lakin, Steward of the Maine Insane Hospital, was received and ordered printed.

Petition of trustees of the Methodist church property at Kent's Hill, for right to sell their parsonage ;

Petition of F. E. Shaw and others of East Machias, for change of divorce law ;

Petition of F. W. Norcross and others ;

Petition of B. F. Farrington and others, for same ;

Statement of John W. Connors and other of Bar Harbor, in regard to how their names were obtained to petition of Elihu P. Hamor for a water company ;

Bill "an act to amend chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to taxes ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 153, chapter 6, laws of 1877, relating to powers of towns ;"

Remonstrance of D. Rodick and others of Bar Harbor, against petition of Elihu T. Hamor ;

Bill "an act to amend chapter 6 of the revised statutes ;"

Remonstrance of the Bar Harbor Water Company, against petition of Elihu T. Hamor ;

Bill "an act relating to claims against insolvent estates ;"

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of George M. Warren and others, relating to Hell Gate pilot laws, was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of B. F. Coburn and others, for appropriation on road leading from Hunt farm, so called, on East Branch, was referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Petition of Thomas Gamage and others, relating to buying and selling lobsters ;

Petition of George McFarland and others, in aid of same ;

Were referred to Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Petition of Saul Neptune and others of Penobscot tribe of Indians, was referred to Committee on Indian Affairs.

Petition of Eben Leach and others of Portland, for constitutional amendment prohibiting the sale of liquor, was referred to Committee on Temperance.

Petition of John Merrow and others, for amendment of game laws, was referred to Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Bill "an act for the navigation of Cobbosseecontee lake," was referred to Committee on Interior Waters.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. HEATH of Waterville,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs, be requested to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 41 of the public laws of 1878.

On motion of Mr. EATON of Camden,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the Committee on Insane Hospital in the investigation of the affairs of said institution, be and are hereby empowered to send for persons and papers.

On motion of Mr. HALL of Rockland,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 70 of the revised statutes, relating to assignments for the benefit of creditors.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, submitted the following, which was tabled :

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the Committee on the Apportionment of Councillor Districts be discharged from any further duties.

Mr. KING, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of H. W. Sprague.

Mr. WARE, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported same, on petition of Macwahoc plantation.

Mr. DORE, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported same, on petition of D. E. Manter and others.

Mr. WENTWORTH, from same Committee, reported same, on petition of John R. Sidney and others.

Mr. LEAVITT, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported same, on petition of Nathan Carsley and others.

Mr. SARGENT, from the Committee on Towns, reported same, on petition of municipal officers of town of Brooks.

Mr. SARGENT, from the same Committee, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of James French and others, for annexation of Fryeburg Academy Grant and Batchelder's Grant to the town of Gilead.

Mr. WHEELER from the same Committee, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of J. P. Mallett and others of the towns of Lee and Winn.

Mr. McALISTER, from the Committee on Towns, reported same, on petition of B. R. Lunt and others, for incorporation of Long Island plantation, in Hancock county.

Mr. THATCHER, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported same, on petition of Francis P. Emerson of York, for exclusive use of Barrell's mill pond in the town of York.

Mr. McKUSICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act additional to section 45, chapter 74, public laws of 1878, as amended by section 20, chapter 154, public laws of 1879."

Mr. FLINT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to a law for formation of telegraph companies.

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

Mr. McALISTER, from the Committee on Towns, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of W. S. Cram and others, that they be set

off from town of Trescott and annexed to the town of Whiting, was read and recommitted to the Committee on Towns.

Mr. SARGENT, from the Committee on Towns, reported, on petition, bill "an act to divide the town of Eaton in Washington county, and incorporate the town of Forest City."

Mr. WHEELER, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to set off a part of the homestead farm of Jonathan G. Record from Crystal plantation, and annex the same to the town of Sherman."

Mr. SARGENT, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to set off Ephraim Grant and others, with their lands, from the town of Columbia, and annex the same to the town of Cherryfield."

Mr. HEATH, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the Kennebec Fibre Company."

Same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Tebbetts Manufacturing Company."

Mr. THATCHER, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to prevent the destruction of smelts in Cold Pond stream and its tributaries."

Mr. BUCK, from the Committee on Railroads, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend the charter of the Aroostook River Railroad Company."

Mr. VERRILL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 48 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to highway taxes."

Mr. CHASE, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported same, on bill "an act to exempt the towns of Blanchard and Shirley from damages in certain cases."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, bills read twice and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Mr. STROUT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 28 of chapter 2 of the revised statutes, relating to the notice upon petitions to the Legislature."

Mr. VERRILL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act in addition to chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to elections."

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

Mr. McKELLAR, for the majority of the Committee on Federal Relations, reported ought to pass, on "resolve on Ireland."

Mr. JORDAN, for the minority of same Committee, reported a substitute, and on his motion both reports were tabled and the resolves ordered printed.

Bill "an act to amend section 8 of chapter 9 of the revised statutes, relating to fast driving on bridges."

Bill "an act to authorize the county commissioners of Franklin county to re-assess certain taxes."

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 28, chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on buildings and lots," was reported from the same Committee, read the third time, and tabled on motion of Mr. FREEMAN of Lincolnville, and to-morrow assigned for further consideration.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Pejepscot Manufacturing Company;"

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company;"

Bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the Auburn Aqueduct Company;"

Bill "an act to authorize the extension of certain wharves in Portland harbor;"

Bill "an act to authorize the Little Androscoggin Water Power Company to increase its capital stock;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Sportsmen's Association;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 200 of the private and special laws of 1876, relating to fishing in Hewes pond in the town of Hermon;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Norombega Sportsman's Club;"

Were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker *pro tem.* and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Mr. STAPLES of Parsonsfield, asked leave to present an order looking to the investigation of certain newspaper charges against T. B. Swan, member of this House, claiming the right as a question of privilege.

The SPEAKER ruled that there was no question of privilege.

Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, appealed from the ruling of the Chair, when the ruling was sustained by a vote of 69 to 44.

The order, as presented by Mr. Staples, was as follows, and was laid over until the expiration of the morning hour :

WHEREAS, Grave charges of a criminal character have appeared in the public newspapers or this State, against Thomas B. Swan, a member from this House, therefore

Ordered, That a Committee of seven be appointed by the Chair for the purpose of investigating such reports, and ascertaining the truth of them, and what action, if any, should be taken, and make report of their doings to the House, with power to send for persons and papers.

Papers from the Senate :

Petition of George Hazen and others of Oxford, for a change of place for holding the December term of the Supreme Judicial Court in Oxford county ;

Petition of H. F. Houghton and others of the town of Woodstock, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of J. R. Eaton and others, for an appropriation for Wilton Academy, was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, reporting reference to the Committee on Pensions, on petition of Elden Burkett and others, on petition of Benjamin Smith.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, reporting reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act to provide for minority representation on corporations."

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of C. B. Goodell and others, for an appropriation to aid in the construction of a bridge in Township No. 8, Range 8, Piscataquis county.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reporting same, on petition of T. B. Spratt and others, for amendment of the law so as to allow fishing four days in each week, up to a point two hundred yards below any dam, fishway or mill-race on the Penobscot river.

These reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Pensions, reporting, on petition of Benjamin M. Nutter, "resolve in favor of Benjamin M. Nutter," came from the Senate recommitted to the Committee on Pensions, and was recommitted in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 40, chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to city ordinances," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to repeal section 31, chapter 239, acts of 1880, and to amend section 56 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, relating to report of Insurance Commissioner," 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, adopted Senate amendment "A," and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to enable the Boston and Maine Railroad to purchase the Old Orchard Beach Railroad."

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

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

Petition of E. Bean and others, for change in divorce laws ;

Petition of the Kennebec Bar, for restoration of salary of Judge of the Superior Court for said county ;

Bill "an act to amend chapter 88, laws of 1879, relating to fees of referees ;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of the citizens of Sherman, for an appropriation on road in Staceyville, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Petition of Otis Gilman and others of Brewer, that the towns of Brewer and Veazie be classed together, was referred to the Committee on Classification of Representative and Senatorial Districts.

Petition of A. Waterhouse and others, for an act relating to deeds and copies of the same, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Frank W. Moody, for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of David Golder and others of Belgrade and Rome, for constitutional amendment to prohibit the liquor traffic ;

Petition of H. C. Hight and others, for change in the prohibitory liquor law ;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Remonstrance of William H. Sinnett and others, against the division of the town of Harpswell ;

Remonstrance of A. J. Snow and others ;

Remonstrance of T. E. Smullen and others ;

Remonstrance of A. T. Trufant and others, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Remonstrance of C. T. Willis and others, against a law prohibiting the taking of smelts in Kennebec river except by hook and line ;

Remonstrance of L. J. Brown and others ;

Remonstrance of William R. Maxwell and others ;

Remonstrance of N. S. Todd and others, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

The time assigned for orders having arrived, the Speaker brought to the attention of the House the order introduced for the raising of a Committee to investigate charges against T. B. Swan, a member of the House.

The order received a passage, and the SPEAKER appointed as the Committee,

Messrs. Staples of Parsonsfield,
Keegan of Van Buren,
Vinal of Thomaston,
Hutchinson of Houlton,
Verrill of Portland,
Eastman of Dennysville,
McKusick of Calais,

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON of Brunswick,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire what, if any, legislation is expedient for the establishment of some uniform and better system of examining candidates for admission to the bar, in the several counties in the State.

On motion of Mr. JONES of Winthrop,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the law whereby deputy sheriffs are requested to pay a percentage of fees collected by them for the service of certain precepts, to the sheriff.

On motion of Mr. GOSS of Bath,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire whether any amendment is necessary to the law relating to trustees of churches.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. DICKEY, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Van Buren Lumbering and Manufacturing Company."

Same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to authorize John S. Jenness, to erect a wharf or wharves in the town of Hampden."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 28, chapter 2 of the revised statutes, relating to notice upon petitions to the Legislature."

Printed bill "an act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Piscataquis, to discharge the assessment of a tax made by them, and to include the amount thereof in another assessment."

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

Mr. GOSS, from Committee on Commerce, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of H. T. Carver and others, relating to fish weirs in tide waters, existing statute being sufficient.

Mr. LELAND, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported same, on petition of Foster and Spaulding.

Mr. BENNER, from the Committee on Commerce, reported same, on petition of George W. Caldwell and others, for wharf in Muscongus bay.

Mr. NICHOLS, from same Committee, reported same, on petition of Lewis Freeman and others, for reason that their case may be met under general law.

Mr. VERRILL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 4, chapter 55 of the revised statutes, relating to certain corporations."

Mr. HARRIS, from the Committee on Commerce, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of Nathan R. Dyer and others, with order of notice.

Mr. BURNHAM, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported reference to Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on order relating to appropriation for road and bridge at Fish river.

Mr. KING, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs, on petition of A. G. Farrar and others, relating to trial justices.

Mr. NICKERSON, from the Committee on Interior Waters; reported reference to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Henry Tilley and others, for aid on bridge across Aroostook river.

Mr. FREEMAN, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported reference to the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of George E. Sherman and others.

Same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to length of a day's work.

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

Mr. VERRILL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 86, section 13 of the revised statutes, relating to trustee costs."

Mr. FREEMAN, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to amend chapter 116 of the public laws of 1879, relating to hawkers and peddlers."

Mr. VERRILL, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to amend section 6 of chapter 63 of the revised statutes, relating to the jurisdiction of probate courts."

Mr. SPRAGUE, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to amend section 23 of chapter 103 of the revised statutes, relating to the assignment of dower."

Same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to amend chapter 182 of the public laws of 1874."

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Education, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of the town of Washington."

Mr. KING, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on order, bill "an act providing for the disaffirmance of contracts and deeds of minors within one year after majority."

Mr. FLINT, from the same Committee, reported ought to pass, in a new draft, on bill "an act for the speedy detection and punishment of crime."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and bills and resolve ordered printed under the Joint Rule.

Bill "an act to set off Ephraim Grant and others, with their lands, from the town of Columbia and annex the same to the town of Cherryfield."

Bill "an act to prevent the destruction of smelts in Cold Stream pond and tributaries in the town of Enfield."

Bill "an act to enable the Aroostook River Railroad to extend its road."

Bill "an act to amend section 48, chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to highway taxes."

Bill "an act to set off a part of the homestead farm of Jonathan G. Record from Crystal plantation and annex the same to the town of Sherman."

Bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the Kennebec Fibre Company."

Bill "an act to exempt the towns of Blanchard and Shirley from damages in certain cases."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Tebbetts Manufacturing Company."

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 divide the town of Eaton in the county of Washington, and incorporate the town of Forest City, was reported from the same Committee, read the third time and ordered printed.

Bill "an act for the protection of Fish in Hosmer's pond in the town of Camden;"

Bill "an act to change the boundary line between the towns of Berwick and South Berwick;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Piscataquis Game and Fish Protective Society;"

Bill "an act to amend section 169 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes;"

Bill "an act for the protection of trout and land-locked salmon in Kennebago and Rangely chain of lakes and streams;"

Were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker *pro tempore*, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend section 28, chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on buildings and lots," came up on assignment and was recommitted to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

A communication was received from Hon. J. O. Smith, Secretary of State, transmitting the annual reports of the agents of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians for the year 1880 ;

Which were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs in concurrence.

Also transmitting the annual report of the Inspectors of Prisons and Jails for 1880, which was referred to the Committee on State Prison in concurrence.

Petition of S. K. Hutchins and others, for change of place for holding the December term of the S. J. Court in Oxford county, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of the county commissioners of Kennebec county and others, for establishing the salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court in the city of Augusta, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of Edward Plummer and others, for a charter for a railroad from Mexico to Byron, in Oxford county, was referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

Petition of J. A. Virgin and others of the town of Hanover, in Oxford county, in relation to the stream flowing from Howard's pond, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate Division 1 of Ancient Order of Hibernians of the United States."

Report of the same Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to women holding the position of deputy town clerk.

Report of the same Committee, reporting same, on order relating to the amending of chapter 150, section 8 of the laws of 1879.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, reporting same, on order relating to the amendment of chapter 57, section 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the toll for grinding, cleansing and bolting all kinds of grain.

Report of the same Committee, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of J. E. Burnham and others, asking for the re-enactment of chapter 200 of the laws of 1877, relating to mischievous dogs.

Report of Committee on Ways and Bridges, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of A. J. Flanders and others of Mayfield, for aid in building a road through the town of Mayfield.

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

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to amend chapter 392 of the special laws of 1877, in relation to navigation of Mooselucmeguntic lake," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice and passed to be engrossed.

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

Bill "an act relating to licenses to keep bowling alleys and billiard rooms," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate, that branch non-concurring and amending per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded, adopted Senate amendment "A," and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 15 of chapter 74 of the public laws of 1878, as amended by chapter 154 of the public laws of 1879, relating to the insolvent laws of Maine," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded, adopted Senate amendment "A," and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Petition of Mrs. Marie A. McKay, for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Bill "an act relating to criminal costs,"

Bill "an act relating to election of county commissioners ;"

Bill "an act for better protection of children ;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. BURNHAM of Sherman,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be instructed to inquire what, if any, legislation is expedient in relation to the accounts against the members of the Maine Swedish Colony for advances in the early settlement of the colony.

Mr. COOK, from the Committee on Temperance, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of James Costello, for right to sell liquors.

Mr. LEAVITT, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported same, on petition of A. A. Plaisted and others, relating to taking of perch in North and East ponds.

Mr. WHEELER, from the Committee on Temperance, reported same, on petition of William M. Putnam and others, for amendment of the liquor law.

Mr. LEAVITT, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported same, on petition of John P. Swasey and others, to prohibit fishing in Bog brook.

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

Mr. BOODY, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported ought to pass, in a new draft, on bill "an act to repeal chapter 145, public laws of 1879, relating to insurance."

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

Mr. BROWN, from the Committee on Pensions, reported reference to the Pension Agent, on petition of John McNutt, for pension, was accepted and sent to the Senate.

Printed bill "an act in addition to chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to elections," was read twice and Monday assigned for third reading.

Bill "an act to authorize John S. Jenness, to erect a wharf or wharves in the tide waters in the town of Hampden."

Bill "an act to amend section 28, chapter 2 of the revised statutes, relating to notice upon petitions to the Legislature."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Van Buren Lumbering and Manufacturing Company."

Bill "an act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Piscataquis, to discharge the assessment of a tax made by them, and to include the amount thereof in another assessment."

These bills were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act to enable the Boston and Maine Railroad to purchase the Orchard Beach Railroad," was reported from the same Committee, read the third time, amendment offered by Mr. FISHER of Boothbay, and on his motion both were ordered printed.

Bill "an act relating to suits to enforce liens ;"

Bill "an act additional to section 1 of chapter 128 of the revised statutes, to regulate the manufacture and sale of vinegar ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the town of Van Buren ;"

Bill "an act relating to actions against insolvent estates ;"

Bill "an act to prohibit the taking of fish from Messabesic pond and its outlet in the town of Alfred ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 8 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, relating to fast driving on bridges ;"

Bill "an act authorizing the county commissioners of the County of Franklin to re-assess certain taxes ;"

Bill "an act amend section 19 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to public and private ways ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 105 of the private and special laws of 1879, relating to the taking of alewives in Dennys river ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 168, chapter 225 of the public laws of 1880, relating to the militia ;"

Bill "an act additional to chapter 15 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 241 of the public laws of 1874, relating to burying grounds ;"

Were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker *pro tempore*, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. GOSS of Auburn,
Adjourned to Monday at 4 o'clock.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Petition of I. W. Merrill, Treasurer of Franklin County Savings Bank, requesting the State Treasurer to refund certain taxes, paid under misapprehension of the law, was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of the Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad Company, for authority to extend its railroad, was referred to the Committee Railroads in concurrence.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws of the State relating to insurance, that insurance companies shall pay the insured of said companies, in case of loss, the full amount of the risk named in the policy given by said company, at the time of said loss, without regard to the value of the property at the time of the loss.

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

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 83, section 8 of the revised statutes, relating to actions before trial justices.

Report of same Committee, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act to abolish the office of town agent."

Report of the Committee on Education, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order to inquire into the expediency of making better provision for the advancement of education in Connor and Crowell plantations.

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 Henry Nash of Addison."

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting, on order relating to travel of trial justices and of justices of the peace and of the quorum, bill "an act to amend section 2 of chapter 116 of the revised statutes, in relation to travel of trial justices and justices of the peace and of the quorum."

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act explanatory of section 3, chapter 78, laws of 1878, relating to tramps."

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

The reports were accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, resolve once and to-morrow assigned for third reading of the first bill and Wednesday of next week for second reading of the resolve, and second bill read twice and tabled on motion of Mr. McKUSICK of Calais.

Remonstrance of 55 soldiers and sailors of Haliowell, against removal of battle flags;

Remonstrance of Gen. J. P. Cilley and others, members of the 1st and 2d Regiments Maine Cavalry, 1st Maine Heavy Artillery, 2d Battery, and 2d, 4th, 13th, 14th, 19th, 20th, 21th, 24th, 25th, 26th, 28th and 31st Regiments of Infantry, against removal of the battle flags from the State House;

Remonstrance of G. T. Stevens and others of Waterville;

Remonstrance of W. H. Emery and others of Fairfield;

Remonstrance of J. H. H. Hewett of Thomaston, against same;

Were referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

Bill "an act for the better protection of life in buildings used for public purposes," was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Charles W. Cummings, for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of Nelson Dingley and others, for amendment of constitution prohibiting manufacturing and sale of liquor, was referred to Committee on Temperance.

Remonstrance of G. S. Howe and others of Woolwich, against petition of B. A. Cox and others, relating to smelts in Kennebec river.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. WHITE of Levant,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending the law concerning taxation that the assessors of cities, towns and plantations, in asking their valuation upon which to make their annual assessment, may deduct from the valuation of each person's personal estate the amount of said taxpayer's indebtedness, provided such persons will subject themselves, under oath before the assessors, to an examination as to the nature and situation of their property.

On motion Mr. THATCHER of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on Fisheries and Game be requested to inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws of the State regulating the taking of salmon throughout the State, that all weir and net fishing shall be prohibited from Saturday morning at sunrise until Monday morning at sunrise, and that all weirs shall be constructed with a door of net or board, in the pound, that shall be fastened back and open for the escape of the fish during the prescribed period.

On motion of Mr. KING of Caribou,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of reimbursing John M. Thurlough for money collected for stumpage on land of said Thurlough.

On motion of Mr. FREEMAN of Lincolnville,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws which govern the Maine Soldiers Orphan Asylum at Bath, as to include within its benefits the children of soldiers who by reason of sickness or other causes are unable or fail to support said children.

On motion of Mr. FLINT of Dover,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 205 of the public laws of 1880, in relation to registry of deeds from the State.

On motion of Mr. NICKERSON of Linneus,

Ordered, That the report of the Committee on Towns in relation to the division of Reed and Barker plantations, be taken from the files and recommitted to the Committee on Towns.

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

Mr. THATCHER, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to which was recommitted bill "an act for the protection of fish in Sabbath Day pond in the town of Sebago," reported that no corrections were necessary.

The bill having been read three times, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. FREEMAN, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported reference to Committee on Education, on order giving Fort Kent the right by law to draw school money for Township No. 17, Range 6.

Same gentleman from same Committee, reported reference to Committee on Agriculture, on order relating to the repeal of sections 52 and 54 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, relating to the branding of hay.

Mr. COOK, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of Albert D. Sherman and others, for an appropriation for a road from Monson village to Ship pond.

The foregoing reports were read and accepted and sent to the Senate.

Mr. PERLEY, from the Committee on Education, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to the Maine Central Institute."

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

Mr. FREEMAN, from Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of Fort Kent."

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

"Resolve in favor of the town of Washington."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 23 of chapter 103 of the revised statutes, relating to assignment of dower."

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 86, section 13 of the revised statutes, relating to trustees' costs."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 6 of chapter 63 of the revised statutes, relating to the jurisdiction of probate courts."

Printed bill "an act for the speedy detection and punishment of crime."

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 182 of the public laws of 1874."

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

Printed bill "an act providing for the disaffirmance of contracts and deeds of minors within one year after majority;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 116 of public laws of 1879, in relation to hawkers and peddlers;"

Were recommitted, the first to the Judiciary, and the second to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Bill "an act to divide the town of Eaton, in the County of Washington, and incorporate the town of Forest City," came up for first reading, and was tabled on motion of Mr. McKUSICK of Calais.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 392 of the special laws of 1877, in relation to navigation of Mooselucmeguntic lake," was 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 in addition to chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to elections," was reported from the same Committee, read third time, and tabled, pending passage to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. WHEELER of Etna.

Majority and minority reports of the Committee on Federal Relations, reporting certain "resolves relating to Ireland," were taken from the table, and Wednesday next, at 11 o'clock, assigned for further consideration, on motion of Mr. KEEGAN of Van Buren.

Printed bill "an act to abolish imprisonment for debt," was taken from the table, and referred to Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. FREEMAN of Lincolnville,
Adjourned,

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting annual report of Military Asylum at Bath, came from the Senate read and report referred to Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of F. B. Curtis and others, for protection of alewives, was referred to Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Bill "an act to empower married women to convey their property without the joinder of their husbands ;"

Bill "an act relating to the European and North American Railway ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 13 of chapter 73 of revised statutes, relating to conveyances in mortgage and conveyances in trust ;"

Bill "an act relating to levy of execution on real estate ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Oxford and Androscoggin Telegraph Company ;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "an act to confer certain powers on the inhabitants and officers of the town of Eden," was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of John T. Preble for State pension, was referred to the Committee on Pensions in concurrence.

Petition of F. M. Waterhouse and other of Standish, for change in school laws, was referred to Committee on Education in concurrence.

Ordered, That the Committee on Fisheries and Game be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws of the State relating to weirs for the taking or catching of alewives in

Damariscotta river, as to prevent their extension into the river beyond low water mark.

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

The order of the House relating to poor debtors, passed in the House, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary. House concurred.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to make valid the doings of the South Buxton Cemetery Association."

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reporting same, on bill "an act to amend section 7 of chapter 148 of the laws of 1873, relating to insurance and insurance companies."

These 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, on bill "an act to authorize John S. Jenness to erect a wharf or wharves in tide waters in Hampden," which was accepted in the House, came back from the Senate recommitted.

The House recessed and concurred.

Remonstrance of A. Watts and others, against any change of lobster law ;

Remonstrance of Charles C. Kellar and others ;

Remonstrance of George Burton and others ;

Remonstrance of Adam B. Kallock and others ;

Remonstrance of A. F. Ellwell and others, in aid of same ;

Remonstrance of C. H. S. Webb and others, against any act to prevent taking of mackerel with seines ;

Remonstrance of Farrington Hart and others, against any change in lobster law ;

Remonstrance of Samuel Trussle and others, in aid of same ;

Remonstrance of J. M. Perkins and 31 others, relating to taking of smelts from Kennebec river ;

Remonstrance of James F. Oliver and others ;

Were referred to Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 215, public laws of 1880, relating to jurisdiction of justices of the peace ;"

Petition of S. Forney and others, for women's suffrage for schools ;
Bill " an act to incorporate the Saco Water Company ;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Remonstrance of James W. Bolton and others, against diverting the waters of Long lake in Aroostook county, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Horace Woodman and others, for renewal of the privileges granted them in the acts of incorporation of the Saco and Biddeford Gas Light Company, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Bill " an act levying taxes on corporate franchise," was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Petition of Moses E. Sweet and others, trustees of Parsonsfield Seminary, for appropriation in aid of same, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of A. Gilman and others, for bridge from Orr's to Bayley's island ;

Petition of citizens of Kingman, for appropriation on roads in Staceyville ;

Were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Bill " an act to revive and amend the charter of the Bangor and Calais Railroad Company," was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of the inhabitants of the town of Ashland, for reimbursement for support of State paupers, with statement of facts, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Bill " an act relative to claims against insolvent estates, and appeals from decisions of judges of probate," was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Remonstrance of H. F. Porter and others of Pembroke, against removing the battle flags from the State House ;

Remonstrance of George H. Allen and others of Machias, against removing the battle flags from the State House ;

Remonstrance of Marcellus L. Fisher of Kenduskeag, in aid of same ;

Remonstrance of Robert F. Parker and others, in aid of same ;

Petition of J. E. Ashe and others, for act to equalize soldiers' bounties ;

Were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion of Mr. NICKERSON of Brewer,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the school law, that when a public school is suspended by the proper authority by reason of the prevalence of contagious diseases, the teacher may be discharged.

On motion of Mr. TWITCHELL of Bethel,

Ordered, That the report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reporting leave to withdraw in the matter of Barrell's mill pond, be taken from the files and recommitted.

On motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent,

Ordered, That the Committee of Education be directed to inquire into the necessity of passing a special law allowing or obliging the superintending school committee of Eagle Lake plantation, to take the scholars in Township No. 16, Range 6, and return the same, and establish schools and draw the school money and manage the same in the same way as the schools in their plantation; also the same as to the plantation of St. Francis and Township 18, Range 10.

On motion of Mr. LIBBY of Carthage,

Ordered, That the time for the reception of petitions, bills and resolves requiring reference to any Committee, be extended to the 12th of the present month.

The foregoing petitions and orders were sent to the Senate.

Majority report from the Committee on Towns, presented by Mr. SARGENT of Sedgwick, reported on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the town of West Rockland;" and

Minority report presented by Mr. McALISTER, from same Committee, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of Charles Sherer and others, for division of Rockland.

The reports were tabled, and the bill ordered printed, and Friday next assigned.

Mr. DICKEY, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported back to the House, bill "an act to authorize John S. Jenness to erect a wharf or wharves in tide waters in the town of Hampden," having corrected the clerical error in the report.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 145 of the public laws of 1879, relating to insurance," was read twice, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill "an act to amend section 6 of chapter 63 of the revised statutes, relating to the jurisdiction of probate courts."

Bill "an act to amend section 23 of chapter 103 of the revised statutes, relating to assignment of dower."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 86, section 13 of the revised statutes, relating to trustees' costs."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 182 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the sale of merchandise by express companies and other corporations."

Bill "an act relating to the Maine Central Institute."

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

Bill "an act to amend section 2 of chapter 116 of the revised statutes, in relation to travel of trial justices and justices of the peace and of the quorum," was reported from the same Committee, read third time, and tabled on motion of Mr. FISHER of Boothbay.

Bill "an act for the speedy detection and punishment of crime," was reported from the same Committee, read third time, tabled on motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor.

Bill "an act to repeal section 31 of chapter 239 of the public laws of 1880, and to amend section 56 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, relating to the report of the Insurance Commissioner;

Bill "an act to amend section 15 of chapter 74 of the public laws of 1878, as amended by chapter 154 of the public laws of 1879, relating to the insolvent laws of Maine;"

Bill "an act to amend section 40, chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to city ordinances;"

Bill "an act to amend section 4 of chapter 55 of the revised statutes, relating to libraries, charitable societies and public cemeteries;"

Bill "an act relating to licenses to keep bowling alleys and billiard saloons;"

"Resolve in favor of the town of Mayfield;"

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 in addition to chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to elections," was taken from the table, when Mr. WHEELER of Etna, offered an amendment, which was ordered printed and tabled on motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland, and Wednesday of next week assigned for further consideration.

On motion of Mr HATCH of Bangor, the Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, requesting the return of bill "an act to repeal chapter 200 of the laws of 1876, relating to fishing in Hewes pond."

Subsequently the bill was returned by the Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. TARBOX of Phillips,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting annual report of the condition of the savings banks, came from the Senate read and the report referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

The communication was read, and report referred in concurrence.

Petition of Frank E. Gibbs and others of Canton, for change of place for holding the December Term of the Supreme Judicial Court for Oxford county, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of the Ara Cushman and others of Auburn, for amendment of city charter ;

Bill "an act to incorporate the Union Cemetery Company ;"

Bill "an act relating to civil actions ;"

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of William Curtis, for W. C. Amazine together with his estate to be set off from the town of Garland and annexed to the town of Exeter, was referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of Emery Brewer,” was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to examine the provisions of chapter 24, section 1 of the revised statutes, and report by bill or otherwise, whether such change thereof is necessary, that children of paupers therein named may follow the residence of the pauper parent.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 186 of the laws of 1877, as to place a reasonable limit within which an action to enforce the lien therein provided shall be commenced.

Ordered, That the Cumberland County Delegation be requested to inquire into the expediency of increasing the salary of the Register of Probate of Cumberland county.

Ordered, That the Committee on Financial Affairs be requested to inquire into the expediency of amending section 10, chapter 150 of the public laws of 1879, relating to salaries in the office of the Superintendent of Public Schools.

These orders were read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill “an act relating to appointment of administrators, with the will annexed.”

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting, on petition, bill “an act to authorize Charles A. J. Farrar to dredge bars, blast rocks, and navigate the Richardson lakes and intervening waters by steam.”

Report of the Committee on Commerce, reporting, on petition, bill “an act to incorporate the Sullivan and Hancock Steam Ferry Company.”

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting, on order, bill “an act amending section 65 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, in relation to accident insurance policies.”

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting, on peti-

tion, bill "an act for the navigation of Winnecook lake in the County of Waldo," referred from last Legislature.

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, bills read twice, last one amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, amendment "A" adopted, bills read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill "an act to prevent railroad accidents."

Bill "an act to exempt the towns of Blanchard and Shirley from damages in certain cases."

These bills were passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

House recessed and concurred.

Petition of S. C. Strout and others of the Cumberland Bar, for the restoration of salary of Justices of the Supreme Court of said county ;

Petition of Fred W. Files and others, for charter of Presumpscot Sporting Association ;

Bill "an act authorizing a free bridge over Georges river ;"

Petition of Wm. Newbert and 18 others of the town of Cushing ;

Petition of Henry B. Cook and others ;

Petition of L. H. Wallace and others of Waldoborough, in aid of same ;

Were tabled, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

Remonstrance of members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, for bill "an act prohibiting manufacturing and sale of liquor ;"

Petition of H. C. Munson and others, for constitutional amendment prohibiting manufacturing and sale of liquor ;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Petition of C. C. Vinal and others of Kennebunk, for change of law in regard to employment of teachers, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of Moses A. Safford, Register of Probate for York county, for restoration of former salary, was referred to York County Delegation.

Remonstrance of W. W. Conant and others, against removal of

battle flags from the State House, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Remonstrance of S. G. Hart and others, concerning Hell Gate pilotage law, was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Bill "an act additional relating to the insolvency laws of Maine, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of John Eddy and others, relating to registry district in Aroostook ;

Petition of C. H. Gates and others, for change in divorce laws ;

Bill "an act to amend section 3, chapter 204, relative to apothecaries."

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. LIBBY of Carthage,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing by enactment for the division of line or partition fences in unorganized places, was read and passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. STROUT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Square Pond Reservoir Company."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to enable the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Maine, to remove, rebuild or repair St. James Parish Church of Oldtown."

Mr. FREEMAN, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Steam Heating Company."

Mr. THATCHER, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported, on petition, bill "an act to repeal chapter 110, special laws of 1866, relating to preservation of pickerel in Winthrop pond."

Printed "resolve in favor of town of Fort Kent."

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

Mr. GOSS of Bath, presented bill "an act to amend chapter 178, acts and resolves of 1879," which was read twice and to-morrow assigned, under suspension of rules.

Mr. EMERY, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act for the better protection of life in buildings used for public purposes."

Mr. VERRILL, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to amend chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to taxes."

Mr. BRIDGHAM, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to authorize the Bridgton Telegraph Company to discontinue and remove its present line of telegraph, and to own, construct, maintain and operate a line or lines of telegraph along the line of certain railroads, if built."

Mr. FREEMAN, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to amend section 12, chapter 43 of the revised statutes of 1871, relating to the establishment of true meridian lines."

Mr. VERRILL, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to amend 'an act to establish a Municipal Court in the city of Auburn.'"

Mr. VERRILL, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act empowering the county commissioners of Penobscot county to purchase, take and appropriate land for a ferry landing in the town of Brewer."

Mr. BRADSTREET, from the Committee on Railroads, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Kennebec and Franklin Railroad Company."

Same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Skowhegan and Athens Railroad Company."

Mr. McKUSICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Eastern Telegraph Company."

Mr. STROUT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on order, bill "an act to regulate the practice in equity proceedings."

Mr. McALISTER, from the Committee on Towns, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the town of Howard."

Mr. PURINGTON, from the Committee on Education, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Rockport Village School Corporation."

Mr. BURNHAM, from the Committee on State Lands and State

Roads, reported ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of Eugene Michaud."

Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported, on petition, "resolve making an appropriation for the support of soldiers' orphans at the Bangor Children's Home for the years 1881 and 1882."

Mr. TRUE, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported, on petition, "resolve making an appropriation in favor of the Maine General Hospital for the years 1881 and 1882."

Same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, "resolve making an appropriation for the support of soldiers' orphans in the Female Orphan Asylum at Portland for the years 1881 and 1882."

Same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, "resolve making an appropriation for the support of soldiers' orphans at St. Elizabeth Orphan Asylum at Portland for the years 1881 and 1882."

The reports were read and accepted, bills and resolves ordered printed under Joint Rule.

Mr. FREEMAN, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 116, public laws of 1879, relating to hawkers and peddlers."

Mr. SPRAGUE, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to amend section 153, chapter 6, revised statutes, relating to the powers of town treasurers."

Mr. BRIDGHAM, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to amend chapter 6, revised statutes, exempting private libraries from taxation."

Mr. SPRAGUE, from the same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to amendment of chapter 41, public laws of 1878."

Mr. EMERY, from the same Committee, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Ai Waterhouse and others, relating to copies of deeds as evidence."

Mr. THATCHER, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported same, on petition of Samuel L. Davis, relating to weight of a barrel of herring.

Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on State Lands and State

Roads, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to power of State and county attorney.

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

“Resolve in favor of Almira E. Cobb;”

“Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual;”

“Resolve in favor of town of Washington;”

Bill “an act to amend section 7 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 148 of the laws of 1873, relating to insurance and insurance companies;”

Bill “an act to make valid the doings of the South Buxton Cemetery Association;”

Bill “an act to repeal chapter 145 of the public laws of 1879, relating to insurance;”

Were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, except the last, which was recommitted.

Mr. STROUT of Portland, presented “resolve authorizing the librarian to deliver certain documents to the Maine Historical Society,” which on his motion was read twice, and passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules, and sent to the Senate.

The majority and minority report of the Committee on Federal Relations, came up by assignment.

Mr. JORDAN, for the minority, asked leave to withdraw the minority report, which the House granted, when the majority report was accepted, the resolve amended and adopted unanimously.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

“ Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture,” came from the Senate, read twice, and passed to be engrossed under suspension of rules.

The resolve was read twice, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill “ an act to set off a part of the homestead farm of Jonathan G. Record from Crystal plantation, and annex the same to the town of Sherman,” passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate, amended per sheet “A,” and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded, adopted Senate amendment “A,” and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, reporting, on petition of Saco Rifle Company, reference to Commander-in-Chief of State Militia, came from the Senate recommitted, and was recommitted in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting on petition of A. G. Farrar and others, leave to withdraw.

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and accepted in concurrence.

Bill “ an act to prevent railroad accidents,” passed to be engrossed in the House, amended per sheet “A,” indefinitely postponed in the Senate, non-concurred in the House yesterday, came back from the Senate recommitted, and was recommitted in concurrence.

Messsge was received from the Senate, by Mr. Tilden, its Secretary, informing the House of the election of Hon. J. S. Berry as President *pro tem*.

Remonstrance of W. A. Robbins and 406 others, against petition to abolish the common council of the city of Auburn, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Remonstrance of Horatio Trefethen and others, against granting charter for ferry from Kittery to Portsmouth, N. H., was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of James P. Buxton and others, in favor of bill for care and education of neglected children, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. McKUSICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to amendment of chapter 59, section 2, revised statutes.

Mr. HALL, from the same Committee, reported reference to Androscoggin County Delegation, on petition of Albert Savage and others, for increase of salary of Judge of Probate.

Mr. STROUT, from the same Committee, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Patrons of Husbandry, in relation to fraudulent notes.

Mr. NUTTER, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported same, on petition of inhabitants of town of Hersey.

Mr. LEIGHTON, from the same Committee, reported same, on petition of Benjamin Penney and others, relative to rims of wheels.

Mr. DOORE, from the same Committee, reported same, on petition of W. C. Hayes, relative to width of sleds.

Mr. HILTON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported same, on petition of Antoine Ouilette, against throwing refuse into Violet brook.

Same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported same, on petition of Stratton and Thompson, for aid on bridge at Mattawamkeag.

Mr. KENDALL, from the Committee on Towns, reported same, on petition of Reed and Barker plantations, for division.

Same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported same, on petition of W. S. Robbins and others, for exemption from taxation.

Same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported same, on petition of W. S. Cram and others, to be set off from the town of Trescott.

Mr. KENDALL, from the Committee on Towns, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of William Marston and others, to be set off from Waterville to West Waterville.

Mr. VERRILL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought not to pass, on recommitted bill "an act to amend section 28, chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on buildings and lots."

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

Mr. WHITE, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of an appropriation in aid of Houlton and Baring road."

The report was accepted, and resolve ordered printed.

Subsequently, foregoing votes reconsidered, and report recommitted, on motion of Mr. McKUSICK, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. McKUSICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to make valid and legal the doings of the First Universalist Society in Bridgton."

Mr. STROUT, from the same Committee, reported, on petition of the Westbrook Manufacturing Company, bill "an act to amend 'an act to incorporate the Westbrook Manufacturing Company,' approved, February 25, 1845."

Printed bill "an act for the better protection of life in buildings used for public purposes."

Printed bill "an act to authorize the Bridgton Telegraph Company to discontinue and remove its present line of telegraph, and to own, construct, maintain and operate a line or lines of telegraph along the line of certain railroads, if built."

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to taxes."

Printed bill "an act empowering the county commissioners of Penobscot county to purchase, take and appropriate land for a ferry landing in the town of Brewer."

Printed bill "an act to amend 'an act to establish a Municipal Court in the city of Auburn.'"

These reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, presented bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," which was on his motion ordered printed.

