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STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 19, 1876.

ORDERED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and publish the usual number of copies of the Journal of the Senate for the present session.

Read and passed.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*

A true copy. ATTEST:

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AUGUSTA,
WEDNESDAY, January 5, 1876. }

Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Maine, the Senators elect to the Fifty-Fifth Legislature convened in the Senate Chamber, and were called to order by SAMUEL W. LANE, Esq., Secretary of the Senate of 1875.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. UPJOHN of Augusta.

The following communication was read by the Secretary :

STATE OF MAINE,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, }

To the Secretary of the Senate :

In compliance with section 21, chapter 2 of the revised statutes, I hereby *certify that the following are the names *2 and residences of the Senators elect to the Fifty-Fifth Legislature, as appears by the report of the Governor and Council, under date of December 14th, A. D. 1875, to wit :

FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT—YORK.
IVORY LORD of Saco,
USHER B. THOMPSON of Newfield.
(One vacancy.)

*The marginal figures marked * are the corresponding pages of the original Journal.

SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT—CUMBERLAND.

CHARLES H. HASKELL of Portland,
 BENJAMIN M. BAKER, of Windham,
 ALBERT GRAY of Harrison,
 ISAAC S. BROWN of Pownal.

THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT—OXFORD.

JOHN P. SWASEY of Canton,
 SAMUEL D. WADSWORTH of Hiram.

FOURTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT—ANDROSCOGGIN.

BENJAMIN F. STURGIS of Auburn,
 CHARLES B. JORDAN of Lisbon.

FIFTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT—FRANKLIN.

EBENEZER S. KYES of Jay.

SIXTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT—SAGADAHOC.

THOMAS W. HYDE of Bath.

SEVENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT—KENNEBEC.

ALBERT G. FRENCH of Fayette,
 JOHN WOODBURY of Litchfield.

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* EIGHTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT—SOMERSET.

ABEL PRESCOTT of Canaan.

[NOTE.—The official roll shows a vacancy in this District. The Senate declared William H. Stevens of New Portland to have been duly elected.]

NINTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT—PISCATAQUIS.

STEPHEN O. BROWN of Dover.

TENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT—PENOBSCOT.

GEORGE R. THURLOUGH of Newburg,
 JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT of Bangor,
 THOMAS J. PEAKS, of Charleston,
 ALEXANDER WEBB, of Lowell.

ELEVENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT—LINCOLN.

[NOTE.—The official roll shows a vacancy in this District. The Senate declared Franklin L. Carney of Newcastle to have been duly elected.]

TWELFTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT—KNOX.

ALFRED WATTS of Thomaston.

THIRTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT—WALDO.

JASON ESTES, of Troy,
GEORGE WHITE, of Winterport.

FOURTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT—HANCOCK.

JOSEPH T. HINCKLEY, of Bluehill,
GEORGE TOLMAN, of Deer Isle.

FIFTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT—WASHINGTON.

JAMES R. TALBOT of East Machias,
GILES M. WENTWORTH of Calais.

*SIXTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT—AROSTOOK.

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JOHN P. DONWORTH of Houlton.

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

(Signed)

ALDEN JACKSON,

Deputy Secretary of State.

And the roll being called the following Senators responded to their names:

Messrs. Baker,	Brown, Isaac S.	Brown, S. O.
Estes,	French,	Gray,
Haskell,	Hinckley,	Hyde,
Jordan,	Kyes,	Lord,
Peaks,	Prescott,	Sturgis,
Swasey,	Talbot,	Thompson,
Thurlough,	Tolman,	Wadsworth,
Watts,	Webb,	Wentworth,
White,	Woodbury.	

And a quorum of Senators elect was present.

On motion by Mr. HINCKLEY,

That Senator was charged with a message to the Governor and Council, informing them that a quorum of Senators elect is present in the Senate Chamber, ready to take and subscribe the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Mr. Hinckley subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged, and the Governor was pleased to reply, that he would attend upon the Senators elect forthwith, for the purpose of administering to them the oaths required by the Constitution.

*5 * Thereupon the Governor, attended by the Council and Heads of Departments, came in, before whom the Senators elect took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution.

The Governor and suite then withdrew.

On motion by Mr. LORD,

Messrs. Lord of York,
Watts of Knox,
French of Kennebec,

were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for President of the Senate.

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported as follows :

The whole number of votes is.....	26
Necessary for a choice	14
Thomas W. Hyde has.....	16
Charles H. Haskell	10

The report was accepted, and Hon. Thomas W. Hyde was declared duly elected President of the Senate for the current political year.

Mr. Hyde was conducted to the Chair by Mr. Haskell of Cumberland and Mr. Swasey of Oxford, and thereupon addressed the Senate as follows :

SENATORS :—The office to which you have elected me, and which I now assume, I shall endeavor to fill to your satisfaction, and in a manner to justify the confidence you have placed in me ; yet the honor of presiding over your deliberations is one I cannot but approach with diffidence.

Asking your generous forbearance and co-operation, I am now ready to proceed with your business.

On motion by Mr. FRENCH,

* Messrs. French of Kennebec, *6
 Thurlough of Penobscot,
 Estes of Waldo,

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

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported as follows :

The whole number of votes is	26
Necessary for a choice	14
Samuel W. Lane has	16
Clarence W. Hobbs	10

The report was accepted, and Samuel W. Lane, Esq., of Augusta, was declared duly elected Secretary of the Senate for the current political year.

Mr. Lane signified his acceptance of the office, and

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

That Senator was directed by the President to conduct the Secretary elect to the Council Chamber for the purpose of taking and subscribing the necessary oaths to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. Haskell subsequently reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him, and that Samuel W. Lane had, before the Governor, in presence of the Council, taken and subscribed the necessary oaths to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Whereupon the Secretary, Mr. Lane, entered upon the discharge of his official duties.

SAMUEL W. LANE, Secretary of Senate of 1875.

* On motion by Mr. THURLOUGH, *7
 Messrs. Thurlough of Penobscot,
 Jordan of Androscoggin,
 Tolman of Hancock,

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

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported as follows :

The whole number of votes is	26
Necessary for a choice	14
Gardner F. Danforth has	16
H. H. Bowles	10

The report was accepted, and Gardner F. Danforth of Bangor was declared duly elected Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Danforth appeared and took and subscribed the oaths of office, before Samuel W. Lane, Esq., Secretary of the Senate, authorized by *dedimus potestatem*.

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,
Messrs. Haskell of Cumberland,
Webb of Penobscot,
Hinckley of Hancock,

were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Messenger of the Senate.

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported as follows :

The whole number of votes is.....	24
Necessary for a choice.....	13
James H. Banks has.....	14
Cassius C. Roberts.....	10

The report was accepted, and James H. Banks of Freeport was declared duly elected Messenger of the Senate.

*8 *On motion by Mr. TALBOT,
Messrs. Talbot of Washington,
Brown of Cumberland,
Woodbury of Kennebec,

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

Having attended to that duty the Committee reported as follows :

The whole number of votes is.....	26
Necessary for a choice.....	14
Benj. F. Stevens has.....	16
Daniel Rose,.....	10

The report was accepted, and Benj. F. Stevens of Dixmont, was declared duly elected Assistant Messenger of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. THOMPSON,
Messrs. Thompson of York,
Brown of Piscataquis,
Watts of Knox,

were appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for Folder of the Senate.

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported as follows :

The whole number of votes is.....	22
Necessary for a choice	12
James Pattee has.....	22

The report was accepted, and James Pattee of Jackson, was declared duly elected Folder of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. KYES,

That Senator was charged with a message to the Governor and Council, informing the Executive Department that the Senate is duly organized by the *choice of Hon. Thomas W. Hyde as *9 President and Samuel W. Lane, Esq., as Secretary.

On motion by Mr. PRESCOTT,

That Senator was charged with a message to the House of Representatives, informing that body that the Senate is duly organized by the choice of Hon. Thomas W. Hyde as President and Samuel W. Lane, Esq., as Secretary.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Martin of Camden, informing the Senate that the House is duly organized by the choice of Hon. Frederic Robie of Gorham, as Speaker, and Oramandal Smith, Esq., of Litchfield, as Clerk.