Mr. McKELLAR, from the Committee on Federal Relations, reported ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of French Spoliation Claims."

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

Mr. COOK, from majority of Committee on Temperance, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 45 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes, relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors."

Mr. FISHER, from minority of same Committee, reported ought not to pass, on same bill, and moved to substitute the minority for majority report.

The reports were tabled and bill ordered printed.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 178, acts and resolves of 1879 ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Lewiston Steam Heating Company ;"

Bill "an act to enable the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Maine to remove, rebuild or repair St. James Parish Church of Oldtown ;"

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Square Pond Reservoir Company ;'"

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 110 of the special laws of 1866, relating to the preservation of pickerel in Winthrop pond ;"

Were reported from Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

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

Bill "an act relating to the appointment of administrators, with the will annexed."

Bill "an act to authorize Charles A. J. Farrar to dredge bars, blast rocks, and navigate the Richardson lakes and intervening waters by steam."

Bill "an act amending section 65 of chapter 49 of revised statutes, in relation to accident insurance policies."

Bill "an act for the navigation of Winnecook lake in the county of Waldo."

The foregoing bills were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, Senate amendment "A" to the last one adopted, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Van Buren Lumbering and Manufacturing Company ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 392 of the special laws of 1877, in relation to navigation of Mooselucmeguntic lake ;"

Bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the Kennebec Fibre Company ;"

Bill "an act to enable the Aroostook Railroad Company to extend its road ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 48, chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to highway taxes ;"

Bill "an act to prevent the destruction of smelts in Cold Stream pond and its tributaries in the town of Enfield ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Tebbetts Manufacturing Company ;"

Bill "an act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Piscataquis to discharge a tax made by them, and to include the amount thereof in another assessment ;"

Were reported from 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.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the necessity of amending chapter 6, section 10 of the revised statutes, by inserting the word "bark" after the word "wood" in the fourth line of said section, in order to carry out the full spirit of said section, and report by bill or otherwise.

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

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to the amending of section 3 of chapter 162 of the public laws of 1879, relating to support of paupers by plantations."

Report of same Committee, reporting reference to the Delegation from Somerset County, on petition of G. H. Hight and others, for increase of salary of Register of Probate for Somerset county.

Report of same Committee, reporting reference to Committee on Temperance, on petition of G. D. Boynton and others, for the repeal of chapter 247, laws of 1880.

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

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting, on petition of Dexter Lodge of Good Templars, bill "an act relating to the Good Templars Hall in Dexter," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice and passed to be engrossed.

Report was accepted in concurrence, bill read twice and to-morrow assigned.

Petition of S. C. Strout and others of the Cumberland bar, for restoration of salary of Justice of Superior Court of Cumberland county, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition for restoration of salary of Judge of Probate for York county, was referred to York County Delegation.

Petition of E. O'Brien and others of Thomaston ;

Petition of T. W. Hix of Rockland ;

Petition of William Wilson of Hallowell, for appropriation for widow and children of Asa Perkins ;

Were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Bill "an act to build and maintain a free bridge across Georges river," was referred to Committee on Interior Waters.

Remonstrance of F. J. Orr and 30 others, against division of the town of Harpswell ;

Remonstrance of C. B. Roberts and others against division of Caribou ;

Were referred to Committee on Towns.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 62, public laws of 1872," was referred to Committee on Temperance.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. THATCHER, from Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Eastman Tripp and others, for protection of trout in Kennebunk.

Mr. PURINGTON, from Committee on Education, reported same, on petition of Moses E. Sweat.

Mr. GILBERT, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported same, on petition of Cyrus Andrews and others, for reduction of toll on slippage of logs on the Upper Kezar Dam.

Mr. THATCHER, from Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported same, on petition of Jonathan Darling and others, for change of close-time for moose, deer and caribou.

Mr. KING, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to section 11, chapter 139, revised statutes, relating to fees.

Mr. KING, from same Committee, reported same, on order relating to relief of poor debtors.

Mr. BRIDGHAM, from Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same, on order relating to sheriffs' fees."

Mr. EMERY, from same Committee, reported same, on order relating to appointment of inspectors of steam engines.

Mr. THATCHER, from Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported same, on order amending game laws relating to moose, deer and caribou.

Mr. KING, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported reference to next Legislature, on petition of C. M. Bailey and others, for repeal of chapter 137, public laws of 1879, relative to flowage of highways.

Mr. WENTWORTH, from the Committee on Railroads, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to establish a reasonable rate of fare for transportation of passengers and to prevent an unjust discrimination in charges for transportation of freight on railroads."

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

Mr. MCKELLAR, from the Committee on Federal Relations, reported, on petition of John B. Farrell and others, for aid in building bridge across St. John river at Van Buren.

The report was read and recommitted and sent to the Senate.

Mr. THATCHER, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of B. A. Cox and 223 others and various other petitions, for an act regulating the catching of smelts in the Kennebec river and its tributaries, was read, and tabled on motion of Mr. WENTWORTH of Gardiner.

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported, on petition of Isaac W. Smith and others, bill "an act to protect fish in Lufkin pond in the town of Phillips."

Mr. PERLEY, from Committee on Education, reported, on petition of A. Moody and others of Biddeford, bill "an act providing for election of superintending school committee and Superintendent of schools of the city of Biddeford."

Printed bill "an act to incorporate the Rockport Village School Corporation."

Printed bill "an act to incorporate the town of Howard."

Printed bill "an act to incorporate the Eastern Telegraph Company."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 12, chapter 43 of the revised statutes."

"Resolve making an appropriation in favor of the Maine General Hospital for the years 1881 and 1882."

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

Mr. HUTCHINSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act in relation to the times of holding sessions of county commissioners."

Mr. TALBOT, from same Committee, reported same, on "resolve requesting the Attorney General to prepare and obtain a deed of certain settlers' land from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

Mr. GOSS, from Committee on Commerce, reported, on petition, "resolve memorializing the General Assembly of the State of New York to repeal the Hell Gate pilot laws."

Mr. LORD, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on "resolve in relation to the East River bridge."

Mr. VERRILL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act additional relating to the insolvent laws of Maine."

Mr. BRADSTREET, from Committee on Railroads, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Cape Elizabeth Railroad Company."

Mr. BERRY, from Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on order, "resolve to authorize the Land Agent to settle certain accounts with members of the Maine Swedish Colony."

Mr. STROUT, from Cumberland County Delegation, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act concerning the Deputy Clerk of Courts of Cumberland county."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and bills and resolves ordered printed under Joint Rule.

Bill "an act empowering the county commissioners of Penobscot county to purchase, take and appropriate land for a ferry landing in the town of Brewer."

Bill "an act to amend 'an act to establish a Municipal Court in the city of Auburn.'"

Bill "an act to amend 'an act to incorporate the Westbrook Manufacturing Company,' approved February 25th, 1845."

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

Bill "an act for the better protection of life in buildings used for public purposes," was reported from same Committee, and pending third reading, tabled on motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland.

Bill "an act to make valid and legal the doings of the First Universalist Society in Bridgton," was reported from same Committee, and pending third reading, tabled on motion of Mr. BRAD-STREET of Bridgton.

Bill "an act to authorize the Bridgton Telegraph Company to discontinue and remove its present line of telegraph, and to own, construct, maintain and operate a line or lines of telegraph along the line of certain railroads, if built," was reported from same Committee, and pending third reading, tabled on motion of Mr. HUTCHINSON of Houlton.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 6, revised statutes, relating to taxes," was reported from same Committee, read the third time, and pending passage to be engrossed, tabled on motion of Mr. HUTCHINSON of Houlton.

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the South Buxton Cemetery Association ;"

Bill "an act for the protection of fish in Sabbath Day pond in the town of Sebago ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 7 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 148 of the public laws of 1873, relating to insurance and insurance companies ;"

Bill "an act to set off Ephraim Grant and others, with their lands, from the town of Columbia, and annex the same to the town of Cherryfield ;"

"Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual ;"

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.

Majority and minority report of the Committee on Towns, on petition of Charles Sherer and others, to set off Ward 7 from city of Rockland, came up by assignment, when Mr. McALISTER moved to substitute minority report (leave to withdraw) for the majority report, reporting a bill to set off the seventh ward.

The question pending, the House adjourned to meet at half-past 2 o'clock P. M., on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

The question pending at adjournment, came up for consideration, and the question of substitution was taken by yeas and nays, and the minority report was substituted for the majority report, by yeas 72, nays 58.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Allen,	Hersom,	Perley,
Andrews,	Hopkins,	Pitcher,
Boody,	Hutchinson, Lewiston,	Purinton,
Bragdon,	Hutchinson, Houlton,	Redlon,
Buck,	Jones of Winthrop,	Rowell,
Burnell,	Jordan,	Shaw,
Burr,	Joy,	Smith of New Sharon,
Chase,	Keegan,	Smith of Mt. Vernon,
Clark,	Kennison,	Sprague,
Cook,	Leland,	Staples of Biddeford,
Cushman,	Lord of Bangor,	Strout of Portland,
Domnell,	Lord of Kennebunk,	Sturdivant,
Eaton,	Mallett,	Sweat,
Emery,	Maxcy,	Tarbox,
Fisher,	McAlister,	Thatcher,
Freeman, Cherryfield,	McKellar,	Torry,
Goodale,	McKusick,	True,
Goodall,	Means,	Trufant,
Goss of Auburn,	Nickerson of Linneus,	Varney,
Goss of Bath,	Nickerson of Brewer,	Verrill,
Hall,	Nickels,	Vinal,
Harris,	Noyes,	Ware,
Hatch,	Nutter,	Wilder,
Heath,	Packard,	Wyman—72.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Achorn,	Berry,	Bragg,
Ashford,	Bird,	Bridgham,
Averill,	Boothby,	Brown,
Bartlett,	Bradstreet, Bridgton,	Burnham,
Bean,	Bradstreet of Palermo,	Chadbourne,

Crosby, Norridgewock, King,		Smith of Buxton,
Dennis,	Lang,	Staples of Dayton,
Doore,	Leavitt,	Staples, Parsonsfield,
Edgcomb,	Leighton,	Staples of Elliot,
Eldred,	Libby,	Strout, C. Elizabeth,
Folsom,	Loud,	Talbot,
Foss,	Morrill,	Trafton,
Freeman, Lincolnville, Norris,		Twitchell,
Gilbert,	Parsons,	Wardwell,
Goodwin, Shapleigh, Partridge,		Waters,
Harding,	Rowe,	Wentworth, Kittery,
Haskell,	Ritchie,	Wheeler of Easton,
Hilton,	Sargent,	Wheeler of Etna,
Kendall,	Seavey,	White—58.
Kimball,		

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Petition of Amos L. Allen, to amend section 5 of chapter 150 of the public laws of 1879, relating to the salary of the Clerk of Courts of York county, was referred to York County Delegation in concurrence.

Remonstrance of H. B. Joyce and others of Swan Island, against the enactment of a law to prohibit the taking mackerel with seines, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

Remonstrance of B. B. Jackson and others, against removal of the battle flags from the rotunda of the State House, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "an act to increase the salary of the Clerk of Courts of Penobscot county," was referred to the Penobscot County Delegation in concurrence.

Ordered, That the Committee on Railroads be instructed to inquire whether any further legislation is required in the matter of making connections.

Ordered, That the House concurring, the Committee on Financial Affairs be joined to the Committee on Railroads, constituting a Joint Special Committee for the consideration of a bill entitled "an act relating to the taxation of railroads," now pending before the Committee on Railroads, and assigned for hearing, Tuesday, the 15th instant.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of authorizing the commissioners of Somerset county to assess road taxes upon townships or owners of townships not situated on said county roads.

Ordered, That the Committee on Railroads, together with the Committee on Financial Affairs, to which the bill in relation to taxation of railroads has been referred by order of the Senate, be also requested to consider all propositions pertaining to taxation of railroads, that are now or shall hereafter be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

These orders were read and passed in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Agriculture, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order to inquire into the expediency of fixing the standard weight of a bushel of oats at thirty-two pounds instead of thirty pounds.

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on order relating to sale of calves under four weeks old.

Report of Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of Ara Cushman and others of Auburn, for amendment of city charter.

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

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 22 of chapter 122 of the revised statutes, relating to witness fees and false certificates."

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Oxtord and Androscoggin Telegraph Company."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, bills read twice, last amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

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

Bill "an act to amend chapter 182, public laws of 1874, relating to sale of merchandise by express companies and other corporations," passed to be engrossed in the House, came from the Senate amended per sheet "A" and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded, adopted Senate amendment "A," and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 23 of chapter 103 of the revised statutes, relating to assignment of dower," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate recommitted.

House receded and concurred.

Bill "an act to amend section 6 of chapter 63 of the revised statutes, relating to the jurisdiction of probate courts," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate recommitted.

House receded and concurred.

Petition of John B. Haskell and others, for an act for protection of fish in Pleasant pond in Garland ;

Petition of A. B. Smith and others, relating to fish in Hewes pond ;

Remonstrance of George W. Hopkins, against passage of an act to repeal chapter 200, laws of 1876, relating to fishing in Hewes pond ;

Were referred to Committee on Fisheries and Game, under suspension of rules.

Remonstrance of I. P. Staples and others, against change of law for employment of teachers, was referred to Committee on Education.

Bill "an act to amend section 18, chapter 51 of revised statutes, as amended by chapter 189, laws of 1874 ;"

Bill "an act concerning connecting railroads ;"

Were referred to Committee on Railroads.

Petition of Daniel Green and others, for change of divorce law ;

Memorial of the General Conference of the Congregational Churches of Maine in relation to same ;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Remonstrance of C. C. Roberts and others, against removal of battle flags from State House, was referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

Petition of D. Teague and others, in aid of petition of E. Levasseur, for division of Caribou ;

Petition of A. W. Boynton and others ;

Petition of N. Carsef and others, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. TRUE of Portland,

Ordered, That the use of Representatives' Hall be granted to Miss E. L. Barton of the Deaf School of Portland, for an exhibition on Thursday, Feb. 17th.

On motion of Mr. NICKERSON of Linneus,

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

Mr. NICKELS, from the Committee on Commerce, reported, on petition of Jacob McLellan and others, bill "an act to change the location of part of the Harbor Commissioners' line in Portland harbor."

Mr. NICKERSON, from Committee on Pensions, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Frances Albert of Houlton."

These reports were accepted, and bill and resolve ordered printed.

Mr. SPRAGUE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of E. P. Hamor and others and various other petitions, for charter of water company at Bar Harbor.

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

Bill "an act providing for the election of a superintending school committee and superintendent of schools in the city of Biddeford."

Bill "an act to incorporate the town of Howard."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Rockport Village School Corporation."

Bill "an act to protect fish in Lufkin pond in the town of Phillips."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Eastern Telegraph Company."

Bill "an act to amend section 12, chapter 43 of the revised statutes."

The foregoing bills were reported from the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act relating to the Good Templars Hall in Dexter," was reported from Committee on Bills in Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to authorize John S. Jenness to erect a wharf or wharves in tide waters in the town of Hampden ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 1 of chapter 178 of the private and special laws of 1879, relating to the issue of bonds in aid of the Knox and Lincoln Railroad ;"

Bill "an act to set off the homestead farm of Jonathan G. Record from Crystal plantation and annex the same to the town of Sherman ;"

Bill "an act for the navigation of Winnecook lake in the county of Waldo ;"

Bill "an act amending section 65 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, in relation to accident insurance policies ;"

Bill "an act to authorize Charles A. J. Farrar to dredge bars, blast rocks, and navigate the Richardson lakes and intervening waters by steam ;"

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

"Resolve authorizing the Librarian to deliver certain documents to the Maine Historical Society ;" and

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture ;"

Were reported from 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.

On motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor, the bill "an act to amend chapter 200, special laws of 1876, relating to fishing in Hewes pond in the town of Hermon," was recommitted to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock A. M., Monday.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of Saturday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Remonstrance of Josiah Holbrook and others, against repeal of cider law, was referred to Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate Monson Village Corporation," was referred in concurrence to Committee on Towns.

Report of Committee on Interior Waters, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of Cyrus Andrews and others, accepted in House, came back from Senate recommitted, and was recommitted in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Union Cemetery Association;" and

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on bill "an act to confer certain powers upon the inhabitants and officers of the town of Eden;"

Came from the Senate read and accepted, bills read twice, and passed to be engrossed ;

Were accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, the first assigned for to-morrow, the second ordered printed, on motion of Mr. McKUSICK of Calais.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting a list of the acts and resolves approved by the Governor.

Petition of Sewall Gross and others, for protection of fish in Sabbath Day pond in New Gloucester, in Cumberland county, with bill accompanying, was referred to Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Bill "an act to amend section 3, chapter 72, revised statutes, relating to probate courts," was referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Petition of L. L. Dennison, for change of law in regard to dower, was referred to Committee on Legal Affairs.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Jimmy Brook and Scagg Rock Company, was referred to Committee on Interior Waters.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. STURDEVANT, of Cumberland,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 3 of chapter 162 of the public laws of 1879, by striking out the words "one hundred" and inserting in place thereof the word "forty."

This order was sent to the Senate.

Mr. BRADSTREET, from Committee on Railroads, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act granting permission to extend the Bridgton and Presumpscot River Railroad."

Mr. TWITCHELL, from Committee on Interior Waters, reported on petition, "bill an act to repeal chapter 453, private laws of 1865, entitled 'an act to increase the tolls of the Baskahegan Dam Company.'"

Mr. BURNHAM, from same Committee, reported on petition of Charles G. Stearns, "an act to change charter of Wallawaukeag Log Company."

Printed bill "an act to incorporate the Kennebec and Franklin Railroad Company."

Printed bill "an act in relation to the times of holding sessions of the county commissioners."

Printed bill "an act to incorporate the Skowhegan and Athens Railroad Company."

Printed bill "an act additional relating to the insolvent laws of Maine."

Printed bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government."

"Resolve making an appropriation for the support of soldiers' orphans at the Bangor Children's Home for the years 1881 and 1882."

"Resolve making an appropriation in favor of the Female Orphan Asylum of Portland, and for the support of soldiers' orphans therein, for the years 1881 and 1882."

"Resolve making an appropriation in favor of the St. Elizabeth

orphan asylum of Portland, and for the support of soldiers' orphans therein, for the years 1881 and 1882."

"Resolve in favor of Eugene Michaud," (called Zebulon.)

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

"Resolve in favor of French Spoliation Claims," was read and unanimously adopted, and sent to the Senate.

Printed bill "an act to incorporate the Cape Elizabeth Railroad Company," was read twice, amended per sheet "A" and to-morrow assigned.

Bill "an act to amend section 47, chapter 28 of the revised statutes, relative to the sale of intoxicating liquors," was read twice, and tabled pending assignment for third reading.

"Resolve relating to Hell Gate pilot laws," was read once and to-morrow assigned.

Bill "an act to amend section 22 of chapter 122, revised statutes, relating to witness fees and false certificates," was reported from Committee on Bills in Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Oxford and Androscoggin Telegraph Company," was reported from same Committee, tabled pending third reading and to-morrow assigned for further consideration.

Bill "an act to authorize the Bridgton Telegraph Company to discontinue and remove its present line of telegraph, and to own, construct, maintain and operate a line or lines of telegraph along the line of certain railroads, if built," was taken from the table, read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting annual report of Railroad Commissioners of Maine, came from the Senate read and report referred to Committee on Railroads, and was referred in concurrence.

Communication from Hon. S. A. Holbrook, informing the Legislature of his acceptance of the office of Treasurer of State, and transmitting his official bond, came from the Senate read and the bond referred to Committee on Financial Affairs.

The communication was read and bond referred in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Education, reporting, on order, bill "an act to amend item fifth of section 24 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes, relating to powers and obligations of school districts," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice and passed to be engrossed.

Report was accepted in concurrence, bill read twice and to-morrow assigned.

Bill "an act to establish titles to land among the Penobscot Indians and to provide for the preservation of evidence of such titles," was referred to Committee on Indian Affairs.

Petition for incorporation of Boothbay Telegraph Company, was referred to Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition for amendment of chapter 18, revised statutes, relating to ways, was referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. MORRILL of Augusta,

Ordered, That the use of this Hall be granted to Mrs. Dr. Devall of Portland, to-morrow evening, for the purpose of delivering a lecture on Insane Hospital and the Insane.

On motion of Mr. SHAW of Lisbon,

Ordered, That the Valuation Commission be and are hereby requested to deposit in the Secretary of State's office all books and papers furnished them by the State, and used by them in the discharge of their duty as said commission.

Mr. KEEGAN, from Committee on Education, reported, on petition of Trustees of Oak Grove Seminary, "resolve in favor of Oak Grove Seminary."

The report was read, accepted and resolve ordered printed.

Mr. NICKERSON, from the Committee on Pensions, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Benjamin Smith of Appleton;

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on petition of Henry E. Merrill, claiming a balance due for State aid;

Were read and accepted and sent to the Senate.

Mr. DICKEY, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported, on petition of C. B. Meserve, bill "an act to authorize C. B. Meserve to erect and maintain a wharf in tide waters in the town of Bristol."

The report was accepted, bill read twice, and tabled on motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland.

"Resolve to authorize the Land Agent to settle certain accounts with members of the Maine Swedish colony."

Bill "an act to change the location of part of the Harbor Commissioners' line in Portland harbor."

"Resolve requesting the Attorney General to prepare and obtain a deed of certain settlers' lots of land from the treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

This bill and resolves were read and to-morrow assigned for third reading of bill and second reading of resolves.

Bill "an act concerning the salary of the deputy clerk for Cumberland county," was read once, and tabled on motion of Mr. FOLSOM of Oldtown, pending second reading.

"Resolve relating to bridge over East river," was read once and adopted.

"Resolve relating to a bond held in trust by the State for the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts," was presented

by Mr. HATCH of Bangor, read once, and to-morrow assigned for second reading.

Bill "an act to regulate the practice in equity proceedings," was read once, and recommitted to Committee on Judiciary, on motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland.

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government."

Bill "an act additional relating to the insolvent laws of Maine."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cape Elizabeth Railroad Company."

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Mattawamkeag Log Driving Company."

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 453 of the laws of 1865, entitled 'an act to increase the tolls of the Baskahegan Dam Company.'"

Bill "an act in relation to the times of holding sessions of the county commissioners."

Bill "an act for the speedy detection and punishment of crime."

Bill "an act granting permission to extend the Bridgton and Presumpscot River Railroad."

The foregoing bills came from Committee on Bills in Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Union Cemetery Association," was reported from same Committee, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Skowhegan and Athens Railroad Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Kennebec and Franklin Railroad Company."

The foregoing bills were reported from the same Committee, and were recommitted to Committee on Railroads, pending third reading.

"Resolve relating to Hell Gate pilot laws," was reported from same Committee, read second time and unanimously adopted.

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Square Pond Reservoir Company.'"

Bill "an act relating to the Good Templars' hall in Dexter."

Bill "an act to amend section 1 of chapter 182 of the public laws of 1874, relating to unclaimed goods held by common carriers."

Bill "an act to enable the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Maine to remove, rebuild or repair St. James Parish Church of Oldtown."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Lewiston Steam Heating Company."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 86, section 13 of the revised statutes, relating to trustee costs."

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 110 of the special laws of 1866, relating to the preservation of pickerel in Winthrop pond."

"Resolve in favor of the town of Washington."

These bills and resolve were reported from 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 incorporate the Oxford and Androscoggin Telegraph Company," was taken from the table, read three times, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act for the speedy detection and punishment of crime," was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor, amended per sheets "A" and "B," passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

The majority and minority reports of the Committee on Temperance, came up by special assignment, when the minority report, reporting ought not to pass on bill, was substituted for majority report of same Committee, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 45, chapter 27 of the revised statutes, relative to the sale of intoxicating liquors."

On motion of Mr. MORRILL of Augusta, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, resulted as follows;

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Allen,	Cushman,	Goodwin, Hudson,
Averill,	Eldred,	Goodwin, Shapleigh,
Bartlett,	Emery,	Harding,
Boothby,	Estes,	Hatch,
Bragg,	Fisher,	Heath,
Brown,	Folsom,	Hersom,
Buck,	Foss,	Hutchinson, Lewiston,
Crosby of Whiting,	Freeman, Lincolnville,	Hutchinson, Houlton,

Jones of Winthrop,	Nickels,	Thatcher,
Joy,	Noyes,	Torry,
Keegan,	Packard,	Trafton,
Kennison,	Parker,	True,
Kimball,	Parsons,	Trufant,
Leighton,	Pitcher,	Verrill,
Libby,	Rowe,	Vinal,
Linscott,	Ritchie,	Wardwell,
Lord of Bangor,	Staples of Dayton,	Waters,
Loud,	Staples, Parsonsfield,	Webb,
Maxcy,	Staples of Elliot,	Wheeler of Etna,
McKusick,	Sturdivant,	Wilder—62.
Nickerson of Linneus,	Talbot,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Achorn,	Hopkins,	Purinton,
Andrews,	Jordan,	Redlon,
Berry,	Kendall,	Rowell,
Bird,	King,	Sargent,
Boody,	Lang,	Seavey,
Bradstreet, Bridgton,	Leavitt,	Shaw,
Bragdon,	Livermore,	Smith of New Sharon,
Burnell,	Lord of Kennebunk,	Smith of Mt. Vernon,
Burr,	Mallett,	Sprague,
Clark,	Marble,	Strout of Portland,
Cook,	Marston,	Strout, C. Elizabeth,
Freeman, Cherryfield,	Means,	Tarbox,
Goodale,	Morrill,	Varney,
Goss of Auburn,	Norris,	Wentworth, Gardiner,
Hall,	Nutter,	Wentworth, Kittery,
Harris,	Partridge,	White,
Haskell,	Perley,	Wyman—51.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Petition of the inhabitants of Ashland for change in school laws, was referred to Committee on Education in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Interior Waters, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of Thomas N. Egery, for amendment to charter of Pleasant River Dam and Improvement Company.

Report of Committee on Judiciary, reporting ought not to pass, on "resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution, so as to confer the privilege of elective franchise on its citizens without regard to sex."

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

Report of Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 12, chapter 43 of the revised statutes," passed to be engrossed in House, came from the Senate read and accepted, bill amended as per sheet "A" and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded, adopted Senate amendment "A" and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Judiciary, reporting on order, bill "an act declaring women eligible to certain school offices," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

Report was accepted in concurrence, bill read twice and to-morrow assigned.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 190 public laws of 1872."

Bill "an act to amend 'an act to incorporate the Palmer and Machiasport Railroad Corporation;'"

Were referred to Committee on Railroads.

Remonstrance of H. R. Downs and others of Presque Isle, against granting a third term of S. J. Court at Caribou, in Aroostook county, was referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Bill "an act to amend an act to establish a Municipal Court in the city of Biddeford," was referred to Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of F. O. Lyford and others, for change of law relating to employment of teachers, was referred to Committee on Education.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be required to define and report to this House, for the information of the Railroad Committee, the meaning of section 14, article 4 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, and especially the words in said section, "in case where the objects of the corporation cannot be otherwise attained," and report forthwith.

Mr. WHITE, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of Henry Tilly and others.

Mr. BERRY, from same Committee, reported reference to Committee on Federal Relations, on petition of inhabitants of Bangor, for aid to build bridge across St. John river in the town of Van Buren.

Mr. HUTCHINSON, from Committee on Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to consolidating the public laws.

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

Mr. FREEMAN, from Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on order, bill "an act additional to sections 14, 15, 16 and 18 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes and religious societies."

Mr. SPRAGUE, from same Committee, reported on order, bill "an act to amend section 67, chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to punishment for bribery and corruption at elections."

Mr. FLINT, from Committee on Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 13, chapter 22 of the revised statutes, relating to partition fences."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported, on order, bill "an act to repeal chapter 106 of the public laws of 1879, relating to costs of travel and attendance of parties in court."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend chapter 208 of the public laws of 1880, relating to Commissioners of Fisheries and Wardens."

Mr. THATCHER, from Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported, on recommitted petition of F. P. Emerson of York, relating to fish in Barrell's mill pond, bill "an act for the protection of fish in Barrell's mill pond, in the town of York."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act in relation to salmon and alewife fishery in the Medomak river in the town of Waldoborough."

Mr. DICKEY, from Committee on Interior Waters, reported, on petition of J. H. Goudy, Charles Harris and others, bill "an act to authorize J. H. Goudy, Charles Harris and their associates, to erect a wharf at Clark's cove in tide waters in the town of Bristol, on Damariscotta river."

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

Mr. THATCHER, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 200, private and special laws 1876, relating to fishing in Hewes pond."

The report was read and accepted, bill passed to be engrossed, having had three readings.

Bill "an act to change the location of part of the Harbor Commissioners' line in Portland harbor."

"Resolve requesting the Attorney General to prepare and obtain a deed of certain settlers' lots of land from the treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

"Resolve in favor of Fort Kent."

"Resolve to authorize the Land Agent to settle certain accounts with members of the Maine Swedish colony."

"Resolve relating to a bond held in trust by the State for the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts."

The foregoing bill and resolves were reported from the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, bill read the third time, resolves the second time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend item fifth of section 24 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes, relating to powers and obligations of school districts;"

“Resolve in favor of Henry Nash;”

Were reported from same Committee, bill read three times, resolve second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill “an act to enable the Boston and Maine Railroad to purchase the Orchard Beach Railroad,” was taken from the table, when the amendment offered by Mr. FISHER of Boothbay, was, by consent of House, withdrawn, and bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill “an act to make valid and legal the doings of the First Universalist Society in Bridgton,” was taken from the table, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill “an act in addition to chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to elections,” was taken from the table and recommitted, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

Bill “an act to establish the Maine Eclectic Medical College of Maine,” was taken from the table, when an amendment offered by Mr. EATON of Camden, was withdrawn, and amendment “A” offered by Mr. SWEAT of Brownfield, ordered printed with section seven of bill as amended.

Bill “an act to amend chapter 6, revised statutes, relating to taxes,” was taken from the table, amended per sheet “A,” passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Bill "an act to authorize the town of Anson to pay its bonds issued in aid of the Somerset Railroad Company and to issue new bonds for that purpose," was referred to Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of providing some process for the establishing of claims against the State.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 70 of revised statutes, and chapter 89 of laws of 1876, relating to assignments for the benefit of creditors.

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

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to chapter 193 of the laws of 1874, and chapter 211 of the laws of 1877, relating to clerks of courts.

Report of same Committee, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act to provide for minority representation in corporations."

Report of same Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to assessment of certain taxes in Somerset county by commissioners.

Report of same Committee, reporting reference to next Legislature, with order of notice, on petition of commissioners of Kennebec county, relating to salary for Judge of Municipal Court in city of Augusta.

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting reference to Committee on Mines and Mining, on petition of John Sherman and others, for charter for mining and milling purposes.

Report of same Committee, reporting reference to Committee on Mines and Mining, on petition of George F. Ropes and others, for mining and other purposes.

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

Report of Committee on Interior Waters, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend 'an act to incorporate the Katahdin Dam Company.'"

Report of same Committee, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to authorize Benjamin Conant and others to build and maintain piers and booms across Little Androscoggin river in County of Androscoggin."

Report of same Committee, reporting, on petition, bill "an act additional to 'an act to incorporate the Sebois Dam Company,' approved February 22d, 1869."

These reports were read and accepted in Senate, bills read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

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

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting the report of the Valuation Commission, which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed, on motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor.

Petition of William Senter and others, for restoration of salary of Judge of Superior Court of Cumberland county, was referred to Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill "an act amendatory to 'an act relating to schools in the city of Portland,' approved February 10, 1875," was referred to Committee on Education.

Bill "an act concerning minors and remedies upon their contracts," was referred to Committee on Legal Affairs.

On motion of Mr. STAPLES of Elliot,

Ordered, That the York County Delegation inquire into the expediency of raising the salary of the County Attorney to \$550.

On motion of Mr. EATON of Camden,

Ordered, That the Steward and Treasurer of the Insane Hospital furnish forthwith to this Legislature a list of all medicines purchased

for the use of said hospital for the year 1880, together with the price of each medicine.

On motion of Mr. SARGENT of Sedgwick,

Ordered, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law relating to life insurance policies, that after the death of the insured, the policy, payable to the parties other than the insured, shall be incontestible, except for non-payment of premiums.

Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, said there was upon the table a resolve appropriating a large sum of money for the Military and Naval Orphan Asylum at Bath, and he had an order which he desired to introduce in relation to that subject. He also wished to state some facts which formed the basis of his order, not within his own knowledge, but derived from a gentleman now holding a very important position in the State government, who had submitted them to him, desiring to have them laid before the House. He understood that the facts would be substantiated by two prominent citizens of Bath, one of whom had formerly been a trustee of the institution. The facts which he had in writing had been derived from that source, and had been handed to him by the gentleman to whom he referred as holding an office in the State government. He then read the statement of facts referred to, among which were: that children not contemplated by the law are being supported at the institution; incompetency of matron; too high salaries for the officers; and that the purposes for which the institution was established have not been accomplished. He then sent his order to the Speaker's desk, and it is as follows:

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of investigating the affairs of the Military and Naval Orphan Asylum at Bath, Me., with reference to closing up the same; and that said Committee are hereby authorized to send for persons and papers.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. HUTCHINSON, from Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Rufus Sawyer and others, for change of pauper laws.

Mr. NUTTER, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported same, on petition of William Entwistle and others, for amendment of section 46, chapter 18, revised statutes.

Mr. WHEELER, from the Committee on Temperance, reported same, on petition of J. F. Mahan and others of Washington county, for repeal of cider law.

Mr. THATCHER, from Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported same, on petition of Nathaniel J. Hanna and others, for a change of lobster law.

Mr. STURDIVANT, from the Committee on Claims, reported same, on petition of Arad Thompson and others, for reimbursement of money paid for land which he did not receive.

Mr. VINAL, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported same, on petition of citizens of Winn and others, for road in Staceyville.

Mr. SARGENT, from Committee on Towns, reported same, on petition of W. O. Amazine, to be set off from town of Garland and annexed to Exeter.

Mr. HUTCHINSON, from Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to taxes and indebtedness of tax payers.

Mr. McKUSICK, from Committee on the Judiciary, reported reference to the Cumberland and Kennebec County Delegations, on bill "an act to amend chapter 88, public laws of 1879, relative to fees of referees."

Mr. FISHER, from the Committee on Railroads, reported reference to Committee on Financial Affairs and Railroads, on order relating to taxation of railroads.

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on an act to exempt the Lewiston and Auburn Railroad from taxation.

Mr. HALL, from Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on order, reference for information on the matter of the order, to the report of Inspectors of Prisons and Jails.

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

Mr. PITCHER, from Committee on Claims, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Warren W. Rice."

Mr. HALL, from Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to authorize the city of Belfast to pay its bonded indebtedness and to issue new bonds for that purpose."

Mr. VELLILL, from Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same, on bill "an act to amend section 23 of chapter 103 of revised statutes, relating to assignment of dower."

Mr. STURDIVANT, from Committee on Claims, reported, on petition of selectmen of Kingsbury, "resolve in favor of the town of Kingsbury."

Mr. COOK, from Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on order, "resolve in aid of building a bridge over Fish river in Eagle Lake plantation."

Mr. NICKERSON, from Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported, on petition of commissioners of Franklin county, "resolve in favor of the County of Franklin."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and bills ordered printed under Joint Rule.

Mr. McKUSICK, from Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act extending the right of the municipal officers of the city of Portland to send for persons and papers."

Bill "an act to amend section 67, chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to punishment for bribery and corruption at elections."

Bill "an act to amend section 13, chapter 22 of the revised statutes, relating to partition fences."

Bill "an act to confer certain powers upon the inhabitants and officers of the town of Eden."

"Resolve in favor of Oak Grove Seminary."

This report was read and accepted, bills read twice, resolve once, to-morrow assigned for third reading of bills, and Wednesday of next week for second reading of resolve.

Mr. EMERY, from York County Delegation, reported, on petition, bill "an act to establish the salaries of the Judge and Register of Probate for the county of York."

The report was read and recommitted to the Delegation, on motion of Mr. STAPLES of Parsonsfield.

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 208 of the public laws of 1880, relating to Commissioners of Fisheries and Wardens," was read once, and tabled on motion of Mr. McKUSICK of Calais.

Mr. REDLON, from Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported ought to pass, on recommitted bill "an act to repeal chapter 145, laws of 1879, relating to insurance."

The report was read, accepted and bill passed to be engrossed, having had three readings.

Bill "an act for the protection of fish in Barrell's mill pond in the town of York."

Bill "an act in relation to the salmon and alewife fishery in Medomak river in the town of Waldoborough."

These bills were reported from Committee on Bills in Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act declaring women eligible to certain school offices," was reported from same Committee, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to authorize J. H. Goudy, Charles Harris and their associates, to erect a wharf at Clark's cove, into the tide waters of the town of Bristol, on the Damariscotta river," was reported from same Committee, read the third time and indefinitely postponed.

Bill "an act relating to appointments of administrators, with the will annexed."

Bill "an act to incorporate the town of Howard."

Bill "an act to amend 'an act to incorporate the Westbrook Manufacturing Company.'"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Rockport Village School Corporation."

Bill "an act to amend section 22 of chapter 122 of the revised statutes, relating to witness fees and false certificates."

Bill "an act to protect fish in Lufkin pond in the town of Phillips."

Bill "an act empowering the county commissioners of Penobscot county to purchase, take and appropriate land for a ferry landing in the town of Brewer."

Bill "an act to amend 'an act to establish a Municipal Court in the city of Augusta.'"

These bills were reported from 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.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

“ Resolve in relation to the Documentary History of Maine,” was referred to Committee on Library in concurrence.

Petition of George H. Watkins and others, in aid of petition of James S. Wright for change of fees of Clerk of Supreme Judicial Court of Oxford county ;

Petition of James S. Wright, for change of fees for Clerk of Courts in Oxford county ;

Were referred to Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending the statutes in relation to suits for taxes, as to allow suits against one or more heirs, where the tax is assessed upon the heirs of a dead person.

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

Report of Committee on Claims, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of Julia M. Carter, for reimbursement of certain sum of money.

House concurred.

Report of Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting, on official bond of State Treasurer, that it should be approved, came from the Senate read and accepted and bond approved.

The report was accepted in concurrence, and the bond approved by the House.

Report of Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to amendment of insurance law, came from the Senate referred to Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The report was referred in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Agriculture, reporting, on resolve of Board of Agriculture, bill "an act to amend chapter 235 of the laws of 1880, relating to the report of the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture," came from the Senate read and accepted, and bill indefinitely postponed.

The report was accepted in concurrence, and the House non-concurred in the indefinite postponement of the bill.

"Resolve in favor of Almira E. Cobb," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House non-concurred.

Report of Committee on Pensions, reporting, on petition, "resolve in favor of Benjamin M. Nutter."

Report of Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend so much of section 2, chapter 125 of the public laws of 1879, as relates to clerk hire in the Secretary of State's department."

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

Report was accepted, bill read twice, resolve once and Wednesday of next week assigned.

Report of Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting same, on bill "an act relating to civil actions in behalf of the State."

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

Report was read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice and to-morrow assigned.

Bill "an act relating to the taking of fish from No Name pond in the city of Lewiston," was referred to Committee on Fisheries.

Remonstrance of John Webber of Weston, against charter of dam company on Jimmy brook and Scagg rock, was referred to Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of William Newbert and others, for reduction of toll over Georges river ;

Petition of Henry R. Cook and others, citizens of Friendship ;

Petition of L. H. Wallace and others of Waldoborough, in aid of same ;

Were referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Bill "an act to abolish continuance fees in certain Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts of the State," was referred to Committee on Legal Affairs.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of HATCH of Bangor,

Ordered, That the State Treasurer be and hereby is directed to pay upon warrant of the Governor, to the members of the Valuation Commission and their clerks, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the amounts due them respectively for their services, their accounts to be audited by the Council, according to the terms of the resolves creating said commission.

On motion of Mr. SHAW of Lisbon,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing for a different method of taking the valuation of the State.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. STAPLES of Parsonsfield,

Ordered, That a Committee of seven be appointed by the Chair, to ascertain the expense incurred by the State Valuation Commission and the several amounts of money paid each person, and report the same to this House.

Mr. HILTON, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate Flood's Pond Stream Dam Company."

Printed bill "an act relating to costs in actions of dower."

Bill "an act additional to sections 14, 15, 16 and 18 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes."

Bill "an act to repeal 106 of the public laws of 1879, relating to costs of travel and attendance of parties in court."

"Resolve in aid of building a bridge over Fish river in Eagle Lake plantation."

This report was read and accepted, bills read a second time, resolve once, and to-morrow assigned for third reading of bills and Wednesday of next week for second reading of the resolve.

Printed bill "an act to authorize the city of Belfast to pay its bonded indebtedness, and to issue new bonds for that purpose," was read twice and tabled, on motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland.

Mr. EMERY, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 193 of the public laws of 1874, relating to clerks of judicial courts."

Mr. FREEMAN, from same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Boothbay Telegraph Company."

Mr. COOK, from Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on order, "resolve in favor of an appropriation on roads, including bridge in Indian Township in the County of Washington."

Mr. STAPLES, from Committee on Agriculture, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend section 1, chapter 128 of the revised statutes, relating to unwholesome provisions and drinks."

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

Mr. THATCHER, from Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported for the majority, leave to withdraw, on petition of Ephraim Stevens and others, for an act to prohibit taking of mackerel with seines.

Mr. TORREY, from minority of Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported on petition, bill "an act regulating the mackerel fishing on the coast of Maine."

The foregoing reports were laid on the table and the bill ordered printed, on motion of Mr. TORREY of Surry.

Mr. PARKER, from Committee on Legal Affairs, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to division fences.

Mr. THATCHER, from Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported same, on order relating to salmon fisheries throughout the State.

Mr. VERRILL, from Committee on Legal Affairs, reported reference to next Legislature, on bill "an act to abolish the office of Land Agent."

Mr. FREEMAN, from same Committee, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act relating to claims against solvent estates of deceased persons."

Mr. LORD, from Committee on Mines and Mining, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Mining Exchange."

Mr. TALBOT, from Committee on the Judiciary, reported same, on bill "an act to amend section 76, chapter 86 of the revised statutes, relating to trustee process."

Mr. KENDALL, from the Committee on Towns, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Mary G. Perley, for set off from Bridgton Village Corporation.

Mr. COOK, from Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported same, on petition of Alonzo E. Ricker of Oakfield, recommended, for reimbursement for stumpage.

Mr. BUCK, from the Committee on Railroads, reported same, on petition of Noah Woods, President of the Northern Aroostook Railroad Company.

Mr. KENDALL, from the Committee on Towns, reported same, on petition of George R. Skofield and others, for division of town of Harpswell.

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

Majority and minority reports of Committee on Claims, on petition of A. J. Cameron, were submitted and tabled, and Tuesday next assigned.

Bill "an act to amend section 67, chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to bribery and corruption at elections."

The foregoing bill was reported from Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act to authorize Benjamin Conant and others, to build and maintain piers and booms across the Little Androscoggin river in the county of Androscoggin."

Bill "an act additional to an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Sebois Dam Company,' approved February 22, 1869."

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Katahdin Dam Company.'"

The foregoing bills were reported from the same Committee, read the third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act extending the right of municipal officers of the city of Portland to send for persons and papers."

Bill "an act to amend section 13, chapter 22 of the revised statutes, relating to partition fences."

Bill "an act to confer certain powers upon the inhabitants and officers of the town of Eden."

The foregoing bills were reported from the same Committee, read the third time and tabled, pending their passage to be engrossed.

“Resolve in favor of the State Library,” was presented by Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent, and on his motion the rules were suspended, the resolve read twice, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill “an act to incorporate the Oxford and Androscoggin Telegraph Company ;”

Bill “an act to authorize the Bridgton Telegraph Company to discontinue and remove its present line of telegraph, and to own, construct, maintain and operate a line or lines of telegraph along the line of certain railroads, if built ;”

Bill “an act to incorporate the Island Cottage Company ;”

Bill “an act to enable the Boston and Maine Railroad to purchase the Orchard Beach Railroad ;”

Bill “an act to amend section 12, chapter 43 of the revised statutes, relating to meridian lines ;”

Bill “an act to amend item 5th of section 24 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes, relating to power and obligations of school districts ;”

Bill “an act to incorporate the Union Cemetery Association ;”

“Resolve in favor of Henry Nash of Addison ;”

Were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, bills passed to be enacted, the resolve finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill “an act to establish the Eclectic Medical College of Maine,” was taken from the table, amendment “A” adopted, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Petition of James P. Small and others of Caribou, for reduction of toll on buckwheat ;

Petition of L. D. Todd and others ;

Petition of H. L. Thompson and others ;

Petition of John Gahagan and others ;

Petition of E. Lavoiseur and others, in aid of same ;

Were referred to Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 136 of the public laws of 1879, relating to lien claims, came from Senate read and passed and was passed in concurrence.

Order of the House relating to medicine used and cost of the same to Insane Hospital, passed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

House recessed and concurred.

Subsequently, Mr. FOLSOM of Oldtown, moved a reconsideration of the foregoing vote, and on motion of Mr. EATON of Camden, the motion to reconsider was tabled and Tuesday next assigned.

Report of Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act to regulate and provide for appeals from county commissioners."

Report of same Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to process for establishing claims against the State.

Report of Committee on Railroads, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition for extension of Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad.

Report of Committee on Library, reporting, on order relating to legislation in regard to Library, ought to pass on the following order :

Ordered, the House concurring, that the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to cause the small room under the cupola to be finished for the use of the State Library, the expense not to exceed two hundred dollars.

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting reference to the Somerset Delegation, on petition of D. D. Stewart and others, for change of salary of the Clerk of Courts of Somerset county.

Report of Committee on Agriculture, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of E. H. Gregory and others, for appointment of chemist to test commercial fertilizers.

Report of Committee on Education, reporting reference to next Legislature, on petition of J. R. Eaton and others, for an appropriation for Wilton Academy.

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

“Resolve in favor of Fort Kent,” passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from Senate indefinitely postponed.

In House, laid upon table.

Report of Committee on Education, reporting, on order, bill “an act to amend item eighth, section 54, chapter 11 of the revised statutes,” came from the Senate read, accepted and bill indefinitely postponed, and was recommitted in the House, on motion of Mr. NICKERSON of Linneus.

Report of Committee on Agriculture, reporting, on order, bill “an act regulating the weight of salt,” came from the Senate read and accepted, bill amended per sheet “A” and engrossed, and was read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice and Monday assigned.

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill “an act additional to chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to damages for land taken for highways.”

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

Report was read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, and tabled on motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland.

Report of Joint Select Committee on Councillor Districts, reporting an apportionment of districts, came from the Senate read and accepted, and was accepted in concurrence.

“Resolve concerning Ireland,” adopted in the House, came from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

House adhered.

Bill “an act to repeal chapter 453, laws of 1865, entitled ‘an act to increase the tolls of the Baskahegan Dam Company,’” passed to be engrossed in the House, came from the Senate recommitted and was recommitted in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting, on order, bill “an act to amend chapter 186 of the laws of 1877, entitled ‘an act requiring railroad corporations to be holden for labor,’ which chapter is additional to chapter 51 of the revised statutes.”

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

Bill “an act to incorporate the Eastern Telegraph Company,” passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate amended and passed to be engrossed.

The House tabled the bill, on motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland, pending adoption of Senate amendment “A.”

Remonstrance of A. R. G. Smith and others of Whitefield, against removing battle flags from State House, was referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion of Mr. PARKER of Lewiston,

Ordered, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing by law the weight of a dozen of eggs, with a view to their being sold by weight.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. BURNHAM, from Committee on Interior Waters, reported, on petition, bill “an act to amend chapter 49 of the private and special laws of 1869, relating to Bangor Boom Company.”

Printed bill “an act to amend chapter 193 of the public laws of 1874, relating to clerks of judicial courts.”

“Resolve in favor of Warren W. Rice.”

“Resolve in favor of the town of Kingsbury.”

“Resolve in favor of the County of Franklin.”

The report was read and accepted, bills read twice, resolves

once, and Monday assigned for third reading of bills, and Wednesday next assigned for second reading of resolves.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 106 of the public laws of 1879, relating to costs of travel and attendance of parties in court."

Bill "an act additional to sections 14, 15, 16 and 18 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Flood's Pond Stream Dam Company ;"

Bill "an act relating to costs in actions of dower."

The foregoing bills were reported from the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act relating to civil actions in behalf of the State," was reported from same Committee, read the third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, Senate amendment "A" having been adopted.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cape Elizabeth Railroad Company ;"

Bill "additional relating to the insolvent laws of Maine ;"

Bill "an act granting permission to extend the Bridgton and Presumpscot River Railroad ;"

Bill "an act providing for the election of a superintending school committee and superintendent of schools in the city of Biddeford ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 200 of the private and special laws of 1876, relating to fishing in Hewes pond in the town of Hermon ;"

"Resolve relating to East River bridge ;"

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 in relation to holding sessions of the county commissioners of the County of Washington," was reported from the same Committee, and recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Mattawamkeag Log Driving Company," was reported from the same Committee, and tabled on motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor.

Adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock A. M., Monday.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

On motion of Mr. BEAN of Denmark,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of abolishing the December term of the Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Oxford.

This order was sent to the Senate.

Mr. NICKERSON, from the majority of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to support of bridges by the counties in which they are located.

This report, pending acceptance, was tabled on motion of Mr. WENTWORTH of Gardiner, until to-morrow.

Mr. WENTWORTH, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to authorize the town of Harpswell to lay out a town way and build a bridge from Bailey's Island to Orr's Island, in said town."

Bill "an act to amend section 1 of chapter 128 of the revised statutes, relating to unwholesome provisions and drinks."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Boothbay Telegraph Company."

This report was read and accepted, bills read twice and to-morrow assigned.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 49 of the private and special laws of 1869, relating to Bangor Boom Company."

The foregoing bill was 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 chapter 186 of the laws of 1877, entitled 'an act requiring railroad corporations to be holden for labor,' which chapter is additional to chapter 51 of the revised statutes."

Bill "an act regulating the weight of salt."

The foregoing bills were reported from the same Committee, read the third time, Senate amendment "A" to last bill adopted, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 193 of the public laws of 1874, relating to judicial courts," was reported from same Committee, read the third time and tabled, pending its passage to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to make valid and legal the doings of the First Universalist Society in Bridgton ;"

Bill "an act to change the location of part of the Harbor Commissioners' line in Portland harbor ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating taxes ;"

Bill "an act to authorize Benjamin Conant and others, to build and maintain piers and booms across Little Androscoggin river in the County of Androscoggin ;"

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government ;"

Bill "an act declaring women eligible to certain school offices ;"

Bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Katahdin Dam Company ;"

Were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act extending the right of the municipal officers of the city of Portland, to send for persons and papers," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. McKUSICK of Calais.

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Mattawamkeag Log Driving Company," on its final passage, was taken from the table and recommitted to the Committee on Interior Waters.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Fort Kent," indefinitely postponed in the Senate, was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. McKUSICK, when the House voted to non-concur with the Senate.

These bills were sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Communication from the Valuation Commission, making certain recommendations, was received and ordered printed.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Boothbay Railroad Company," was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Bill "an act to incorporate Camp 9, Patriotic Order Sons of America of Bar Harbor;"

Bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 48 of the revised statutes, concerning manufacturing, mining and quarrying corporations;"

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Bill "an act to authorize the Cobb Lime Company to subscribe for stock in the corporation known as the Cobb Lime Company's Portland Cement," was referred to Committee on Manufactures.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. LOUD of Hampden,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the several Committees be required to report finally on or before Saturday the 26th instant.

This order was sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. COOK of Lewiston,

Ordered, That the Committee on Business of the House be requested on Tuesday next, and each alternate day afterwards, to prepare and have printed a calendar, which shall give a statement of all matters before the House and the status of each question.

On motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House cause to be printed for the use of the House, fifteen hundred copies of the report of the Valuation Commission of 1880.

Mr. EMERY, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend an act to establish a Municipal Court in the city of Biddeford."

Mr. LELAND, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported, on petition of L. W. Weston and others, bill "an act authorizing Levi W. Weston and others to erect and maintain a boom in the Kennebec river at Skowhegan."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate Pleasant Cove Ice and Water Power Company."

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 613, private and special laws of 1852."

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

Mr. FISHER, from the Committee on Railroads, reported, on recommitted bill and petition of directors of Lake Megantic Railroad Company, bill "an act to amend chapter 541, special laws of 1871, entitled 'an act to incorporate the Penobscot and Lake Megantic Railroad Company.'"

Report, pending acceptance, was recommitted.

Mr. GILBERT, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported reference to the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on bill "an act to build and maintain a free bridge over Georges river."

This report was read and accepted and sent to the Senate.

Mr. STAPLES, from the Committee on investigation of certain charges against Thomas B. Swan, member of the House, reported "resolve expelling said Swan."

The report was accepted and ordered printed with the resolve, and is as follows:

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 22, 1881. }

The undersigned, a Committee appointed by virtue of the order of February 4, 1881, "to investigate grave charges of a criminal character appearing in the newspapers of the State against Thomas B. Swan, member of this House," have attended to their duties, and herewith beg leave to submit their report.

Owing to the absence of said Thomas B. Swan from the State, the Committee were unable to give personal notice of the pendency of said investigation, and your Committee directed service to be made upon said Swan, by leaving a copy of the order, attested as such by the Clerk of the House, at the last and usual place of abode of said Swan, together with a copy of the Kennebec Journal of date, February 4, 1881, and the order of your Committee, fixing a time and place for his appearance before them, as by the return of the Messenger of said House, is made to appear; the article in the Kennebec Journal, aforesaid, and an article in the Portland Daily Advertiser of February 3, 1881, being made the basis of the investigation. Your Committee also gave notice of the time and place of the hearing upon said charges, by publishing notices thereof in the Daily Kennebec Journal, Daily Eastern Argus, Portland Daily Press, Bangor Daily Commercial, and Lewiston Daily Journal.

Mr. Swan neither appear in person nor by counsel, and in his absence your Committee proceeded to investigate the truth of the charges contained in the public papers hereinbefore referred to, and the following witnesses appeared before your Committee, viz: William H. Bigelow, Samuel M. Bradley and J. F. Knight, who testified relative to the charges contained the Kennebec Journal; and Orrington W. Hawkes and John Richardson, who gave evidence concerning the charges implied in the Advertiser article; and your Committee from the evidence of said witnesses find the following facts, viz:

1st. That during the time since Mr. Swan became a member of this House, he was guilty of the charges contained in the Kennebec Journal, hereinbefore referred to, viz: Of using the United States mail for swindling operations; in this, that he sent circulars through the mails of the United States, concerning schemes, devised and intended to deceive and defraud the public; for the purpose of obtaining money under false pretences, in violation of section 5,480 of the revised statutes of the United States.

2nd. That the charge implied in the Portland Daily Advertiser, above referred to, viz: That he had embezzled the funds of the town of Minot, is likewise sustained.

3rd. That the charge made in the Kennebec Journal, that said Swan by and through his connection with the so-called Eastern

Manufacturing Company, was guilty of swindling, is also substantiated.

And, for the evidence upon which the several findings of your Committee are based, reference may be had to the records of said Committee, and to a synopsis of the evidence therein contained.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend the expulsion of said Thomas B. Swan, as a member of this House, and submit the accompanying resolve :

Resolved, That Thomas B. Swan, member of this House from the Minot class district, be and he is hereby expelled from this House, and the seat of the Representative from said district is hereby declared vacant.

L. T. STAPLES, Chairman.

J. B. HUTCHINSON, Secretary.

M. N. MCKUSICK,

BYRON D. VERRILL,

W. E. VINAL,

I. S. EASTMAN.

I concur in the findings of the Committee as to the facts, but am not prepared to recommend the expulsion of a member until he has been given actual notice of the pendency of the proceedings against him ; and, therefore, report the findings to the House, for such action as shall seem fitting in the premises.

P. C. KEEGAN.

The resolve was assigned for Thursday next for final consideration, on motion of Mr. KING of Caribou.

Mr. BUCK, from Committee on Railroads, reported ought to pass, in a new draft, on recommitted bill "an act to incorporate the Skowhegan and Athens Railroad Company."

Mr. COOK, from Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on petition of O. W. Davis Jr. and others, "resolve in aid of construction of a road between the town of Brownville and the Katahdin Iron Works."

The reports were read and accepted, bill and resolve ordered printed under Joint Rule.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Boothbay Telegraph Company."

Bill "an act to amend section 1 of chapter 128 of the revised statutes, relating to unwholesome provisions and drinks."

The foregoing bills were reported from Committee on Bills in Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act to authorize the town of Harpswell to lay out a town way and build a bridge from Bailey's Island to Orr's Island in said town," was reported from Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and ordered printed, pending third reading, on motion of Mr. TRUFANT of Harpswell.

"Resolve making an appropriation in favor of the Maine General Hospital for the years 1881 and 1882."

"Resolve requesting the Attorney General to prepare and obtain a deed of certain settlers' lots of land from the treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

"Resolve to authorize the Land Agent to settle certain accounts with members of the Maine Swedish Colony."

"Resolve relating to a bond held in trust by the State for the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts."

These resolves were reported from Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The order relating to hospital medicine, indefinitely postponed in the Senate, was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Ways and Bridges, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to the support of bridges within the several counties by said counties, was taken from the table and report accepted.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 193, public laws of 1874, relating to clerks of judicial courts," was taken from the table, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

The majority and minority reports of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on petition of Robert McClain and others, was taken from the table and assigned for Thursday next, at 11 o'clock A. M., for further consideration.

Majority and minority reports of the Committee on Claims, reporting on the claim of A. J. Cameron, was taken from the table, resolve, with statement of facts, ordered printed, and Friday next assigned.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Communication from the Adjutant General, transmitting his annual report, came from Senate read, and report referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and was read and report referred in concurrence.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 71 of the revised statutes, relating to sales of real estate by license of court ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 83 of the public laws of 1872, relating to granting new trials ;"

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of Seth Spaulding and others, in relation to the liquor law, was referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Arthur Dinsmore and others, against an appropriation for county road from Forks of Kennebec river to the town of Shirley ;

Remonstrance of Thomas Robinson and others, against petition of James H. Tilley and others, relating to lot of land in Castle Hill plantation, County of Aroostook ;

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

The following Committee was appointed on State Valuation :

Messrs. Dingley of Androscoggin,
Hill of Hancock,
Taber of Waldo, of the Senate ;
Messrs. Hatch of Bangor,
Verrill of Portland,
Twitchell of Bethel,
Parker of Lewiston,
Means of Machias,
Staples of Parsonsfield,
Talbot of East Machias, of the House.

On motion of Mr. NICKERSON of Linneus,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be requested to inquire into the expediency of amending the law so that no teacher of a free high school shall hold the office of supervisor of schools.

On motion of Mr. GOSS of Bath,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs are hereby requested to inquire into the validity of the title of the State to a certain parcel of undivided land now connected with the building of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum, alleged to belong to the estate of the late W. D. Crooker, deceased.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. BENNER of Waldoboro', submitted a preamble and order setting forth that certain members of the Committee on Printing and Binding had assented, through a misunderstanding of the facts, to a contract with certain parties to do the State Binding, and their belief that a re-opening of the subject would lead to a saving to the State, and ordering the committee to investigate further.

This order was tabled on motion of Mr. ROWELL.

The order relating to investigation of the Bath Military Asylum, passed in the House, came from the Senate refused a passage and indefinitely postponed.

The order was table on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent.

Ordered, That the Committee on Fisheries and Game be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill to this Legislature so enlarging the powers and duties of the Fish Commissioners of this State, that they shall have full control of the water (for fishing purposes) running from Damariscotta pond into the Fish

stream of said towns of Nobleboro' and Newcastle in the county of Lincoln, during the fishing season, and to give them full power to dig or cause to be dug any channel or sluice at any time or any place, erect any wire netting or other device, and control any part of the water sufficient to enable the fish to return from their spawning beds into the river; also to enable them to delegate any and all of such powers to the Fish Committee of the said towns of Nobleboro' and Newcastle from year to year, and empower them to decide into what depth of water all weirs upon Damariscotta river shall extend.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws of the State, that when any person prosecuted in behalf of the State, shall appeal from the judgment of a trial justice to the Supreme Judicial Court, the complainant, and not the county, shall be liable for all costs, provided the complainant does not appear before the court to prosecute the case.

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 58, section 10 of the revised statutes, so as to embrace societies formed from towns in two or more counties.

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

Report of Committee on Claims, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of Edward O'Brien and others, for appropriation for widow of Asa Perkins.

Report of Committee on Interior Waters, reporting same, on petition of Harford Weed and others, for right to dredge and navigate Winnecook lake by steam.

These reports were accepted in concurrence, and the first was recommitted, on motion of Mr. STURDIVANT of Cumberland.

Report of Committee on Pensions, reporting reference to Pension Agent, on petition of John T. Preble for increase of pension, came from Senate accepted and was accepted in concurrence.

Report of Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting, on petition, "resolve in aid of road from forks of Kennebec river in Somerset county to Shirley mills in Piscataquis county," came from Senate recommitted and was recommitted in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Interior Waters, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to amend the charter of Wassataquoik Dam Company, as amended by act approved Feb. 20, A. D. 1879."

Report of Committee on Reform School, reporting ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of Maine Industrial School for Girls."

Report of Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting same, on "resolve in favor of Emery Brewer."

Report of Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting ought to pass in a new draft, on bill "an act to amend section 6 of chapter 63 of the revised statutes, relating to the jurisdiction of probate courts."

Report of same Committee, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Monson Village Corporation."

Report of York County Delegation, reporting same, on bill "an act establishing the salary of the clerk of the judicial court for the County of York."

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

Reports were accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, resolves once, to-morrow assigned for third reading of bills, and Wednesday of next week assigned for second reading of resolves.

Bill "an act for the speedy detection and punishment of crime," passed to be engrossed in the House, came from the Senate indefinitely postponed, and was tabled on motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland.

Bill "an act to amend section 1, chapter 178, special laws 1879, relating to the issue of bonds in aid of the Knox and Lincoln Railroad," passed to be enacted in the House, came back recommitted to the Committee on Legal Affairs, and was recommitted in concurrence.

"Resolve expressing sympathy with the people of Ireland," adopted in the House, came back from the Senate amended per sheet "A" and adopted.

The House insisted upon its vote to adhere.

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on State Prison," came from the Senate read twice and engrossed, was read twice, under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PARKER of Lewiston,

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House be requested to notify forthwith the proper authorities of the Minot representative district that the seat of its member has become vacant, to the end that an election may be had to fill said vacancy.

Mr. LEAVITT, from Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to prevent fishing in Pleasant pond in the town of Garland, in the County of Penobscot."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to protect fish in Sabbath Day pond and its tributaries in the town of New Gloucester."

Mr. THATCHER, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 578, special laws of 1868, relating to the taking of salmon in Dennys river."

Mr. LEAVITT, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to amend chapter 147, private laws of 1879, relating to the taking of fish from the tributaries of Wilson pond in the city of Auburn."

Mr. FISHER, from Committee on Change of Names, reported on various petitions, bill "an act to change the names of certain persons."

Mr. COOK from Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on order, "resolve in favor of an appropriation on roads, including bridge in Indian township, in the county of Washington."

These reports were accepted, bills read twice, resolve once, tomorrow assigned for third reading of bills, and Wednesday next assigned for second reading of resolve.

Mr. THATCHER, from Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Philander N. Knowles and others, relating to fish in Daniel McKenzie mill pond in Addison."

Mr. SEAVEY, from Committee on Railroads, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to revive the charter of the Brownville and Sebec Railroad Company."

Mr. McKUSICK, from Committee on the Judiciary, reported same, on bill "an act to amend section 67, chapter 4, revised statutes, relating to bribery at elections."

Mr. KING, from same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient,

on bill "an act to amend chapter 215, public laws of 1880, relating to jurisdiction of justices of the peace."

Mr. TALBOT, from same Committee, reported same, on order relating to assignments for benefit of creditors.

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on order relating to equalizing salaries paid to county attorneys.

Mr. HUTCHINSON, from same Committee, reported same, on order relating to amendment of chapter 25, section 1, revised statutes, concerning settlement of paupers.

Mr. STAPLES of Elliot, from Committee on Railroads, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to repeal chapter 190, public laws of 1877."

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

Mr. PERLEY, from the Committee on Education, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Pedagogical Society."

The report was read and accepted, bill read twice and tabled on motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland.

Mr. TORREY, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to bounty on dog fish.

The report was read and accepted, bill read and tabled, and the first day of April assigned for further consideration, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

Mr. FISHER, from Committee on Railroads, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Kennebec Central Railroad Company."

Mr. GOODWIN, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to amend section 18, chapter 51 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 189 of the laws of 1874."

Mr. BRIDGHAM, from Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same, on bill "an act to abolish fees in certain Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts of the State."

Mr. KING, from Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on petition, bill "an act providing for holding one term annually of the Supreme Judicial Court at Caribou in the County of Aroostook."

Mr. FISHER, from Committee on Railroads, reported ought to pass, in a new draft, on bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Palmer and Machiasport Railroad Company.'"

Mr. THATCHER, from Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to prohibit the taking of spawn herring within certain limits in Milbridge or Narraguagus bay."

Mr. BURNHAM, from Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on order, "resolve in favor of John M. Thurlough."

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

"Resolve in aid of building a bridge over Fish river in Eagle Lake plantation."

"Resolve in aid of Oak Grove Seminary."

"Resolve making an appropriation in favor of the Female Orphan Asylum of Portland, and for the support of soldiers' orphans therein, for the years 1881 and 1882."

"Resolve making an appropriation for the support of soldiers' orphans at the Bangor Children's Home, for the years 1881 and 1882."

"Resolve making an appropriation in favor of the Saint Elizabeth Orphan Asylum of Portland, and for the support of soldiers' orphans therein, for the years 1881 and 1882."

Bill "an act to amend an act to establish a Municipal Court in the city of Biddeford."

Bill "an act to authorize Levi W. Weston and others, to erect and maintain a boom in the Kennebec river at Skowhegan."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 613 of the private and special laws of the year 1852."

"Resolve in favor of Eugene Michaud."

"Resolve in favor of Warren W. Rice."

"Resolve in favor of the town of Kingsbury."

"Resolve in favor of the County of Franklin."

The foregoing bills and resolves were reported from Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read the third time, resolves the second time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Benjamin M. Nutter," was reported from same Committee, read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend so much of section 2, chapter 125 of the public laws of 1879, as relates to clerk hire in the Secretary of State's department;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Pleasant Cove Ice and Water Power Company;"

Were reported from same Committee, read the third time and tabled, pending their passage to be engrossed.

Bill "an act relating to civil actions in behalf of the State;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 186 of the public laws of 1877, entitled 'an act requiring railroad corporations to be holden for labor,' which chapter is additional to chapter 51 of the revised statutes, relating to railroads;"

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.

"Resolve concerning the expulsion of Thomas B. Swan, Representative from Minot," found guilty of swindling, was taken from the table and was unanimously adopted by yeas 130.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Achorn,	Goodwin, Hudson,	Parker,
Allen,	Goodwin, Shapleigh,	Parsons,
Andrews,	Goss of Auburn,	Perley,
Ashford,	Goss of Bath,	Ritcher,
Averill,	Hall,	Redlon,
Bartlett,	Harding,	Rowe,
Bean,	Harris,	Rowell,
Benner,	Hatch,	Ritchie,
Berry,	Heath,	Sargent,
Bird,	Hersom,	Seavey,
Blanchard,	Hopkins,	Shaw,
Boody,	Hutchinson, Lewiston,	Smith of New Sharon,
Boothby,	Hutchinson, Houlton,	Smith of Mt. Vernon,
Bragdon,	Jones of Winthrop,	Smith of Buxton,
Bragg,	Jordan,	Staples of Biddeford,
Bridgham,	Joy,	Staples of Dayton,
Brown,	Kendall,	Staples, Parsonsfield,
Buck,	Kennison,	Staples of Elliot,
Burnham,	Kimball,	Strout of Portland,

Burr,	King,	Strout, C. Elizabeth,
Chadbourne,	Leavitt,	Sturdivant,
Chase,	Leighton,	Talbot,
Clark,	Leland,	Tarbox,
Cook,	Libby,	Thatcher,
Crosby, Norridgewock,	Linscott,	Torry,
Cummings,	Livermore,	Trafton,
Cushman,	Lord of Bangor,	True,
Dennis,	Lord of Kennebunk,	Trufant,
Dickey,	Loud,	Twitchell,
Doore,	Mallett,	Varney,
Eastman,	Marble,	Verrill,
Eaton,	Marston,	Vinal,
Elder,	Maxcy,	Wardwell,
Eldred,	McKellar,	Waters,
Emery,	McKusick,	Webb,
Estes,	Means,	Wentworth, Gardiner,
Fisher,	Morrill,	Wentworth, Kittery,
Folsom,	Nickerson of Linneus,	Wheeler of Easton,
Foss,	Nickerson of Brewer,	Wheeler of Etna,
Freeman, Cherryfield,	Nickels,	White,
Freeman, Lincolnville,	Norris,	Wilder,
Gilbert,	Noyes,	Wyman—130.
Goodale,	Nutter,	
Goodall,	Packard,	

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of B. A. Cox and 223 others, relating to smelts in Kennebec river," was taken from the table and recommit-
ted, on motion of Mr. WENTWORTH of Gardiner.

On motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor, the vote whereby bill "an act to amend chapter 541, special laws of 1871, entitled 'an act to incorporate the Lake Megantic Railroad Company,'" was recommit-
ted, was reconsidered, and the bill put upon its passage.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Bill "an act in relation to probate bonds," was referred in concurrence to Committee on the Judiciary.

Ordered, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance examine whether chapter 144, public laws of 1876, relating to the formation of insurance companies, requires amendments to make it more effective.

This order was passed in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to the assignment for benefit of creditors.

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act to empower married women to convey their property without joinder of their husbands."

Report of Committee on Railroads, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to railroad connections, (for reason of same matter already before the House.)

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

Report of Committee on Education, reporting, on order, bill "an act to amend chapter 85 of the special laws of 1878, entitled 'an act to provide schools for the training of teachers in Madawaska territory.'"

Report of same Committee, reporting, on order, bill "an act to amend chapter 140 of the public laws of 1879, relating to normal schools."

Report of Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting, on petition, "resolve in favor of Thomas Loveley of Mapleton plantation."

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 62 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to powers and duties of auditors."

Report of Committee on Interior Waters, reporting, on petition of G. L. Boynton and others, bill "an act to increase the tolls of the Nahmakanta Dam Company."

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

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, bills read twice and resolve once, to-morrow assigned for third reading of bills and Wednesday of next week for second reading of resolve, save the last bill, which was ordered printed by Mr. VERRILL of Portland.

A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting a list of titles of public acts approved by the Governor.

Bill "an act to amend section 5, public laws 1876, relating to taxation of insurance companies," was referred to Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 34 of the revised statutes;"

Petition of E. W. Whitehouse and others, for an act to grant the respondent in criminal cases the right to have closing arguments;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of inhabitants of Camden, for a constitutional amendment prohibiting manufacturing and sale of liquor;

Petition of J. B. Abbott and others of Stowe, for same;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

On motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be direct to inquire what legislation, if any, is necessary for the protection of persons liable to school district taxation in districts where they do not reside.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. SHAW of Lisbon, submitted the following:

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House be instructed to furnish for the use of the House, one thousand additional copies of the report of the Valuation Commission and two hundred for the use of the Commission.

Mr. McKUSICK presented "resolve in favor of the Special Committee of the House to investigate charges against Thomas B.

Swan, and on his motion, the resolve was read twice, and passed to be engrossed under suspension of rules.

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to improve the channel of the Magalloway river and facilitate the driving of logs and other lumber."

Mr. DICKEY, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on recommitted bill "an act to repeal chapter 453, laws of 1865, entitled 'an act to increase the tolls of the Baskahegan Dam Company.'"

Printed bill "an act to amend section 18 of chapter 189 of the public laws of 1874, relating to railroad crossings."

Printed bill "an act to incorporate the Skowhegan and Athens Railroad Company."

Printed bill "an act providing for holding one term annually of the Supreme Judicial Court at Caribou, in the County of Aroostook."

"Resolve in aid of the construction of a road between the town of Brownville and the Katahdin Iron Works."

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

Bill "an act to authorize the town of Harpswell to lay out a town way, and build a bridge, from Bailey's island to Orr's island, in said town," was read twice and tabled, on motion of Mr. TRUFANT of Harpswell.

Mr. WHITE, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of inhabitants of Connor plantation, in Aroostook county, for an act to quiet settlers in their possessions.

Mr. PITCHER, from the Committee on Claims, reported same, on petition of inhabitants of Oakfield plantation, for aid in consequence of a hail storm.

Mr. BEAN, from same Committee, reported same, on petition of Dyer Brook plantation, for aid in consequence of a terrific hail storm.

Mr. HALL, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legis-

lation inexpedient, on order relating to increase of pay and mileage of county commissioners.

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to enable the Cumberland and Oxford Canal Corporation to dispose of its property."

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Temperance, reported same, on bill "an act to amend chapter 62, public laws 1872."

Mr. GOODWIN, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported reference to the next Legislature, with order of notice, on petition of Horace Woodman, President of the Saco and Biddeford Gas Light Company."

Mr. JORDAN, from Committee on Federal Relations, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of O. K. Sirois and others, for aid to build a bridge over St. John river at Van Buren and Grand Falls, in Aroostook county.

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

Mr. NICKERSON, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported, on petition, "resolve in aid of a bridge in the town of Monticello."

Mr. EMERY, from the York County Delegation, reported for the majority, on petition of Moses A. Safford, bill "an act to establish the salaries of the Judge and Register of Probate for the County of York."

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

Bill "an act to prevent fishing in Pleasant pond in the town of Garland, in the County of Penobscot."

Bill "an act to protect fish in Sabbath Day pond and its tributaries, in the town of New Gloucester."

Bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 578 of the special laws of 1868, relating to the taking of salmon in Dennys river."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 147 of the private and special laws of 1879, relating to the taking of fish from the tributaries of Wilson pond in the city of Auburn."

Bill "an act to change the names of certain persons."

The foregoing bills were reported from 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 6 of chapter 63 of revised statutes, relating to the jurisdiction of probate courts."

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Wassataquoik Dam Company, as amended by act approved Feb. 20, A. D. 1879."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Monson Village Corporation."

The foregoing bills were reported from same Committee, read three times, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act establishing the salary of the Clerk of the Judicial Courts for the County of York," was reported from the same Committee, read the third time and tabled, pending its passage to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. STAPLES of Parsonsfield.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 145 of the public laws of 1879, relating to insurance."

Bill "an act additional to an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Sebois Dam Company,' approved Feb. 22, 1869."

Bill "an act to establish the Eclectic Medical College of Maine."

Bill "an act relating to the Maine Central Institute."

Bill "an act for the protection of fish in Barrell's mill pond in the town of York."

Bill "an act in relation to the salmon and alewife fishing in the Medomak river in the town of Waldoborough."

"Resolve in favor of Almira E. Cobb."

These bills and resolve 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.

Majority and minority reports of Committee on Fisheries and Game, came up by special assignment, when Mr. TORREY of Surry, moved and the House ordered, that the minority report, which reported a bill, be substituted for the majority report, reporting leave to withdraw, on the various petitions relative to taking mackereel with seines.

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

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Petition of Miller and Randall and others of Auburn, for an act relating to drains and sewers, with accompanying bill, was referred to Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "an act to extend the charter of the Lewiston and Augusta Railroad Company," was referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of Otis Hayford and others, came from the Senate recommitted.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reporting leave to withdraw, on order relating to repealing the portion of section 1, chapter 208 of the public laws of 1880, relating to the powers of Commissioners of Fisheries and Game.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to insurance companies.

These reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, reporting, on order, bill "an act to amend chapter 38, revised statutes, relating to the inspection and sale of agricultural productions," came from the Senate accepted, bill read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The report was accepted in concurrence, bill amended per sheet "A" on motion of Mr. PITCHER of Belfast, and ordered printed on motion of Mr. BRIDGHAM of Buckfield.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, reporting, on Adjutant General's report, bill "an act to amend section 156, chapter 225 of the public laws of 1880."

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, amended and passed to be engrossed, and was tabled in the House and Tuesday, at 11 o'clock, assigned.

Report of Committee on Fisheries and Game, reporting, on petition of S. O. Paine and others, bill "an act to prevent the taking of fish from Great Watchic pond in the town of Standish for the term of five years."

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Military Affairs."

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

Bill "an act to authorize Roscoe K. Benner, Murray F. Benner, Martin Willey and their associates, to build and maintain a wharf in tide waters of Muscongus bay or harbor in the town of Bremen," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed, and was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

"Resolve concerning Ireland," came back from the Senate, that branch having insisted.

The House insisted.

On motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland,

Ordered, That the time for the final report of Committees be extended until Thursday, March 3, 1881.

This order was sent to the Senate.

Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, submitted the following:

Ordered, That from and after Tuesday the first day of March, this House hold two sessions each day, commencing at 9.30 o'clock A. M. and 2.30 o'clock P. M., until otherwise ordered.

Mr. FREEMAN, from Committee on Mines and Mining, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Twin Lead and Hecla Mining and Smelting Company of Bluehill, Me.

Mr. THATCHER, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to the taking of fish from No Name pond in the city of Lewiston."

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported ought to pass in a new draft, on bill "an act to incorporate the Jimmy Brook and Scagg Rock Company."

Mr. PURINTON, from the Committee on Education, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act additional to the charter of Hallowell Academy,' approved Feb. 28th, 1872."

Mr. DICKEY, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported ought to pass in a new draft, on bill "an act to provide for the mode of collecting tolls and making assessments by the Mattawamkeag Log Driving Company."

Printed bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Palmer and Machiasport Railroad Corporation,' and the acts amendatory thereof."

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

Mr. VERRILL, from the Committee on State Valuation, reported ought to pass, on "resolve establishing a general valuation of the State."

The report was accepted, resolve read twice under suspension of rules, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. FISHER, from the Committee on Railroads, reported ought to pass in a new draft, on bill "an act to incorporate the Kennebec Central Railroad Company."

This report was accepted, bill read three times, rules suspended, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. PURINTON, from the Committee on Education, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to selection and supply of text-books.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Judiciary, reported same, on order relating to amendment of statutes relating to suits for taxes.

Mr. HALL, from same Committee, reported same, on order relating to amendment of the revised statutes, chapter 75, relating to descent of property.

Mr. THATCHER, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported reference to the next Legislature, with order of notice, on petition of Joseph Lamb and others, for protection of fish in Cup-suptic and Kennebago lakes.

Mr. GILBERT, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported reference to the next Legislature, with order of notice, on petition of Augustus Stevenson and others, for charter for steam ferry from Kittery to Portsmouth, N. H.

Mr. NICKERSON, from same Committee, reported same, on petition of Rodney C. Barker, for incorporation of the West Branch Improvement Company.

Mr. BRIDGHAM, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate Camp 9, Patriotic Order Sons of America, of Bar Harbor," for reason the parties may organize under general law.

Mr. FREEMAN, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act concerning minors and remedies upon their contracts."

Mr. BUCK, from the Committee on Railroads, reported same, on bill "an act concerning connecting railroads."

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Sedgwick Post No. 4, Grand Army of the Republic.

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on petition of J. E. Ashe and others, for equalization of bounties to soldiers.

Mr. PARKER, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same, on petition of Putnam Wilson and others, for right to sell or lease Union Hall in town of Newport.

Mr. BRADSTREET, from the Committee on Railroads, reported same, on petition of Samuel C. Smith and others, for charter of railroad from Harrison to Portland.

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on petition of W. F. Perry and others, for charter from Bridgton to Portland.

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

Mr. THATCHER, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported leave to withdraw, on recommitted petition of B. A. Cox and others, for a law regulating the catching of smelts in the Kennebec river.

Pending acceptance, was tabled on motion of Mr. WENTWORTH of Gardiner.

Mr. BUCK, from the Committee on Railroads, reported in a new draft, bill "an act to incorporate the Boothbay Railroad Company."