A communication was received from Hon. Sidney Perham, Secretary of State, transmitting the returns of votes for Senators for the current political year.

On motion by Mr. FRENCH,

Ordered, That a Committee of seven be appointed by the President to whom the returns of votes for Senators for the current political year shall be referred for examination and report :

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

were appointed said Committee.

A communication was received from Hon. Sidney Perham,
 *10 Secretary of State transmitting the returns *of votes for
 Governor for the current political year, which was read
 and sent down.

On motion by Mr. PEAKS,

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

And Messrs. Peaks of Penobscot,
 Kyes of Franklin,
 Jordan of Androscoggin,
 Woodbury of Kennebec,
 Baker of Cumberland,
 Talbot of Washington,
 White of Waldo,

were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently came back concurred, with

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

*11 *joined on the part of the House.

On motion by Mr. LORD,

Ordered, That the Messenger be directed to have open wood
 fires kept in the two fire places in the Senate Chamber during the
 session.

On motion by Mr. THURLOUGH,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate procure the printing of seventy-five diagrams of the Senate Chamber for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. PEAKS,

Ordered, That the Rules and Orders of 1875 be the Rules and Orders of this Senate until otherwise ordered.

On motion by Mr. JORDAN,

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

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. THURLOUGH,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare the usual Senate Register, and that five hundred copies be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to furnish to each Senator, and the officers of the Senate, and the Chaplains, one copy of the Daily Kennebec Journal, and one other daily paper published in this State, such as each Senator or officer may select.

On motion by Mr. THURLOUGH,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish each member and officer of the Senate one copy of the "Acts and Resolves" of 1875.

On motion by Mr. JORDAN,

**Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Senate invite the *12 clergymen of Augusta, Hallowell and Gardiner, to officiate as chaplains, in rotation, during the present session.

On motion by Mr. THURLOUGH,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be requested to place in the hands of the Secretary of the Senate, for the use of the Senate, four copies of the Revised Statutes.

On motion by Mr. STURGIS,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be requested to place in the hands of the Secretary of the Senate, for the use of the Sen-

ate, one copy of Lippincott's Pronouncing Gazetteer, one copy each of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary and Worcester's Unabridged Dictionary, one copy of Cushing's Manual, and one copy of the Holy Bible, and that the same be returned to the office of the Secretary of State at the close of the session of the Legislature.

On motion by Mr. TALBOT,

Resolved, That the Senate hold one session a day, commencing at ten o'clock A. M., until otherwise ordered.

Mr. FRENCH, from the Committee on Senatorial Votes, submitted a partial report as follows :

The Committee on Senatorial Votes, having examined into the cases of William H. Stevens and Franklin L. Carney, report as follows :

IN THE EIGHTH DISTRICT—SOMERSET.

Your Committee find some irregularities in this district. The town of Palmyra, according to the clerk's return, gave in *13 their votes for W. H. Stevens instead * of William H. Stevens ; but a sworn certificate from the clerk of said town states that one hundred and eighty-six votes returned for W. H. Stevens were actually for William H. Stevens, and that such appears upon the records of said town. Therefore the Committee have counted said one hundred and eighty-six votes for William H. Stevens, which will give William H. Stevens thirty-six hundred, which is a majority of all the votes.

IN THE ELEVENTH DISTRICT—LINCOLN.

The town of Damariscotta, according to the clerk's returns, gave Franklin Carney one hundred and forty-eight, and Wiscasset gave F. L. Carney one; but a sworn statement from the selectmen and clerk of Damariscotta give the one hundred and forty-eight votes returned for Franklin Carney to Franklin L. Carney. Therefore your Committee have counted said one hundred and forty-eight votes for Franklin L. Carney, being a majority of all the votes.

Your Committee therefore recommend the passage of the following resolve :

Resolved, That William H. Stevens and Franklin L. Carney are entitled to seats in this Senate.

The report was accepted and the resolution agreed to.

Mr. PRESCOTT announced the attendance of Hon. William H. Stevens, Senator elect from the Eighth Senatorial District, and Hon. Franklin L. Carney, Senator elect from the Eleventh Senatorial District, and that they were ready to be qualified.

Mr. Prescott was directed by the President to conduct Messrs. Stevens and Carney to the Governor and Council for that purpose; who subsequently *reported that he had attended *14 to the duty assigned him, and that Messrs. Stevens and Carney had, before the Governor and Council, taken and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Messrs. Stevens and Carney thereupon appeared and took their seats at the Senate Board.

On motion by Mr. LORD,

At 30 minutes past 12 o'clock, meridian, the Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*

*THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 1876. *15

The Senate met according to adjournment, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. MARTIN of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Order from the House:

That all petitions or orders for legislation, except those for redress of wrongs and grievances, which may be presented to this Legislature after Wednesday, the 26th inst., be referred to the next Legislature, and that this order be published in the Daily Kennebec Journal, Daily Eastern Argus, Portland Press, Bangor Daily Whig, Bangor Daily Commercial, and Lewiston Evening Journal; and this order shall not be suspended nor reconsidered except by a vote of four-fifths of the members present, was read and passed in concurrence.

Mr. PEAKS, from the Committee on Gubernatorial Votes, submitted the following report:

The Committee to whom were referred the Gubernatorial Votes of 1875, for examination and report, having attended to that duty ask leave to report as follows :

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

and Selden Connor having received a majority of all the votes returned, is elected Governor for the current political year.

There were no returns from the towns of Sweden, Oxford county, Smyrna, Aroostook county, and Cherryfield, Washington county.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. STURGIS.

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

And Messrs. Sturgis of Androscoggin,

*17 * Kyes of Franklin,
Watts of Knox,

were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently came back concurred, with

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

joined on the part of the House.

Mr. Sturgis, from the foregoing Committee, subsequently reported that the Committee had waited upon the Governor elect and informed him of his election, and that he was pleased to reply that he accepted the office, and would attend upon the Legislature at such time as may be assigned, for the purpose of taking and subscribing the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him for the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. FRENCH, from the Committee on Senatorial Votes, submitted a partial report as follows :

The Committee, to whom were referred the returns of votes for Senators for the current political year, having attended to their duty, ask leave to offer the following report :

IN THE FIRST DISTRICT—YORK.

In the town of Parsonsfield one hundred and fifty-one votes were returned by the clerk, as thrown for Uranus Brackett, but the returns as recorded by the clerk and corrected by the selectmen and clerk, give the one hundred and fifty-one votes returned for Uranus Brackett as actually thrown for Uranus O. Brackett. Your Committee, therefore, count the votes returned for *Uranus Brackett as actually given for Uranus O. *18 Brackett.

In the town of North Berwick, the one hundred and sixty-four votes returned for Charles Boothbay by the clerk, were actually cast for Chase Boothbay, and your Committee count the votes returned for Charles Boothbay, as given for Chase Boothbay.

The whole number of votes was	11,791
Necessary for a choice.....	5,896
Ivory Lord had.....	6,001
Usher B. Thompson	6,028
Uranus O. Brackett	5,810
Chase Boothbay	5,699

William A. Cromwell.....	5,798
John M. Goodwin.....	5,728
Scattering.....	14

And Ivory Lord and Usher B. Thompson, having received a majority of all the votes thrown, are elected :

Your Committee find a vacancy of one Senator in this district, and also find that Uranus O. Brackett and William A. Cromwell are the constitutional candidates for Senator from this district.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

A. G. FRENCH, *Chairman.*

The report was accepted.

On motion by Mr. LORD,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, by the Secretary, informing that branch that a vacancy exists at this Board in the First Senatorial District, and that the constitutional candidates are Uranus O. Brackett and William A. Cromwell, and proposing a convention of both branches of the Legislature in the Representatives' Hall, this day at 10 *19 o'clock and 45 minutes A. M., for the purpose * of electing a Senator to fill said vacancy, and asking the concurrence of the House.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Subsequently a message was received from the House, by Mr. Smith, its Clerk, informing the Senate of the concurrence of the House in the foregoing proposition of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

That Senator was charged with a message to the House of Representatives, proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature, in the Representatives' Hall, this day, at 11 o'clock and 30 minutes A. M., for the purpose of administering to Hon. Selden Connor, Governor elect, the oaths of office, and receiving such communication as he may be pleased to make, and asking the concurrence of the House.