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on petition, bill "an act in relation to the compensation of jailers for the support of prisoners."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported, on order, "resolve proposing an amendment to the constitution of the State of Maine, relating to the time of holding elections."

Mr. STROUT, from same Committee, reported, on order, bill "an act for the punishment of convicts under sentence of imprisonment for life, who shall kill any person within this State."

Mr. EMERY, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 2 of chapter 48 of the revised statutes, concerning manufacturing, mining and quarrying corporations."

Mr. BUCK, from the Committee on Railroads, reported in new draft, bill "an act to revive and amend the charter of the Bangor and Calais Railroad Company."

Mr. THATCHER, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported, on the report of the Commissioners of Fisheries and Game, "resolve making an appropriation for the propagation and protection of fish and game for the years 1881 and 1882."

Mr. STAPLES, from the Committee on Railroads, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Junction Railway Company of Portland."

Mr. BRADSTREET, from same Committee, reported, on petition of E. B. Chase and others, bill "an act to incorporate the West End Railroad Company."

Mr. STAPLES, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act entitled an act to permit the Bridgton and Presumpscot River Railroad Company to sell or lease its road."

Mr. NUTTER, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to authorize the county commissioners of York county to locate and establish a highway across Spinney's creek."

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

Mr. TALBOT, from majority of Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw, on various petitions for change of divorce law.

Mr. HALL, from minority of same Committee, reported on same petitions, bill "an act relating to divorce."

These reports were tabled and the bill ordered printed.

Mr. COOK, from the Committee on Temperance, reported for the majority, leave to withdraw, on various petitions for repeal of cider law and constabulary of 1880.

Mr. FISHER, from minority of Committee on Temperance, reported, on petitions, bill "an act to repeal sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of chapter 247 of the public laws of 1880."

These reports were tabled, and the bill ordered printed, and next Wednesday assigned for consideration.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Skowhegan and Athens Railroad Company."

Bill "an act to improve the channel of the Magalloway river and facilitate the driving of logs and other lumber."

Bill "an act to amend section 18 of chapter 189 of the public laws of 1874, relating to railroad crossings."

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 453 of the laws of 1865, entitled 'an act to increase the tolls of the Baskahegan Dam Company.'"

Bill "an act regulating the mackerel fishing on the coast of Maine."

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

Bill "an act to amend section 62 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to the powers and duties of auditors."

"Resolve in favor of Thomas Loveley of Mapleton plantation."

The foregoing bill and resolve were reported from the same Committee, bill read three times, resolve twice, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 140 of the public laws of 1879, relating to normal schools," was reported from same Committee, read the third time and tabled, pending its passage to be engrossed, by Mr. WHITE of Levant.

Bill "an act providing for holding one term annually of the Supreme Judicial Court at Caribou, in the County of Aroostook," was reported from same Committee and was tabled, pending third reading, on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent, and assigned to Tuesday next for its further consideration.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 85 of the special laws of 1878, entitled 'an act to provide schools for the training of teachers in Madawaska territory,' as amended by chapter 190 of the special laws of 1879," was reported from same Committee, read the third time and tabled, pending its passage to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. KEEGAN of Van Buren.

Bill "an act regulating the weight of salt."

Bill "an act in relation to the time of holding sessions of the county commissioners."

Bill "an act relating to costs in actions of dower."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Flood Pond Stream Dam Company."

Bill "an act additional to sections 14, 15, 16 and 18 of chapter 12 of revised statutes, relating to parishes."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 541 of the private laws of 1871, entitled 'an act to incorporate the Penobscot and Lake Megantic Railroad Company.'"

"Resolve in favor of Benjamin M. Nutter."

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on State Prison."

"Resolve in favor of the State Library."

These bills and resolves 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 concerning the salary of the Deputy Clerk for Cumberland county," reported from the Cumberland County Delegation, was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed, by yeas 63, nays 58, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Achorn,	Averill,	Boothby,
Allen,	Bartlett,	Bradstreet of Palermo,
Ashford,	Benner,	Bragg,

Brown,	Hatch,	Ritchie,
Buck,	Hopkins,	Smith of Buxton,
Burnell,	Jones of Brighton,	Staples of Dayton,
Chase,	Joy,	Staples, Parsonsfield,
Dennis,	Kennison,	Staples of Elliot,
Doore,	Livermore,	Strout, C. Elizabeth,
Eaton,	Loud,	Sturdivant,
Edgcomb,	McKusick,	Sweat,
Elder,	Means,	Tarbox,
Estes,	Nickerson of Brewer,	Torry,
Folsom,	Nickels,	Trafton,
Foss,	Norris,	Twitchell,
Freeman, Lincolnville,	Noyes,	Waters,
Gilbert,	Nutter,	Webb,
Goodale,	Packard,	Wheeler of Easton,
Goodwin, Hudson,	Parsons,	Wheeler of Etna,
Goodwin, Shapleigh,	Perley,	White,
Harding,	Rowe,	Wilder—63.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Berry,	Harris,	Pitcher,
Bird,	Heath,	Purinton,
Blanchard,	Hersom,	Redlon,
Boody,	Hutchinson, Lewiston,	Rowell,
Bradstreet, Bridgton,	Jones of Winthrop,	Sargent,
Bragdon,	Jordan,	Seavey,
Bridgham,	Keegan,	Shaw,
Burr,	Kendall,	Smith of New Sharon,
Clark,	Kimball,	Smith of Mt. Vernon,
Cook,	Leavitt,	Staples of Biddeford,
Cushman,	Lord of Bangor,	Strout of Portland,
Dickey,	Lord of Kennebunk,	Talbot,
Donnell,	Mallett,	Thatcher,
Eastman,	Marble,	True,
Emery,	Maxcy,	Trufant,
Fisher,	Morrill,	Varney,
Freeman, Cherryfield,	Nickerson of Linneus,	Verrill,
Goss of Auburn,	Parker,	Wentworth, Gardiner,
Goss of Bath,	Partridge,	Wyman—58.
Hall,		

The majority and minority reports of the Committee on Claims, on claim of A. J. Cameron, was taken from the table and further assigned to Tuesday of next week.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Final report of Joint Standing Committee on Commerce, came from the Senate accepted, and was tabled in the House.

Report of Committee on Fisheries and Game, reporting leave to withdraw, on order relating to the powers of fish commissioners.

Report of Committee on Fisheries and Game, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to taking of alewives in Damariscotta pond.

The reports were accepted in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Education, reporting same, on order relating to the school committee of Eagle Lake plantation, and scholars in township 16, range 6, and Saint Francis plantation, and township 18, range 10.

Recommitted on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent.

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on order relating to the citizens of township 17 in the 6th range, voting in Fort Kent, and allowing the town of Fort Kent to draw the school money of said township.

This report was accepted in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Education, reporting on order, "resolve providing for the compilation, printing and distribution of the laws of this State relating to public schools."

This report came from the Senate accepted, resolve read twice, and passed to be engrossed, was accepted in concurrence, resolve read once, and Wednesday next assigned.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting on petition of Lothrop L. Crockett, bill "an act permitting Lothrop L. Crockett to raise a dam or dams at the outlet of Trickey pond."

This report was accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, and Monday assigned.

Report of Committee on Railroads, reporting ought to pass, on "bill an act additional to chapter 51, of the revised statutes, and to other acts relating to the transportation of passengers and freight by railroad."

This report was accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, and tabled on motion of Mr FISHER of Boothbay.

Report of the Committee on Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to practice in the Supreme Judicial Court."

This report was accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, and Monday assigned for third reading.

Bill "an act to amend section 1, chapter 128 of the revised statutes, relating to unwholesome provisions and drinks."

This bill was passed to be engrossed in the House, and came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

House receded and concurred.

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," was presented by Mr. HATCH of Bangor, and on his motion ordered printed.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Veazie Bank of Bangor," was referred to Committee on Banks and Banking.

On motion of Mr. NICKERSON of Linneus.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 4 of chapter 21 of the public laws of 1875, by striking out in the third line all the words after "sixty-one" in said line.

On motion of Mr. KING of Caribou,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be required to inquire into the expediency of so amending section 22, chapter 24

of the revised statutes, that the care of paupers in a certain class of plantations shall devolve upon the assessors of such plantations.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. McKUSICK presented bill "an act to amend chapter 158 private laws of 1879," which was read twice, rules being suspended, and Monday assigned.

Mr. VERRILL, from Committee on Legal Affairs, reported on order, bill "an act to incorporate the Maine State Bar Association, and an act to regulate admissions to the bar."

Mr. McKUSICK, from Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 6, section 10 of the revised statutes."

Mr. VINAL, from Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act authorizing two or more persons to construct or maintain a free bridge across the Georges river."

These reports were accepted and bills ordered printed.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to pay of night watchmen.

Mr. LELAND, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported reference to the next Legislature, with order of notice, on petition of Isaac Bagnall.

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

Mr. DICKEY, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company."

Printed "resolve in aid of bridge in the town of Monticello."

Printed bill "an act to authorize James A. Creighton and his assigns to plant, propagate and preserve oysters in the waters of Georges river and tributary streams."

Printed bill "an act to abolish continuance fees in certain supreme judicial and superior courts of the State."

Printed bill "an act to increase the tolls of the Nahmakanta Dam Company."

Printed bill "an act to establish the salaries of the Judge and Register of Probate for the County of York."

Printed bill "an act to prohibit the taking of spawn herring within certain limits in Milbridge or Narraguagus bay."

This report was read and accepted, bills read twice, resolve once, Monday assigned for third reading of bills, and Wednesday of next week for second reading of resolve.

Printed "resolve in favor of John M. Thurlough," was read once and tabled, on motion of Mr. BURNHAM of Sherman.

Printed bill "an act for the punishment of convicts under sentence of imprisonment for life, who shall kill any person within this State," was read twice and tabled, on motion of Mr. MORRILL of Augusta.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Twin Lead and Hecla Mining and Smelting Company of Bluehill, Maine."

Bill "an act relating to the taking of fish from No Name pond in the city of Lewiston."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Jimmy Brook and Scagg Rock Company."

Bill "an act to provide for the mode of collecting tolls and making assessments by the Mattawamkeag Log Driving Company."

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act additional to the charter of Hallowell Academy,' approved February 28, 1872."

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Palmer and Machiasport Railroad Corporation,' and the acts amendatory thereof."

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

Bill "an act to prevent the taking of fish from Great Watchic pond in the town of Standish, for the term of five years," was reported from same Committee, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act extending the right of the municipal officers of the city of Portland to send for persons and papers."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Boothbay Telegraph Company."

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Wassataquoik Dam Company, as amended by act approved February 20, A. D. 1879."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Monson Village Corporation."

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 106 of the public laws of 1879, relating to costs of travel and attendance of parties in court."

Bill "an act to amend section 6 of chapter 63 of the revised statutes, relating to the jurisdiction of probate courts."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 49 of private and special laws of 1869, relating to Bangor Boom Company."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 193 of the public laws of 1874, relating to clerks of judicial courts."

"Resolve relating to Hell Gate pilot laws."

These bills and resolve were reported from 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 amend chapter 85 of the special laws of 1878, entitled 'an act to provide schools for the training of teachers in Madawaska territory,' as amended by chapter 190 of the special laws of 1879," was taken from the table, and recommitted to Committee on Education, on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent.

Bill "an act to confer certain powers upon the inhabitants and officers of the town of Eden," was taken from the table, and engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Eastern Telegraph Company," was taken from the table, Senate amendment adopted, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Pedagogical Society," was taken from the table, and recommitted to Committee on Education.

Bill "an act explanatory of section 3, chapter 78, laws of 1878, relating to tramps," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to authorize the city of Belfast to pay its bonded indebtedness, and to issue new bonds for that purpose," was taken from the table, amended per sheet "A," on motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to authorize C. B. Meserve to erect and maintain a wharf in the tide waters in the town of Bristol," was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed.

Bill "an act for the speedy detection and punishment of crime," was taken from the table, when Mr. STROUT of Portland, moved to insist, and propose a Committee of Conference, and the House so voted, and

Messrs. Strout of Portland,
Talbot of East Machias,
Freeman of Cherryfield,
were appointed on part of the House.

Adjourned to meet at 4 P. M. on Monday.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Final reports from Committee on Federal Relations, Pensions and Counties, came from the Senate accepted, and were tabled in the House.

Report of the Committee on State Printing and Binding, reporting contracts for doing the printing and binding for the State for the years 1881 and 1882, came from the Senate accepted, and the contracts approved.

The report was accepted in concurrence, and the contracts approved by the House.

Report of Committee on Railroads, reporting ought to pass in a new draft, on bill "an act to incorporate the Mexico and Byron Railroad Company."

Report of Committee on Fisheries and Game, reporting on petition, bill "an act to empower the fish committees of Nobleborough and Newcastle to protect the alewives returning from the spawning beds in Damariscotta pond in the County of Lincoln to the fish stream of said towns.

Report of Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting in new draft, bill "an act to authorize the town of Anson to refund the bonds issued in aid of the Somerset Railroad Company, and to create a sinking fund for the payment of the same."

Report of Committee on Interior Waters, reporting on petition of A. H. Norris and others, bill "an act to incorporate the Great Pond and Bog Dam Company."

Report of same Committee, reporting on petition of G. M. Brown and E. S. Brown, bill "an act to incorporate the Bear River Improvement Company."

Report of Committee on Railroads, reporting ought to pass in new draft, bill "an act to authorize the extension of the Bucksport and Bangor Railroad."

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

Bill "an act to change the names of certain persons," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

Bill "an act to amend section 28, chapter 2 of the revised statutes, relating to notice upon petitions to the Legislature," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The order relating to investigation of Bath Military Asylum, passed in the House, came from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The order was tabled, and subsequently taken up, House insisted, proposed a Committee of Conference, and the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. Verrill of Portland,
Talbot of East Machias,
Fisher of Boothbay,

on its part.

Bill "an act to extend the time for organizing the Farmers Bank ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor Bank ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Kenduskeag Bank ;"

Were referred to Committee on Banks and Banking.

Petition of Ellen M. Sampson for pension, was referred to Committee on Pensions.

The foregoing was sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. GOODALE of Hartland,

Ordered, That Roswell L. Crosby of Whiting, be excused from further attendance on this House after this day, and the Clerk be authorized to make up his pay and mileage to the end of the session.

On motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland,

Ordered, That on and after Tuesday, March 4, B. G. Smith of Buxton be excused from further attendance as a member of this House, and that his pay be made up for the session; also that from and after March 4, the Hon. John C. Talbot of East Machias be excused from further attendance as a member on this House, and that the Clerk make up his pay to the end of the season.

On motion of Mr. SHAW of Lisbon,

Ordered, That the Valuation Committee be directed to obtain of the Valuation Commission such statistics as may be in possession of of said Commission, that may be deemed proper, and have the same printed for the use of this Legislature.

Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent, submitted the following:

Ordered, That from and after Wednesday next, the House hold two sessions each day, in the forenoon from half-past 9 until half-past 12, and in the afternoon from half-past 2 until 5, and that we finally adjourn on or before Thursday, March 17th.

Mr. VERRILL of Portland, made the point that an order relating to the same subject was already on the table, and assigned for to-morrow.

The order was laid on the table.

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

"Resolve proposing an amendment to the constitution of the State of Maine, relating to the time of holding elections."

Bill "an act to amend section 2 of chapter 48 of the revised statutes, concerning manufacturing, mining and quarrying copera-tions."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 6, section 10, revised statutes."

Bill "an act to incorporate the West End Railroad Company."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 38 of the revised statutes, relating to the inspection and sale of agricultural productions."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Shore Line Railroad Com-pany."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Junction Railway Company of Portland."

Bill "an act to authorize the county commissioners of York county to locate and establish a highway across Spinney's creek."

Bill "an act entitled an act to permit the Bridgton and Presumpscot River Railroad Company to sell or lease its road."

Bill "an act in relation to the compensation of jailers for the support of prisoners."

These bills and resolves were read, and to-morrow assigned for third reading of bills and second reading of resolves.

Mr. HATCH presented "resolve authorizing sale of State's interest in timber on township No, 8, range 16," which, on his motion, was read once, and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. PURINTON, from the Committee on Education, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act amendatory to 'an act relating to the schools in the city of Portland,' approved February 10, 1875."

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 amend the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 158 of the private laws of 1879, relating to the charter of the city of Calais."

Bill "an act to authorize James A. Creighton and his assigns to plant, propagate and preserve oysters in the waters of Georges river and tributary streams."

Bill "an act to abolish continuance fees in certain supreme judicial and superior courts of the State."

The foregoing bills were reported from Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up to the Senate.

Bill "an act entitled 'an act permitting Lothrop L. Crockett to raise a dam or dams,'" was reported from same Committee, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to prohibit the taking of spawn herring within certain limits in Milbridge or Narraguagus bay," was reported from same Committee, and tabled, pending third reading, on motion of Mr. FREEMAN of Cherryfield.

Bill "an act to establish the salaries of the Judge and Register of Probate for the County of York," was reported from same Committee, and tabled, pending its third reading, on motion of Mr. EDGCOMB of Limington.

Bill "an act to increase the tolls of the Nahmakanta Dam Company," was reported from same Committee, and recommitted, pending its passage to be engrossed, to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Bill "an act authorizing Levi W. Weston and others, to erect and maintain a boom in the Kennebec river at Skowhegan."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 613 of the private and special laws of the year 1852, relating to the Pleasant River Dam Company."

Bill "an act to amend section 62 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to the powers and duties of auditors."

"Resolve in favor of Thomas Loveley of Mapleton plantation;"

"Resolve in favor of the Special Committee of the House to investigate charges against Thomas B. Swan."

"Resolve in favor of the town of Fort Kent."

"Resolve in favor of the town of Kingsbury."

"Resolve in favor of the County of Franklin."

"Resolve in favor of Warren W. Rice."

These bills and resolves 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.

The SPEAKER appointed as the Joint Select Committee on the State of the Commonwealth, on the part of the House,

Messrs. Strout of Portland,
Morrill of Augusta,
Hall of Rockland,
McKusick of Calais,
Freeman of Cherryfield,
Talbot of East Machias,
Bridgham of Buckfield.

On the Special Committee created by order to ascertain the expenses incurred by the Valuation Commission, the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. Staples of Parsonsfield,
Vinal of Thomaston,
Jordan of Auburn,
Smith of Mt. Vernon,
Means of Machias,
Dennis of Passadumkeag,
Dickey of Fort Kent.

Bill "an act for the better protection of life in buildings used for public purposes," was taken from the table on motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland, when amendment "A" was presented, and the bill ordered printed with the amendment inserted.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 208 of the public laws of 1880, relating to commissioners of fisheries and wardens," was taken from the table and recommitted to Committee on Fisheries and Game, on motion of Mr. McKUSICK of Calais.

Bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 116 of the revised statutes, in relation to trial justices and justices of the peace and of the quorum," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. FISHER of Boothbay.

Bill "an act to authorize the town of Harpswell to lay out a town way, and build a bridge from Bailey's island to Orr's island, in said town," was taken from the table, and assigned to Friday of next week.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Bill "an act to amend section 5 of chapter 107 of the revised statutes, relating to depositions," was referred to Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act relating to the European and North American Railroad ;"

Report of the same Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to the amending of section 3 of chapter 162 of the public laws of 1879, in relation to the support of paupers in certain plantations ;" and

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on order relating to lien claims ;

Came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to the conferring of certain powers upon the school committee of Eagle Lake plantation.

The foregoing report, recommitted to Committee on Education in the House, came back from the Senate, that branch adhering to the vote accepting report, and was tabled on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent.

Bill "an act concerning the salary of the Deputy Clerk of Cumberland county, indefinitely postponed in the House, came back from the Senate, read twice, and passed to be engrossed, and was tabled on motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland.

Bill "an act to incorporate North Bank ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Belfast Bank ;"

Were referred to Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. TWITCHELL, from Committee on Interior Waters, reported on petition of George A. Cony, bill "an act for the navigation of Cobbosseecontee lake in the County of Kennebec."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to damages for land taken for highways," was amended per sheet "A."

Bill "an act authorizing ten or more persons to construct and maintain a free bridge across the Georges river."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine State Bar Association."

Bill "an act to regulate admissions to the bar in this State."

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government."

"Resolve for the propagation and protection of fish and game for the years of 1881 and 1882."

This report was read, accepted, bills read twice, resolve once, and to-morrow assigned for third reading of bills, and Wednesday of next week assigned for second reading of resolve.

Mr. BURNHAM, from Committee on Interior Waters, reported reference to next Legislature, with order of notice, on petition of John S. Marsh, for right to erect a dam across Sheepscot river.

Mr. WENTWORTH, from the Cumberland and Kennebec County Delegations, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 88 of the public laws of 1879, relative to fees of referees."

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

Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on Education, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of citizens of Dexter and various other petitions, for change of law relating to employment of teachers.

This report, pending acceptance, was tabled on motion of Mr. HATCH.

Bill "an act to amend section 2 of chapter 48 of the revised statutes, concerning manufacturing, mining and quarrying corporations."

Bill "an act to authorize the county commissioners of York county, to locate and establish a highway across Spinney's creek."

Bill "an act to incorporate the West End Railroad Company, with authority to construct, maintain and use a horse railroad."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Junction Railway Company of Portland."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 6, section 10 of the revised statutes."

Bill "an act entitled 'an act to permit the Bridgton and Presumpscot River Railroad Company to sell or lease its road.'"

Bill "an act in relation to the compensation of jailers for the support of prisoners."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Shore Line Railroad Company."

The foregoing 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 amend chapter 38 of the revised statutes, relating to the inspection and sale of agricultural productions," was reported from same Committee, read the third time, pending its passage to be engrossed, tabled on motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Great Pond and Bog Dam Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bear River Improvement Company."

Bill "an act to empower the Fish Committees of the towns of Nobleborough and Newcastle to protect the alewives returning from their spawning beds in Damariscotta pond in the County of Lincoln to the fish stream of said towns."

Bill "an act to authorize the town of Anson to refund the bonds issued in aid of the Somerset Railroad Company, and to create a sinking fund for the payment of the same."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Mexico and Byron Railroad Company."

Bill "an act to authorize the extension of the Bucksport and Bangor Railroad."

The foregoing bills were reported from the same Committee, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve proposing an amendment to the constitution of the State of Maine, relating to the time of holding elections," was reported from same Committee, read twice and passed to be engrossed, by yeas 89, nays 17.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Achorn,	Freeman, Cherryfield,	Nickels,
Allen,	Freeman, Lincolnville,	Nutter,
Andrews,	Glidden,	Parker,
Averill,	Goss of Auburn,	Parsons,
Bartlett,	Goss of Bath,	Pitcher,
Bean,	Hall,	Purinton,
Benner,	Harding,	Rowe,
Berry,	Hatch,	Ritchie,
Bird,	Heath,	Sprague,
Boothby,	Hopkins,	Strout of Portland,
Bragdon,	Hutchinson, Lewiston,	Strout, C. Elizabeth,
Bragg,	Jones of Brighton,	Sturdivant,
Brown,	Jordan,	Sweat,
Buck,	Keegan,	Talbot,
Burr,	Kendall,	Tarbox,
Chase,	Kennison,	Thatcher,
Clark,	King,	Torry,
Cook,	Lang,	Trafton,
Crosby, Norridgewock,	Leavitt,	True,
Cummings,	Leighton,	Twitchell,
Cushman,	Linscott,	Varney,
Dennis,	Livermore,	Verrill,
Eastman,	Loud,	Vinal,
Eaton,	Mallett,	Ware,
Eldred,	Marble,	Webb,
Estes,	McAlister,	Wentworth, Gardiner,
Fisher,	McKellar,	Wheeler of Easton,
Flint,	McKusick,	Wilder,
Folsom,	Nickerson of Linneus,	Wyman—89.
Foss,	Nickerson of Brewer,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Blanchard,	Lord of Bangor,	Shaw,
Burnell,	Maxcy,	Smith of New Sharon,
Burnham,	Means,	Smith of Mt. Vernon,
Dickey,	Morrill,	Waters,
Goodale,	Partridge,	White—17.
Goodwin, Hudson,	Rowell,	

Bill "an act to incorporate the Boothbay Railroad Company," was reported from same Committee, amended per sheet "A," passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve authorizing the sale of State's interest in timber on township No. 8, range 16," was reported from same Committee, read twice, and ordered printed, on motion of Mr. McKUSICK of Calais.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Kennebec Central Railroad Company;"

Bill "an act to amend section 2 of chapter 578 of the special laws of 1868, relating to the taking of salmon in Dennys river;"

Bill "an act to amend section 67 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to punishment for bribery and corruption at elections;"

Bill "an act to prevent the taking of fish from Great Watchic pond in the town of Standish for the term of five years;"

Bill "an act to prevent fishing in Pleasant pond in the town of Garland in the County of Penobscot;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 147 of the private and special laws of 1879, relating to the taking of fish from the tributaries of Wilson pond in the city of Auburn;"

Bill "an act to protect fish in Sabbath Day pond and its tributaries in the town of New Gloucester;"

"Resolve in favor of Oak Grove Seminary;"

Were reported from 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 amend section 156, chapter 225, public laws of 1880, concerning the militia, was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

An amendment offered by Mr. KEGAN of Van Buren, making the appropriation eight thousand dollars, was voted down by yeas 44, nays 74.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Achorn,	Benner,	Chase,
Averill,	Boothby,	Cummings,
Bartlett,	Bragg,	Dennis,
Bean,	Brown,	Eaton,

Edgecomb,	Jones of Brighton,	Smith of Buxton,
Eldred,	Keegan,	Staples of Dayton,
Estes,	Lang,	Staples of Elliot,
Folsom,	Leavitt,	Strout, C. Elizabeth,
Foss,	Leighton,	Sturdivant,
Freeman, Lincolnville,	Linscott,	Talbot,
Glidden,	Livermore,	Trafton,
Goodale,	Loud,	Waters,
Goodwin of Hudson,	Parsons,	Webb,
Goodwin, Shapleigh,	Rowe,	White—44.
Harding,	Ritchie,	

Those who voted in the negative were :

Allen,	Harris,	Perley,
Andrews,	Hatch,	Pitcher,
Berry,	Heath,	Purinton,
Bird,	Hersom,	Rowell,
Blanchard,	Hopkins,	Shaw,
Bragdon,	Hutchinson, Lewiston,	Smith, New Sharon,
Buck,	Jordan,	Smith, Mt. Vernon,
Burnell,	Kendall,	Sprague,
Burnham,	Kennison,	Staples of Biddeford,
Burr,	Kimball,	Strout of Portland,
Clark,	King,	Sweat,
Cook,	Leland,	Tarbox,
Crosby, Norridgew'k,	Lord of Bangor,	Thatcher,
Cushman,	Lord of Kennebunk,	Torry,
Dickey,	Mallett,	True,
Donnell,	Marble,	Twitchell,
Eastman,	Maxcy,	Verrill,
Emery,	McKusick,	Vinal,
Fisher,	Means,	Ware,
Flint,	Morrill,	Wentworth, Gardiner,
Freeman, Cherryfield,	Nickerson, Linneus,	Wentworth, Kittery,
Goodall,	Nickerson, Brewer,	Wheeler of Easton,
Goss of Auburn,	Nickels,	Wilder,
Goss of Bath,	Nutter,	Wyman—74.
Hall,	Parker,	

On motion of Mr. LIVERMORE of Bradley, the majority and minority reports on the claim of A. J. Cameron, were taken from

the table, when Mr. Livermore offered the following order which was passed :

Ordered, That a Committee of seven from this House, be appointed, to investigate the matter of binding and stitching of 1878 and 1879, and that the Committee be empowered to send for persons and papers.

The reports were finally tabled on motion of Mr. FREEMAN of Cherryfield, and to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, specially assigned.

On motion of Mr. THATCHER of Bangor, the report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reporting leave to withdraw, on petitions for law regulating the taking of smelts in Kennebec river, was re-assigned for to-morrow.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

WEDNESDAY, March 2, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Communication from the Attorney General, transmitting a deed of certain lots of land in accordance with a resolution of the Legislature, was read and referred to Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "an act to protect the property of lumbering companies ;"

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Kennebec, Dead River and Moose River Log Driving Company ;"

Were referred to Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Interior Waters, reporting leave to withdraw, on petitions of Cyrus Andrews and Joseph F. Stearns, relating to the tolls on slippage of lumber as per laws of 1869, chapter 75, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 83, public laws of 1872, relating to the granting of new trials."

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 13 of chapter 73 of the revised statutes, relating to conveyances in mortgage and in trust."

"Resolve in favor of the Committee on Reform School."

The foregoing reports were read, accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, resolve once, and to-morrow assigned for third reading of bills and second reading of resolve.

Majority report of Committee on Claims, reporting leave to withdraw, on claim of E. F. Pillsbury and Company; and

Minority report of same Committee, reporting on claim of E. F. Pillsbury and Company, "resolve in favor of E. F. Pillsbury and Company;"

Came from the Senate, the majority report accepted, and were tabled on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 142 of the revised statutes, relating to Reform School;"

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Ocean Park Association;"

Were referred to Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Merchants Bank of Portland;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the International Bank of Portland;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Rockland Bank of Rockland;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Lime Rock Bank of Rockland;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Searsport Bank;"

Were referred to Committee on Banks and Banking.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. GOSS of Bath,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking inquire into the expediency of granting a charter to the Sagadahoc Bank of Bath.

Mr. LOUD of Hampden submitted the following:

Ordered, That the vote whereby several members of this House have been excused, be reconsidered, and that hereafter no member or members of this House be excused unless he or they can prove

to the entire satisfaction of this House, dangerous sickness to himself or his family.

The Chair ruled that the first part of the order was not in order, and the question not being susceptible of division, he ruled out the whole.

On motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be ordered to inquire what legislation is necessary to protect the rights of owners of stock placed as collateral security.

This order was sent to the Senate.

Mr. HALL, from Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of E. W. Whitehouse and others, in relation to closing arguments in criminal cases.

Mr. SPRAGUE, from Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same, on petition of L. L. Dennison and others, for change of law of dower.

Mr. VERRILL, from same Committee, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act in addition to chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to elections."

Mr. FREEMAN, from the same Committee, reported reference to the Committee on State Valuation, on order relating to different methods of taking valuation of the State.

Mr. HALL, from Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to information upon section 14, article 4 of the constitution.

Mr. LELAND, from Committee on Interior Waters, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Charles E. Allen, for law changing statutes, relating to logs.

Mr. HALL, from Committee on the Judiciary, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of S. C. Strout and others, for restoration of the salary of Judge of Superior Court for Cumberland county.

Mr. HALL, from same Committee, reported same, on petition of William Senter and others for same.

Mr. HEATH, from Committee on Military Affairs, reported reference to the Commander-in-Chief, on petition of Frontier Guards and others, for an appropriation for annual encampment.

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

Mr. WHITE, from Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported reference to the Governor and Council to be settled as they deem proper, on petition of Peter A. Spouburg for redress relating to a lot of land, was tabled on motion of Mr. KING of Caribou.

Mr. PARKER, from Committee on Legal Affairs, reported on order, bill "an act providing that paupers in a certain class of plantations shall be under the care of the assessors of such plantations."

Mr. EMERY, from same Committee, reported on order, bill "an act to amend section 19 of chapter 12, relating to parishes and religious societies."

Mr. STROUT, from Committee the Judiciary, reported ought to pass in new draft, bill entitled "an act relating to public parks and squares."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported ought to pass in new draft, bill entitled "an act concerning the care of abused and neglected children."

Same gentleman, from Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass in new draft, on bill "an act to prevent railroad accidents."

Mr. TALBOT, from same Committee, reported on order, "resolve relating to the binding of certain papers and documents now in the Land Office."

Mr. KEEGAN, from Committee on Education, reported on order, "resolve to enable the State Superintendent of Common Schools to hold teachers' meetings," as provided in item four of section 71, chapter 11 of the revised statutes.

Mr. TALBOT, from Committee on the Judiciary, reported on order relating to revision of public laws of the State, "resolve for the revision of the public laws of this State."

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

Mr. VERRILL, from Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass in a new draft, on bill "an act to amend section 1, chapter 178, special laws of 1879, relating to the issue of bonds in aid of the Knox and Lincoln Railroad."

The report was accepted, bill read three times, rules being suspended, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act authorizing ten or more persons to construct and maintain a free bridge across Georges river."

Bill "an act for the navigation of Cobbosseecontee lake in the County of Kennebec."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine State Bar Association."

Bill "an act to regulate admission to the bar in this State."

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government."

The foregoing bills were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up to the Senate.

Bill "an act for the better protection of life in buildings used for public purposes."

"Resolve in favor of an appropriation on roads, including bridge in Indian township in the County of Washington."

The foregoing bill and resolve were reported from the same Committee, bill read the third time, resolve twice, each amended as per sheet "A," passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Maine Industrial School for Girls," was reported from same Committee, read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to damages for land taken for highways," was reported from same Committee, read the third time, amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Emery Brewer," was reported from same Committee, read twice, tabled, pending its passage to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. KEEGAN of Van Buren.

"Resolve providing for the compilation, printing and distribution of the laws of this State, relating to public schools," was reported from same Committee, read twice and tabled, pending its passage to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland.

"Resolve in aid of the construction of a road between the town of Brownville and the Katahdin Iron Works;"

"Resolve in aid of a bridge in the town of Monticello;"

Were reported from same Committee, read the second time, and tabled on motion of Mr. FREEMAN of Lincolnville.

“ Resolve authorizing sale of State's interest in timber on township No. 8, range 16,” was tabled, pending passage to be engrossed.

Bill “ an act to amend an act to establish Municipal Court in the city of Biddeford ;”

Bill “ an act to incorporate the Eastern Telegraph Company ;”

Bill “ an act explanatory of section 3 of chapter 78 of the public laws of 1878, relating to tramps ;”

Bill “ an act to confer certain powers upon the inhabitants and officers of the town of Eden ;”

Were reported from Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, bills passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Report of Committee on Fisheries and Game, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of B. A. Cox and others, for an act to regulate the taking of smelts in Kennebec River, was taken from the table, amended by striking out the words “ leave to withdraw,” and inserting the words “ the accompanying bill.”

The report was then accepted, bill read twice, when Mr. SPRAGUE offered amendment “A,” which was tabled on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent.

Bill “an act providing for holding one term annually of the Supreme Judicial Court at Caribou in the County of Aroostook,” was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. KING of Caribou.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Bill "an act to incorporate Merchants Bank," was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Final report of Committee on Legal Affairs, came from the Senate read and accepted, and was tabled.

Report of Committee on Banks and Banking, reporting on report of State Bank Examiner, bill "an act entitled 'an act to amend section 19 of chapter 218 of the public laws of 1877, relating to savings banks,'" came from the Senate, read, accepted, bill indefinitely postponed, and was tabled, on motion of Mr. McKUSICK of Calais.

Bill "an act to amend section 18 of chapter 189 of the public laws of 1874, relating to railroad crossings," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

House recedes, adopted Senate amendment "A," and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Minority report of Committee on Fisheries, reporting on petition, bill, "an act regulating the mackerel fishing on the coast of Maine," which in the House was substituted for the majority report, reporting leave to withdraw on the same petitions, came back from the Senate, that branch refusing to accept the minority report but accepting the majority report.

The House insisted, and proposed a Committee of Conference, on motion of Mr. TORRY of Surry, and the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. Buck of Orland,

Cummings of Jonesport,

McKeller of South Thomaston,

on its part.

Report of the Committee on Judiciary, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to amendment of chapter 92 of the revised statutes, came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and accepted in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Shore Line Railroad Company," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate amended per sheet "A," and engrossed.

The House receded and concurred, and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Oakland Bank ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cobbossee Bank ;"

Were referred to Committee on Banks and Banking.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Shipbuilders and Ship Masters' Association ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 182, laws of 1880, relating to auctioneers ;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill "an act to supply the people of the towns of Brunswick and Topsham and of the city of Bath with pure water," was presented by Mr. THOMPSON of Brunswick, and on his motion was read three times, passed to be engrossed under suspension of rules and sent to the Senate.

Mr. LORD of Bangor, presented bill "an act to authorize the city of Bangor to make an agreement that a part of the net earnings of the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad may be appropriated each year to pay the interest on the cost of extending said road to Moosehead lake and for a sinking fund to pay the cost of such extension," which was read three times, under suspension of the rules, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER appointed on the order for investigation of the binding and stitching of 1878-9, the following gentlemen :

Messrs. Livermore of Bradley,
Freeman of Cherryfield,
Bridgham of Buckfield,
Bradstreet of Bridgton,
Rowell of Hallowell,
Bird of Rockland,
Vinal of Thomaston.

Mr. McKUSICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to authorize the Trustees of the Methodist church property at Kent's Hill, in the town of Readfield, to sell and convey the Methodist parsonage at Kent's Hill."

Mr. LORD, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Merchants' Bank of Portland."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the North Bank of Rockland."

Same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to extend the time for organization of the Farmers' Bank."

Mr. KIMBALL, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor Bank."

Mr. CLARK, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Belfast Bank."

Mr. McKELLAR, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Kenduskeag Bank."

Mr. TRUE, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate Casco Bank."

Mr. CLARK, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate Veazie Bank."

Bill "an act providing that paupers in a certain class of plantations shall be under the care of the assessors of such plantations."

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

"Resolve for the revision and consolidation of the public laws of the State," was read twice, rules being suspended, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. HEATH, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported ought to pass, on bill an "act to authorize the Cobb Lime Company to subscribe for stock in the corporation known as the Cobb Lime Company's Portland Cement."

The report was accepted, bill read three times, passed to be engrossed under suspension of rules, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. BLANCHARD, from Committee on Indian Affairs, reported on order, bill "an act to amend section 6, chapter 125 of the public laws of 1879, relating to the salary of the Agent of the Passamaquoddy Indians."

Mr. BIRD, from Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 5 of the public laws of 1876, relating to the taxation of insurance companies."

Mr. KING, from Committee on the Judiciary, reported on order, bill "an act to amend section 4 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to attachment of the estates of absent defendants."

Mr. CUSHMAN, from Committee on Indian Affairs, reported on report of the Agent of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, "resolve making appropriations for the Penobscot tribe of Indians for the years 1881 and 1882."

Mr. FOLSOM, from Committee on Indian Affairs, reported on report of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, "resolve making appropriations for the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians for the years 1881 and 1882."

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

Mr. JOY, from Committee on Indians Affairs, reported credentials of Newell Joseph, Representative of Passamaquoddy Indians."

Mr. CROSBY, from Committee on Indian Affairs, reported on credentials of Joseph Nicolar, representative of Penobscot tribe of Indians."

Mr. FOLSOM, from the Committee on Indians Affairs, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Thomas Leolah and others of Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, for division of certain lands."

Mr. BURNHAM, from Committee on Interior Waters, reported same, on petition of Charles Brewer for right to dyke a certain marsh in Georgetown.

Mr. VINAL, from Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported same, on petition of Henry B. Cook and others of Friendship, for reduction of tolls on bridge over Georges river.

Mr. CUSHMAN, from Committee on Indian Affairs, reported same, on petition of Peter Sebattus and others of Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

Mr. LIVERMORE, from Committee on Temperance, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of H. C. Hight and others, for law to prohibit false orders for liquors.

Mr. DONNELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported

same, on petition of Saul Neptune and others, for aid in paying off debt on the convent of Penobscot Indians.

Mr. KING, from Committee on the Judiciary, reported same, on petition of Hiram Hall and others, for abolition of imprisonment for debt.

Mr. DONNELL, from Committee on Indian Affairs, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to establish titles to lands among the Penobscot Indians, and to provide for the preservation of evidence of such titles."

Mr. BLANCHARD, from Committee on Indian Affairs, reported same, on "resolve relating to the purchase of land by the Agent of the Passamaquoddy Indians."

Mr. STROUT, from Committee on the Judiciary, reported same, on order with bill accompanying, entitled bill "an act to amend chapter 49 of the revised statutes, in relation to insurance."

Mr. FREEMAN, from Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same, on bill "an act relative to claims against insolvent estates and appeals from decisions of judges of probate."

Mr. BOODY, from Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to sale of eggs by weight.

Mr. DONNELL, from Committee on Indian Affairs, reported same, on order relating to amendment of revised statutes, so as to allow the representatives of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians travelling expenses while attending regular sessions of the Legislature.