Subsequently a message was received from the House, by Mr. Smith, its Clerk, informing the Senate of the concurrence of the House in the foregoing proposition of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

The vote whereby the Senate ordered one session a day, com-

mencing at ten o'clock A. M., until otherwise ordered, was recon- sidered.

On motion by the same Senator,

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns, it be to meet this afternoon at 15 minutes past 2 o'clock.

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representa- tives proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature, in the Representatives' Hall, *this day at 2.30 *20 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing a Secretary of State, Attorney General, Adjutant General, and seven Executive Councillors, and asking the concurrence of the House.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Subsequently a message was received from the House, by Mr. Smith, its Clerk, informing the Senate of the concurrence of the House in the foregoing proposition of the Senate.

The hour assigned for the Convention, for the purpose of elect- ing a Senator to fill the vacancy existing at this Board in the First Senatorial District, having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the Representatives' Hall, where a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion by Mr. HASKELL of the Senate,

Messrs. Haskell of Cumberland,
Webb of Penobscot,
Stevens of Somerset of the Senate,

Messrs. Davis of Portland,
Warren of Westbrook,
Libby of Limerick,
Meador of Waterville,
Sargent of Sedgwick of the House,

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

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported as fol- lows:

The whole number of votes is.....	172	
Necessary for a choice	87	
Uranus O. Brackett has.....	97	
*William A. Cromwell.....	75	*21

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

On motion by Mr. LORD of the Senate,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Convention be directed to notify Hon. Uranus O. Brackett that he has been duly elected Senator for the First Senatorial District for the current political year.

The Convention then dissolved.

IN SENATE.

The hour assigned for the Convention for the purpose of administering to Hon. Selden Connor, Governor elect, the oaths of office, having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the Representatives' Hall, where a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion by Mr. PEAKS of the Senate,

That Senator was charged with a message to Hon. Selden Connor, Governor elect, informing him that a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature is assembled in the Representatives' Hall, for the purpose of administering to him the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. Peaks subsequently reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him, and that the Governor elect requested him to announce to the Convention that he would attend thereupon forthwith for the purposes indicated in the message.

*22 Thereupon the Governor elect, attended by *Governor Dingley, the Executive Council and Heads of Departments, came in, and in the presence of both Houses of the Legislature and before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him for the discharge of his official duties.

Hon. SIDNEY PERHAM, Secretary of State, then made the following

PROCLAMATION.

The votes for Governor, which have been returned to the office of Secretary of State, having been examined and counted by the

Legislature, who have declared that a majority thereof were given to Selden Connor, and that he is duly elected, and he having in the presence of the two branches of the Legislature in Convention assembled, taken and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to discharge the duties of that office, I therefore declare and make known to all persons in this State who are in the exercise of any public trust, as well as all good citizens thereof, that SELDEN CONNOR is *Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the State of Maine*, and that due obedience should be rendered to all lawful acts and commands as such.

God save the State of Maine.

The PRESIDENT of the Convention then announced to the Governor that they were prepared to listen to any communication which he desired to make.

Thereupon the Governor addressed the Convention as follows :

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

The year upon which we are entering is of the deepest *significance to every American. It marks the completion *23 of the first grand cycle of the Republic. A century has passed away and The Government of the People stands free, great and beneficent, to vindicate the wisdom that called it into being, to answer the prayers and hopes that attended its birth, and still to guard for us and for the future the blessings it was formed to secure. A hundred years ago it existed but in the solemn declaration and the firm resolve of the men who fashioned it, as an instrument of justice. To-day it lives in mature development, fresh in all the aims and impulses with which it set out, strong in a self confidence inspired by long years of varied trial and the successful withstanding of all forms of assault.

The far-stretching retrospect excites emotions of pride and exultation, and yields impressive lessons for our guidance as a people in the new century at hand. We perceive by what devotion to principle and by how great civic virtues the Fathers of the Republic were enabled to establish the sure foundations of our country; by what steadfastness and heroism its independence was accomplished; and by what majestic progress it grew to greatness under the stimulus of freedom. Regarding the years

not yet far removed from us, the great struggle through which the crisis of the country's fate had happy issue, presents itself as a stern school of citizenship ministering to the stability and prosperity of the new nation. It brings the mutual dependence of government and people home to every man with a strength of conviction no reasoning could convey. The price paid for nationality when its value was put to the test, measures our need of it; and every battle-torn flag and smoke-begrimed musket—relic or trophy of the contest—every national note betokening the zeal and confidence of patriotism, admonishes that the welfare of their country is in the people's own keeping.

*24 * A little more than half a century ago the people of Maine, in ordaining the constitution upon which they founded the new State, acknowledged with grateful hearts the goodness of the Sovereign Ruler of the Universe in affording them an opportunity so favorable to the design they had in view. We, of this day, recalling anew the moulding of our common country under the auspices of the new and grand belief in the high average of human worth; the dedication of it to that principle, and the subsequent prosperity and happiness which have justified the idea of liberty and the theory of equal rights, can but feel in our hearts to own our obligations for the favor acknowledged by the fathers of the State; and, with the perils of the recent past vividly before us, to remember with renewed gratitude the Goodness that has been constant to us. Within a short space of time the State has grown from infancy to maturity, and has become a mother of States.

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

capital had been employed at home, and if their example had fostered a spirit of contentment, they would, as a whole, have enlarged their *own success in life, as well as advanced the *25 importance and prosperity of their State.

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

Our State is now involved in the depression of business, and cessation of enterprise everywhere prevalent. The shadow of the war is still upon us. Some of its incidents are yet remaining. Prominent among them is the continual employment of the substitute for sound money which is imposed. While the States have returned their old-time relations to the country, and the army and navy of the Union have been re-established upon a peace footing, the currency of the country continues to retain its war character. The people of the State are substantially of one mind in demanding relief from the fickle medium of exchange which has been tolerated solely for the sake of the great good it was created to subserve, and in desiring the recall of the banished currency, the only one adapted to the uses of peace. They look to the National Government to effect this as speedily as is consistent with any sacrifice not absolutely unendurable. It would be far better to pay directly in taxes the certain *interest of the bonded *26 debt in which the government notes may be funded, than to bear the uncertainties and suffer from the discouragements to enterprise caused by the fictitious importance they are now invested with.

The year upon which we now look back has been a fairly prosperous one. At least, it has not been one of unusual hardship. That it has not been such is due to the unfailing bounty of our soil, and largely to the admirable spirit and patience with which the adversities of this period of transition, as it is by common consent regarded, have been met. Manufacturing has been

carried on with but little prospect of remunerative returns in many cases, and thus willing hands have been enabled to earn daily bread. A general decrease of profits has not been attended by general want and suffering.

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

THE TREASURY.

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

THE STATE DEBT.

The bonded debt of the State on the first of January, 1875, was \$7,088,400. It has been reduced the past year by the payment of matured bonds to the amount of \$29,000, and by the cancellation of bonds in the abolished sinking fund, and is now \$5,949,400.

The payment of the matured bonds and additions to the *27 sinking funds *to the amount of \$272,689.72, constitute an actual reduction of the debt the past year of \$301,689.72. The present net indebtedness, after deducting the amount of the sinking fund, is \$5,272,688.28.

SINKING FUNDS.

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

In execution of this law the Treasurer has cancelled bonds to the amount of \$1,112,900, and transferred bonds and cash to the amount of \$101,524.05, thereby entirely extinguishing the fund which was established for the payment, at maturity, of bonds falling due August 15, 1880, March 1, 1883, and June 1, 1889. Therefore there is now no actual provision for the payment of these bonds. They rest entirely upon the credit of the State.

The act referred to contemplates their renewal and extension ; it authorizes the issue of new bonds, payable to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars in 1890, and to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars each succeeding year, which bonds, the act declares, "shall be executed and issued only as they can be substituted for at least an equal amount" of the bonds they are intended to renew and extend.

No effort has been made under this authority to issue new bonds in substitution for those proposed to be renewed, although the language of the act seems to imply a direction to execute and issue them whenever the substitution should be found to be practicable. There is at least such room for doubt, whether it lies in the discretion of the Treasurer to defer action looking to the substitution until it shall appear to him to be for the interests *of the State to effect the exchange, as to render it advis- *28 able, in justice to that officer, to define his duty in this respect more explicitly.

The only action necessary, however, if my suggestion should recommend itself to you, would be the repeal of so much of the act referred to—that of February 24, 1875—as relates to the execution and issue of new bonds. The Legislature would then retain control of the matter and be left to provide for the payment of the loans in question, or for their renewal and extension, as they severally approach maturity, or whenever it may suit its own pleasure. The report of the Treasurer will present to you the elaboration of a suggestion for the payment of the loans maturing in 1880 and 1883, the former of which amounts to \$307,000, and the latter to \$385,000, and demonstrates that, since the State has no other liability to meet within the period from 1878 to 1889, such payment can be provided for at a future date by means of a comparatively light tax and temporary loans.

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

tion to so good account in the development of the resources of the State and the increase of its wealth, as to render more than an equivalent for the exemption they have obtained.

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

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

TAXATION.

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

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

While the State treasurer was taking steps to proceed under the new law against the delinquent companies, one of the stockholders

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

Of the \$50,384.52 received from the tax on railroad *com- *31 panies for 1874, the sum of \$3,035.83 has been apportioned to the cities and towns wherein shareholders had their residence.

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

No consideration of justice or policy presents itself to my mind in opposition to the maintenance of the tax at the present rate. The substitution of State for local taxation effects a discrimination in favor of deposits in savings banks of at least fifty per cent. The object in view in subjecting them to a fixed and lower rate of taxation was not, presumably, a recognition of the meritoriousness of such accumulations and the promotion of thrift, but the encouragement of the continuance and growth of a fund readily accessible to taxation, constituted by earnings and surplus capital which might otherwise prove fugitive and elusive in this respect. The continued increase of the amount of deposits indicates that the tax exercises no deterring influence upon depositors, and so far as I am informed, bank officers generally do not regard the tax as

onerous or tending to repel deposits. Institutions recently organized, or suffering from the failure of investments, finding themselves unable to declare the maximum dividend allowed by law, may be apprehensive that the consequences will prove unfavorable to them. It should be borne in mind, however, that a low rate of interest is the rule affecting all capital seeking investment, and that, while it continues in force, depositors would gain nothing by withdrawing their funds since they could *32 not obtain elsewhere greater interest combined * with equal security. Their condition is not one of exceptional hardship. Other interests suffer more from the business depression of the times and are far more heavily taxed.

A law of 1874 imposes an annual tax upon foreign insurance companies doing business in this State, or two per cent. upon all premiums received after deducting the amount paid for losses during the year, unused balances on notes taken for premiums on open policies, all sums repaid or allowed for return premiums, and the legal reserve on life policies. The first assessment under it was in April last, and amounted to \$12,434.77. Fire and marine companies were assessed \$10,928.83; life and accident companies, the remaining \$1,505.94 of the amount. The insurance commissioner reports that the former class received premiums to the amount of \$960,403.93, and was entitled to deductions amounting to \$418,201.83, leaving a taxable amount of \$542,202.10; that the latter class received \$813,101.37 for premiums, deducted \$347,716.89 for losses paid, and \$390,086.27 for other items, thus reducing the taxable amount to \$75,298.21. In the case of life companies the deductions practically defeat the purpose of the law, which was, undoubtedly, to levy a just share of taxation upon the large amount of capital drawn from the State by them.

Although the tax is nominally assessed upon the company, it is probably paid in all cases, directly or indirectly, by the holders of policies, whether fire or life. It is certain that some—and it may be true of all—life insurance companies make provision in their blank forms for the collection of the tax from the persons *33 insured by them. An unjust discrimination, * in effect, is thus made by the law. Those who insure their property against fire, pay a higher rate of tax to the State on their expenditure for protection than persons who procure life insurance, pay on expenditures for a recognized value in addition to protection.

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

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

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

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

It is one of the principal offices of the Volunteer Militia, if not the chief one, to aid the civil authorities in quelling disturbances when the ordinary means of preserving the public peace prove insufficient. Although such *contingencies are not *34 liable to occur among a law-abiding people, their possibility makes it the duty of the State to provide for them, and thus render them more remote.

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

The question of holding an encampment for instruction the present year, will, no doubt, be postponed to the consideration of the sending of some portion of the Volunteer Militia to participate in the inaugural ceremonies of the Centennial Exhibition. If you should deem it advisable to show the interest of the State in this celebration, by responding favorably to the strong wish of our soldiers to take part in its grand pageant, Maine would not fail to

be well represented in the column of the citizen-soldiery of the Union, whose presence in Philadelphia in 1876 will be peculiarly appropriate and suggestive.

STATE PENSIONS.

The State pension system is a valuable supplement to the national system, and oftentimes, by the promptness of its benefactions, affords a timely relief which could not be obtained through the tardier process of the latter. The Adjutant General reports that the pension appropriation for the past year has not been entirely expended, and that a reduction may be made in the amount of the appropriation for the current year, without incurring the risk of denying aid to deserving applicants. No appropriation of the public money receives more general and *35 cheerful acquiescence * than that for the benefit of the men who gave health, strength and precious years of youth or manhood to the country's service, and of their families suffering from the loss of the bread-winner.

THE COMMON SCHOOLS.

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

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

The supersession of the district by the town system, is an important and desirable object to be gained. This is left by the law to the voluntary action of each town, and the process of supplanting is gradually going on. The town is the unit and strength of our *political organization. From it proceeded *36 in great part the influences and the aid that sustained the Revolution and preserved the Union. It has been well observed that the training received in the administration of the affairs of these "little republics" contributes largely to the wise conduct of public affairs and the well-being of the nation. It is the proper agency of the people, and its importance should be magnified by them.

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

The State cannot in any other way so effectively promote the usefulness of the schools as by providing for the supply of trained instructors. It is true that our colleges and high schools furnish many scholars well qualified to teach, in point of general acquirements, but as a rule they have had no special instructions in the first essential of a teacher—a knowledge of the art of imparting knowledge, or, rather, of leading the pupil to its discovery. Their notions of methods must necessarily be of a hap-hazard character, differing according to the aptitude of individuals for the profession, unscientific, and therefore wasteful of the time and opportunities of the youth dependent on them for guidance. No sense of injury is more bitter and abiding than that caused by the incompetency or unskilfulness of teachers.

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

*The school law makes it the duty of the Governor and *37 Council, when they have reason to believe that any town has neglected to raise and expend the school money required by law, or to faithfully expend the school money received from the State, to withhold further payment to such town from the State treasury until they shall be satisfied that the required expenditure has been made. Further legislation is needed to give this provision of law the efficiency it ought to have, and I accordingly recommend that

sworn returns from proper officers of towns, giving full information in regard to the raising and expenditure of school money, be made a pre-requisite to the receipt of the State gratuity. The necessity for such legislation is made apparent by the fact that a large number of towns have voluntarily furnished reports in answer to inquiry, which indicate that they have so far failed to conform to the law as to temporarily forfeit their right to the State school money. This state of things is far from proving that more money is set apart for education than is necessary. When all the children are brought into the schools who ought to be brought thither, and who would be if the compulsory measures provided by law should be resorted to; when the schools are properly graded, and trained teachers, worthy of increased hire, can be procured, there will then be no embarrassment of riches. The delinquent towns have simply failed to accommodate themselves to the new order of things, which demands more schools, longer terms, better instruction and fuller attendance.

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

SAVINGS BANKS.