Mr. CROSBY, from same Committee reported same on petition of Mitchell Newell and others, relating to protection of Indian lands.

Mr. REDLON, from Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported same, on order relating to life insurance policies.

Mr. GILBERT, from Committee on Interior Waters, reported reference to the next Legislature, with order of notice, on petition of Jonathan A. Virgin, for bill "an act to incorporate the Howard Pond Reservoir Company."

Mr. PITCHER, from Committee on Claims, reported reference to the Governor and Council, on petition of inhabitants of town of Ashland.

Mr. JOY, from Committee on Indian Affairs, reported on petition of Joseph Nicolar and others of the Penobscot tribe of Indians,

for an appropriation of \$300, sum agreed upon to be reported in resolve.

Mr. LOUD, from Committee on Indian Affairs, reported on order directing said Committee to investigate the doings of the Governor and Council for the year 1879, in reference to lands deeded to William Todd by the State in payment for building Tomah Stream bridge, that they found nothing of such transaction.

These reports were accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend section 13 of chapter 73 of the revised statutes, relating to conveyances in mortgage and conveyances in trust."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 83 of the public laws of 1872, relating to granting new trials."

The foregoing bills were reported from Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act relating to practice in the Supreme Judicial Court;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Jimmy Brook and Scagg Rock Company;"

Bill "an act permitting Lothrop L. Crockett to raise a dam or dams;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 163, of the public laws of 1867, relating to loitering in public places;"

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 453 of the private and special laws of 1865, entitled 'an act to increase the tolls of the Baskahegan Dam Company;'"

Bill "an act to amend section 116 of the revised statutes, in relation to travel of Trial Justices and Justices of the Peace and of the Quorum;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Mexico and Byron Railroad Company;"

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act additional to the charter of Hallowell Academy,' approved February 28, 1872;"

Bill "act to provide for the mode of collecting and making assessments by the Mattawamkeag Log Driving Company;"

Bill "an act to improve the channel of the Magalloway river and facilitate the driving of logs and other lumber;"

Bill "an act relating to the taking of fish from No Name pond in the city of Lewiston ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Skowhegan and Athens Railroad Company ;"

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 divide the town of Eaton, in the county of Washington, and incorporate the the town of Forest City," was taken from table, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve in favor of Emery Brewer, was taken from table," and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting reference to Governor and Council, on petition of Peter A. Sponberg, was taken from table, and re-tabled on motion of Mr. COOK of Lewiston.

The majority and minority reports of Committee on Claims, reporting on claim of A. J. Cameron, were taken from the table on motion of Mr. FREEMAN of Cherryfield, and re-tabled on motion of Mr. LIVERMORE of Bradley.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Final reports of Committees on Ways and Bridges and Manufactures, came from the Senate accepted, and were tabled.

Communication from Secretary of State, transmitting annual report of Land Agent, came from the Senate read and report referred to Committee on State Lands and Roads, and was referred in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Ways and Bridges, reporting leave to withdraw, on recommitted petition of Otis Hayford and others, for aid on road leading from Byron to Mooselucmeguntic lake in Oxford county.

Report of Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting same on petition of I. W. Merrill, Treasurer of Franklin County Savings Bank, for reimbursement for certain taxes paid to the State Treasurer.

Report of Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting on petition of Omah Clark and others, for aid on road from Forks of Kennebec river in Somerset county, to Shirley Mills in Piscataquis county, resolve in favor of said road, came from the Senate read, accepted and resolve indefinitely postponed, was accepted in concurrence, and resolve tabled on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent.

Report of Committee on Agriculture, reporting on petition of W. T. Spear and others for bounty on bears, bill "an act to repeal chapter 160 of the public laws of 1877 in relation to a bounty on bears, and to provide for a bounty on bears," came from Senate accepted, bill amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed, and was tabled on motion of Mr. FREEMAN of Cherryfield, pending adoption of amendment.

“Resolve proposing an amendment to the constitution of the State of Maine, relating to the time of holding elections,” passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

Tabled, close of morning hour.

Bill “an act to amend section 67, chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to punishment for bribery and corruption at elections,” passed to be enacted in the House, came back from the Senate amended as per sheet “A,” and passed to be engrossed.

House receded, concurred in adopting Senate amendment “A,” and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill “an act to authorize Benjamin Conant and others, to build and maintain piers and booms across Little Androscoggin river, in the County of Androscoggin,” passed to be enacted in the House, came back from the Senate, recommitted to Committee on Interior Waters.

House receded and concurred in recommitting the bill.

Mr. NICKERSON, from Committee on Interior Waters, reported reference to next Legislature, with order of notice, on petition of Elias J. Hall and others, relating to fishing and navigating in Sebec lake and its tributaries ;

Mr. VARNEY, from the Committee on Claims, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of Alfred Thompson for bounty ;

Mr. PARKER, from Committee on Pensions, reported same, on petition of Ellen M. Sampson for pension ;

Were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

“Resolve proposing an amendment to the constitution to restore annual sessions of the Legislature ;”

“Resolve authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset county to audit the bill of H. S. Nickerson ;”

Were referred to Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill “an act in addition to chapter 51 of the revised statutes, in relation to railroads ;”

Bill “an act to incorporate the Dexter, Katahdin and Houlton Railroad ;”

Were referred to Committee on Railroads.

Bill “an act to incorporate the Bank of Cumberland ;”

Bill "an act to incorporate the Gardiner Bank ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the City Bank of Biddeford ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Canal Bank of Portland ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bath Bank ;"

Petition of John Webber and others, for charter for State bank to be called People's Bank ;

Petition of Watson T. Hallett and others, for bill "an act to incorporate the Freemans Bank of Augusta ;"

Were referred to Committee on Banks and Banking.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent,

Ordered, That the use of this Hall be granted to Rev. John Allen, on Monday evening next, for the purpose of delivering a free lecture upon the 86th anniversary of his birth.

On motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor,

Ordered, That S. G. Wheeler of Easton, be excused from further attendance on and after Wednesday, March 9, and that the Clerk make up his pay for the session.

On motion of Mr. FREEMAN of Cherryfield,

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to investigate the matter of the State binding for 1879, be authorized to employ a stenographer to take down the testimony given before them.

On motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee of Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 62 of the public laws of 1872, that sheriffs and their deputies shall be paid for their services by fees only.

The foregoing order was sent to the Senate.

Mr. BURNHAM, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported on recommitted "resolve in favor of John M. Thurlough," that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. FREEMAN, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported reference to the next Legislature, with order of notice, on petition of A. M. Hopkins and others.

Mr. VARNEY, from Committee on Claims, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Thomas W. Porter for reimbursement.

Mr. THATCHER, from Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 208, public laws of 1880, relating to commissioners of fisheries and wardens."

Mr. KING, from Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to repeal of section 2, chapter 176, public laws of 1877.

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

Mr. FLINT, from the Committee on Judiciary, reported ought to pass on bill "an act relating to the Municipal Court for the town of Brunswick."

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported same, on bill "an act to amend the charter of the Kennebec, Dead River and Moose River Log Driving Company."

Bill "an act to prevent railroad accidents."

Bill "an act to amend section 4, of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to attachment of the estate of absent defendants."

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

Mr. STROUT, from Committee on Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act in relation to soldiers who receive aid from towns or cities."

Mr. PITCHER, from Committee on Claims, reported on petition, "resolve in favor of the town of Stockton."

Mr. McKUSICK, from Committee on Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 94 of the revised statutes, relating to auctioneers."

Mr. FLINT, from same Committee, reported on order, bill "an act to amend chapter 205 of the public laws of 1880, in relation to registry of deeds from the State."

Mr. STROUT, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to the Reform School."

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

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, the vote whereby bill "an act to incorporate the Palmer and Machiasport Railroad Corporation, and the acts amendatory thereof," was passed to be

engrossed, was reconsidered and amended per sheet "A," passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act concerning public parks and squares," was read twice and tabled, pending assignment for third reading, on motion of Mr. GOSS of Auburn.

Bill "an act to amend section 19 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes and religious societies," read twice and tabled, pending assignment for third reading, on motion of Mr. COOK of Lewiston.

Bill "an act to amend section 6 of chapter 125 of the public laws of 1879, relating to the salary of the Agent of the Passamaquoddy Indians," was read twice and tabled, pending assignment for third reading, on motion of Mr. McKUSICK of Calais.

Bill "an act to amend section 5 of the public laws of 1876, relating to the taxation of insurance companies," was read twice and tabled, pending assignment for third reading, on motion of Mr. THOMPSON of Brunswick.

Bill "an act concerning abused and neglected children," was read twice and tabled, pending assignment for third reading, on motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Belfast Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor Bank."

Bill "an act to authorize the trustees of the Methodist church property at Kent's Hill, in the town of Readfield, to sell and convey the Methodist parsonage at Kent's Hill."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Veazie Bank of Bangor."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Merchants Bank of Portland."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Casco Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the North Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Kenduskeag Bank."

Bill "an act to extend the time for organizing the Farmers Bank."

Bill "an act providing that paupers in certain class of plantations, shall be under the care of the assessors of such plantations."

The foregoing bills came from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act to empower the Fish Committees of the towns of Nobleboro' and Newcastle to protect the alewives returning from their spawning beds in Damariscotta pond, in the County of Lincoln, to the fish stream of said towns."

Bill "an act to authorize James A. Creighton and his assigns to plant, propagate and preserve oysters in the waters of Georges river and tributary streams."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Twin Lead and Hecla Mining and Smelting Company of Bluehill, Maine."

Bill "an act to authorize the town of Anson to refund the bonds issued in aid of the Somerset Railroad Company and to create a sinking fund for the payment of the same."

Bill "an act to authorize the extension of the Bucksport and Bangor Railroad Company."

Bill "an act to authorize the city of Belfast to pay its bonded indebtedness and issue new bonds for that purpose."

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Military Affairs."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Shore Line Railroad."

Bill "an act to amend section 156, chapter 225 of the public laws of 1880, concerning the Militia."

The foregoing bills and resolve 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."

On motion of Mr. KING of Caribou, the House took up and accepted the report of the Committee on Towns, reporting bill "an act to set off a part of the town of Caribou and annex it to Connor plantation."

The bill had its two first readings and was laid on the table, ordered to be printed, and assigned for Tuesday next for its third reading, on motion of Mr. KING.

On motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland, the order excusing Samuel Waters from further attendance on this session of the Legislature, was taken up and passed.

On motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland, Senate document No. 64, was taken up and assigned for Monday, after the expiration of the morning hour.

Mr. BRIDGHAM appointed on the Committee to investigate the matter of State Binding, being absent, Mr. McKELLAR of South Thomaston, was appointed to fill the vacancy.

On motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland, the bill to restore the salary of the Deputy Clerk of Courts for Cumberland county, was taken up, the question being on receding from the vote of indefinite postponement and concurring with the Senate in giving it a passage.

On motion of Mr. McKUSICK of Calais, the bill was amended by reducing the amount from \$1,250 to \$1,200.

On motion of Mr. STURDIVANT of Cumberland, the yeas and nays were ordered and taken, resulting in the affirmative, by a vote of 59 to 44.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Andrews,	Goss of Bath,	Pitcher,
Ashford,	Hall,	Purinton,
Bean,	Harris,	Redlon,
Berry,	Heath,	Rowell,
Bradstreet, Bridgton,	Hersom,	Sargent,
Buck,	Jordan,	Seavey,
Burnham,	Kendall,	Shaw,
Chase,	Kennison,	Strout of Portland,
Cook,	Kimball,	Sweat,
Crosby, Norridgewock,	King,	Thatcher,
Cushman,	Lord of Bangor,	Thompson,
Dickey,	Lord of Kennebunk,	True,
Donnell,	Mallett,	Twitchell,
Eastman,	Maxcy,	Varney,
Emery,	McKusick,	Verrill,
Fisher,	Means,	Wentworth, Gardiner,
Flint,	Morrill,	Wentworth, Kittery,
Freeman, Cherryfield,	Nickerson of Linneus,	Wilder,
Gilbert,	Nickerson of Brewer,	Wyman—59.
Goss of Auburn,	Parker,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allen,	Bragdon,	Doore,
Averill,	Bragg,	Eaton,
Bartlett,	Brown,	Edgecomb,
Boothby,	Dennis,	Eldred,

Estes,	Keegan,	Smith of Buxton,
Folsom,	Leighton,	Sturdivant,
Foss,	Linseott,	Tarbox,
Freeman, Lincolnville,	Livermore,	Torry,
Glidden,	Loud,	Trafton,
Goodale,	Marston,	Wardwell,
Goodwin, Hudson,	Packard,	Waters,
Goodwin, Shapleigh,	Parsons,	Webb,
Harding,	Partridge,	Wheeler of Easton,
Haskell,	Rowe,	White—44.
Joy,	Ritchie,	

The bill was then passed to be engrossed under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent, the House took up the bill to restrict smelt fishing in the Kennebec river and its tributaries.

This bill was ordered printed, on motion of Mr. KEEGAN of Van Buren.

On motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland, the House reconsidered the vote, passing to be enacted and engrossed, bill "an act amendatory of an act relating to schools in the city of Portland."

The bill was then laid on the table.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of Friday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Final report of Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, came from the Senate, and was tabled.

Report of Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 44 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, and to require the Insurance Commissioner to give bond."

Report of Committee on Banks and Banking, reporting same, on bill "an act to incorporate the International Bank of Portland."

Report of same Committee, reporting same in a new draft, on bill "an act to incorporate the Auburn Bank."

Report of Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting same, on bill "an act additional to chapter 71 of the revised statutes, concerning sales of real estate by license of court."

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting on petition of James M. Andrews and others, bill "an act to incorporate the Biddeford and Saco Water Power Company."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, bills read twice, passed to be engrossed, and were accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting on communication of the Attorney General, and deed from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts conveying settlers' lots in township 17, range 7, County of Aroostook, to the State of Maine, that it be accepted, recorded, and filed in the Land Office.

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, and was accepted in concurrence.

Bill "an act authorizing Levi W. Weston and others to erect and maintain a boom in the Kennebec river at Skowhegan," passed to be

enacted by the House, came back from the Senate, the votes whereby it was passed to be enacted and engrossed, reconsidered, and bill recommitted to the Committee on Interior Waters.

The bill was recommitted in concurrence.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting a list of public acts approved by the Governor, was read and ordered spread upon the Journal.

Communication from Secretary of State, transmitting returns of votes for Representative from Minot and Poland, was read, and returns referred to Committee on Elections.

Bill "an act to supply the people of Waterville with pure water;"

Bill "an act relating to the support of paupers by the city of Bath, who have been inmates of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Calais Bank;"

Petition of H. M. Bean and others, for the incorporation of Norway Bank.

Were referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. HALL, from Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act for the prevention of hunting matches."

Mr. STROUT, from Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to regulate the practice in equity proceedings."

Mr. HALL, from the minority of Committee on the Judiciary, reported on petition of W. W. Thomas and others, bill "an act permitting women to vote in school matters."

"Resolve with regard to settlers' lots in township No. 17, range 7, now Wallagrass plantation."

These reports were read, accepted, and bills ordered printed.

Mr. STROUT of Portland, submitted the following:

Ordered, That on and after Tuesday, March 8, 1881, this House hold two sessions each day, commencing at 10 o'clock in the forenoon and half-past 2 o'clock in the afternoon, until further ordered.

Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent, moved to amend so that the forenoon sessions should close at half-past 12.

Mr. STROUT opposed the amendment.

Pending the adoption of the amendment, the order was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. GOSS of Bath,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking inquire into the expediency of granting a charter to the Marine Bank of Bath.

A communication was received from the Governor, transmitting a telegraphic despatch containing the resignation of Hon. James G. Blaine, Senator in the Congress of the United States.

Mr. STROUT of Portland, submitted the following, which received a passage :

WHEREAS, A vacancy has occurred in the representation of the State of Maine in the Senate of the United States, by the resignation of Hon. James G. Blaine of his office of Senator from this State, and notice of such resignation and vacancy has this day been received by this Legislature in the manner provided by law, therefore,

Ordered, That on Tuesday, March 15, 1881, at 12 o'clock, meridian, this House proceed to the election of a Senator to the Senate of the United States to fill the vacancy aforesaid in the manner provided by law.

Bill "an act additional to 'an act incorporating the Kennebec Log Driving Company, the Dead River Log Driving Company, and the Moose River Log Driving Company ;'"

Bill "an act to amend section 4 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to the attachment of the estates of absent defendants ;"

Bill "an act relating to the Municipal Court of the town of Brunswick ;"

Were reported from Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act to prevent railroad accidents," was reported from Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and tabled, pending its passage to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. GOSS of Auburn.

"Resolve establishing a general valuation of the State," on its final passage, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the resolve received a passage.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Achorn	Flint,	Means,
Allen,	Freeman, Cherryfield,	Morrill,
Andrews,	Gilbert,	Nickels,
Ashford,	Goodall,	Norris,
Averill,	Goodwin of Hudson,	Perley,
Benner,	Goss of Bath,	Pitcher,
Berry,	Hall,	Redlon,
Bird,	Harding,	Rowe,
Blanchard,	Harris,	Rowell,
Boothby,	Haskell,	Seavey,
Bradstreet of Palermo,	Hatch,	Smith, New Sharon,
Bragdon,	Heath,	Smith, Mt. Vernon,
Bragg,	Hersom,	Sprague,
Brown,	Hilton,	Staples of Dayton,
Buck,	Hutchinson, Lewiston,	Strout of Portland,
Burnell,	Jones of Winthrop,	Tarbox,
Burnham,	Jones of Brighton,	Thatcher,
Chase,	Kendall,	Thompson,
Cook,	Kennison,	True,
Crosby, Norridgew'k,	Kimball,	Trufant,
Dickey,	King,	Twitchell,
Donnell,	Leland,	Varney,
Doore,	Libby,	Verrill,
Eastman,	Lord of Bangor,	Wardwell,
Edgecomb,	Lord of Kennebunk,	Wentworth, Gardiner,
Eldred,	Mallett,	Wentworth, Kittery,
Emery,	Marble,	Wilder,
Fisher,	Maxcy,	Wyman—84.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Bartlett,	Folsom,	Loud,
Bean,	Foss,	Marston,
Bradstreet, Bridgton,	Freeman, Lincolnville,	McKusick,
Clark,	Goss of Auburn,	Nickerson, Linneus,
Cummings,	Jordan,	Nickerson, Brewer,
Cushman,	Joy,	Noyes,
Dennis,	Keegan,	Nutter,
Eaton,	Livermore,	Packard,

Parsons,
Ritchie,
Shaw,

Torry,
Vinal,

Waters,
Wheeler, Easton—31.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 158 of the private laws of the year 1879, relating to the charter of the city of Calais ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the West End Railroad Company, with authority to construct, maintain and use a horse railroad ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Great Pond and Bog Dam Company ;"

Bill "an act for the better protection of life in buildings used for public purposes ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 2 of chapter 48 of the revised statutes, concerning manufacturing, mining and quarrying corporations ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 13 of chapter 73 of the revised statutes, relating to conveyances in trust ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 6, section 10 of the revised statutes, in relation to the taxation of wood, bark and timber ;"

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company ;"

Bill "an act additional to chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to damages for land taken for highways ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 1 of chapter 178 of the private and special laws of the year 1879, in relation to the issue of bonds in aid of the Knox and Lincoln Railroad ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 18 of chapter 189 of the public laws of 1874, relating to railroad crossings ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 83 of the laws of 1872, relating to granting new trials ;"

"Resolve in favor of the Committee on Reform Schools ;"

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls ;"

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.

On motion of Mr. FREEMAN of Cherryfield, bill "an act to prohibit the taking of spawn herring within certain limits of the town of Millbridge in Narraguagus bay was taken up, amended, and passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. VINAL of Thomaston, the majority and minority reports of the Committee on Claims, on petition of the widow of Asa Perkins for State aid, was taken up, and assigned for Wednesday next, at 11 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. FREEMAN of Cherryfield, bill "an act to repeal chapter 160 of the public laws of 1877, in relation to bounty on bears, and to provide for a bounty on bears," was taken up and read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

On motion of Mr. FISHER of Boothbay, bill "an act to incorporate the Pleasant Cove Ice and Water Power Company," was taken up, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 51 of the revised statutes and to other acts relating to the transportation of passengers and freight by railroad," was taken from the table, read three times, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Adjourned to Evening.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

EVENING SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. KING, from the Committee on Elections, reported the election of D. B. Perry as a member of the House from the district of Minot and Poland.

Mr. WYMAN of Augusta, announced the attendance of Mr. Perry, and was charged with the duty of conducting him to the Governor and Council, to take the necessary oaths of office.

On motion of Mr. HALL of Rockland, the majority and minority reports of Committee on the Judiciary, on the subject of divorce, were taken from the table and assigned for Thursday next, at 11 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. ROWELL of Hallowell,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Bill " an act relating to proceedings and appeals in probate courts ;"

Bill " an act to enable cities and towns to aid in the construction of the Kennebec Central Railroad ;"

Bill " an act to amend chapter 206 of the public laws of 1880, relating to suits by collectors of taxes and jurisdiction of trial justices therein ;"

Bill " an act to amend section 80 of chapter 113 of the revised statutes, relating to the examination and oath of poor debtors ;"

Bill " an act to amend chapter 60 of the revised statutes, concerning divorce ;"

Were referred to Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill " an act to incorporate the Richmond Bank ;"

Bill " an act to incorporate the Lejok Bank ;"

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

Report of Committee on Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill " an act to amend the charter of the Ocean Park Association."

Report of same Committee, reporting same on bill " an act in relation to fees for travel and attendance in the Superior Court of Kennebec County."

Report of same Committee, reporting same on bill " an act in relation to suits on administrators' and executors' bonds."

The foregoing 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.

Report of Committee on Judiciary, reporting on communication from Secretary of State, bill " an act to enforce return and publi-

cation of statements of corporations," came from Senate recommended, and was recommitted in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Interior Waters, reporting on petition of G. L. Boynton and others, bill "an act in new draft, entitled 'an act to increase the tolls of the Nahmakanta Dam Company.'"

Report of Committee on Agriculture, reporting on petition of James P. Sewall and others, bill "an act to amend section 6, chapter 57 of the revised statutes, relating to mills and their repairs."

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

Reports were read and accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned.

Report of Committee on Military Affairs, reporting upon the Adjutant General's report, on order for printing three thousand copies of the militia law of 1881, came from the Senate read and accepted, and order passed, was accepted, and tabled on motion of Mr. SHAW of Lisbon.

Mr. WYMAN of Augusta, reported that he had conducted Mr. Perry, Representative elect of Poland, to the Governor and Council, where he had taken the oaths necessary to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following:

UNITED STATES SENATE CHAMBER, }
Washington, March 5, 1881. }

To the Hon. L. H. Hutchinson, Speaker

of the House of Representatives, State of Maine:

SIR:—I have this day forwarded to the Governor, my resignation as Senator of the United States from the State of Maine, to take effect this day.

Very respectfully,

JAMES G. BLAINE.

The communication was ordered to be spread upon the records.

"Resolve relating to unsettled accounts with the State," was referred to Committee on Claims.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Ocean Bank of Kennebunk, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking;"

Bill "an act additional to chapter 233, private laws of 1880, incorporating the Kennebec and Franklin Telephone and Telegraph Company;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Mercantile Home for Aged Men Association ;"

Were referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to authorize the town of Norridgewock to refund the bonds issued in aid of the Somerset Railroad," was presented by Mr. CROSBY of Norridgewock, and on his motion was read twice and to-morrow assigned for third reading.

On motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire what, if any, legislation is expedient concerning chapter 62 of the public laws of 1862, and other acts relating to the duties of sheriffs and county attorneys.

Mr. COOK of Lewiston, submitted the following :

Ordered, That M. N. McKusick be excused from further attendance on this session of the Legislature on and after March 16th, and that the Clerk of the House make up his pay to the end of the session with usual mileage.

The order was laid on the table on motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland.

Mr. LOUD, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported ought to pass, on "resolve amendatory to the resolve in relation to Indian affairs, approved February 21, 1861, changing the word 'annual,' in the fourth line to 'biennial.'"

The report was read and accepted, resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for second reading.

Bill "an act to regulate the taking of fish in the Kennebec river and its tributaries, was read three times, when several amendments were offered by Mr. GOSS of Bath.

On motion of Mr. KING, the bill was recommitted with instructions to report a bill next Thursday.

Bill "an act relating to Reform School."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 205 of the public laws of 1880, in relation to registry of deeds from the State."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Saco Water Company."

The foregoing bills were reported from Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the International Bank of Portland;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Biddeford and Saco Water Company;"

Bill "an act additional to chapter 71 of the revised statutes, concerning sales of real estate by license of court;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Auburn Bank;"

Were reported from same Committee, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 44, chapter 49 of the revised statutes, and to require the Insurance Commissioner to give bond;"

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 160 of the public laws of 1877, in relation to a bounty on bears, and to provide for a bounty on bears;"

Were reported from same Committee, read the third time, Senate amendment "A" to each bill adopted, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act in relation to soldiers and sailors who receive aid from towns and cities," was reported from same Committee, read the third time, and recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine State Bar Association;"

Bill "an act to supply the people of the towns of Brunswick and Topsham and the city of Bath with pure water;"

Bill "an act for the navigation of the Cobbosseecontee lake in the County of Kennebec;"

Bill "an act authorizing ten or more persons to construct and maintain a free bridge across the Georges river;"

Bill "an act to amend section 67 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to the punishment for bribery and corruption at elections;"

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

Bill "an act to permit the Bridgton and Presumpscot River Railroad Company to sell or lease its road;"

Bill "an act to abolish continuance fees in certain judicial and superior courts of the State;"

"Resolve in favor of Emery Brewer;"

Were reported from 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.

Report of Committee on Education, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of citizens of Dexter and other towns, relating to the employment of teachers, was taken from the table and report accepted.

Bill "an act concerning the care of abused and neglected children," was taken from the table and re-assigned for Wednesday, on motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor.

Bill "an act to regulate the taking of fish in the Kennebec river and its tributaries," was taken from the table and recommitted.

"Resolve authorizing the sale of State's interest in timber on township No. 8, range 16," was taken from table, read twice, amended as per sheet "A," passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Peter McKenzie," was taken from table, read twice, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act setting off a part of Caribou and annexing it to Connor plantation," was taken from table and re-assigned to Tuesday at 11 o'clock, for further consideration.

"Resolve proposing an amendment to the constitution of the State of Maine, relating to the time of holding elections," was taken from the table, the question being upon concurrence with the Senate in the indefinite postponement of the resolve.

The House refused to concur, when Mr. KEEGAN moved to insist and appoint conferees, and pending this motion,

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate:

Communication from General J. L. Chamberlain, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and was referred in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting on petition of Miller & Randall, bill "an act relating to drains and sewers."

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

Report was read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice and to-morrow assigned.

Bill "an act to incorporate the West End Railroad Company, with authority to construct, maintain and use a horse railroad," was passed to be enacted in the House, came back from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

House receded, Senate amendment "A" adopted, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Kingsbury," finally passed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed, and was tabled, pending concurrence with the Senate, on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent.

Bill "an act in relation to the compensation of jailers for the support of prisoners," was passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate amended as per sheets "A" and "B," and passed to be engrossed.

House receded, adopted Senate amendments "A" and "B," and bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McKUSICK, the House took up "resolve authorizing the sale of State's interest in timber on township No. 8, range 16," amended it in the 9th line by striking out the words "the first day of August," and inserting in place thereof, the words "twentieth of June," and passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent, bill "an act to change the names of certain persons," was taken from the table, and on motion of the same gentleman, the House non-concurred with the Senate in its indefinite postponement, and insisted on its vote giving it a passage, and asked a Committee of Conference.

The SPEAKER appointed as the Committee on the part of the House,

Messrs. Dickey of Fort Kent,
Chase of Newcastle,
Ritchie of Winterport.

On motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland, "resolve providing for the compilation, printing and distribution of the school laws," was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

Mr. VERRILL of Portland, moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House refused to recede and concur with the Senate in indefinitely postponing the "resolve to change the time for holding the State election."

The motion was opposed by Messrs. Keegan of Van Buren, Webb of Deer Isle, Torrey of Surry, and Lang of Palmyra, and favored by Messrs. Verrill of Portland, and Rowell of Hallowell.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 48 to 47.

On motion of Mr. VERRILL, the House voted to adhere to its vote giving the resolve a passage.

On motion of Mr. FREEMAN of Cherryfield, the majority and minority reports of the Committee on Claims, on the claim of A. J. Cameron, were taken up.

Mr. FREEMAN supported the majority report and gave an account of the facts which led the majority of the Committee to their conclusions. He then withdrew his objections to the withdrawal of the minority report, which was then withdrawn by Mr. LIVERMORE of Bradley.

On motion of Mr. COOK of Lewiston, bill "an act to amend section 19, chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes and religious societies," was taken up and passed to be engrossed.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, March 9, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Report of Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting on order "resolve in aid of building a bridge over Fish river in Eagle Lake plantation," was passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed, and was tabled on motion of Mr. KING of Caribou.

Report from same Committee, reporting ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of Eugene Michaud," was passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed, and was tabled on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent.

Report of Committee on Railroads, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of Noah Woods, President of the Northern Aroostook Railroad, recommitted in the Senate, came to the House Feb. 24.

House non-concurred. Came back from Senate, that branch insisting upon its former vote.

House receded and concurred.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Junction Railway Company of Portland," was passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate recommitted with several amendments to Committee on Railroads.

House receded and concurred.

Report of Committee on Claims, reporting ought to pass on "resolve in favor of St. Croix and Penobscot Railroad Company."

Report came from Senate read and accepted and bill indefinitely postponed, and was tabled on motion of Mr. McKUSICK of Calais.

Report of Committee on State Prison, reporting ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of State Prison," came from the Senate accepted, resolve read twice, passed to be engrossed, and the report was accepted in concurrence.

Resolve read twice under suspension of rules, amended per sheets "A," "B," "C," and "D," and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act relating to criminal jurisdiction of the Superior Court of Kennebec county," was referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. HUTCHINSON, from Committee on Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient on order relating to selectmen.

Mr. BRADSTREET, from Committee on Railroads, reported same on order relating to taxation of railroads.

Mr. HEATH, from Committee on Military Affairs, reported same on order relating to Orphans' Home of Bath.

Mr. STROUT, from Committee on Judiciary, reported ought not to pass on bill "an act to amend an act approved February 19, 1878, relating to mortgages of corporations."

Mr. HEATH, from Committee on Military Affairs, reported reference to Governor and Council, on order relating to title to a certain lot of land in Bath.

Mr STROUT, from Committee on Judiciary reported ought not to pass on bill "an act to enable the A. & W. Sprague Manufacturing Co. to obtain possession of mortgaged property."

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

Mr. LORD, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported ought to pass, on "bill an act to incorporate the Lime Rock Bank of Rockland."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Calais Bank."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Gardiner Bank."

Mr. CLARK, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the City Bank of Biddeford."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Oakland Bank."

Mr. LORD, from same Committee, reported on petition of W. F. Hallett and others, bill "an act to incorporate Freemans Bank of Augusta."

The same gentleman, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Rockland Bank of Rockland."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Cobbossee Bank of Gardiner."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Bath Bank."

Mr. CLARK, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Searsport Bank."

Mr. TRUE, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Bank of Cumberland."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Canal Bank of Portland."

Mr. STROUT, from Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on "resolve authorizing the county commissioners of Somerset county, to audit the bill of H. S. Nickerson for services of coroner in an inquest upon the body of Rodney I. Lord."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Mercantile Home for Aged Men Association."

Bill "an act for the prevention of hunting matches."

Bill "an act to regulate the practice in equity proceedings."

These reports were read, accepted, bills and resolve read once, and assigned for to-morrow.

Mr. HUTCHINSON, from Committee on Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to criminal jurisdiction of the superior court for the county of Kennebec."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Ship Builders and Ship Masters Association."

Mr. FLINT, from same Committee, reported on order, bill "an act authorizing the improvement of marshes, meadows and swamps."

Mr. GOODALL, from Committee on County Estimates, reported on estimates of the several counties for the years 1881 and 1882, "resolve laying a tax on the counties of the State for the years 1881 and 1882."

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

Mr. STROUT, from Committee on Judiciary, reported ought to pass, in new draft on recommitted bill "an act in relation to soldiers and sailors."

The report was read, accepted, bill read three times, amended per sheet "A," passed to be engrossed under suspension of rules, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to authorize the town of Norridgewock to refund the bonds issued in aid of the Somerset Railroad Company, and to create a sinking fund for the payment of the same;"

"Resolve amendatory to the resolve in relation to Indian affairs, approved February 21st, 1861, changing the word 'annual' in the fourth line to 'biennial';"

"Resolve in relation to the recording of certain papers and records in the Land Office;"

"Resolve for the propagation and protection of fish and game for the years 1881 and 1882;"

"Resolve making appropriations for the Penobscot tribe of Indians for the years 1881 and 1882;"

Were reported from Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read the third time, resolves read twice, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act relating to the drains and sewers in the city of Auburn;"

Bill "an act in relation to fees for travel and attendance in the Superior Court of Kennebec county;"

Bill "an act to increase the tolls of the Nahmakanta Dam Company;"

Were reported from same Committee, read three times, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act in relation to suits on administrators' and executors' bonds," was reported from same Committee, read the third time, Senate amendment "A," adopted, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 6, chapter 57 of the revised statutes, relating to mills and their repairs," came from same Committee, read three times, and tabled on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent.

"Resolve making appropriations for the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians for the years 1881 and 1882," was reported from same Com-

mittee, read twice, and tabled, pending adoption of amendment, on motion of Mr. McKUSICK of Calais.

Bill "an act setting off a part of the town of Caribou, and annexing it to Connor plantation," came up for consideration, and was tabled, on motion of Mr. HUTCHINSON of Houlton, until to-morrow.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

The majority and minority reports of the Committee on Temperance, was taken from the table, and re-assigned for to-morrow, on motion of Mr. GOSS of Bath.

The report of the Committee on Military Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on an order relating to printing of militia law, was taken from the table, the order amended per sheet "A," and passed and sent to the Senate.

The majority and minority reports on claim of Asa Perkins' widow, were taken from the table, and the majority report accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to regulate the taking of fish in the Kennebec river," was taken from the table, and recommitted without instructions in concurrence with the Senate, on motion of Mr. BENNER of Waldoborough.

Bill "an act to amend section 13, chapter 22 of the revised statutes, relating to partition fences," was taken from the table, read third time, amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act to establish the salaries of the Judge and Register of Probate for the County of York," was taken up, and re-assigned to Tuesday of next week.

"Resolve in aid of the construction of a road between the town of Brownville and the Katahdin Iron Works," was taken from the

table and indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. FREEMAN of Lincolnville.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Bill "an act relating to congressional vacancies," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill "an act relating to schools in village districts," was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill "an act granting permission to G. A. Mathews, G. F. Jackson, C. S. Pullen and others, to locate and construct a railroad from Monson to Athens on certain conditions, was referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

Final report of Committee on Temperance, came from the Senate accepted and was tabled.

Report of Somerset Delegation, reporting on petition of D. D. Stewart, reference to next Legislature.

Report of same Delegation, reporting reference to next Legislature, on petition of J. H. Hight and others, for increase of salary of Register of Probate in Somerset county.

Report of Committee on Military Affairs, reporting on petition of Saco Rifle Company, reference to the commander-in-chief of State Militia.

Report of Committee on Military Affairs, reporting on vote of Executive Committee of Maine soldiers and sailors, extending an invitation to President Garfield to attend a reunion of the veterans of Maine.

These reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reporting on petition of A. M. Holbrook and others, bill "an act to amend section 11, chapter 75 of public laws of 1878, entitled 'an act to regulate and protect fisheries and the propagation of fish;'"

Report of Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reporting, on order relating to amending of chapter 144 of public laws of 1876, bill "an act to amend chapter 144 of the public laws of 1876, relating to insurance companies;"

Came from the Senate accepted, bills read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were accepted in concurrence, bills read once, and to-morrow assigned.

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to levy of executions on real estate," came from the Senate recommitted, and was recommitted in concurrence.

Bill "an act providing for holding one term annually of the Supreme Judicial Court at Caribou in the County of Aroostook," passed to be engrossed in the House, came from the Senate indefinitely postponed, and was tabled in the House.

Subsequently the House receded and concurred.

Report of Committee on Banks and Banking, reporting on petition of President and Directors of Norway Bank, bill "an act to incorporate the Norway Bank."

Report of same Committee, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Lejok Bank."

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 72 of the revised statutes, relating to probate bonds."

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on bill "an act to amend section 5 of chapter 107 of the revised statutes, relating to depositions."

Report of Committee on Banks and Banking, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Sagadahoc Bank of Bath."

Report of same Committee, reporting on petition of John Webber and others, bill "an act to incorporate the Peoples Bank."

Report of same Committee, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Merchants Bank of Waterville."

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on bill an "act to incorporate the Richmond Bank of Richmond."

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

Bill "an act providing that paupers in a certain class of plantations, shall be under the care of the assessors of such plantations," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate amended per sheet "A," and engrossed.

House receded, adopted amendment "A," and passed the bill in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Interior Waters, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to protect the property of lumbering companies," came from Senate read and accepted, and bill indefinitely postponed.

House concurred.

Report of the Committee of Conference, on disagreeing vote, on order looking to an investigation of the Military and Naval Orphan Asylum, reporting that they could not agree.

The report was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. THATCHER presented bill "an act to legalize the doings of the First Congregational Society of Bangor, which, on his motion, was read three times under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act for the protection of alewives," was presented and read three times, and passed to be engrossed under suspension of rules.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cushnoc Manufacturing Company," was referred to Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on Ways and Means be directed to assess a State tax for each of the years 1881 and 1882, of four and one-half mills on the dollar of the State valuation of 1881.

On motion of Mr. EATON of Camden,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred bill "an act for the abolition of imprisonment for debt,"

be instructed to report on or before to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, noon, (Friday) such act to this House.

This order was sent to the Senate.

Mr. DICKEY, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported ought to pass in new draft, on bill "an act authorizing Levi W. Weston to erect and maintain a boom in the Kennebec river at Skowhegan."

The report was read, accepted, bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. HALL, from Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass in new draft, on bill "an act to enable towns to aid in the construction of the Boothbay Railroad."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to enable cities and towns to aid in the construction of the Kennebec Central Railroad."

Mr. McKELLAR, from Committee on Banks and Banking, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Marine Bank."

"Resolve with regard to settlers' lots in township No. 17, range 7, now Wallagrass plantation."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Shipbuilders' and Shipmasters' Association."

These reports were accepted, bills read twice and resolve once, and to-morrow assigned for third reading of bills and second reading of resolve.

The report of Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting a statement from Attorney General, was ordered to be filed.

Mr. KING, from Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 206 of the public laws of 1880, relating to suits by collectors of taxes and the jurisdiction of trial justices therein."

Mr. McKUSICK, from same Committee, reported same, on "resolve relating to unsettled accounts with the State."

Mr. VERRILL, from Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same in new draft, on bill "an act relating to mortgages of real estate and actions thereon."

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

Mr. DICKEY, from Committee of Conference, on disagreeing vote, on bill "an act to change the names of certain persons." that the House recede and concur.

The report was accepted, and bill indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to regulate the practice in equity proceedings."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Freemans Bank of Augusta."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Calais Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bath Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cobbossee Bank of Gardiner."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Searsport Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Lime Rock Bank of Rockland."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bank of Cumberland."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Rockland Bank of Rockland."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Canal Bank of Portland."

Bill "an act to incorporate the City Bank of Biddeford."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Oakland Bank of Gardiner."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Gardiner Bank."

Bill "an act for the prevention of hunting matches."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Mercantile Home for Aged Men Association."

"Resolve authorizing the county commissioners of Somerset county to audit the bill of H. S. Nickerson for services of coroner in an inquest upon the body of Rodney I. Lord."

The foregoing bills and resolve were reported from Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read the third time, resolve the second time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Auburn Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the West End Railroad Company, with authority to construct, maintain and use a horse railroad."

Bill "an act to incorporate the International Bank of Portland."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Veazie Bank of Bangor."