The Bank Examiner reports sixty-four savings banks in operation in this State, five of which organized and commenced *38 *business within the past year. The deposits therein for the year ending November 30, 1875, amounted to \$32,083,314.28, an increase of \$1,021,350.55 in 1875, \$474,089.34 less than the increase in 1874. The non-interest paying securities owned by the banks amount to \$1,190,380.23, a sum greater than the amount of such securities held by them the previous year by \$164,195.94. The excess of the deposits in savings banks above the capital, circulation and deposit of National Banks, is about \$7,500,000. The Examiner makes suggestions and recommendations which will no doubt receive from you the attention which their importance demands.

The subject of reducing the rate of tax upon the deposits in savings banks has already been referred to. The course which has been pursued by some savings banks in drawing upon their reserved earnings for the purpose of completing dividends, pre-

sents a reason for prohibiting by law the division among depositors of other profits than those earned within the period for which a dividend is declared, and the excess above the prescribed reserve.

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

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

THE LAND AGENT.

The Land Agent reports as the result of the sales of land * during the year, that the only remaining State lands not *39 finally disposed of, are 34,781 acres of settling lands unsold, and 142,067 acres for which certificates have been given to settlers who will be entitled to deeds upon the fulfilment by them of the required conditions. Sums on general account, on account of the permanent school funds and reserved lands, to the amount of \$62,808.72, have been paid into the treasury.

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

The office of Land Agent has been abolished as a constitutional office, by an amendment to the constitution which took effect the first day of the present month. Its revival by law and continuance as a separate department of the State, would seem to entail unnecessary expense. For prudential reasons, it is advisable that

the title be retained and conferred upon the Treasurer or other officer to whom you shall assign the duties of the office.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

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

The year has not been prolific in new roads or extensions.

The Aroostook River Railroad Company, chartered in 1873, *40 *has completed and opened for traffic, three miles of its road

—from Fort Fairfield to the State line, where it forms connection with the New Brunswick railroad. The Somerset railroad has recently finished an extension of five miles, from Madison to North Anson. The Portland & Ogdensburg road has perfected a through connection, and another important line of communication is thus added to the converging routes of transportation which cannot fail to make Portland one of the principal distributing points for the products of the West.

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

THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER.

The Commissioner of Insurance gives the information that one hundred and seventy-five foreign and domestic insurance companies had authority, to do business in the State the past year, and that

twenty or more were excluded. The salary of this officer and the expenses of his office are paid from fees for licenses to insurance companies and agents.

* THE COMMISSIONERS OF FISHERIES.

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

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

THE INSANE HOSPITAL.

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

The new building, containing a hall to be used as a chapel and an assembly room for amusement, and also apartments for other purposes, is nearly if not quite completed and ready for occupancy. A park of three acres has been enclosed with a high fence, and affords a safe and pleasant exercise ground where patients may, in suitable seasons, enjoy the curative influences of the sun, air and scenery of nature's sanitarium. Valuable permanent improvements to the farm—roads, drains, new vats for the utilization of sewage—have been made, and the trustees believe that it is in the way to reach *a high state of pro- *42 ductiveness.

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

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

THE STATE BOARD OF PRISON AND JAIL INSPECTORS.

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

The workings of the jail system inaugurated in 1873, are beginning to be manifest and they prove to be most beneficial, and admirable. An enlightened community may well congratulate itself that a much needed reform has been made; that what were shelters of idleness and nurseries of vice, have been turned to places of industry and reformatory influences. The evening school well supplements the practical lessons of daily labor, and is esteemed a privilege. Discharged criminals, going forth to take a fresh start in life, taking with them the valuable acquisitions of a trade and the rudiments of education, cannot but have kindlier feelings towards society, and reflect that, like the surgeon's knife, it is "cruel only to be kind."

THE STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MECHANIC ARTS.

The trustees of the College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts report a year "of faithful effort by the officers in immediate charge of the college, and substantial and most gratifying results to the students." They very earnestly renew and press upon

your attention the wants of the institution, and especially the necessity for more buildings—a farm-house and a building to contain a chapel, or assembly room, two or three lecture rooms, and rooms for the library, cabinet collections, apparatus and other valuable material; or, instead of one building, they would have one building for the chapel and lecture rooms, and one, made fire-proof, for the valuable material of the college.

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

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

The trustees declare that \$23,550 is the sum necessary to meet the imperative wants of the college. In this sum is included \$3,500 for building a farm-house and \$3,000 for making bricks and other preparations for the proposed * structure. *44 The sum includes also \$3,500 for the payment of outstanding bills. The resolve of the last legislature making an appropriation in favor of the college was accompanied with the proviso that the trustees should not “under any circumstances, contract any further debts in behalf of said college.” The apparent departure from the direction of the legislature is, no doubt, susceptible of a satisfactory explanation by the trustees.

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

The college numbers one hundred and fifteen students. Thirty-five are in the last class admitted—the largest in the history of the institution. The education which they receive is not to be

obtained elsewhere in the State. It is an industrial education and naturally attracts those students who are inclined to engage in industrial pursuits. Agriculture and the mechanic arts are the instrumentalities by which the resources of Maine are to be developed. Through their quickening influences her fertile intervals and hillsides are to be made gardens, and her sterile acres rendered productive; her idle rivers forced to labor; her railroads laden to groaning with the weight of traffic; the rocks that rib her coasts and hills transmuted into gold; her winters warmed to summers. No fatalistic trust in the spontaneous evolution of the forces necessary to work out the results which are acknowledged to be attainable, should be permitted to usurp the legitimate domain of persistent, intelligent, well-directed effort.

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

The aggregate of the fifty young men whom this college will annually send from its lecture rooms, laboratories and fields of experiment, will in a few years constitute a power in the State, sensibly stimulating all its productive energies. But they can use their acquired knowledge, and, what is more worth, their trained habits of observation and powers of intelligent study and experiment, for the benefit of the State only in co-operation. There must be combined effort in order to secure the symmetrical development of all the energies and advantages at command. Capital must exert itself to retain these and other young men, by opening to them congenial fields for the exercise of the various talents and capabilities which they possess, and for which they will seek profitable employment wherever it may be found.

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

AGRICULTURE AND THE BEET SUGAR INDUSTRY.

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

The lively and increasing interest which is exhibited in efforts to improve farming indicates that it is an interesting and profitable pursuit. The best breeds of cattle are sought for. The labor-saving machines, which have done so much to lighten farm work, are everywhere in use. Experiments are made and inquiries instituted. A wholesome curiosity welcomes new ideas. The papers and discussions of the agricultural societies, and the societies devoted to specialties connected with agriculture, the farmers' clubs scattered through the country, and the displays at the annual fairs, all go to show that farming repays attention and that our farmers *are progressive. They are taking *46 the most effective means to make their occupation attractive to others by proving, as they do by example, that it is remunerative and holds out encouraging possibilities to intelligence and enterprise.

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

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

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

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

The favor with which these industries are regarded and the success they meet with, suggest that one of the most important agricultural industries of the world may be introduced into our State, to the great benefit of all classes, mechanics, capitalists and

laborers, as well as farmers—the manufacture of sugar from beet roots. This industry had a feeble beginning in France seventy years ago. In 1825 that country produced 5,000 tons of beet sugar. It has since extended to nearly all European countries, and embraced in 1867, 1,400 factories, producing 700,000 *47 tons of sugar. In 1874 *the estimated production was over one million tons. It is so desirable an industry, is held in such high esteem, and has advanced with such strides in the countries where it has been introduced, that it would be a subject of wonder why it has not been naturalized here, if we did not reflect upon the superabundant means of employment the new and growing country has afforded to capital. Attention is now being turned to it. Several factories are in operation in California, and it is reported that the success of the last season's work was so encouraging that the business will be largely increased.

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

Its introduction would benefit the farmer by giving him a sure market for a profitable crop, and by building up manufacturing centres where his other products would be in demand. It would benefit the capitalist, by affording remunerative employment for his money, and, the laboring man by giving him opportunity for steady work in winter—the great need in our State.