Bill "an act to authorize the trustees of the Methodist church property at Kent's Hill in the town of Readfield, to sell and convey the Methodist parsonage at Kent's Hill."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Kenduskeag Bank."

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 160 of the public laws of 1877, in relation to a bounty on bears, and to provide for a bounty on bears."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor Bank."

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government."

Bill "an act additional to an act entitled 'an act to change the name and increase the capital stock of the Palmer and Machiasport Railroad Corporation,' approved February 28, 1845."

Bill "an act to authorize the Cobb Lime Company to subscribe for stock in the corporation known as the Cobb Lime Company's Portland Cement."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Belfast Bank."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 7 of the revised statutes, concerning sales of real estate by licence of court."

Bill "an act to extend the time for organization of the Farmers Bank."

Bill "an act concerning the salary of the Deputy Clerk of Courts for Cumberland county."

These bills were reported from 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.*

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. STROUT, for the majority of the Joint Standing Committee on the Commonwealth, reported on address of the Governor, their conclusions on that part relating to the Commonwealth.

Mr. RITCHIE, from the minority of the same Committee, reported on same, the Address entire.

These reports were ordered printed, and assigned for Friday, March 11, at 2.30 P. M.

Bill "an act concerning the care of abused and neglected children," was taken from the table, amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend section 6 of chapter 125 of the public laws of 1879, relating to the salary of the Agent of the Passamaquoddy Indians," was taken from the table, amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

"Resolve making appropriations for the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians for the years 1881 and 1882," was taken from the table, amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act to regulate admissions to the bar in this State," was taken from the table, amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The majority and minority reports of the Committee on Temperance, was taken from the table, when substitution of the minority for the majority was moved, and pending that question, the House

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Bill "an act to amend chapter 38 of the revised statutes, relating to agricultural societies," was referred to Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend sections 1 and 3 of chapter 55 of the revised statutes, relating to libraries, charitable societies and public cemeteries," was referred to Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Benjamin Conant and Frank R. Conant, bill "an act to authorize Benjamin Conant and others to build and maintain piers and booms across Little Androscoggin river in the County of Androscoggin."

Report of same Committee, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to authorize the Kennebec Log Driving Company to erect a boom across the Kennebec river at Brown's island."

These reports were accepted, bills read twice and to-morrow assigned.

"Resolve in favor of the State Prison," passed to be engrossed in the Senate, amended as per sheets "A," "B," "C" and "D," and passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate, that branch insisting on its former vote, and proposing a Committee of Conference, and appointing

Messrs. Beatty of York,
Walker of Oxford,

on its part.

House receded and concurred, and joined

Messrs. Hatch of Bangor,
Bird of Rockland,
Cook of Lewiston,

on its part.

Report of Committee on Banks and Banking, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Ocean Bank of Kennebunk."

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to increase the salary of the County Attorney of the County of Piscataquis."

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

"Resolve authorizing the county commissioners of Somerset county, to audit the bill of H. S. Nickerson for service as coronor in an inquest upon the body of Rodney I. Lord," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

House receded and concurred.

Bill "an act to divide the town of Eaton in the County of Washington, and incorporate the town of Forest City," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate refused a passage.

House insisted, and proposed a Committee of Conference, and the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. Foss of Danforth,
Freeman of Cherryfield,
Ritchie of Winterport,

on part of the House.

“Resolve in favor of an appropriation on roads, including bridge in Indian township, in the County of Washington” passed to be engrossed, amended per sheet “A” in the House, came back from the Senate amendment “A” amended per sheet “B,” and passed to be engrossed.

House receded and concurred in the adoption of amendment “A,” and passed the resolve to be engrossed in concurrence.

The foregoing vote subsequently reconsidered, and resolve tabled.

Bill “an act relating to forcible entry and detainer and tenancies,” was passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House insisted, and proposed a Committee of Conference, and appointed

Messrs. Thompson of Brunswick,
Hutchinson of Houlton,
Verrill of Portland,

on its part.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill “an act to amend section 13, chapter 22 of the revised statutes, relating to partition fences,” passed to be engrossed, amended as per sheet “A,” came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House insisted, and proposed a Committee of Conference, and appointed

Messrs. Jordan of Auburn,
Flint of Dover,
Nutter of Corinna,

on its part.

Petition of Eben Webster, for bank at Orono, was referred to Committee on Banks and Banking.

On motion of Mr. FISHER of Boothbay, the vote whereby the report of Committee of Conference was accepted, was reconsidered, and on his motion, a new Committee was appointed, and

Messrs. Fisher of Boothbay,
Strout of Portland,
Goodwin of Shepleigh,

on part of the House.

On motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland, the votes of yesterday amending and passing to be engrossed, “resolve making appropria-

tions for the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians for the years 1881 and 1882;" and

Bill "an act to amend section 6 of chapter 125 of the public laws of 1879, relating to the salary of the Agent of the Passamaquoddy Indians;"

Were reconsidered, and the bill and resolve tabled.

Mr. HUTCHINSON, from Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass in new draft, bill "an act to amend chapter 182 of the public laws of 1880, relating to auctioneers."

This report was accepted, and bill ordered printed.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 13, section 3 of the revised statutes, relating to practice of medicine and surgery," was presented by Mr. SWEAT, and ordered printed on his motion, under suspension of rules.

Mr. HUTCHINSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported reference to the next session of the Legislature, on "resolve proposing an amendment of the constitution, to restore annual sessions of the Legislature."

Same gentlemen, from same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient, or order relating to deeds of minors.

These reports were accepted, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve relating to unsettled accounts with the State."

Bill "an act relating to the criminal jurisdiction of the Superior Court for the County of Kennebec."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 206 of the public laws of 1880, relating to suits by collectors of taxes and the jurisdiction of trial justices."

Bill "an act relating to mortgages of real estate and actions thereon."

Bill "an act authorizing the improvement of marshes, meadows and swamps."

This resolve was read once, bills twice, and to-morrow assigned for second reading of resolve, and third reading of bills.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Marine Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Shipbuilders' and Shipmasters' Association."

Bill "an act to enable certain towns to aid in the construction of the Boothbay Railroad."

Bill "an act to enable certain towns and cities to aid in the construction of the Kennebec Central Railroad."

Bill "an act authorizing Levi W. Weston and others to erect and maintain a boom in the Kennebec river at Skowhegan."

Bill "an act to incorporate Richmond Bank of Richmond."

Bill "an act to incorporate Merchants Bank of Waterville."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Peoples Bank."

Bill "an act to amend section 11, chapter 75 of the public laws of 1878, relating to the taking of smelts, entitled 'an act to regulate and protect fisheries and the propagation of fish,' " was amended per sheet "A" in concurrence.

"Resolve in relation to invitation to the President of the United States to visit the State of Maine."

The foregoing were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, resolve second time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 72 of the revised statutes, relating to probate bonds."

Bill "an act to amend section 5 of chapter 107 of the revised statutes, relating to depositions," was amended in concurrence with the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Lejok Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Sagadahoc Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Norway Bank."

These bills were reported from same Committee, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 144 of the public laws of 1876, entitled 'an act relating to insurance companies.'"

This bill came from the same Committee, was read third time, amended per sheet "A," and engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve with regard to settlers' lots in township No. 17, range 7, now Wallagrass plantation," was reported from same Committee, read second time, and tabled on motion of Mr. NICKERSON of Linneus.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Casco Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the North Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Saco Water Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Merchants' Bank of Portland."

Bill "an act to amend section 4 of chapter 83 of the revised statutes, relating to attachment of the estates of absent defendants."

Bill "an act additional to acts incorporating the Kennebec Log Driving Company, the Dead River Log Driving Company, and the Moose River Log Driving Company."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 285 of the public laws of 1880, in relation to the registry of deeds from the State."

Bill "an act to increase the tolls of the Nahmakanta Dam Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Biddeford and Saco Water Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Municipal Court of the town of Brunswick."

Bill "an act in relation to fees for travel and attendance in the Superior Court of Kennebec county."

These bills were reported from 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 amend section 44, chapter 49 of the revised statutes, and to require the Insurance Commissioner to give bond," was reported from same Committee, and tabled on motion of Mr. COOK of Lewiston.

Bill "an act to legalize the doings of the First Congregational Society of Bangor," was reported from same Committee, and indefinitely postponed on motion of Mr. THATCHER of Bangor.

The majority and minority reports of Committee on Temperance, was taken from the table, the question being upon substitution of minority for majority report.

Pending which, the House

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Discussion of question, pending at adjournment, resumed.

On motion of Mr. LANG of Palmyra, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the House refused to substitute the minority for the majority report, by yeas 53, nays 70.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Averill,	Goodwin of Hudson,	Staples of Dayton,
Bartlett,	Hall,	Staples, Parsonsfield,
Benner,	Harding,	Staples of Elliot,
Boothby,	Hatch,	Strout of Portland,
Bradstreet of Palermo,	Heath,	Sturdivant,
Bragg,	Hutchinson, Houlton,	Sweat,
Bridgham,	Keegan,	Thatcher,
Dickey,	Linscott,	Thompson,
Doore,	Lord of Bangor,	True,
Elder,	Loud,	Trufant,
Eldred,	Marston,	Verrill,
Fisher,	Nickels,	Vinal,
Folsom,	Noyes,	Waters,
Foss,	Packard,	Webb,
Freeman, Cherryfield,	Parsons,	Wheeler of Etna,
Freeman, Lincolnville,	Pitcher,	White,
Gilbert,	Rowe,	Wyman—53.
Goodall,	Ritchie,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Achorn,	Burr,	Goodale,
Andrews,	Chadbourne,	Goss of Auburn,
Ashford,	Chase,	Goss of Bath,
Bean,	Clark,	Harris,
Berry,	Cook,	Haskell,
Bird,	Crosby, Norridgew'k,	Hilton,
Boody,	Cummings,	Hopkins,
Bragdon,	Eastman,	Hutchinson, Lewiston,
Brown,	Eaton,	Jones of Winthrop,
Burnell,	Edgecomb,	Jones of Brighton,
Burnham,	Flint,	Jordan,

Joy,	McKellar,	Rowell,
Kendall,	Means,	Seavey,
Kennison,	Morrill,	Shaw,
King,	Nickerson, Linneus,	Smith, New Sharon,
Lang,	Nickerson, Brewer,	Smith, Mt. Vernon,
Leavitt,	Norris,	Sprague,
Leighton,	Nutter,	Strout, C. Elizabeth,
Leland,	Partridge,	Tarbox,
Libby,	Perley,	Twitchell,
Livermore,	Purinton,	Varney,
Lord of Kennebunk,	Perry,	Wardwell,
Mallett,	Redlon,	Wheeler, Easton—70.
Marble,		

The majority report was then accepted.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 1881.

Met at 9 o'clock, according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order abolishing imprisonment for debt.

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on order relating to costs in appealed cases.

Report of Committee on Agriculture, reporting same, on order relating to chapter 8, section 10 of the revised statutes.

These reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mines and Mining, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Sullivan Waukeag Mining Company."

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Milton Mining Company."

These bills were passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. FREEMAN of Cherryfield, the votes passing the bills to be engrossed, reconsidered and tabled.

Report of Committee on Agriculture, reporting on order, "resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts," came from the Senate accepted, resolve passed to be engrossed, was accepted in concurrence, and tabled, and this afternoon assigned.

Subsequently assigned to Monday, at 8 o'clock, evening.

Bill "an act in relation to soldiers and sailors who receive aid from towns or cities," passed to be engrossed, amended per sheet "A," came back from the Senate, amendment "A" adopted, and indefinitely postponed.

House receded and concurred.

Bill "an act for the prevention of hunting matches," passed to be engrossed in the House, came from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

Pending motion to recede and concur, the bill was tabled.

Report of Committee of Conference, on disagreeing vote, on bill "an act for the more speedy detection of crime," reporting that the bill should be indefinitely postponed.

The report came from the Senate accepted, and was accepted in concurrence, and bill indefinitely postponed.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to amending chapter 58, section 10 of the revised statutes, came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass in new draft, on bill "an act to enforce returns and publications of statements by corporations."

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting on orders relating to amending chapter 6 of the revised statutes, bill "an act to amend sections 66, 67 and 68 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the assessment and abatement of taxes."

These reports were accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, and

Monday assigned for third reading, the last amended per sheet "A," on motion of Mr. THOMPSON of Brunswick.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to authorize the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company to locate and construct branch lines, approved February 6, 1872."

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to the pauper settlement of inmates of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum."

Report of Committee on Military Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of the Bath Military and Naval Asylum."

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

The reports were accepted in concurrence, bills and resolve read under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of Androscoggin County Delegation, reporting on petition, bill "an act establishing the salary of the Judge of Probate for the County of Androscoggin," came from the Senate read, accepted, bill read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The report was accepted, bill read twice and tabled, on motion of Mr. HASKELL of Turner.

Report of Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on "resolve authorizing a temporary loan for the years 1881 and 1882."

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

The report was accepted, resolve read twice under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of Committee of Conference, on disagreeing vote, on "resolve in favor of State Prison," reporting that the resolve should pass in an amended form.

The report was accepted in concurrence, resolve read twice, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 100 of the revised statutes;"

Bill "an act providing for a lien on pressed hay;"

Were referred to Committee on the Judiciary.

“Resolve laying a tax on the several counties of the State,” was read twice, amended per sheet “A,” on motion of Mr. TWITCHELL of Bethel, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. COOK, from Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported on order, bill “an act to promote settlement of wild lands in this State.”

Mr. BRADSTREET, from Committee on Railroads, reported ought to pass in new draft, on bill “an act in addition to chapter 5 of the revised statutes, in relation to railroads.”

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and bills ordered printed under Joint Rule.

Mr. LIVERMORE, from the Committee on Claims, reported on petition, “resolve in favor of James S. Conklin.”

This report was read, accepted, and resolve read twice under suspension of the rules, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill “an act relating to the criminal jurisdiction of the Superior Court for the County of Kennebec.”

Bill “an act to amend chapter 206 of the public laws of 1880, relating to suits by collectors of taxes and the jurisdiction of trial justices.”

Bill “an act authorizing the improvement of marshes, meadows and swamps.”

The foregoing bills were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill “an act to authorize Benjamin Conant and others to build and maintain piers and booms across Little Androscoggin river in the County of Androscoggin;”

Bill “an act to incorporate the Ocean Bank of Kennebunk;”

Were reported from the same Committee, were read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill “an act to authorize the Kennebec Log Driving Company to erect a boom across the Kennebec river at Brown’s island,” was reported from same Committee, read the third time, Senate amendment “A” adopted, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act relating to mortgages of real estate and actions thereon," was reported from same Committee and tabled, pending the third reading, and Monday assigned for its further consideration.

Subsequently passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve relating to unsettled accounts with the State," was reported from same Committee, amendment offered by Mr. LIVERMORE of Bradley, and Tuesday next assigned for further consideration.

Bill "an act to increase the salary of the County Attorney of the County of Piscataquis," was reported from same Committee, read the third time, and tabled on motion of Mr. FOLSOM of Oldtown, and Monday assigned for its further consideration.

Bill "an act relating to drains and sewers in the city of Auburn."

Bill "an act to amend section 19 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes and religious societies."

Bill "an act relating to the Reform School."

Bill "an act to prohibit the taking of spawn herring within certain limits in Millbridge or Narraguagus bay."

Bill "an act in relation to suits on administrators' and executors' bonds."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Pleasant Cove Ice and Water Power Company."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 51 of the revised statutes, and to other acts relating to the transportation of passengers and freight by railroad."

Bill "an act to authorize the county commissioners of York county to locate and establish a highway across Spinney's creek."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 144 of public laws of 1876, entitled 'an act relating to insurance companies.'"

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Ocean Park Association."

Bill "an act to authorize the town of Norridgewock to refund the bonds issued in aid of the Somerset Railroad Company, and to create a sinking fund for the payment of the same."

These bills 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 incorporate the Bear River Improvement Company;"

Bill "an act to amend section 44, chapter 49 of the revised statutes, and to require the Insurance Commissioner to give bond;"

Were taken from the table, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve in favor of the State Reform School," was taken from the table, read second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve to enable the State Superintendent of Common Schools to hold teachers' meetings, as provided in item four of section 71, chapter 11 of the revised statutes," was taken from the table, read twice and tabled, and Tuesday next assigned.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Stockton," was taken from the table, read twice and tabled, having been once indefinitely postponed.

Bill "an act to authorize the town of Harpswell to lay out and construct a town way and build a bridge from Bailey's island to Orr's island in said town," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

Majority and minority reports from Committee on the Judiciary, on various petitions for change of divorce law, was taken from the table, and assigned for Monday next.

Majority and minority reports of the Committee on the Commonwealth, was assigned for Monday, at 3 o'clock.

"Resolve in aid of building a bridge over Fish river in Eagle Lake plantation," was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

"Resolve with regard to settlers' lots in township No. 17, range 7, now Wallagrass plantation," was taken from the table amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act concerning public parks and squares," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to prevent railroad accidents," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed, amended per sheet "A."

Bill "an act to amend section 28, chapter 2 of the revised statutes, relating to notice upon petitions to the Legislature," passed to be engrossed in the House, indefinitely postponed in the Senate, was taken from the table.

House insisted, and proposed a Committee of Conference, and the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. King of Caribou,
Strout of Portland,
Hutchinson of Houlton,

on its part.

"Resolve in favor of Eugene Michaud," was taken from the table, and a Committee of Conference proposed, and

Messrs. Dickey of Fort Kent,
White of Levant,
Hutchinson of Houlton,

on part of the House.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Kingsbury," was taken from the table, when the House insisted, and proposed a Committee of Conference, and appointed

Messrs. Flint of Dover,
Hilton of Kingsbury,
Kennison of Williamsburg,

on its part.

"Resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts," was taken from the table, read once and tabled, and Monday evening, at 8 o'clock, assigned for further consideration, on motion of Mr. HASKELL of Turner.

Bill "an act establishing the salary of the Judge of Probate for the County of Androscoggin," was taken from the table, read twice and tabled, pending its third reading, and assigned for Monday, at 4½ o'clock P. M. for further consideration, on motion of Mr. HASKELL of Turner.

Bill "an act for the prevention of hunting matches," was taken from the table, and after consideration, re-tabled, pending motion to insist, on motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Bill "an act to incorporate the American Bank ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Rockland Granite Bank ;"

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

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to congressional vacancies."

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting on order, bill "an act to abolish the December Term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the County of Oxford."

Report of same Committee, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to levy of execution on real estate."

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Cushnoc Manufacturing Company."

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on bill "an act providing for an additional session of the county commissioners in Oxford county."

Report of Committee on Agriculture, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 58, section 10 of the revised statutes, relating to agricultural societies."

These reports were accepted, bills read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

Reports were accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, and even- ing assigned for third reading, save the last, which was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve with regard to settlers' lots in township No. 17, range 7, now Wallagrass plantation," passed to be engrossed in the House,

amended per sheet "A," came from the Senate referred to Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and was tabled.

Subsequently taken from table and concurred.

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to enable certain towns to aid in the construction of the Boothbay Railroad."

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on bill "an act to amend section 9 of chapter 92 of the revised statutes, relating to damage for flowage."

These reports were accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, and evening assigned.

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on bill "an act for the promotion of medical science."

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

The report was accepted, bill read twice, and tabled on motion of Mr. COOK of Lewiston.

Mr. PARSONS of New Portland, submitted the following, which was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland:

Ordered, That on and after Wednesday next, the House hold three sessions per day, the first session to commence at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and end at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon; second session to commence at 2.30 o'clock, and end at 6 o'clock; third session to commence at 7.30 o'clock, and end *ad libitum*.

Mr. BIRD of Rockland, submitted the following:

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that this Legislature adjourn finally on Friday next, March 18th.

Mr. BUCK of Orland, moved to amend by substituting Thursday for Friday, which was rejected.

Mr. KING of Caribou, moved to indefinitely postpone. Lost.

The order then received a passage.

Mr. BUCK of Orland, submitted the following:

Ordered, That hereafter no member of this House shall speak upon any question more than ten minutes at any time.

Mr. COOK of Lewiston, moved to table.

Lost by a vote of 31 to 61.

Mr. GOSS of Bath, moved to amend so that the order should not take effect until after to-day, which was adopted by a vote of 56 to 42.

The order then received a passage.

"Resolve authorizing the Secretary of State to purchase certain volumes of the Maine reports," was presented by Mr. HALL of Rockland, and on his motion read twice and passed to be engrossed, rules being suspended.

Mr. FLINT, from Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to amend sections 1 and 3, chapter 55 of the revised statutes, relating to libraries, charitable societies and public cemeteries."

Mr. HUTCHINSON, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act providing for a lien on pressed hay."

The reports were accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. HUTCHINSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to supply the people of Waterville with pure water."

The report was read and accepted, and on his motion rules suspended, bill read three times, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 13, section 3 of the revised statutes, relating to practice of medicine and surgery," was read twice, amended per sheet "A," on motion of Mr. EATON of Camden, and tabled on motion of Mr. KING of Caribou.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 182 of the public laws of 1880, relating to auctioneers."

Bill "an act to amend section 4 of chapter 51 of the revised statutes, relating to railroads."

These bills were read twice, and evening assigned for third reading.

Bill "an act to enforce returns and publication of statements by corporations," was reported from Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The following communication was received from the Governor :

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Augusta, March 14, 1881. }

To the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

I return herewith bill entitled "An act relating to the Municipal Court of the town of Brunswick," being unable to give the same my official approval.

The second section of the bill provides that the judge of said court "shall appoint a recorder * * and in case of absence from the court room of the judge, and *when the office of judge shall be vacant*, the recorder shall have and exercise all the powers of the judge and perform all the duties required of said judge by law, except the trial of civil causes."

Section third provides that "for the performance of official duties while the office of judge shall be vacant, the recorder shall have the same fees which the law allows to the judge for like services."

The first section of the bill provides that the jurisdiction of said judge shall be the same as that of trial justices in this State.

The objections to the bill are that it delegates to the judge of said court the power to appoint *his successor* clothed with the powers of a trial justice, except as to the trial of civil causes ; in other words, to appoint a judicial officer and *make such officer his successor in office*, when the Constitution, section 8, article 5, part first, declares that the Governor "shall nominate and, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint all judicial officers."

I return, therefore, the bill to the House in which it originated, with these my objections thereto.

HARRIS M. PLAISTED.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON of Brunswick, the House reconsidered its vote passing the bill to be enacted and engrossed, and it was laid on the table.

Bill "an act to regulate the practice in equity proceedings."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Freemans Bank of Augusta."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Peoples Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bank of Cumberland."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Richmond Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Merchants Bank of Waterville."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Lime Rock Bank of Rockland."

Bill "an act to amend section 5 of chapter 107 of the revised statutes, relating to depositions."

Bill "an act providing that paupers in a certain class of plantations shall be under the care of the assessors of such plantations."

Bill "an act to amend section 11, chapter 75 of the public laws of 1878, relating to the taking of smelts, entitled 'an act to regulate and protect fisheries and the propagation of fish.'"

Bill "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 72 of the revised statutes, relating to probate courts."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cobbossee Bank of Gardiner."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Searsport Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the City Bank of Biddeford."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Norway Bank."

Bill "an act to regulate admission to the bar in this State."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Rockland Bank of Rockland."

Bill "an act to revive and amend chapter 44 of the special laws of the year 1872, entitled 'an act to authorize the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company to locate and construct branch lines,' approved February 6, 1872."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Calais Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Lejok Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Marine Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bath Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Mercantile Home for Aged Men Association."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Canal Bank of Portland."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Sagadahoc Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Gardiner Bank."

Bill "an act authorizing Levi W. Weston and others to erect and maintain a boom in the Kennebec river at Skowhegan."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Oakland Bank of Gardiner."

Bill "an act in relation to the compensation of jailers for the support of prisoners."

"Resolve in favor of Peter McKenzie."

"Resolve in favor of printing 3,000 copies of the militia laws of 1880."

"Resolve making appropriations in favor of the St. Elizabeth Orphan Asylum of Portland, and for the support of orphans therein, for the years 1881 and 1882."

“Resolve making appropriation for the support of soldiers’ orphans at the Bangor Children’s Home for the years 1881 and 1882.”

“Resolve in favor of an appropriation on roads, including bridge in Indian township, in the County of Washington.”

“Resolve authorizing the sale of the State’s interest in timber on township No. 8, range 6.”

“Resolve making an appropriation in favor of the Female Orphan Asylum of Portland, and for the support of soldiers’ orphans therein, for the years 1881 and 1882.”

“Resolve for the propagation of fish and game for the years 1881 and 1882.”

“Resolve in relation to the recording of certain papers and records now in the Land Office.”

These bills and resolves were reported from 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 setting off a part of the town of Caribou and annexing it to Connor plantation,” was taken from the table, and to-morrow, at 2½ o’clock assigned, on motion of Mr. KING of Caribou.

The majority and minority reports of the Joint Select Committee on the Commonwealth, was taken from the table, when Mr. RITCHIE of Winterport, moved to substitute the minority for the majority report, pending which,

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

MONDAY EVENING—7½ O’CLOCK.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate :

Final report of the Committee on Interior Waters ; and

Report of the Oxford County Delegation, reporting legislation inexpedient, on petition of James S. Wright and others, relating to change of salary of Clerk of Courts of Oxford county ;

Came from the Senate read and accepted, and were accepted in concurrence.

Bill "an act to authorize the town of Harpswell to lay out a town way and build a bridge from Bailey's island to Orr's island in said town," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

House insisted, and proposed a Committee of Conference, and the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. Bradstreet of Bridgton,
McKellar of South Thomaston,
Wentworth of Gardiner,

on its part.

Report of Committee on Senators and Representatives, reporting on order relating to the enumeration of the inhabitants of the State as a basis for the apportionment of Senators and Representatives, an order fixing the number of inhabitants at 648,945, and establishing this number as a basis.

This came from the Senate accepted, and order passed.

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

Bill "an act to amend section 4 of chapter 51 of the revised statutes, relating to railroads," was reported from Committee on Bills in Third Reading, read third time, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cushnoc Manufacturing Company."

Bill "an act providing for a additional session of the county commissioners in Oxford county."

Bill "an act relating to levy of execution on real estate."

Bill "an act to abolish the December Term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the County of Oxford."

Bill "an act relating to congressional vacancies."

The foregoing bills were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read three times, Senate amendment "A" to the last adopted, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 9, chapter 92 of the revised statutes, relating to damages for flowage," was reported from same Committee, read three times, and tabled on motion of Mr. KING of Caribou.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 182 of the public laws of 1880, relating to auctioneers," was reported from same Committee, amended per sheet "A," and indefinitely postponed.

Majority and minority reports of the Committee on the Commonwealth, was considered further, and tabled on motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

"Resolve instructing our Senators and Representatives in Congress on railroad matters," was referred to Committee on Railroads, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1882, amounting to the sum of \$1,063,509.91;" and

Bill "an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1881, amounting to the sum of \$1,063,509.91;"

Were presented by Mr. HATCH, from Committee on Ways and Means, and on his motion, the bills were read three times and passed to be engrossed, rules being suspended, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. BIRD of Rockland, presented bill "an act to amend chapter 179, public laws of 1880, regulating the fees of inspectors of lime and lime casks and their deputies," and on his motion, the bill was read three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. SPRAGUE of Phippsburg, presented bill "an act to amend chapter 43, special laws of 1878, relating to the protection of bass in Winnegance creek," and on his motion, read three times, rules being suspended, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. SHAW, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported on petition of Association of Maine Soldiers and Sailors, "resolve in favor of the loan of the battle flags."

This report was read, accepted, and resolve refused a passage.

Mr. HALL, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act additional to chapter 232 of the private and special laws of 1880, incorporating the Kennebec and Franklin Telephone and Telegraph Company."

Mr. BRADSTREET, from Committee on Railroads, reported ought to pass in new draft, on bill "an act to extend the time for the location and completion of the Lewiston and Augusta Railroad."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, the bills read three times under suspension of rules, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. JORDAN, from the Committee of Conference on disagreeing vote, on bill "an act to amend section 13, chapter 22 of the revised statutes, relating to partition fences," reported that the House adhere to its vote passing the bill to be engrossed.

The report was accepted, and House adhered.

The hour having arrived to vote for Senator in Congress of United States to fill out the unexpired term ending March 4, 1883, caused by the resignation of the Hon. James G. Blaine, pursuant to sections 14 to 19 inclusive, and as especially authorized by section 17 of chapter 1, title II of the revised statutes of the United States, in relation to the election of Senators, and this being the second Tuesday succeeding the reception of notice of said vacancy, the House proceeded openly and by a *viva voce* vote of each member present, on call of the roll, to name a person for Senator in Congress from this State, for the unexpired term ending March 4, 1883, with the following result:

Whole number of votes was	142
Hon. William P. Frye had	83
Hon. Richard A. Frye	59

Those who voted for William P. Frye, were Messrs.

Achorn,	Berry,	Bradstreet, Bridgton,
Andrews,	Bird,	Bragdon,
Ashford,	Blanchard,	Buck,
Bean,	Boody,	Burnell,

Burnham,	Joy,	Pitcher,
Burr,	Kendall,	Purinton,
Chase,	Kennison,	Perry,
Clark,	Kimball,	Redlon,
Cook,	King,	Rowell,
Cushman,	Leland,	Seavey,
Donnell,	Libby,	Shaw,
Eastman,	Lord of Bangor,	Smith, New Sharon,
Emery,	Lord of Kennebunk,	Smith, Mt. Vernon,
Flint,	Mallett,	Sprague,
Freeman, Cherryfield,	Marble,	Strout of Portland,
Goodall,	Maxcy,	Tarbox,
Goss of Auburn,	McAlister,	Thatcher,
Goss of Bath,	McKusick,	Thompson,
Hall,	Means,	Torry,
Harris,	Morrill,	True,
Hatch,	Nickerson, Linneus,	Twitchell,
Heath,	Nickerson, Brewer,	Varney,
Hersom,	Nickels,	Verrill,
Hilton,	Norris,	Wentworth, Gardiner,
Hopkins,	Noyes,	Wentworth, Kittery,
Hutchinson, Lewiston,	Nutter,	Wilder,
Jones of Winthrop,	Perley,	Wyman.
Jordan,		

Those who voted for Richard A. Frye, were Messrs.

Averill,	Edgcomb,	Jones of Brighton,
Bartlett,	Elder,	Keegan,
Benner,	Eldred,	Lang,
Boothby,	Estes,	Leavitt,
Bradstreet of Palermo,	Folsom,	Leighton,
Bragg,	Foss,	Linscott,
Bridgham,	Freeman, Lincolnville,	Livermore,
Brown,	Gilbert,	Loud,
Chadbourne,	Glidden,	Marston,
Crosby, Norridgew'k,	Goodale,	McKellar,
Dennis,	Goodwin of Hudson,	Packard,
Dickey,	Harding,	Parsons,
Doore,	Haskell,	Partridge,
Eaton,	Hutchinson, Houlton,	Rowe,

Ritchie,	Sturdivant,	Waters,
Staples of Biddeford,	Sweat,	Webb,
Staples of Dayton,	Trafton,	Wheeler, Easton,
Staples, Parsonsfield,	Trufant,	Wheeler of Etna,
Staples of Elliot,	Vinal,	White.
Strout, C. Elizabeth,	Wardwell,	

Bill "an act to authorize Benjamin Conant and others to build and maintain piers and booms across Little Androscoggin river in the County of Androscoggin."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Ocean Bank of Kennebunk."

Bill "an act to enable certain towns and cities to aid in the construction of the Kennebec Central Railroad."

Bill "an act concerning the improvement of marshes, meadows and swamps."

Bill "an act to authorize the Kennebec Log Driving Company to erect a boom across the Kennebec river at Brown's island."

Bill "an act relating to the pauper settlement of the inmates of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Shipbuilders' and Shipmasters' Association."

Bill "an act concerning the care of abused and neglected children."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 26 of the public laws of 1880, relating to suits by collectors of taxes and the jurisdiction of trial justices."

"Resolve authorizing a temporary loan."

"Resolve in favor of the State Prison."

"Resolve in favor of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum."

"Resolve in favor of the State Reform School."

"Resolve authorizing a temporary loan."

These bills and resolves were reported from 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 amendatory to an act relating to the schools in the city of Portland, approved February 10, 1875," pending passage to be enacted, was amended per sheet "A," passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

The majority and minority reports of the Committee on Commonwealth, came up from the table, when the House refused to substitute minority for majority report, and accepted majority report.

Bill "an act for the promotion of medical science," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Sullivan Waukeag Mining Company;" and

Bill "an act to incorporate the Milton Mining Company;"

Were taken from the table, each amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate:

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 60 of the revised statutes, relating to divorce."

The foregoing report came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the American Bank."

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on bill "an act to incorporate Rockland Granite Bank, Rockland."

Bill "an act to authorize the city of Rockland to retire or exchange its bonded indebtedness, and to issue new bonds for that purpose."

These reports were read and accepted in concurrence, bills read three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Railroads and Financial Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to the taxation of railroads," came from the Senate accepted, bill passed to be en-

grossed, was read and accepted in concurrence, bill read three times, rules being suspended, and tabled on motion of Mr. KEEGAN of Van Buren.

Majority and minority reports of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the poor debtor question, the majority report reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 30, chapter 113 of the revised statutes, relating to examination and oath of poor debtors."

The minority report, reporting ought to pass, on same bill, came from Senate, minority report accepted, bill passed to be engrossed, and was tabled, pending concurrence with the Senate.

Mr. THOMPSON, from Committee on Education, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to provide for securing better qualified teachers for common schools."

This report was accepted, bill ordered printed under Joint Rule.

Mr. COOK, from Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported ought to pass, as amended by House, on "resolve with regard to the settlers' lots in township No. 17, range 7, now Wallagrass plantation."

Mr. THOMPSON, from Committee on Education, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Pedagogical Society."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, bill read three times, resolve twice, each under suspension of the rules, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 9, chapter 92 of the revised statutes, relating to damage for flowage," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act setting off part of the town of Caribou and annexing it to Connor plantation," was taken from the table, amended per sheet "A," "B," "C," and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1881, amounting to the sum of \$1,063,509.91."

Bill "an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1882, amounting to the sum of \$1,063,509.91."

Bill "an act to enforce returns and publication of statements by corporations."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 58, section 10 of the revised statutes, relating to agricultural societies."

Bill "an act for the protection of alewives."

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

"Resolve laying a tax on the several counties of the State," pending final passage, amended per sheet "A," and engrossed.

"Resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts," was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed, yeas 73, nays 62.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Achorn,	Estes,	Noyes,
Allen,	Folsom,	Nutter,
Ashford,	Foss,	Packard,
Averill,	Freeman, Lincolnville,	Parsons,
Bartlett,	Gilbert,	Pitcher,
Bean,	Goodale,	Perry,
Benner,	Goodall,	Rowe,
Bird,	Goodwin, Hudson,	Seavey,
Boothby,	Goodwin, Shapleigh,	Staples, Biddeford,
Bradstreet, Bridgton,	Goss of Bath,	Staples, Dayton,
Bradstreet, Palermo,	Harding,	Staples of Elliot,
Bridgham,	Hersom,	Strout, C. Elizabeth,
Brown,	Hilton,	Sturdivant,
Buck,	Hopkins,	Sweat,
Burnell,	Jones of Brighton,	True,
Burr,	Keegan,	Trufant,
Chadbourne,	Kennison,	Twitchell,
Chase,	Lang,	Varney,
Cook,	Leavitt,	Vinal,
Cummings,	Leighton,	Wardwell,
Dennis,	Linscott,	Waters,
Doore,	Livermore,	Webb,
Edgecomb,	Maxcy,	Wheeler of Etna,
Elder,	McKellar,	White—73.
Eldred,		

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Andrews,	Hutchinson, Houlton, Nickels,	
Berry,	Jones of Winthrop,	Norris,
Blanchard,	Jordan,	Partridge,
Boody,	Joy,	Perley,
Bragg,	Kendall,	Purinton,
Burnham,	Kimball,	Ritchie,
Clark,	King,	Shaw,
Cushman,	Leland,	Smith of New Sharon,
Dickey,	Libby,	Smith of Mt. Vernon,
Donnell,	Lord of Bangor,	Sprague,
Eastman,	Lord of Kennebunk,	Staples, Parsonsfield,
Emery,	Loud,	Strout of Portland,
Flint,	Mallett,	Tarbox,
Freeman, Cherryfield,	Marble,	Thatcher,
Goss of Auburn,	Marston,	Thompson,
Hall,	McAllister,	Torry,
Harris,	McKusick,	Verrill,
Haskell,	Means,	Wentworth, Gardiner,
Hatch,	Morrill,	Wentworth, Kittery,
Heath,	Nickerson of Linneus,	Wyman—62.
Hutchinson, Lewiston,	Nickerson of Brewer,	

“Resolve for the abatement of the State tax for the year 1880, assessed upon the St. Croix and Penobscot Railroad Company,” was taken from the table.

The House non-concurred, read the resolve twice, passed it to be engrossed, and sent it to the Senate.

“Resolve relating to unsettled accounts with the State,” was taken from the table, and further assigned to 10½ o'clock to-morrow.

Adjourned to 7½ o'clock, evening.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

EVENING SESSION—7½ O'CLOCK.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate :

Final report of Committee on State Lands and State Roads, was read and tabled.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Carrabasset Bank," was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Education, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act relating to schools in village districts."

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and accepted in concurrence.

Bill "an act explanatory of section 25 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 247 of the public laws of 1880, in relation to the sale of cider."

This bill came from the Senate read twice, passed to be engrossed, and was read three times under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of Committee of Conference, reporting on disagreeing vote, on bill "an act to divide the town of Eaton in the County of Washington, and to incorporate the town of Forest City," that they were unable to agree.

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and accepted in concurrence, and the House voted to adhere to its former vote, passing the bill to be engrossed.

Report of Committee on Education, reporting ought to pass, on recommitted bill "an act to amend chapter 85 of the special laws of 1878, entitled 'an act to provide schools for the training of teachers in Madawaska territory,' as amended by chapter 190 of the special laws of 1879."

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

Report was read and accepted in concurrence, bill read three times under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of Committee of Conference, reporting on disagreeing vote, on "resolve in favor of Eugene Michaud," that they were unable

to agree, came from the Senate accepted, and was accepted in concurrence.

The House then voted to adhere.

“Resolve with regard to settlers’ lots in township No. 17, range 7, now Wallagrass plantation,” passed to be engrossed in the House, came from Senate amended per sheet “A,” and passed to be engrossed.

House receded, adopted Senate amendment “A,” and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Ordered, That the pay-roll and mileage of Seth Webb, member of this House, be made up, and he be excused from further attendance after Thursday, March 17th.

The order received a passage.

On motion of Mr. COOK of Lewiston,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House be and is hereby directed to make up the pay of the Chaplain of this House at the same rate as members of the House, with usual mileage.

On motion of Mr. EATON of Camden,

Ordered, That A. S. Parsons be excused from further attendance on this House, and the Clerk be instructed to make up his pay-roll to the end of the session.

“Resolve in aid of a bridge in the town of Monticello,” was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed.

Bill “an act for the prevention of hunting matches,” was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Bill “an act to amend section 6, chapter 57 of the revised statutes, relating to mills and their repairs,” was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill “an act to amend chapter 34 of the revised statutes, relating to auctions and auctioneers,” was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed.

Bill “an act to incorporate the salary of the County Attorney of the County of Piscataquis.”

Adjourned:

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

WEDNESDAY, March 16, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Communication from Secretary of State, transmitting report of of State Librarian, came from the Senate, and was read in concurrence.

Final report of Committee on Education, came from the Senate accepted, and was tabled.

Report of Committee of Conference on disagreeing vote, on bill "an act relating to forcible entry and detainer," reporting that the Senate recede and concur with the House.

The report was accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Report of Committee of Conference on disagreeing vote, on bill "an act to amend section 28, chapter 2 of the revised statutes, relating to notice on petitions to the Legislature," reporting that they are unable to agree.

The report was accepted, and House voted to adhere.

A message was received from the Senate, through Mr. Tilden, its Secretary, proposing that the Joint Convention of the Legislature, required by section 17 of chapter 1, title II of the revised statutes of the United States, to be convened this day, at 12 o'clock, meridian, for the purpose of completing and declaring the election of United States Senator to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. J. G. Blaine, be held in the Hall of the House of Representatives, 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 Houses in the proposition for a Convention.