The probability, the almost certainty, that Maine can advantageously produce even the home consumption of sugar, is a consideration of such importance in itself, and holds out such promise of accompanying benefits, that regarding both the function of the

Legislature to promote the welfare of the State and its duty *48 to avoid expense for purposes of doubtful *utility, I feel that the small expenditure requisite to an investigation of the merits of the beet sugar industry, and of its applicability to our circumstances, would be well advised.

THE REFORM SCHOOL.

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

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

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

OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

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

* STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

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

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

THE INDIANS.

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

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

THE CENTENNIAL.

The International Exhibition of Arts, Manufactures and Products of the Soil and Mine, to be held in Philadelphia under the auspices of the United States, bids fair to constitute a worthy celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of American Independence. Preparations have been made on the most extensive scale, and are rapidly approaching completion; and *50 so many assurances of *intention to participate have been received from the governments and people of the civilized world, as to indicate that the American Congress of Industry will at least equal those which have been held by other countries. No more appropriate celebration of the great event could have been devised. The establishment of a government of the people not only secured the happiness and prosperity which we enjoy, but sent abroad an influence which has manifested itself in the amelioration of the political condition of the people of other lands, and is constantly and surely extending. It is fitting, therefore, that we should invite all nations to join in the commemoration of the birthday of freedom—to enter the lists in the modern “Field of the Cloth of Gold” where kings of mind and knights of labor contend in friendly rivalries.

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

The Commissioners appointed by the State have coöperated with those of the general board, and have succeeded in awakening such an interest and enrolling so many exhibitors, that they already confidently anticipate that the extent, variety and attractiveness of her contributions will entitle Maine to a creditable position among her sister States. The seven departments, Mining, Manufactures, Education and Science, Art, Machinery, Agriculture and Horticulture, which form the classification of articles in the Exhibition, will all have some representation from our State, though necessarily a limited one in some classes. The assured contributions of woollen and cotton textile fabrics, granite, slate, feldspar, iron, machinery, agricultural implements, canned products, and articles manufactured from wood pulp, *are numerous and extensive. Add to these such *51 contributions of cattle and horses, cereals, fruits, dairy products, grasses, native woods and samples of the shipbuilder's art as the State is capable of furnishing—and it is hoped that they may be obtained—and the aggregate must constitute a more interesting exhibition of our resources and industries than the State has ever witnessed.

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

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Many objects have been hitherto specially legislated upon although they were amply provided for by general laws. I have distinguished authority for the statement that sixty or more of the corporations created by a special act for each, by the last Legislature, could have been created and organized under general laws. The reason why the general laws have not been resorted to to a greater extent, is not, so far as I am informed, to be found in any insufficiency or defect of those laws, but in the greater ease and simplicity of the method of application to the Legislature and in the fancied higher sanction of an authority proceeding directly

from it. Section fourteen, relating to corporations, is comprehensive and peremptory. It relates to all corporations, except only those for municipal purposes. It clearly prohibits their creation by special acts if the objects desired can be secured under existing general laws.

* These amendments direct you to useful and memorable *53 work. The more of it you do—the closer the bounds to which you confine the necessity for special legislation—by so much will you conform the more nearly to the spirit and letter of the people's command and expectation, and heighten their approval.

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

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

* The amendment in regard to "bribery at elections," is *54 permissive and not mandatory in its terms. If such a law, as you are authorized by it to enact, should accomplish no other good, it would at least serve to place a stigma upon the crime of

making a commodity of the high privilege of citizenship, and to denote the just resentment by the sovereign people of a grievous insult to their dignity.

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

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

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

PUNISHMENT OF CRIME IN CAPITAL CASES.

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

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

CITY AND TOWN DEBTS.

*55. I would also recommend that steps be taken looking to the limitation by law of city and town indebtedness and taxation. The inconsistency of limiting the power of the State in this respect and imposing no restriction, with one exception, upon the liberty of cities and towns to incur debt, needs no argument. In order that you may have a basis for action, I suggest that you cause to be procured by the State Treasurer, or some other officer, such information as will be of value for the purpose. It seems desirable to obtain from each of the cities and towns of the State a return of the valuation of real and personal estate severally in

each, and the rate of taxation to valuation, for 1875 and the four years preceding; and that, in returning the valuation for 1875, the officers should not only give the actual valuation upon which the tax was assessed, but also, in another column, the fair marketable value. It is probable that the returns could be secured and laid before you in season for your action the present session.

THE PROHIBITORY LAW.

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

The opponents who are entitled to a hearing, are the good citizens, the intelligent, thoughtful men, conservative by nature, who sincerely deprecate the evils caused by the sale of liquors, and yet are so tenacious of private rights that they cannot yield to the paramount claims of public order and economy. The loudest and most aggressive portion of the opposition are not entitled to a hearing in the *court of reason, since the *56 only arguments they regard are those of self-interest.

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

THE OUTLOOK.

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

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

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

Our industrial equipment, consisting of factories, mills, and workshops which have built up cities and centres of busy life here and there, represents various trades and crafts and forms a noble aggregate. Nor should the ship-yards be forgotten, where *57 are reared the stately and beautiful structures * which make the naval architecture of our State the admiration of the world; nor the thousand miles of railroad which serve our commerce and manufactures. When the fresh impulse shall be felt, every energy of the State will be quickly aroused, cautious capital will come forth and our young men will have ample opportunities at home to gratify their ambition.

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

At the conclusion of the foregoing address the Governor and suite retired, and the Convention dissolved.

IN SENATE.

On motion by Mr. KYES,

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the Governor's Message be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. JORDAN, at 10 minutes before one o'clock, P. M.

The Senate adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

Resolved, That the Senate hold one session a day, Sundays excepted, commencing at ten o'clock, A. M., * until otherwise ordered. *58

Mr. LORD announced the attendance of Hon. Uranus O. Brackett, Senator elect from the First Senatorial District, and that he was ready to be qualified.

Mr. Lord was directed by the President to conduct Mr. Brackett to the Governor and Council for that purpose; who subsequently reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him, and that Mr. Brackett had, before the Governor and Council, taken and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. Brackett thereupon appeared and took his seat at the Senate Board.

The hour assigned for the Convention for the purpose of electing a Secretary of State, Attorney General, Adjutant General and seven Executive Councillors, having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the Representatives' Hall, where a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion by Mr. PEAKS of the Senate,

Messrs. Peaks of Penobscot,

Sturgis of Androscoggin, of the Senate,

Messrs. Anderson of Portland,

Nealley of Bangor,

Thompson of Vassalborough,

Stone of Biddeford,

Burpee of Rockland, of the House,

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

* Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported *59 as follows:

The whole number of votes is.....	169
Necessary to a choice	85
Sumner J. Chadbourne has.....	95
Alexander M. Robinson.....	74

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

On motion by Mr. HASKELL of the Senate,
 Messrs. Haskell of Cumberland,
 Kyes of Franklin, of the Senate,
 Messrs. Haynes of Augusta,
 Cook of Lewiston,
 Jordan of Brunswick,
 Reed of Boothbay,
 Frank of Portland, of the House,

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

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported as follows :

Whole number of votes is	167
Necessary for a choice	84
Lucilius A. Emery has.....	96
David R. Hastings.....	71

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

On motion by Mr. STEVENS of the Senate,
 Messrs. Stevens of Somerset,
 Webb of Penobscot, of the Senate,
 *60 *Messrs. Shepherd of Skowhegan,
 Tilden of Castine,
 White of Orono,
 Story of Washburn,
 Pillsbury of Farmington, of the House,

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

Having attended to that duty, the Committee, reported as follows :

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

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

On motion by Mr. LORD of the Senate,
 Messrs. Lord of York,
 Brown of Piscataquis, of the Senate,
 Messrs. Rogers of Bath,
 Ballard of Augusta,
 Brown of Oldtown,
 Blanchard of Yarmouth,
 Bass of Bangor, of the House,

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

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported as follows :

Whole number of votes is	164	
Necessary for a choice	83	
Jeremiah M. Mason has	93	
George Warren.....	93	
*George A. Preble.....	93	*61
Charles A. Wing.....	93	
Fred E. Richards.....	93	
Charles Buffum.....	93	
Solomon Stanley.....	93	
George M. Payne.....	71	
Washington Bray.....	71	
Frank B. Torrey.....	71	
B. F. Parrot	71	
Nelson Thompson.....	71	
James F. Rawson.....	71	
Rodolphus P. Thompson.....	71	

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

On motion by Mr. WADSWORTH of the Senate,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Convention be directed to inform Sumner J. Chadbourne of his election as Secretary of State, Lucilius A. Emery of his election as Attorney General,

Jonathan P. Cilley of his election as Adjutant General, and Jeremiah M. Mason, George Warren, George A. Preble, Charles A. Wing, Fred E. Richards, Charles Buffum and Solomon Stanley of their election as Executive Councillors.