The hour of twelve, meridian, having arrived, the time fixed by a law of the United States for the two Houses of the Legislature to

meet in Joint Assembly, for the purpose of comparing the votes cast for a Senator in Congress, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. J. G. Blaine.

The Senate came in and a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

So much of the records of both branches, as relates to the choice of a Senator in Congress, was then read.

The PRESIDENT then announced the result, and declared that Hon. William P. Frye had been elected a Senator in Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Hon. James G. Blaine.

On motion of Mr. BISBEE of the Senate,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Convention be directed to inform the Governor that Hon. William P. Frye has been duly elected by the Legislature a Senator in Congress from this State to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. James G. Blaine.

The object of the Convention having been accomplished, the Senate retired.

House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

Report of Committee on Temperance, reporting on petition, "resolve proposing an amendment to the constitution of the State of Maine, relating to the manufacturing and sale of intoxicating liquors."

This report came from the Senate accepted, resolve amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The report was accepted in concurrence, resolve read twice, and tabled on motion of Mr. HUTCHINSON of Houlton, and evening assigned.

Report of the Committee on Apportionment of Senators, reporting a resolve, came from the Senate accepted, resolve read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

Report was read and accepted in concurrence, resolve read once, and 5 o'clock P. M. assigned for second reading.

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Maine Shipbuilders' and Shipmasters' Association,' approved March 15, 1881," was presented by Mr. STROUT of Portland, and on his

motion, the rules were suspended, bill read three times, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Brunswick Bank," was referred to Committee on Banks and Banking.

Bill "an act to promote the settlement of wild lands in this State," was read twice, and tabled on motion of Mr. THATCHER of Bangor.

Majority and minority reports of the Committee on Apportionment of Representatives, came from the Senate, majority report accepted, resolve read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The report was accepted in concurrence, resolve read twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, by yeas 76, nays 59.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Achorn,	Hall,	Nickerson, Brewer,
Andrews,	Harris,	Nickels,
Ashford,	Hatch,	Norris,
Bean,	Heath,	Nutter,
Berry,	Hersom,	Perley,
Bird,	Hilton,	Pitcher,
Blanchard,	Hopkins,	Purinton,
Boody,	Hutchinson, Lewiston,	Perry,
Bradstreet, Bridgton,	Jones of Winthrop,	Rowell,
Bragdon,	Jordan,	Seavey,
Buck,	Joy,	Shaw,
Burnell,	Kendall,	Smith, New Sharon,
Burnham,	Kennison,	Smith, Mt. Vernon,
Chase,	King,	Sprague,
Clark,	Libby,	Strout, Portland,
Cook,	Lord of Bangor,	Tarbox,
Cummings,	Lord of Kennebunk,	Thatcher,
Cushman,	Mallett,	Thompson,
Emery,	Marble,	Torry,
Flint,	Maxcy,	True,
Freeman, Cherryfield,	McAllister,	Twitchell,
Goodall,	McKusick,	Varney,
Goss of Auburn,	Means,	Verrill,
Goss of Bath,	Morrill,	Vinal,

Wentworth, Gardiner, Wentworth, Kittery, Wilder,
Wyman—76.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allen,	Freeman, Lincolnville, McKellar,
Averill,	Gilbert, Noyes,
Bartlett,	Glidden, Packard,
Boothby,	Goodale, Partridge,
Bradstreet, Palermo,	Goodwin, Hudson, Rowe,
Bragg,	Goodwin, Shapleigh, Ritchie,
Bridgham,	Harding, Staples of Dayton,
Brown,	Haskell, Staples, Parsonsfield,
Burr,	Hutchinson, Houlton, Staples of Elliot,
Chadbourne,	Jones of Brighton, Strout, Cape Elizab'th,
Dennis,	Keegan, Sturdivant,
Dickey,	Kimball, Sweat,
Doore,	Lang, Trafton,
Eaton,	Leavitt, Trufant,
Edgecomb,	Leighton, Wardwell,
Elder,	Leland, Waters,
Eldred,	Linscott, Webb,
Estes,	Livermore, Wheeler of Etna,
Folsom,	Loud, White—59.
Foss,	Marston,

Bill “an act providing for an additional session of the county commissioners of Oxford county ;”

Bill “an act concerning public parks and squares ;”

Bill “an act relating to congressional vacancies ;”

Bill “an act to supply the people of Waterville with pure water ;”

Bill “an act to enable certain towns to aid in the construction of Boothbay Railroad ;”

Bill “an act relating to the criminal jurisdiction of the Superior Court for the County of Kennebec ;”

Bill “an act to amend sections 66, 67 and 68 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the assessment and abatement of taxes ;”

Bill “an act relating to mortgage of real estate and actions thereon ;”

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cushnoc Manufacturing Company;" and

Bill "an act relating to levy of execution on real estate;"

Were reported from Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Stockton," was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed, and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate:

Final report of Committee on Military Affairs, was read and tabled.

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to the amending of chapter 4 of the revised statutes, in relation to lists of votes.

Report of the Committee on State Valuation, reporting reference to next Legislature, on order relating to a different method of taking the valuation of the State.

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

Report of Committee on Banks and Banking, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Carrabassett Bank," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

Report was read and accepted in concurrence, bill read three times under suspension of rules, and tabled, pending its passage to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. KEEGAN of Van Buren.

"Resolve in favor of Sprague and Son," came from the Senate read twice under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed, and was read twice under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts,” having been indefinitely postponed in the House, came back from the Senate, that branch insisting upon its former vote passing the resolve to be engrossed, and proposing a Committee of Conference, and appointing

Messrs. Berry of Kennebec,
Brewer of Cumberland,
Flint of Piscataquis,

on its part.

The House insisted, and joined

Messrs. Bridgham of Buckfield,
Perry of Poland,
Trufant of Harpswell,

on its part.

Bill “an act to increase the salary of the County Attorney of the County of Piscataquis,” indefinitely postponed in the House, came back from the Senate, that branch insisting upon its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed, and proposing a Committee of Conference, and appointing

Messrs. Flint of Piscataquis,
Bisbee of Oxford,
Taber of Waldo,

on its part.

The House refused to concur in the proposition for a conference, and voted to adhere.

Bill “an act setting off a part of the town of Caribou, and annexing it to Connor plantation,” passed to be engrossed in the House amended per sheets “A” and “B,” came from the Senate further amended per sheet “C,” and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

“Resolve fixing the number of copies of the report of the Railroad Commissioners to be at the expense of the State,” was read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. McKELLAR, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported ought to pass, on bill “an act to incorporate Brunswick Bank.”

The report was accepted, bill read three times, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. ROWELL, from Committee on Reform School, reported reference to next Legislature, on "resolve in favor of Maine Industrial School for Girls."

Mr. PERLEY, from Committee on Education, reported legislation inexpedient, on "order relating to school district taxation."

Mr. STAPLES, from Select Committee on Cost of State Valuation, reported a statement, which was read.

These reports were accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Senate papers :

Bill "an act additional to 'an act for the promotion of medical science,'" was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Final report of Committee on Claims.

Final report of Committee on Reform School.

Final report of Committee on Library.

These reports were accepted in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Banks and Banking, reporting on petition of Eben Webster and others, bill "an act to incorporate the Orono Bank," came from Senate accepted, bill read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

Report was accepted in concurrence, bill tabled on motion of Mr. KEEGAN of Van Buren.

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to proceedings in probate courts."

This report came from the Senate accepted, and bill passed to be engrossed as amended.

The report was accepted in concurrence, Senate amendment adopted, and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. BRADSTREET, from the Committee of Conference on disagreeing vote, on the act authorizing laying out of highway and bridge between Orr's island and Bailey's island, reported the Committee were unable to agree.

The report was accepted, and House voted to adhere.

Bill "an act to authorize the city of Rockland to retire or exchange its bonded indebtedness, and to issue new bonds for that purpose."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 179 of the public laws of 1880, regulating the fees of inspectors of lime and lime casks and their deputies."

Bill "an act to amend section 4 of chapter 51 of the revised statutes, relating to railroads."

These bills were reported from 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 amend section 6 of chapter 125 of the public laws of 1879, relating to the salary of the Agent of the Passamaquoddy Indians," was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed.

Bill "an act relating to taxation of railroads," was taken from the table, when Mr. STROUT offered amendment "A," and on that question, the yeas and nays were taken, and the amendment was lost by yeas 32, nays 91.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Andrews,	Hutchinson, Lewiston, Sturdivant,	
Blanchard,	Marble,	Thompson,
Brown,	Maxcy,	Torry,
Chase,	Morrill,	Trafton.
Cook,	Pitcher,	True,
Cushman,	Perry,	Trufant,
Freeman, Cherryfield, Smith, Mt. Vernon,	Twitchell,	
Freeman, Lincolnville, Sprague,	Varney,	
Goodall,	Staples of Dayton,	Verrill,
Harris,	Strout of Portland,	Wilder—32.
Heath,	Strout, C. Elizabeth,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Achorn,	Boothby,	Chadbourne,
Allen,	Bradstreet, Bridgton, Clark,	
Ashford,	Bradstreet of Palermo, Cummings,	
Averill,	Bragg,	Dennis,
Bartlett,	Bridgham,	Dickey,
Bean,	Buck,	Doore,
Benner,	Burnell,	Edgcomb,
Berry,	Burnham,	Elder,
Bird,	Burr,	Eldred,

Emery,	Kendall,	Partridge,
Estes,	Kennison,	Purinton,
Flint,	Kimball,	Rowe,
Folsom,	King,	Rowell,
Foss,	Lang,	Seavey,
Glidden,	Leighton,	Shaw,
Goodale,	Leland,	Smith, New Sharon,
Goodwin of Hudson,	Libby,	Staples of Biddeford,
Goodwin, Shapleigh,	Livermore,	Staples, Parsonsfield,
Goss of Auburn,	Lord of Kennebunk,	Staples of Elliot,
Harding,	Loud,	Sweat,
Haskell,	Mallett,	Tarbox,
Hatch,	Marston,	Thatcher,
Hersom,	McAlister,	Vinal,
Hilton,	McKellar,	Wardwell,
Hopkins,	McKusick,	Waters,
Hutchinson, Houlton,	Means,	Webb,
Jones of Winthrop,	Nickels,	Wentworth, Gardiner,
Jones of Brighton,	Noyes,	Wentworth, Kittery,
Jordan,	Nutter,	Wheeler of Etna,
Joy,	Packard,	White—91.
Keegan,		

The bill was then passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend so much of section 2, chapter 125, public laws of 1879, as relates to clerk hire in the Secretary of State's department," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, the question being taken by yeas and nays.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Achorn,	Buck,	Fisher,
Andrews,	Burnell,	Flint,
Bean,	Burnham,	Freeman, Cherryfield,
Benner,	Burr,	Goodall,
Berry,	Chadbourne,	Goss of Auburn,
Bird,	Clark,	Goss of Bath,
Blanchard,	Cook,	Hall,
Bradstreet, Bridgton,	Cummings,	Haskell,
Bragdon,	Cushman,	Hatch,
Bridgham,	Dickey,	Heath,
Brown,	Emery,	Hersom,

Hilton,	Lord of Kennebunk,	Smith of Mt. Vernon,
Hopkins,	Mallett,	Sprague,
Hutchinson, Lewiston,	Marble,	Strout of Portland,
Hutchinson, Houlton,	Marston,	Thatcher,
Jones of Winthrop,	Maxcy,	Thompson,
Jordan,	Means,	True,
Joy,	Nickerson, Brewer,	Trufant,
Kendall,	Nickels,	Twitchell,
Kennison,	Nutter,	Varney,
Kimball,	Pitcher,	Verrill,
King,	Purinton,	Wentworth, Gardiner,
Leland,	Perry,	Wentworth, Kittery,
Livermore,	Rowell,	Wilder—74.
Lord of Bangor,	Shaw,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allen,	Goodwin, Hudson,	Partridge,
Averill,	Goodwin, Shapleigh,	Perley,
Bartlett,	Harding,	Rowe,
Boothby,	Harris,	Ritchie,
Bradstreet, Palermo,	Jones of Brighton,	Smith of New Sharon,
Bragg,	Keegan,	Staples, Biddeford,
Chase,	Lang,	Staples, Dayton,
Dennis,	Leavitt,	Staples, Parsonsfield,
Doore,	Leighton,	Strout, C. Elizabeth,
Eaton,	Libby,	Sturdivant,
Edgcomb,	Linscott,	Tarbox,
Elder,	Loud,	Trafton,
Eldred,	McAllister,	Vinal,
Estes,	McKellar,	Wardwell,
Folsom,	McKusick,	Waters,
Freeman, Lincolnville,	Morrill,	Webb,
Gilbert,	Noyes,	Wheeler of Etna,
Glidden,	Packard,	White—55.
Goodale,		

“Resolve making appropriation for the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians for the years 1881 and 1882,” was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

“ Resolve to apportion the State for Senators in the Legislature,” was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

EVENING SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate :

Report of Penobscot County Delegation, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of Clerk of Courts of Penobscot county, for increase of salary.

This report was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Insane Hospital, on an order of the Legislature, relating to an investigation of charges against the management of the Insane Hospital, reporting “ resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Insane Hospital,” came from Senate accepted, resolve passed to be engrossed.

Report was accepted, resolve read twice under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BRIDGHAM of Buckfield,

Ordered, That all debate before this House shall be limited to five minutes to each member on any question or bill before the same during the balance of this session.

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting reference to the next session of the Legislature, on bill “ an act relating to the election of county commissioners.”

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

Bill “ an act to provide better qualified teachers for common schools,” was read twice under suspension of rules, and indefinitely postponed, and sent up to the Senate.

Bill “ an act to amend chapter 73, section 3 of the revised statutes, relating to practice of medicine and surgery,” was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

Majority and minority reports of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting leave to withdraw, on various petitions for change of divorce law, and reporting a bill on some petitions, were taken from the table, and minority report substituted for majority.

Bill read and indefinitely postponed.

“Resolve relating to unsettled accounts with the State,” was taken from the table, amended per sheet “A,” and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

“Resolve proposing an amendment of the Constitution of the State of Maine, relating to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors,” was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed by yeas 66, nays 51.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Bartlett,	Goss of Auburn,	Noyes,
Benner,	Goss of Bath,	Pitcher,
Blanchard,	Hall,	Rowe,
Boothby,	Harding,	Ritchie,
Bradstreet, Palermo,	Haskell,	Sprague,
Bridgham,	Heath,	Staples, Parsonsfield,
Burr,	Hilton,	Staples of Elliot,
Dennis,	Hutchinson, Houlton,	Sweat,
Dickey,	Joy,	Thatcher,
Doore,	Keegan,	Thompson,
Elder,	Leland,	Torry,
Eldred,	Libby,	Trafton,
Estes,	Linscott,	True,
Fisher,	Lord of Bangor,	Trufant,
Folsom,	Loud,	Twitchell,
Foss,	Marble,	Verrill,
Freeman, Cherryfield,	Marston,	Vinal,
Freeman, Lincolnville,	Maxey,	Wardwell,
Gilbert,	McAllister,	Waters,
Goodall,	McKusick,	Webb,
Goodwin, Hudson,	Nickerson of Brewer,	Wentworth, Kittery,
Goodwin, Shapleigh,	Nickels,	Wilder—66.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Achorn,	Ashford,	Berry,
Andrews,	Averill,	Bragdon,

Bragg,	Hersom,	Means,
Buck,	Hodgkins,	Nutter,
Burnell,	Hutchinson, Lewiston,	Partridge,
Burnham,	Jones, of Winthrop,	Purinton,
Chadbourne,	Jones of Brighton,	Perry,
Chase,	Jordan,	Redlon.
Clark,	Kennison,	Rowell,
Cook,	Kimball,	Shaw,
Cummings,	King,	Smith New Sharon,
Cushman,	Lang,	Smith Mt. Vernon,
Eaton,	Leavitt,	Sturdivant,
Edgcomb,	Livermore,	Tarbox,
Emery,	Lord of Kennebunk,	Wentworth, Gardiner,
Goodale,	Mallett,	Wheeler of Etna,
Harris,	McKellar,	White—51.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act additional to chapter 73, special laws of 1878, relative to the Cumberland and Oxford Canal Corporation," came from the Senate accepted, bill read twice, and passed to be engrossed, was accepted in concurrence, bill read three times, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, rules being suspended.

Report of Committee of Conference, on "resolve in favor of Agricultural College," reporting that they were unable to agree, came from the Senate accepted, and a new Committee proposed, and

Messrs. Parcher of Androscoggin,
Hill of Hancock,
Cornish of Kennebec,

appointed on its part.

The House recessed and concurred in the proposition, and joined
 Messrs. Bradstreet of Bridgton,
 Bird of Rockland,
 Cook of Lewiston,
 on its part.

Communication from Governor, transmitting veto upon bill "an act to incorporate the Casco Bank, and various other vetoes upon acts incorporating banks," was received and read, and, on motion of Mr. STROUT, laid on the table and afternoon assigned.

The veto is as follows :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
 Augusta, March 16, 1881. }

To the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

I return, herewith, bill entitled "an act to incorporate the Casco Bank," being unable to give the same my official approval.

My objection is to the provision of the bill which authorizes the proposed corporation "to issue bank bills," thereby creating it a bank of issue, not merely a bank of discount, deposit and exchange, legitimate banking in which there might well be free trade. Banking is a trade and only a trade, but it is no part of legitimate banking to issue bank notes to circulate as money. The right to do so is a legislative privilege to capital, not in accord with those principles of equality which require government to confine legislation to equal protection and equal benefits ; and, as Heaven does its rain, shower its favors alike upon all, the high and the low, the rich and the poor. Capital is entitled to an equal chance—no more.

"No one," says Mr. Jefferson (in 1813), "has any natural right to the trade of a money lender, but he who has money to lend. Let those, then, among us, who have a moneyed capital, and who prefer employing it in loans rather than otherwise, set up banks and give cash or national bills for the notes they discount. My original disapprobation of banks circulating paper is not unknown ; nor have I since observed any effects either on the morals or fortunes of our citizens which are any counter-balance for the public evils produced."

It would seem by the number of charters of this character proposed to be granted, that it was the policy of the Legislature to return to the old system of State Banks. That system is obsolete. Whether proposedly based upon coin, State bonds, or other

securities, we would not have such banks if we could, and we could not if we would.

After experiencing, for nearly twenty years, paper money based on the authority and credit of the whole nation and of uniform value throughout the country, the people of the United States, while they have their liberties, will never favor or tolerate a return to the old State Bank system. That system they have tried and found wanting.

Mr. Knox, the Comptroller of the Currency, says :

“In nearly all of the State Banks especially chartered were favorite organizations. The amount of currency issued was frequently *twice*, and in many instances *three* times the amount of the *nominal* capital of such banks. These charters were thus very valuable, and the State Legislatures were besieged by applicants for such privileges.”

Ex-Secretary McCulloch, in an address delivered before the Bankers' Association in Philadelphia in 1876, in reference to the State Banks, says :

“In some States, the circulation of the banks was secured, partially at least, by mortgages and bonds; in others there was no security except the capital, which was frequently a myth. In some States banking was a monopoly; in others it enjoyed the largest liberty. The consequence was that we had a bank note circulation frequently worthless, and when solvent, lacking that uniform value which was needed in business transactions between the citizens of different States. It is enough to say that the circulation of the State Banks was entirely unfitted for a country like ours; that by it the people were subjected to enormous losses, not only in the way of exchange, but in the inability of a great many of the banks to redeem their notes.”

Secretary Blaine said in his Cooper Institute speech :

“When the war broke out, we had thirty-three kinds of paper currency in this country. We thought we had a good system in New England, called the Suffolk Bank System. We thought we enjoyed it down in Maine, and yet regularly, with great periodicity, which beat the equinoctial storm, those banks would turn up defunct. I remember perfectly well, as if it were yesterday, on a pleasant summer morning in 1858, that a large bank in Maine, known as the Shipbuilders' Bank, was announced as having failed, with \$357,000

of circulation out; and it is out yet. That was a good thing about the old State Bank, that when it failed it made a clean thing of it."

Comptroller Knox says again: "The losses under the old bank system were estimated to equal in twenty years the entire amount of the circulation."

I am not aware that the people of this State have petitioned the Legislature for a return to the old system of State Banks. I can not believe they are in favor of a banking system that has proved a vortex in which the fortunes of the people have been so mercilessly swallowed up; not so much indeed, by reason of the insecurity or worthlessness of the bank circulation, as on account of the power which the banks possessed in common with all banks of issue, of expending and contracting their circulation at pleasure, thus enabling them to fix the price upon every man's property, and to change that price at will. The purchasing power of money depends upon its volume; hence, the power that controls the volume of the people's money is certain to control the people's destinies.

In 1861 was suggested by the then Secretary of the Treasury a new system—a better way than the old system of banks of issue. Secretary Chase in his report to Congress, of December 9, 1861, speaking of the two hundred and two millions of State Bank currency then in circulation, says:

"The whole of this circulation constitutes a loan without interest from the people to the banks, costing them nothing except the expense of issue and redemption, and the interest on the specie kept on hand for the latter purpose; and it deserves consideration whether sound policy does not require that the advantages of this loan be transferred, in part at least, from the banks, representing only the interests of the stockholders to the government, representing the aggregate interests of the whole people. * * * It is too clear to be reasonably disputed that Congress, under the constitutional power to lay taxes, to regulate commerce, and to regulate the value of coin, possesses ample authority to control the credit circulation which enters so largely into the transactions of commerce and affects in so many ways the value of coin. In the judgment of the Secretary, the time has arrived when Congress should exercise this authority."

I object to the bill on the ground of public policy. It has become the policy of the general government—its settled policy, I

believe—to control the entire credit circulation of the country. Whether that circulation shall be issued and its volume controlled directly by the government for the benefit of the whole people, or issued and controlled by the National Banks in the interests of their stockholders, is a question for the future determination of the American people, to be determined by them in their wisdom and in their own good time.

HARRIS M. PLAISTED.

Mr. STROUT, from Committee on the Judiciary, reported on petition of George Stetson and others, bill “an act to incorporate the Bangor Manufacturing Company.”

Mr. BRADSTREET, from Committee on Railroads, reported ought to pass in new draft, on bill “an act granting Levi C. Flint and others, permission to build a railroad from Monson to Athens.”

These reports were read and accepted, bills read three times under suspension of rules, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. TORRY, from Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported ought to pass, on recommitted bill “an act to regulate the taking of fish in Kennebec River.”

The report was accepted, bill read once, and tabled on motion of Mr. GOSS of Bath.

Mr. BRADSTREET, from Committee on Railroads, reported on “resolve instructing our Senators and Representatives in Congress in regard to a general railroad law, that the Committee has “once before this session, considered the same subject matter, and reported ought not to pass.”

This report was accepted, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. MORRILL of Augusta, a message was sent to the Senate, requesting return of “resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.”

Subsequently the paper was returned, when the House, on motion of same gentleman, reconsidered its vote indefinitely postponing the resolve, and gave it a passage in concurrence.

The vote on reconsideration was taken by yeas and nays.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Achorn,	Berry,	Burnham,
Andrews,	Bragdon,	Cummings,
Bean,	Bragg,	Cushman,

Dickey,	Kendall,	Purinton,
Emery,	Kennison,	Rowell,
Fisher,	King,	Ritchie,
Flint,	Leland,	Shaw,
Freeman, Cherryfield,	Libby,	Smith of New Sharon,
Goodall,	Lord of Bangor,	Smith of Mt. Vernon,
Goss of Auburn,	Lord of Kennebunk,	Sprague,
Goss of Bath,	Loud,	Staples, Dayton,
Hall,	Mallett,	Staples, Parsonsfield,
Harris,	Marble,	Strout of Portland,
Haskell,	Marston,	Sweat,
Hatch,	McAllister,	Tarbox,
Heath,	McKusick,	Thatcher,
Hopkins,	Means,	Thompson,
Hutchinson, Lewiston,	Morrill,	Torry,
Hutchinson, Houlton,	Nickerson, Brewer,	Verrill,
Jones of Winthrop,	Norris,	Wentworth, Gardiner,
Jordan,	Partridge,	Wyman—65.
Joy,	Perley,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allen,	Doore,	Lang,
Ashford,	Eaton,	Leavitt,
Averill,	Edgcomb,	Leighton,
Bartlett,	Elder,	Linscott,
Benner,	Eldred,	Livermore,
Bird,	Estes,	Packard,
Boothby,	Folsom,	Pitcher,
Bradstreet, Bridgton,	Foss,	Perry,
Bradstreet, Palermo,	Freeman, Lincolnville,	Redlon,
Brown,	Gilbert,	Rowe,
Buck,	Goodale,	Staples, Biddeford,
Burnell,	Goodwin, Hudson,	Staples of Elliot,
Burr,	Goodwin, Shapleigh,	Strout, C. Elizabeth,
Chadbourne,	Harding,	Sturdivant,
Chase,	Hersom,	Trafton,
Cook,	Jones of Brighton,	True,
Dennis,	Keegan,	Twitchell,
Donnell,	Kimball,	Vinal,

Wardwell,
Wheeler of Etna,

Waters,
White—59.

Webb,

Bill “an act explanatory of section 25 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 247 of the public laws of 1880, in relation to the sale of cider.”

Bill “an act to incorporate the Maine Pedagogical Society.”

Bill “an act to prevent railroad accidents.”

Bill “an act to abolish the December term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the County of Oxford.”

Bill “an act to incorporate the Sullivan Waukeag Mining Company.”

Bill “an act to extend the time for the location of the Lewiston and Augusta Railroad.”

“Resolve in favor of C. L. McCleary.”

“Resolve amendatory to the ‘resolve in relation to the Penobscot Tribe of Indians,’ approved February 21, 1866.”

“Resolve for the abatement of the State tax for the year 1880, assessed upon the St. Croix and Penobscot Railroad Company.”

“Resolve in favor of James S. Conkling.”

Bill “an act to amend chapter 43 of the special laws of the year 1878, relating to the protection of bass in Winnegance creek.”

Bill “an act to amend section 9 of chapter 92 of the revised statutes, relating to damage by flowage.”

Bill “an act relating to proceedings and appeals in probate courts.”

Bill “an act relating to the taxation of railroads.”

Bill “an act to incorporate the Milton Mining Company.”

Bill “an act additional to chapter 233 of the private and special laws of 1880, incorporating the Kennebec and Franklin Telephone and Telegraph Company.”

Bill “an act to amend chapter 85 of the special laws of 1878, entitled ‘an act to provide schools in Madawaska territory,’ as amended by chapter 190 of the special laws of 1879.”

Bill “an act to amend section 13, chapter 22 of the revised statutes, relating to partition fences.”

“Resolve authorizing the Secretary of State to purchase certain volumes of the Maine reports.”

“Resolve making appropriations for the Penobscot tribe of Indians for the years 1881 and 1882.”

“Resolve laying a tax on the counties of the State for the years 1881 and 1882.”

These bills and resolves were reported from 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 to enable the State Superintendant of Common Schools to hold teachers’ meetings, as provided in item four of section 71, chapter 11 of the revised statutes.”

Bill “an act entitled ‘an act to amend section 19 of chapter 218 of the public laws of 1877, relating to savings banks.’”

This bill and resolve were taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed, the last one in concurrence, and sent to the Senate.

Majority and minority reports upon various petitions for school suffrage to women, were taken from the table, minority substituted for majority report, by yeas 64, nays 63.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Achorn,	Hersom,	Perley,
Andrews,	Hilton,	Pitcher,
Ashford,	Jones of Winthrop,	Purinton,
Bean,	Jones of Brighton,	Perry,
Blanchard,	Jordan,	Redlon,
Bragg,	Kennison,	Rowell,
Brown,	Lang,	Shaw,
Burr,	Leavitt,	Smith, New Sharon,
Chadbourne,	Libby,	Smith, Mt. Vernon,
Clark,	Livermore,	Staples, Parsonsfield,
Cook,	Lord of Bangor,	Strout of Portland,
Cummings,	Lord of Kennebunk,	Strout, C. Elizabeth,
Dickey,	Mallett,	Tarbox,
Eaton,	Marston,	Trafton.
Emery,	Maxcy,	Twitchell,
Fisher,	McAllister,	Varney,
Foss,	McKellar,	Wardwell,
Freeman, Cherryfield,	Morrill,	Wentworth, Gardiner,
Glidden,	Norris,	Wheeler of Etna,
Hall,	Nutter,	White,
Harris,	Partridge,	Wilder—64.
Haskell,		

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allen,	Gilbert,	Marble,
Averill,	Goodale,	McKusick,
Bartlett,	Goodall,	Means,
Benner,	Goodwin of Hudson,	Packard,
Berry,	Goodwin, Shapleigh,	Rowe,
Bird,	Goss of Auburn,	Sprague,
Boothby,	Goss of Bath,	Staples of Biddeford,
Bradstreet, Bridgton,	Harding,	Staples of Dayton,
Bradstreet of Palermo,	Hatch,	Staples of Elliot,
Bragdon,	Heath,	Sturdivant,
Bridgham,	Hopkins,	Sweat,
Burnell,	Hutchinson, Houlton,	Thatcher,
Chase,	Joy,	Thompson,
Cushman,	Keegan,	Torry,
Dennis,	Kendall,	True,
Doore,	Kimball,	Trufant,
Edgcomb,	King,	Verrill,
Eldred,	Leighton,	Vinal,
Estes,	Leland,	Waters,
Folsom,	Linscott,	Webb,
Freeman, Lincolnville, Loud,		Wyman—63.

The report was then accepted, bill read twice, and indefinitely postponed, by yeas 72, nays 60.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Allen,	Chase,	Goodall,
Averill,	Cushman,	Goodwin, Hudson,
Bartlett,	Dennis,	Goodwin, Shapleigh,
Benner,	Doore,	Goss of Auburn,
Berry,	Edgcomb,	Goss of Bath,
Bird,	Elder,	Harding,
Boothby,	Eldred,	Hatch,
Bradstreet, Bridgton,	Estes,	Heath,
Bradstreet, Palermo,	Flint,	Hopkins,
Bragdon,	Folsom,	Hutchinson, Lewiston,
Bridgham,	Foss,	Hutchinson, Houlton,
Buck,	Freeman, Lincolnville,	Joy,
Burnell,	Gilbert,	Keegan,
Burnham,	Goodale,	Kendall,

Kimball,	Noyes,	Sweat,
King,	Packard,	Thatcher,
Leighton,	Rowe,	Thompson,
Leland,	Ritchie,	Torry,
Linscott,	Sprague,	True,
Loud,	Staples, Biddeford,	Trufant,
Marble,	Staples of Dayton,	Verrill,
McKusick,	Staples, Parsonsfield,	Vinal,
Means,	Staples of Elliot,	Waters,
Nickels,	Sturdivant,	Webb—72.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Achorn,	Hersom,	Partridge,
Andrews,	Hilton,	Perley,
Ashford,	Jones of Winthrop,	Pitcher,
Bean,	Jones of Brighton,	Purinton,
Blanchard,	Jordan,	Redlon.
Bragg,	Kennison,	Rowell,
Brown,	Lang,	Shaw,
Burr,	Leavitt,	Smith New Sharon,
Chadbourne,	Libby,	Smith Mt. Vernon,
Clark,	Livermore,	Strout, Portland,
Cook,	Lord of Bangor,	Tarbox,
Cummings,	Lord of Kennebunk,	Trafton,
Dickey,	Mallett,	Twitchell,
Eaton,	Marston,	Varney,
Fisher,	Maxey,	Wardwell,
Freeman, Cherryfield,	McAllister,	Wentworth, Gardiner,
Glidden,	McKellar,	Wheeler of Etna,
Hall,	Morrill,	White,
Harris,	Norris,	Wilder,
Haskell,	Nutter,	Wyman—60.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate :

Final reports of Committee on Towns, and on Fisheries and Game.

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order fixing fees of appraisers and commissioners.

These reports were accepted in concurrence.

Report of Committee on State Library, reporting ought to pass, on "resolve in relation to the Documentary History of Maine," came from the Senate accepted, resolve passed to be engrossed.

The report was accepted, resolve referred to next session of the Legislature, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 13, chapter 22 of the revised statutes, relating to partition fences," passed to be enacted in the House, came back from the Senate amended per sheet "A," and engrossed.

House receded, adopted Senate amendment "A," and passed the bill in concurrence.

Majority and minority reports of the Committee on Insane Hospital, came from the Senate, majority report accepted.

The House concurred in acceptance of majority report, refusing to substitute the minority for majority report, by a vote 83 to 13.

Bill "an act to authorize certain towns and cities to aid in the construction of the Lewiston and Augusta Railroad," was presented by Mr. HALL of Rockland, and on his motion, rules suspended, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve to provide for the erection of an additional building to the Maine Insane Hospital," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act establishing the salary of the Clerk of the Judicial Courts for the County of York," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to promote settlement of wild lands in this State," was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed.

Bill "an act for the punishment of convicts under sentence of imprisonment for life, who shall kill any person within this State," was taken from the table, and referred to next Legislature.

Bill "an act to establish the salaries of the Judge and Register of Probate of York county," was taken from the table, and referred to next Legislature.

Majority and minority reports of Committee on Claims, majority reporting leave to withdraw, and minority reporting a "resolve in favor of E. F. Pillsbury," was taken from the table, when Mr. DICKEY moved to refer to next Legislature.

This motion was voted down, when on motion of Mr. HALL, the reports were indefinitely postponed, pending acceptance of either.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 38 of the revised statutes, relating to the inspection and sale of agricultural productions," was taken from the table, amended per sheet "B," on motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland, and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 5 of the public laws of 1876, relating to the taxation of insurance companies," was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act establishing the salary of the Judge of Probate for the County of Androscoggin," was taken from the table, read three times, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 140 of the public laws of 1879," relating to normal schools," was taken from the table, Senate amendment "A" adopted, read three times, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to regulate the taking of fish in the Kennebec river and its tributaries," was taken from the table, read three times, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to extend the time for locating and constructing the Northern Aroostook Railroad," was taken from the table, when Mr. KEEGAN offered amendment "A," pending adoption of which, referred to the next Legislature.

Report of Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of

government," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

Report was read and accepted in concurrence, bill read three times under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Apportionment of Senators and Representatives, reporting ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of Joint Select Committee on Apportionment of Senators and Representatives," came from the Senate read and accepted. resolve read twice, and passed to be engrossed, was accepted in concurrence, resolve read twice, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Insane Hospital, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 11 of chapter 150 of the public laws of 1879, relating to the salaries of certain State and county officers, and the pay and compensation of certain State employees."

Report came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

Report was read and accepted, bill read three times, Senate amendment "A" adopted, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of Special Committee on Railroad and Finance Committees, joined by special order, reporting legislation inexpedient, on bill "an act to exempt the Lewiston and Auburn Railroad from taxation," came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and accepted in concurrence.

"Resolve to enable the State Superintendent of Common Schools to hold teachers' meetings, as provided in item 4 of section 71, chapter 11 of the revised statutes," indefinitely postponed in the House, came back from the Senate amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

House receded and concurred in the adoption of the amendment, and passed the resolve to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act additional to an act entitled 'an act for the promotion of medical science.'"

Bill "an act for the promotion of medical science."

"Resolve to apportion the State for Senators to the Legislature."

“Resolve to apportion 151 Representatives among the several counties, cities, towns, plantations and classes in the State of Maine.”

These bills and resolves 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.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1881.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Bill “an act to establish the salaries of the Judge and Register of Probate for the County of York,” referred to next Legislature in the House, came from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

House receded and concurred.

“Resolve in favor of Secretary of Senate.”

“Resolve on the pay-roll of the Senate.”

These resolves came from the Senate read and passed to be engrossed, were read three times, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill “an act to amend chapter 38 of the revised statutes, relating to the inspection and sale of agricultural products,” passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate, that branch having indefinitely postponed the bill.

The House insisted, and proposed a Committee of Conference, and appointed

Messrs. Pitcher of Belfast,

McAllister of Bucksport,

Verrill of Portland,

conferees on its part.

Bill "an act to authorize certain cities and towns to aid in the construction of the Lewiston and Augusta Railroad," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

House adhered.

Bill "an act to regulate the taking of fish in Kennebec river and its tributaries," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House voted to adhere.

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government for the year 1881," was presented by Mr. HATCH, and on his motion, the rules were suspended, bill was read three times, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. FISHER, from the Committee on Railroads, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to revive the charter of the Piscataquis Central Railroad Company."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Dexter, Katahdin and Houlton Railroads."

The reports were amended by striking out "ought not to pass," and "referred to next Legislature," substituted.

The reports were then accepted.

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Select Committee on apportionment of Senators and Representatives," finally passed in House, came back from the Senate amended. The House receded and concurred.

Bill "act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Maine Shipbuilders' and Shipmasters' Association,' approved March 15, 1881."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Junction Railway Company of Portland."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor Manufacturing Company."

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government for the year 1882."

Bill "an act amendatory to 'an act relating to the schools in the city of Portland,' approved February 10, 1875."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Sullivan Waukeag Mining Company."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 140 of the public laws of 1879, relating to normal schools."

Bill "an act granting Levi C. Flint and others permission to build a railroad from Monson to Athens."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 73 of the special laws of 1878, in relation to the Cumberland and Oxford Canal Corporation."

Bill "an act to amend so much of section 2 of chapter 125 of the public laws of 1879, as relates to clerk hire in the Secretary of State's Department."

Bill "an act to amend section 13, chapter 22 of the revised statutes, relating to partition fences."

Bill "an act setting off a part of the town of Caribou and annexing it to Connor plantation."

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on the Insane Hospital."

"Resolve in favor of Sprague and Son."

"Resolve in regard to settlers' lots in township No. 17, range 7, now Wallagrass plantation."

"Resolve in relation to invitation to the President of the United States to visit the State of Maine."

"Resolve relating to the unsettled accounts with the State."

"Resolve fixing the number of copies of the report of the Railroad Commissioners to be printed at the expense of the State."

"Resolve making appropriation for the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians for the years 1881 and 1882."

"Resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts."

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Committee on Apportionment of Senators and Representatives."

"Resolve to provide for the election of an additional building to the Maine Insane Hospital."

"Resolve to enable the State Superintendent of Common Schools to hold teachers' meetings, as provided in item 4 of section 71, chapter 11 of the revised statutes."

Bill "an act to amend section 11 of chapter 150 of the public laws of 1879, relating to the salaries of certain State and county officers, and the pay and compensation of certain State employees."

Bill "an act establishing the salary of the Clerk of the Judicial Courts for the County of York."

Bill "an act establishing the salary of the Judge of Probate for the County of Androscoggin."

These bills and resolves were reported from 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.

On motion of Mr. McKELLAR of South Thomaston,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate:

Report of Committee of Conference, on disagreeing vote on passage of bill "an act to repeal section 53, chapter 224, public laws of 1874, relating to the inspection and sale of agricultural products," reporting that the Senate should recede and concur with the House, came from the Senate accepted, and was accepted in concurrence.

"Resolve on the pay-roll of the House."

"Resolve on the pay-roll of the Senate."

"Resolve in favor of the Secretary of the Senate for the payment of bills for advertising and newspapers for the Legislature, Council, Valuation Commission and Departments."

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Select Committee on Apportionment of Senators and Representatives."

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government."

Bill "an act to establish the salaries of the Judge and Register of Probate for the County of York."

Bill "an act to repeal section 53, chapter 224, public laws of 1874, relating to the inspection and sale of agricultural productions."

These bills and resolves were reported from 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.

The Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, informing that body that the House had disposed of all business before it, and was ready to adjourn without day.

A message was received from the Senate, conveying the information that that body had disposed of all business before it, and was ready to adjourn without day.

The following order came from the Senate :

Ordered, That a Committee of three on the part of the Senate, 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 now ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make, and

Messrs. Bisbee of Oxford,
Lord of Cumberland,
Friend of Penobscot,
were appointed on the part of the Senate.