The Convention then dissolved

IN SENATE.

Communications were received from Hon. Sumner J. Chadbourne, Secretary of State elect, and Hon. Lucilius A. *62 Emery, Attorney General elect, *signifying their acceptance, which were read and sent down.

Communications were received from Hons. Jeremiah M. Mason, Geo. Warren, Charles A. Wing, Fred E. Richards, and Charles Buffum, Executive Councillors elect, signifying their acceptance, which were read and sent down.

Order from the House :

“The Senate concurring, that when the House adjourns it shall adjourn until Tuesday *next*, and that thereafter every secular day, including Saturdays and Mondays, shall be deemed a full business day,” came from the House read and passed, and was read.

Mr. STEVENS moved to amend by striking out all after the word “*next*.”

The amendment was agreed to and the order passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the order came back, and the House insists upon its former action, and proposes a Committee of Conference, and appoints

Messrs. Porter of Burlington,
Pike of Calais,
Powers of Houlton,

conferees on its part, and

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

The Senate insisted upon its former vote and concurred in the proposed Committee of Conference, and appointed

Messrs. Swasey of Oxford,
Stevens of Somerset,
Haskell of Cumberland,

*63 *conferees on its part.

On motion by Mr. STURGIS,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, proposing a Convention of both branches of the Legislature in the Representatives' Hall, this day at 4 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of administering to Hons. Jeremiah M. Mason, George Warren, Charles A. Wing, Fred E. Richards and Charles Buffum, Councillors elect, the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Subsequently a message was received from the House, by Mr. Smith, its Clerk, informing the Senate of the concurrence of the House in the foregoing proposition of the Senate.

The hour assigned for the Convention for the purpose aforesaid, having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the Representatives' Hall, where a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion by Mr. STEVENS of the Senate,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Convention be directed to notify Hons. J. M. Mason, George Warren, Charles A. Wing, Fred E. Richards and Charles Buffum, Councillors elect, that the two branches of the Legislature are now assembled in Convention for the purpose of administering to them the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The Secretary subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him, and that the * Councillors *64 were pleased to say that they would attend upon the Convention forthwith for the purposes indicated in the message.

Thereupon J. M. Mason, George Warren, Charles A. Wing, Fred E. Richards and Charles Buffum, Councillors elect, came in, and in presence of both houses of the Legislature, and before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The Councillors then retired.

On motion by Mr. KYES of the Senate,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor, by the Secretary, informing him of the election and qualification of J. M.

Mason, George Warren, Charles A. Wing, Fred E. Richards and Charles Buffum, as Executive Councillors for the current political year.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

The Convention then dissolved.

IN SENATE.

Papers from the House :

The report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches on an amendment to the order relating to an adjournment until Tuesday next, recommending that the order be amended so as to read as follows :

*“Ordered, That, the Senate concurring, that when this House adjourns it shall adjourn ‘until’ Tuesday next, and that thereafter every secular day, including Saturdays and Mondays, shall *65 be deemed a full business day,”* came from the *House accepted, and was accepted, and the order recommended passed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, The House concurring, that when the Senate adjourns it be until Tuesday next.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently came back concurred.

On motion by Mr. PRESCOTT,

The vote was reconsidered whereby the Senate passed the following order in concurrence :

“Ordered, That all petitions or orders for legislation, except those for redress of wrongs and grievances, which may be presented to this Legislature after Wednesday, the 26th inst., be referred to the next Legislature ; and that this order be published in the Daily Kennebec Journal, Daily Eastern Argus, Portland Press, Bangor Daily Whig, Bangor Daily Commercial, and Lewiston Evening Journal ; and this order shall not be suspended nor reconsidered except by a vote of four-fifths of the members present.”

The question returning on the passage of the order, pending this question,

On motion by Mr. BRACKETT, at 5 o'clock P. M.,

The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*

*TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1876. *66

Senate met according to adjournment, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

The Journal of Thursday was read.

The Senate resumed consideration of the following order, which was pending at adjournment:

Ordered, That all petitions or orders for legislation, except those for redress of wrongs and grievances, which may be presented to this Legislature after Wednesday *the 26th instant*, be referred to the next Legislature, and that this order be published in the Daily Kennebec Journal, Daily Eastern Argus, Portland Press, Bangor Daily Whig, Bangor Daily Commercial and Lewiston Evening Journal; and this order shall not be suspended nor reconsidered except by a vote of *four-fifths* of the members present.

Mr. PRESCOTT proposed an amendment marked "A," to amend by striking out the words, "*the 26th instant*," and inserting instead the words "*February second*;" also by striking out the words "*four-fifths*" and inserting instead the words "*two-thirds*;" also by inserting after the words "Lewiston Evening Journal," the words "until that date."

The amendment was agreed to and the order passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

* Mr. TOLMAN announced the attendance of Hon. John *67 P. Donworth, Senator elect from the Sixteenth Senatorial District, and that he was ready to be qualified.

Mr. Tolman was directed by the President, to conduct Mr. Donworth to the Governor and Council for that purpose; who subsequently reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him, and that Mr. Donworth had, before the Governor and Council, taken and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. Donworth thereupon appeared and took his seat at the Senate Board.

The PRESIDENT announced the Standing Committees of the Senate, which were appointed as follows :

On Bills in the Second Reading.

Messrs. Tolman of Hancock,
Wadsworth of Oxford,
Kyes of Franklin,
Sturgis of Androscoggin,
Talbot of Washington,
Lord of York,
Brown of Piscataquis,
Prescott of Somerset,
Woodbury of Kennebec,
Thurlongh of Penobscot,
White of Waldo,
Baker of Cumberland,

On Engrossed Bills.

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Messrs. Brackett of York,
French of Kennebec,
*Haskell of Cumberland,
Stevens of Somerset,
Peaks of Penobscot,
Wentworth of Washington,
Jordan of Androscoggin,
Hinckley of Hancock,
Brown of Cumberland,
Thompson of York,
Webb of Penobscot,
Donworth of Aroostook.

The PRESIDENT announced the Joint Standing Committees on the part of the Senate, which were appointed and sent down to the House. As joined by that branch they are as follows :

On the Judiciary.

- Messrs. Swasey of Oxford,
 Kyes of Franklin,
 Wheelwright of Penobscot, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Powers of Houlton,
 Pike of Calais,
 Talbot of East Machias,
 Eastman of Saco,
 Haynes of Augusta,
 Frank of Portland,
 Keegan of Madawaska, *of the House.*

On Legal Affairs.

- Messrs. Donworth of Aroostook,
 Prescott of Somerset,
 Woodbury of Kennebec, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Cleaves of Portland,
 Stone of Biddeford,
 * Lynch of Machias, *69
 Kimball of Waterford,
 Robinson of Lincoln,
 Thompson of Vassalborough,
 (and one vacancy,) *of the House.*

On Financial Affairs.

- Messrs. Hinckley of Hancock,
 Sturgis of Androscoggin,
 Wentworth of Washington, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Shepherd of Skowhegan,
 White of Bucksport,
 Rogers of Bath,
 Hobson of Wiscasset,
 Davis of Portland,
 Greely of Lewiston,
 Bass of Bangor, *of the House.*

On Federal Relations.

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

On Education.