The SPEAKER joined to the Senate Committee to wait on the Governor and inform him that both branches of the Legislature had disposed of all business before it, and were ready to receive any communication that he might be pleased to make,

Messrs. Staples of Parsonsfield,
Strout of Portland,
Hatch of Bangor,
Ritchie of Winterport,
Rowell of Hallowell,
Partridge of Bristol,
Smith of Mt. Vernon.

On motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland,
Adjourned to evening, half-past 7 o'clock.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

EVENING SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Voted to take a recess until 9 o'clock, on motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland.

House was called to order by the SPEAKER, at 11.45.

The Committee appointed to wait on the Governor reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and the Governor was pleased to say that he would forthwith communicate with the House.

Thereupon a communication was received from the Governor, transmitting a list of the acts and resolves approved by him; also the title of an act that became a law by remaining five days in his hands, numbering in all 260 acts and 66 resolves.

Mr. HUTCHINSON of Houlton, sent to the Speaker's desk the following resolution:

Resolved, That the members of this House hereby tender their thanks to Oramandal Smith, Clerk, and Frank L. Patten, Assistant Clerk, for the courtesy and diligence that they have uniformly exercised in the discharge of their perplexing duties in their respective stations, and their willingness to serve impartially each member of this body.

Mr. HUTCHINSON said:

Mr. Speaker: I feel it would be ingratitude in me did I let this opportunity escape without bespeaking a word of praise to the officers who are the subjects of this resolve. I rise to supplement a word thereto. The aid and ever patient hearing which they have accorded with readiness to every member, deserves our esteem. Perplexed with the cares of the moment, they seemed not annoyed with our importunance. In behalf of the House, I again thank them.

I would express my thanks to the members of this House for the courtesy accorded me. I came here a stranger. I take with me, as we separate, many pleasing recollections. I have shared much pleasure at your hands. I hope to some at least, I have conferred a moment of pleasure in return for all I have received. [Applause.]

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent, rose and said :

Mr. Clerk: We came together here in the early winter, from all sections of the State, holding various and different views upon all matters of public policy, likely to engage our attention. We have had a vast amount of business before us, affecting the well being of our constituencies and the State. Yet we have so legislated that harmony and good will have prevailed—predjudices previously formed have melted away before the warmth of social and legislative intercourse, and warm, and, I trust, lasting sentiments of respect and friendly regard for all our fellows have grown up in the hearts of us all.

In the honored Speakers of this House, from Ames, in 1820, to this time, we have a catalogue of illustrious names—men who have been elevated to the highest positions in this Commonwealth—men like Ruggles, Evans, Clifford, Davis, Cilley, Hamlin, Blaine, McDonald and Andrews; and none gave promise of attaining a more exalted position in life than our own youthful Speaker. Certain I am that none have presided with more dignity, none with more courtesy, none with more uniform impartiality, none more satisfactorily to all parties. And now that we are about to leave this hall, to enter again upon the ordinary business of life, we, all of us, feel to give expression to our gratitude to him, to our good will and our hearty good wishes for his future happiness, prosperity and elevation. As we “pack up” to depart from here, with malice towards none, and with good will for all, so may our final “packing up” be, when we depart from all the busy scenes of life. [Applause.]

Mr. DICKEY then sent to the table the following resolution :

Resolved, That we tender to our honored Speaker our sincere thanks for the impartial dignity and courteous manner with which he has discharged the very difficult and delicate duties of his office as Speaker of this House.

Mr. STROUT of Portland, said :

Mr. Clerk: Even at this late hour I will venture to trespass a moment upon the time of this House to second the resolution which has been sent to the Clerk's desk, and to express my entire concurrence with the sentiments it contains. In a deliberative body like this, with various matters affecting the different interests of the

State and of members, it would be singular indeed if, in the heat and eagerness of discussion, there was not at times some asperity of expression. But owing to the firm and impartial hand with which all the deliberations of this body have been guided, we have been enabled to perform the business connected with the State with very little of anything unpleasant in relations between the different members. And we can testify how uniform and urbane the Speaker has been in the discharge of his arduous and responsible duties. The fact that there has been no appeal from the ruling of the Speaker who is the subject of this resolution, attests to the satisfaction with which his rulings have been received by the House. And now that this session is about to close, and the members here are to separate to take their places again in the common affairs of life, I hope that each one carries out with him only sentiments of kindness and regard, not only towards the Speaker of the House, but towards each other. [Applause.]

Mr. HATCH of Bangor, said :

Mr. Clerk: I cordially concur in the sentiments contained in the resolution before the House. I can bear testimony to the uniform courtesy, ability and impartiality of the gentleman who has presided over our deliberations during the session about to close. The session has been a long and laborious one. I think we may claim for this House that we have, in all matters of legislation, been actuated by a desire to promote the true interest of the State.

The most of us were strangers to each other at the commencement of the session. We have formed pleasant acquaintances and warm friendships irrespective of any party affiliations. These friendships it will be a pleasure to me to remember and cherish, long after we shall have separated. I wish you all a safe return to your homes, and may health, happiness and prosperity attend you through life.

Mr. ROWELL of Hallowell said :

Mr. Clerk: I trust the House will pardon me for a single remark in approval of that resolution. As a member who has been one of the Legislature four different terms, I feel that I can say, and say it truly, that no session of a Legislature of which I have been a member has been conducted with less acrimony in debate, with less ill feeling than this. And I feel it due to say in approval of that resolution, that I believe it eminently just to the Speaker,

and I can add my testimony to it and say that in no session of the Legislature in which I have participated have we been favored with a more efficient, gentlemanly and kind-hearted presiding officer. I cordially indorse the sentiment of that resolution. [Applause.]

Mr. RITCHIE of Winterport, said :

Mr. Clerk : I feel that I should do myself and my constituents injustice were I to go away from this Hall without expressing my thanks for the kind treatment that I have received at the hands of our honored Speaker. It was my fortune to be here two years ago, and he was then for the first time, I think, a member of the House. I then saw his ability and the influence he commanded upon this floor ; and it was then my earnest desire that he might succeed and prosper. By his energy and zeal he has succeeded in life and is prospering. May he ever prosper in the future as in the past. Thanking you, gentlemen, for the kind treatment I have received at your hands, I wish you a safe and pleasant return to your friends. [Applause.]

Mr. STAPLES of Parsonsfield, said :

Mr. Clerk : If these proceedings were made up of unmeaning formalities, I should stand apart from them. But I realize their truthfulness. The resolution is full of meaning and earnest declaration ; not words of commendation simply, without force and meaning, but words that are expressive and heartfelt. I certainly must bear witness to the truthfulness of the resolve that is before us. I have been made happy when, under the rulings of the Speaker of this House, I and others associated with me have received what we always appreciate—perfectly fair treatment. We have found on all occasions that no exception could be taken, and I am glad to bear witness to this.

This has been a laborious session, and I have realized the responsibility upon us. I remember the different Committees, who have been engaged and confined to their rooms on account of the business that has come before them, and it seems to me fair to allude to one member, for I think it is due him in particular. And I refer to the member upon the Finance Committee, [Mr. Hatch] of whose labors and industry I have known. The excellent arrangement and good order of that department has been due largely to this member of the Committee who has served so untiringly.

As has been said, we are about to depart ; and it touches a tender chord in our hearts. We forget at this hour the little frictions that

have, perhaps, been felt at times in debate. We look into each others' faces and think that if there had been anything to cause emotions other than kindness and love, they are all left in the past, and that we are to-night a sort of common brotherhood. We are about to go to our different homes, and my kind wishes go with one and all of this house. [Applause.]

On motion of Mr. McKELLAR of South Thomaston, the vote on the resolution was taken by rising, resulting in its unanimous adoption.

Speaker HUTCHINSON then responded :

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

I came here a stranger to very many of you, but I feel to-night that I leave in every one of you an acquaintance. As has been said, the duties have been sometimes burdensome. I only have to say that, so far as in me it has been possible to do so, I have endeavored to do my duty at all times as best I could. If, in leaving, I carry away with you the commendation of duty done, it is all I expect to carry, and all I ask. We may never all of us meet again in a legislative body as we have this winter, and we part to-night with a feeling of sadness. For although sometimes there may have been in debate momentary frictions, yet when the hour of parting comes, every disturbing thought that may have entered our minds is lost. And so to-night, as we close the business of this busy session and say to each other *good-bye*, we forget all the friction that has arisen in the course of the session. This winter has been a very pleasant one to me. The members have been to me very kind and very courteous. Not an unkind word, not an unkind act from any member, from the day I took the chair. And it does give me great pleasure to-night when I say to you good-bye, that I am able to thank you all for the kindness and courtesy you have exhibited to me. And I shall feel always an interest in you, and that I have an acquaintance with you all.

Thanking you again for your kindness and assistance without which I could not have performed the labors as I have, I bid you all *good-bye*. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER then said :

The business of this Assembly having been disposed of, I now announce this House adjourned *sine die*.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

TITLES OF ACTS

Passed by the Legislature of 1881.

PUBLIC LAWS.

An act to amend section 169 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the sale of real estate of resident owners for taxes.

An act to amend section 168, chapter 225, Public Laws of 1880, relating to the Militia.

An act additional to chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 241 of the Public Laws of 1874, relating to Burying Grounds.

An act to amend section 19 of chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to public and private ways.

An act relating to suits to enforce Liens.

An act additional to section 1 of chapter 128 of the Revised Statutes, to regulate the manufacture and sale of Vinegar.

An act to amend section 8 of chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes, relating to fast driving on bridges.

An act to amend chapter 174 of the Public Laws of 1877, relating to administrators, executors and trustees.

An act relating to actions against Insolvent Estates.

An act to amend section 4 of chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Libraries, Charitable Societies and Public Cemeteries.

An act to amend section 40, chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes, relating to city ordinances.

An act to repeal section 31 of chapter 239 of the Public Laws of 1880, and to amend section 56 of chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the report of the Insurance Commissioner.

An act relating to licenses to keep Bowling Alleys and Billiard Rooms.

An act to amend section 15 of chapter 74 of the Public Laws of 1878, as amended by chapter 154 of the Public Laws of 1879, relating to the Insolvent Laws of Maine.

An act to amend section 48 of chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to highway taxes.

An act to amend section 7 of chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 148 of the Public Laws of 1873, relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies.

An act amending section 65 of chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to Accident Insurance Policies.

An act to amend chapter 86, section 13, of the Revised Statutes, relating to Trustees' costs.

An act to amend section 1 of chapter 182 of the Public Laws of 1874, relating to unclaimed goods held by common carriers.

An act to amend section 22 of chapter 122 of the Revised Statutes, relating to witness fees and false certificates.

An act relating to appointments of Administrators, with the will annexed.

An act relating to Civil Actions in behalf of the State.

An act to amend chapter 186 of the Public Laws of 1877, entitled "an act requiring Railroad Corporations to be holden for labor," which chapter is additional to chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Railroads.

An act to amend item fifth of section 24 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, relating to powers and obligations of school districts.

An act to amend section 12, chapter 43 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Meridian Lines.

An act additional relating to the Insolvent Laws of Maine.

An act declaring Women eligible to certain school offices.

An act to amend chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Taxes.

An act regulating the weight of Salt.

An act in relation to the times of holding sessions of the County Commissioners.

An act relating to Costs in actions of dower.

An act additional to sections 14, 15, 16 and 18 of chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Parishes.

An act to repeal chapter 145 of the Public Laws of 1879, relating to Insurance.

An act to repeal chapter 106 of the Public Laws of 1879, relating to costs of travel and attendance of parties in court.

An act to amend chapter 193 of the Public Laws of 1874, relating to Clerks of Judicial Courts.

An act to amend section 62 of chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the powers and duties of Auditors.

An act explanatory of section 3 of chapter 78 of the Public Laws of 1878, relating to Tramps.

An act to amend section 6 of chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Jurisdiction of Probate Courts.

An act relating to practice in the Supreme Judicial Court.

An act to amend section 156 of chapter 225 of the Public Laws of 1880, concerning the Militia.

An act to amend section 2 of chapter 116 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to travel of Trial Justices and Justices of the Peace and of the Quorum.

An act to amend section 67 of chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes, relating to punishment for bribery and corruption at Elections.

An act to amend chapter 163 of the Public Laws of 1877, relating to Loitering in Public Places.

An act to amend chapter 83 of the Public Laws of 1872, relating to granting new trials.

An act to amend chapter 6, section 10 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the taxation of wood, bark and timber.

An act to amend section 13 of chapter 73 of the Revised Statutes, relating to conveyances in mortgage, and conveyances in trust.

An act to amend section 2 of chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, concerning manufacturing, mining and quarrying corporations.

An act to amend section 18 of chapter 189 of the Public Laws of 1874, relating to Railroad Crossings.

An act to abolish continuance fees in certain Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts of the State.

An act for the better protection of life in buildings used for public purposes.

An act additional to chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes and to other acts relating to the transportation of passengers and freight by railroad.

An act in relation to suits on Administrators' and Executors' Bonds.

An act additional to chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to damages for land taken for highways.

An act additional to chapter 71 of the Revised Statutes, concerning sales of real estate by license of court.

An act in relation to fees for travel and attendance in the Superior Court of Kennebec County.

An act relating to the Reform School.

An act to amend chapter 144 of the Public Laws 1876, entitled "an act relating to Insurance Companies."

An act to repeal chapter 160 of the Public Laws of 1877, in relation to a bounty on bears, and to provide for a bounty on bears.

An act to amend section 4 of chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes, relating to attachment of the estates of absent defendants.

An act to amend chapter 205 of the Public Laws of 1880, in relation to Registry of Deeds from the State.

An act to amend section 19 of chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Parishes and Religious Societies.

An act to regulate admission to the Bar in this State.

An act to amend section 44, chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, and to require the Insurance Commissioner to give bond.

An act in relation to the compensation of Jailors for the support of Prisoners.

An act providing that Paupers in a certain class of plantations, shall be under the care of the Assessors of such plantations.

An act to amend section 5 of chapter 107 of the Revised Statutes, relating to depositions.

An act to amend section 11, chapter 75 of the Public Laws of 1878, relating to the taking of smelts, entitled "An act to regulate and protect fisheries and the propagation of fish."

An act to regulate the practice in Equity Proceedings.

An act to amend section 3 of chapter 72 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Probate Bonds.

An act relating to the Pauper settlement of inmates of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum.

An act to amend chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1880, relating to suits by collectors of taxes and the jurisdiction of Trial Justices.

An act concerning the care of abused and neglected children.

An act to amend sections 66, 67 and 68 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the assessment and abatement of Taxes.

An act authorizing the improvement of Marshes, Meadows and Swamps.

An act relating to the criminal jurisdiction of the Superior Court for the County of Kennebec.

An act concerning Public Parks and Squares.

An act for the protection of Alewives.

An act to amend chapter 58, section 10 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Agricultural Societies.

An act to enforce returns and publication of statements by Corporations.

An act relating to levy of execution on Real Estate.

An act providing for an additional session of the County Commissioners in Oxford County.

An act to amend section 4 of chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, relating to railroads.

An act concerning the salary of the Deputy Clerk of Courts for Cumberland County.

An act relating to mortgages of real estate and actions thereon.

An act to prevent Railroad Accidents.

An act to abolish the December term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the County of Oxford.

An act relating to Congressional vacancies.

An act to amend section 9 of chapter 92 of the Revised Statutes, relating to damage for flowage.

An act explanatory of section 25 of chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 247 of the Public Laws of 1880, in relation to the sale of cider.

An act relating to proceedings and appeals in Probate Courts.

An act relating to the Taxation of Railroads.

An act to amend chapter 179 of the Public Laws of 1880, regulating the fees of inspectors of lime and lime casks, and their deputies.

An act for the promotion of Medical Science.

An act additional to an act entitled "An act for the promotion of Medical Science."

An act to amend so much of section 2, chapter 125 of the Public Laws of 1879, as relates to clerk hire in the Secretary of State's Department.

An act to amend chapter 140 of the Public Laws of 1879, relating to Normal Schools.

An act to amend section 13 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Partition Fences.

An act to repeal section 53, chapter 224 of the Public Laws of 1874, relating to the inspection and sale of Agricultural Productions.

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS.

An act to incorporate the Ocean Park Association.

An act to incorporate the Dyer Library Association.

An act to incorporate the Mount Desert Reading-Room, at Bar Harbor, in the town of Eden, Hancock County.

An act to revive the Charter of the Calais Bank for certain purposes.

An act to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Ocean Street Railroad Company," approved March 4, A. D. 1880.

An act to authorize the sale of the Old Baptist Meeting-House in Mount Vernon.

An act to incorporate the Auburn Steam Heating Company.

An act additional to chapter 275 of the Private and Special Laws of 1863, conferring certain powers on the city of Portland in relation to Evergreen Cemetery.

An act authorizing the county commissioners of the County of Washington to re-assess certain Taxes.

An act authorizing the county commissioners of the County of Somerset to re-assess certain Taxes.

An act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a dam across the Pemaquid River.

An act to facilitate the consolidation of the Maine Turning Company, and the International Turning Company.

An act to incorporate the Portland and Rochester Railroad.

An act to authorize the extension of certain wharves in Portland Harbor.

An act to amend the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company.

An act to authorize the Little Androscoggin Water Power Company to increase its capital stock.

An act to incorporate the Pejepscot Manufacturing Company.

An act to incorporate the Norombega Sportsmen's Club.

An act to incorporate the Maine Sportsmen's Association.

An act to increase the capital stock of the Auburn Aqueduct Company.

An act for the protection of Trout and Land-Locked Salmon in Kennebago and Rangeley chain of lakes and streams.

An act for the protection of fish in Hosiner's Pond, in the town of Camden.

An act to change the boundary line between the towns of Berwick and South Berwick.

An act to incorporate the Piscataquis Game and Fish Protective Society.

An act to prohibit the taking of fish from Messabesic Pond and its outlet in the town of Alfred.

An act to amend section 2, chapter 105, of the Private and Special Laws of 1879, relating to the taking of alewives in Dennys River.

An act to incorporate the town of Van Buren.

An act authorizing the county commissioners of the County of Franklin to re-assess certain taxes.

An act to amend chapter 392 of the Special Laws of 1877, in relation to navigation of Mooselucmeguntic Lake.

An act to incorporate the Tebbets Manufacturing Company.

An act to increase the capital stock of the Kennebec Fibre Company.

An act to prevent the destruction of Smelts in Cold Stream Pond and its tributaries in the town of Enfield.

An act to enable the Aroostook River Railroad Company to extend its road.

An act to incorporate the Van Buren Lumbering and Manufacturing Company.

An act authorizing the county commissioners of the County of Piscataquis to discharge the assessment of a tax made by them, and to include the amount thereof in another assessment.

An act for the protection of fish in Sabbath Day Pond, in the town of Sebago.

An act to set off Ephraim Grant and others, with their lands, from the town of Columbia, and annex the same to the town of Cherryfield.

An act to make valid the doings of the South Buxton Cemetery Association.

An act to authorize Charles A. J. Farrar to dredge bars, blast rocks, and navigate the Richardson Lakes and intervening waters by steam.

An act for the navigation of Winnecook Lake, in the County of Waldo.

An act to authorize John S. Jenness to erect a wharf or wharves in tide waters in the town of Hampden.

An act to set off a part of the homestead farm of Jonathan G. Record from Crystal Plantation, and annex the same to the town of Sherman.

An act to incorporate the Sullivan and Hancock Steam Ferry Company.

An act to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Square Pond Reservoir Company."

An act to enable the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Maine, to remove, re-build, or repair St. James Parish Church of Oldtown.

An act to repeal chapter 110 of the Special Laws of 1866, relating to the preservation of pickerel in Winthrop Ponds.

An act to incorporate the Lewiston Steam Heating Company.

An act relating to Good Templars' Hall in Dexter.

An act to amend "An act to incorporate the Westbrook Manufacturing Company," approved February 25, 1845.

An act empowering the county commissioners of Penobscot County, to purchase, take and appropriate land for a ferry landing in the town of Brewer.

An act to amend "An act to establish a municipal court in the city of Auburn."

An act to protect fish in Lufkin Pond in the town of Phillips.

An act to incorporate the Rockport Village School Corporation.

An act to incorporate the town of Howard.

An act to incorporate the Oxford and Androscoggin Telegraph Company.

An act granting permission to extend the Bridgton and Presumpscot River Railroad.

An act to authorize the Bridgton Telegraph Company to discontinue and remove its present line of telegraph, and to own, construct, maintain and operate a line or lines of telegraph along the line of certain railroads, if built.

An act to incorporate the Union Cemetery Company.

An act providing for the election of a superintending school committee and superintendent of schools in the city of Biddeford.

An act to incorporate the Cape Elizabeth Railroad Company.

An act to change the location of part of the Harbor Commissioners' Line in Portland Harbor.

An act to amend chapter 200 of the Private and Special Laws of 1876, relating to fishing in Hewes pond, in the town of Hermon.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Katahdin Dam Company."

An act to enable the Boston and Maine Railroad to purchase the Orchard Beach Railroad.

An act to amend chapter 541 of the Private Laws of 1871, entitled "an act to incorporate the Penobscot and Lake Megantic Railroad Company."

An act to incorporate the Island Cottage Company.

An act to make valid and legal the doings of the First Universalist Society in Bridgton.

An act to provide in part for the Expenditures of Government.

An act to incorporate the Flood Pond Stream Dam Company.

An act additional to an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Sebois Dam Company," approved February 22, 1869.

An act relating to the Maine Central Institute.

An act for the protection of fish in Barrell's mill pond, in the town of York.

An act in relation to the Salmon and Alewife fishery in the Medomak river, in the town of Waldoborough.

An act to establish the Eclectic Medical College of Maine.

An act to amend chapter 49 of the Private and Special Laws of 1869, relating to "Bangor Boom Company."

An act to incorporate the Boothbay Telegraph Company.

An act to incorporate the Monson Village Corporation.

An act to amend the charter of the Wassataquoik Dam Company, as amended by act approved February 20, A. D. 1879.

An act to prevent fishing in Pleasant pond in the town of Garland, in the County of Penobscot.

An act to protect fish in Sabbath Day pond and its tributaries in the town of New Gloucester.

An act to authorize the city of Bangor to make an agreement that a part of the net earnings of the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad may be appropriated each year, to pay the interest on the cost of extending said road to Moosehead lake, and for a sinking fund to pay the cost or such extension.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act to amend an act to establish a Municipal Court in the city of Biddeford," approved February 6, 1877.

An act to incorporate the Kennebec Central Railroad Company.

An act to incorporate the Eastern Telegraph Company.

An act to confer certain powers upon the inhabitants and officers of the town of Eden.

An act extending the right of the Municipal Officers of the city of Portland to send for persons and papers.

An act to amend chapter 613 of the Private and Special Laws of the year 1852, relating to the Pleasant River Dam Company.

An act to prevent the taking of fish from Great Watchic pond, in the town of Standish, for the term of five years.

An act to amend chapter 147 of the Private and Special Laws of 1879, relating to the taking of fish from the tributaries of Wilson pond in the city of Auburn.

An act to amend section 2 of chapter 578 of the Special Laws of 1868, relating to the taking of Salmon in Dennys river.

An act to incorporate the Maine Shore Line Railroad Company.

An act to provide for the mode of collecting tolls and making assessments by the Mattawamkeag Log Driving Company.

An act to repeal 453 of the Private and Special Laws of 1865, entitled "an act to increase the tolls of the Baskahegan Dam Company."

An act to incorporate the Skowhegan and Athens Railroad Company.

An act to incorporate the Mexico and Byron Railroad Company.

An act relating to the taking of fish from No Name pond in the city of Lewiston.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act additional to the charter of the Hallowell Academy," approved February 28, 1872.

An act to incorporate the Twin Lead and Hecla Mining and Smelting Company of Bluehill, Me.

An act to authorize the town of Anson to refund the bonds issued in aid of the Somerset Railroad Company, and to create a sinking fund for the payment of the same.

An act to authorize the extension of the Bucksport and Bangor Railroad.

An act to empower the fish committees of the towns of Nobleborough and Newcastle to protect the alewives returning from their spawning beds in Damariscotta pond, in the county of Lincoln, to the fish stream of said towns.

An act to authorize the city of Belfast to pay its bonded indebtedness and to issue new bonds for that purpose.

An act to amend section 1 of chapter 178 of the Private and Special Laws of the year 1879, relating to the issue of bonds in aid of the Knox and Lincoln Railroad.

An act to amend chapter 158 of the Private and Special Laws of the year 1879, relating to the charter of the city of Calais.

An act to amend the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company.

An act to authorize James A. Creighton and his assigns to plant, propagate and preserve oysters in the waters of Georges river and tributary streams.

An act to incorporate the Boothbay Railroad Company.

An act to permit the Bridgton and Presumpscot River Railroad Company to sell or lease its road.

An act to supply the people of the towns of Brunswick and Topsam and of the city of Bath with pure water.

An act for the navigation of Cobbosseecontee lake in the County of Kennebec.

An act authorizing ten or more persons to construct and maintain a free bridge across the Georges river.

An act to incorporate the Maine State Bar Association.

An act to improve the channel of the Magalloway River, and facilitate the driving of logs and other lumber.

An act permitting Lothrop L. Crockett to raise a Dam or Dams.

An act to incorporate the Jimmy Brook and Scagg Rock Company.

An act to incorporate the Great Pond and Bog Dam Company.

An act to incorporate the Bear River Improvement Company.

An act to incorporate the Pleasant Cove Ice and Water-Power Company.

An act to prohibit the taking of Spawn Herring within certain limits in Milbridge or Narraguagus Bay.

An act to provide in part for the Expenditures of Government.

An act additional to an act entitled "An act to change the name and increase the Capital Stock of the Palmer and Machiasport Railroad Corporation," approved February 28, 1845.

An act to authorize the Cobb Lime Company to subscribe for stock in the corporation known as the Cobb Lime Company's Portland Cement.

An act to authorize the trustees of the Methodist Church property at Kent's Hill in the town of Readfield, to sell and convey the Methodist parsonage at Kent's Hill.

An act to incorporate the Biddeford and Saco Water Company.

An act additional to acts incorporating the "Kennebec Log Driving Company," the "Dead River Log Driving Company," and the "Moose River Log Driving Company."

An act to increase the tolls of the Nahmakanta Dam Company.

An act relating to Drains and Sewers in the city of Auburn.

An act to amend the Charter of the Ocean Park Association.

An act to incorporate the Saco Water Company.

An act to authorize the county commissioners of York County to locate and establish a highway across Spinney's Creek.

An act to authorize the town of Norridgewock to re-fund the bonds issued in aid of the Somerset Railroad Company, and to create a sinking fund for the payment of the same.

An act to incorporate the West End Railroad Company, with authority to construct, maintain and use a Horse-Railroad.

An act to incorporate the Mercantile Home for Aged Men Association.

An act authorizing Levi W. Western and others to erect and maintain a boom in the Kennebec river, at Skowhegan.

An act to revive and amend chapter 44 of the Special Laws of

the year 1872, entitled "An act to authorize the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company to locate and construct branch lines," approved February 6, 1872.

An act to incorporate the Maine Ship Builders and Ship Masters Association.

An act to enable certain towns and cities to aid in the construction of the Kennebec Central Railroad.

An act to authorize the Kennebec Log Driving Company to erect a boom across the Kennebec river at Brown's Island.

An act to extend the time for organizing the Farmers Bank.

An act to authorize Benjamin Conant and others to build and maintain Piers and Booms across Little Androscoggin River in the County of Androscoggin.

An act to supply the people of Waterville with pure water.

An act to enable certain towns to aid in the construction of the Boothbay Railroad.

An act to incorporate the Cushnoc Manufacturing Company.

An act for the assessment of a State Tax for the year 1881, amounting to the sum of \$1,063,509.91.

An act for the assessment of a State Tax for the year 1882, amounting to the sum of \$1,063,509.91.

An act to authorize the city of Rockland to retire or exchange its bonded indebtedness, and to issue new bonds for that purpose.

An act additional to chapter 233 of the Private and Special Laws of 1880, incorporating the Kennebec and Franklin Telephone and Telegraph Company.

An act to extend the time for the location and completion of the Lewiston and Augusta Railroad.

An act to incorporate the Milton Mining Company.

An act to amend chapter 43 of the Special Laws of the year 1878, relating to the protection of Bass in Winnegance Creek.

An act to incorporate the Maine Pedagogical Society.

An act to amend chapter 85 of the Special Laws of 1878, entitled "an act to provide schools for the training of teachers in Madawaska territory," as amended by chapter 190 of the Special Laws of 1879.

An act granting Levi C. Flint and others the permission to build a railroad from Monson to Athens.

An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government for the year 1882.

An act amendatory to "An act relating to the schools in the City of Portland," approved February 10, 1875.

An act to incorporate the Sullivan Waukeag Mining Company.

An act to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Maine Ship Builders and Ship Masters Association," approved March 15, A. D. 1881.

An act setting off a part of the town of Caribou, and annexing it to Connor plantation.

An act to incorporate the Junction Railway Company of Portland.

An act to incorporate the Bangor Manufacturing Company.

An act additional to chapter 73 of the Special Laws of 1878, relative to the Cumberland and Oxford Canal Corporation.

An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government.

An act to incorporate the Freemans Bank of Augusta.

TITLES OF RESOLVES

Passed by the Legislature of 1881.

Resolve in favor of Newell Joseph, Representative of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians.

Resolve in favor of Joseph Nicolar, Representative of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians.

Resolve in favor of the town of Mayfield.

Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual.

Resolve authorizing the Librarian to deliver certain documents to the Maine Historical Society.

Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture.

Resolve in favor of the town of Washington.

Resolves in favor of the French Spoliation Claims.

Resolve in favor of Henry Nash of Addison.

Resolves relating to East River Bridge.

Resolve requesting the Attorney General to prepare and obtain a deed of certain Settlers' lots of land from the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Resolve to authorize the Land Agent to settle certain accounts with members of the Maine Swedish Colony.

Resolve relating to a bond held in trust by the State, for the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.

Resolve making an appropriation in favor of the Maine General Hospital, for the years 1881 and 1882.

Resolve in favor of the State Library.

Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on State Prison.

Resolve in favor of Benjamin M. Nutter.

Resolve in favor of Almira E. Cobb.

Resolves relating to Hell Gate Pilot Laws.

Resolve in favor of the Special Committee of the House to investigate charges against Thomas B. Swan.

Resolve in favor of Thomas Loveley of Mapleton Plantation.

Resolve in favor of Warren W. Rice.

Resolve in favor of the town of Fort Kent.

Resolve in favor of Oak Grove Seminary.

Resolve in favor of the County of Franklin.

Resolve for the revision and consolidation of the Public Laws of the State.

Resolve establishing a general Valuation of the State.

Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Military Affairs.

Resolve in favor of the Committee on Reform School.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls.

Resolve in favor of Emery Brewer.

Resolve in favor of Peter McKenzie.

Resolve authorizing the sale of the State's interest in timber on township number 8, range 16.

Resolve in relation to the recording of certain papers and records now in the Land Office.

Resolve in favor of printing three thousand copies of the Militia Law of 1880.

Resolve for the propagation and protection of Fish and Game, for the years of 1881 and 1882.

Resolve in favor of an appropriation on Roads, including Bridge in Indian Township, in the County of Washington.

Resolve making an appropriation for the support of Soldiers' Orphans, at the Bangor Children's Home, for the years 1881 and 1882.

Resolve making an appropriation in favor of the St. Elizabeth Orphan Asylum of Portland, and for the support of Soldiers' Orphans therein, for the years 1881 and 1882.

Resolve making an appropriation in favor of the Female Orphan Asylum of Portland, and for the support of Soldiers' Orphans therein, for the years 1881 and 1882.

Resolve in favor of the State Reform School.

Resolves authorizing a Temporary Loan.

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Resolve in favor of the State Prison.

Resolve in favor of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum.

Resolve amendatory to the "Resolve in relation to the Penobscot tribe of Indians," approved February 21, 1866.

Resolve laying a tax on the counties of the State for the years 1881 and 1882.

Resolve in favor of James S. Conklin.

Resolve authorizing the Secretary of State to purchase certain volumes of the Maine Reports.

Resolve making appropriations for the Penobscot tribe of Indians for the years 1881 and 1882.

Resolve in favor of C. L. McCleery.

Resolve for the abatement of the State tax for the year 1880, assessed upon the Saint Croix and Penobscot Railroad Company.

Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Insane Hospital.

Resolve relating to unsettled accounts with the State.

Resolve to provide for the erection of an additional building to the Maine Insane Hospital.

Resolve in relation to Invitation to the President of the United States, to visit the State of Maine.

Resolve in regard to Settlers' lots in township No. 17, range 7, now Wallagrass plantation.

Resolve fixing the number of copies of the report of the Railroad Commissioners, to be printed at the expense of the State.

Resolve making appropriations for the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians for the years 1881 and 1882.

Resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.

Resolve to enable the State Superintendent of Common Schools to hold teachers' meetings, as provided in item four of section 71, chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes.

Resolve in favor of the Joint Committee on apportionment of Senators and Representatives.

Resolve in favor of the Secretary of the Senate, for the payment of bills for advertising and newspapers for the Legislature, Council, Valuation Commission and Departments.

Resolve on the Pay Roll of the House.

Resolve on the Pay Roll of the Senate.

Resolve in favor of Sprague and Son.

APPENDIX.

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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 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 persons 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 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 the 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.

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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 once been made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall not be in order for any member who voted in the minority to move 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 or laid on the table without a time certain assigned for its further consideration. When a motion for reconsideration has been decided, the vote shall not be reconsidered. A motion to reconsider shall not be in order more than once on the same question.

41. When a member shall move, or give notice of his intention to move, a reconsideration of any vote, the papers to which the motion relates shall remain in possession of the clerk until the question of reconsideration shall have been decided, or the right to move such a question is lost.

42. In all elections by ballot, of the house, a time shall be assigned for such election, at least one day previous thereto.

43. When a reading of a paper is called for which has been before read to the house, and the same is objected to by any member, the question of reading shall be determined by a vote of the house.

44. Every question of order which shall be decided on appeal shall be entered on the journal of the house, with the decision thereon.

45. A proposition to require the opinion of the judges of the supreme court, as provided by the constitution, shall not be acted upon until the next day after such proposition is made.

46. All petitions, memorials and other papers addressed to the house, shall be presented by the speaker, or by a member in his place, and shall be endorsed with the name of the person presenting it, and the subject matter of the same. They shall be read by the speaker, clerk, or such other person as the speaker may request, and shall be taken up in the order they were first presented, unless the house shall otherwise direct.

47. All bills in their third reading, and resolves in their second reading shall be committed to the standing committee on bills in the third reading, to be by them examined and corrected.

48. All resolves appropriating money or land, shall have their second reading on Wednesday of the week following that of their first reading.

49. All engrossed bills and resolves shall be committed to the standing committee on engrossed bills to be strictly examined; and if found by them to be truly and strictly engrossed, they shall so report to the house, and the question shall be taken without any further reading, unless on motion of any member, a majority of the house shall be in favor of reading the same as engrossed.

50. Every bill or resolve, providing for the grant of money, land, or other public property, which may be laid on the table by leave, and any report of a committee upon any bill or resolve providing for such grant, shall be accompanied by a written statement of facts in each case; and no such bill or resolve shall be considered before such statement is made, or pass without being read on two several days.

51. No new bill or resolve of a public nature shall be received, except it be reported by a committee, unless the house otherwise order; and all bills and resolves not reported by a committee, shall be laid upon the table for one day, before further action thereon.

52. No act or resolve shall be passed affecting the rights of individuals or corporations, without previous notice to such individuals or corporations.

53. No bill shall pass to be engrossed until it shall have had three several readings ; the time for the second and third readings shall be assigned by the house ; but if no objection is made, the second reading may be by the title, and at the time of the first. Every resolve which shall require the approval of the governor, shall have two several readings ; and the second reading shall be subject to the provisions of the third reading of bills.

54. No engrossed bill or resolve shall be sent to the senate, without notice thereof being given to the house by the speaker.

55. When a bill or resolve shall be returned by the governor with his objections, the question shall be stated by the chair, *Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the governor?* and the same in substance in case of a resolve ; which question may be postponed to a day within the session, not exceeding one week, or may be committed. But no other question shall apply to bills and resolves originating in either branch.

56. The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in Cushing's Manual, excepting section 51, relating to the reception of petitions, shall govern the house in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the standing rules and orders of the house, and the joint rules of the senate and house of representatives.

57. No rule or order of the house shall be dispensed with, unless two-thirds of the members present shall consent thereto.

58. No rule or order of the house shall be altered or repealed, nor shall any new standing rule or order be adopted, unless one day's previous notice thereof be given in each case ; and such notice shall be entered on the journal.

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JOINT RULES.

1. The following joint standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the session, viz :

- On the judiciary,
- On legal affairs,
- On financial affairs,
- On federal relations,
- On education,
- On railroads,
- On commerce,
- On mercantile affairs and insurance.
- On banks and banking,
- On manufactures,
- On agriculture,
- On military affairs,
- On interior waters.
- On state lands and state roads,
- On ways and bridges,
- On fisheries and game,
- 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,
- On state college of agricultural and mechanic arts.

And each of said committees 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 sec-

retary of the senate, or the clerk of the house, as the case may be, to transmit, one to the other, the names of the members so joined, in order that they may be entered upon the journal of each house.

4. In presenting a report upon any matter referred to a committee, such report shall set forth the subject referred, and the substance shall also be briefly endorsed on the back of the same.

5. Orders directing inquiry in relation to an existing statute shall state the subject matter of such statute—also the chapter and section to which the inquiry is directed.

6. The titles of all bills and resolves shall state, briefly, the subject matter of the same.

7. The enacting clause of every bill shall follow its title, in these words, viz :

“Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, as follows :”

All bills and resolves reported by any joint committee shall be written in a fair legible hand, on not less than a sheet of paper. And in all bills having more than one section, the sections shall be consecutively numbered, beginning with “Section 1.”

Mistakes in bills and resolves, merely clerical, may be corrected upon suggestion, without a motion to amend.

8. When a bill, resolve, or order, which shall have passed one house, is rejected in the other, notice thereof shall be given to the house in which the same shall have passed, by the secretary or clerk, as the case may be. And every bill that shall have passed both houses to be enacted, and all resolutions having the force of law, that shall have finally passed both houses, shall be presented by the secretary of the senate to the governor for his approval; and the secretary of the senate shall enter on the journal of the senate the day on which such bills or resolutions are so presented to the governor.

9. All endorsements on papers, while on their passage between the two houses, shall be under the signature of the secretary of the senate or the clerk of the house, respectively; but after the final passage of bills and resolves, they shall be signed by the presiding officer of each house.

10. Every bill or resolve of a public nature, and every bill or resolve appropriating money, or disposing of state lands or other state property, reported in either house by a committee, or laid

upon the table by leave, shall be printed and distributed in both houses, before having its first reading. The printed copies shall show by what committee the bill or resolve was reported, or by what member laid upon the table.

11. Whenever any document shall be printed for the use of the legislature, the number of copies shall be three hundred and fifty, unless otherwise ordered. The copies printed shall be delivered to the messengers of the two houses in the proportion of one-fourth for the use of the senate and three-fourths for the use of the house, after reserving seventy-five copies for the departments and for binding.

12. No business shall be transacted in convention of the two houses, unless by unanimous consent, except such as may be agreed upon before the convention is formed.

13. Committees of conference shall consist of three members on the part of each house representing its vote, and their report, if agreed to by a majority of each committee, shall be made to the branch asking the conference, and may be either accepted or rejected; but no other action shall be had, except through another committee of conference.

14. When any measure shall be finally rejected, it shall not be revived except by reconsideration; and no measure containing the same subject matter, shall be introduced during the session, unless three days' notice is given to the house of which the mover is a member.

15. Whenever a message shall be sent from the senate to the house, it shall be announced at the door by the messenger of the senate, and it shall be communicated respectfully to the chair by the bearer of it. In like manner messages from the house shall be communicated to the senate—the messenger of the house announcing them at the door of the senate.

16. No joint rule or order shall be suspended without the consent of two-thirds of the members present in each house.

17. No member shall be permitted to vote on any question in either branch of the legislature, nor in committee, whose private right, distinct from public interest, is immediately involved.

MEMORANDA.

1. Orders, motions in writing, and reports of committees, should never be presented on less than a 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, ———, 188 .

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