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

On Railroads.

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

On Commerce.

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

** On Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.*

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

On Banks and Banking.

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

On Manufactures.

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

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**On Agriculture.*

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

On Military Affairs.

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

On Interior Waters.

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

**On State Lands and State Roads.*

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

On Ways and Bridges.

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

On Fisheries.

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

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**On Counties.*

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

On Towns.

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

On Indian Affairs.

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

** On Claims.*

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

On Pensions.

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

On Insane Hospital.

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

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**On Reform School.*

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

On State Prison.

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

On Public Buildings.

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

**On Library.*

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

A communication was received from Hon. S. C. Hatch, Treasurer of State, transmitting an annual statement and account of the receipts and disbursements of the Treasury Department for the year ending December 31, 1875, which was read, and

On motion by Mr. PEAKS,

Ordered, That the report be referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Communications were received from Hons. George A. Preble and Solomon Stanley, Councillors elect, signifying their acceptance, which were read and sent down.

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

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

On motion by the same Senator,

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

And Messrs. Stevens of Somerset,
Hinckley of Hancock,
Sturgis of Androscoggin,

were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. JORDAN,

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

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

were appointed on the part of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. LORD,

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

And Messrs. Lord of York,
French of Kennebec,
Donworth of Aroostook,

were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. KYES,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, proposing a Convention of both branches of the Legislature in the Representatives' Hall, *this day at 11 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of administering to George A. Preble

and Solomon Stanley, Councillors elect, the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties, and asking the concurrence of the House.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Subsequently a message was received from the House, by Mr. Smith, its Clerk, informing the Senate of the concurrence of the House in the foregoing proposition of the Senate.

The hour assigned for the Convention having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the Representatives' Hall, where a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion by Mr. KYES of the Senate,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to notify George A. Preble and Solomon Stanley, Councillors elect, that the two branches of the Legislature are now assembled in Convention for the purpose of administering to them the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

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

Thereupon, Hons. George A. Preble and Solomon Stanley, Councillors elect, came in, and in presence of both houses of the Legislature and 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. *80

The Councillors then retired.

On motion by Mr. PRESCOTT of the Senate,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor by the Secretary, informing him of the election and qualification of George A. Preble and Solomon Stanley as Executive Councillors for the current political year.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

The Convention then dissolved.

IN SENATE.

Mr. STURGIS presented a bill (S. 1) "an act permitting the defendant to give bond in trustee process," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The same Senator presented the petition of Charles Verrill and others, for legislation to prevent corporal punishment in public schools, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. WOODBURY presented the petition of the directors of the Monmouth Mutual Fire Insurance Company, for an act additional to the charter of said Company, with accompanying bill, (S. 2,) "an act additional to incorporate the Monmouth Mutual Fire Insurance Company."

The petition and bill were referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The foregoing were sent down for concurrence.

The order authorizing certain Committees to visit State institutions and report thereon, passed by the Senate, came from the House amended by adding thereto the following :

*81 *And that the members of the several mentioned *Committees are not authorized to invite members of the Legislature, or others, to accompany them in the performance of their respective visits, at the expense of the State."*

The Senate receded and agreed to the amendment of the House.

On motion by Mr. THOMPSON, at 11 o'clock and 30 minutes A. M ,

The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. SARGENT of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Orders from the House :

That all business of the last Legislature referred to this, be taken from the files and referred to appropriate committees, was read and passed in concurrence.

In compliance with the foregoing order PACKAGE NO. FIVE OF 1875, is referred to Committees as follows :

To the Committee on Agriculture:

- *An order relating to amending section 52, chapter 224 of *82 the acts of 1874, relating to pressed hay ;
- S. 26. "An act to provide for the taxation of dogs and the preservation of sheep ;"
- A communication from the Board of Agriculture, relating to agricultural societies.

To Committee on Commerce:

- The annual report of the Inspectors of Steamboats ;
- Petition of Ira D. Sturgis, that the draw in the bridge between Arrowsic and Woolwich may be widened.

To the Committee on Education:

- H. R. 207. "An act in relation to the apportionment of school moneys paid by the State Treasurer ;"
- H. R. 208. "An act in relation to fiscal school returns to be made to the State Superintendent of Common Schools ;"
- H. R. 209. "An act to amend section 74 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes, defining the duties of the State Superintendent of Common Schools ;"
- H. R. 189. "An act to establish and maintain a State normal school at North Bridgton, in the county of Cumberland ;"

- Petition of Joseph Farwell and others, for an amendment of the school-house and meeting-house laws ;
 Petition of inhabitants of northern Maine, for a normal school at Lincoln ;
 H. R. 127. "An act relating to towns which have abolished their school districts."

To the Committee on Fisheries:

- An order relating to the protection of Medomak river, with bill (H. R. 110) "an act to protect Medomak river."

To the Committee on Interior Waters:!

- H. R. 117. "An act to prevent the throwing of edgings *83 * and other refuse into the waters of the Medomak river in the town of Washington ;"
 S. 23. "An act to authorize Charles W. Howard to dredge a bar in Rangely lake and navigate said lake by steam ;"
 Petition for an act to incorporate the Piper Reservoir Dam Company, with bill, (H. R. 61).

To the Committee on the Judiciary:

- S. 93. "An act amendatory of and additional to chapter 113 of the revised statutes, in relation to poor debtors ;"
 An order relating to damages on ways ;
 So much of the Governor's message as relates to divorce laws ;
 H. R. 155. "An act to amend section 10 of chapter 135 of the revised statutes, relating to executions for capital cases ;"
 An order relating to mileage of members of the Legislature.

To the Committee on Pensions:

- Petition of Washington Carleton, for pension ;
 Petition of James Johnson, for pension.

To the Committee on Railroads:

- S. 85. "An act to amend the charter of the Castine and Ellsworth Railroad Company ;"
 Memorial of the National Board of Trade, relating to railway legislation ;
 Petition D. I. Sawyer and others, for authority to build a railroad bridge over the Penobscot river a Verona.

To the Committee on State Lands and State Roads:

- Petition of G. P. Smith and others, for relief in expense of opening road in township No. 6, range 4, W. E. L. S. ;
 Petition of heirs of Samuel Emery, for certificate of land ;
 *S. 25. "Resolve in favor of settlers on proprietors' *84 lands ;"
 Petition of Jacob Martin, for deed of land ;
 Petition of J. W. Hines, for deed of land ;
 Petition of inhabitants of Crystal plantation, for aid on road.

To the Committee on Towns:

- Petition of H. D. Coombs and others, for the division of the town of Gouldsboro' into election districts ;
 Petition of Joshua M. Leighton, to be set off from Steuben to Milbridge ;
 Petition of inhabitants of East Hampden, to be set off from Hampden to Bangor ;
 Petition of Henry T. Knowles and others, to be set off from No. 7, range 5, to Moro plantation.

To the Committee on Legal Affairs:

- Petition of George L. Bucknam and others ;
 Petition of William H. Leighton and others ;
 Petition of J. C. Leighton and others ;
 Petition of J. B. Warren and others,—severally for the repeal of the "Calais court bill."

To the Committee on Financial Affairs:

- H. R. 21. "Resolve refunding a part of State tax of Perkins plantation."

To the Committee on Ways and Bridges:

- Petition of inhabitants of Easton, for aid in building a bridge.

The following preamble and order, viz :

WHEREAS, Since the Board of Fish Commissioners was established in 1867, a large amount of money has been paid from the State Treasury for the propagation of fish under its direction, and a sufficient time has elapsed to test by practical *results the wisdom of this expenditure. *85

Ordered, That the Committee on Fisheries be directed to

carefully investigate the matter, and if the results do not seem to them sufficient to merit further appropriation, that they be further ordered to report such legislation as is necessary to abolish the office of Fish Commissioners," came from the House amended by striking out the word "*large*" in the second line of the preamble, and passed.

The amendment was agreed to, the preamble adopted, and the order passed in concurrence.

The petition of John Neal and others, for authority to extend and build a wharf into the tide waters of the Piscataqua river at Kittery ;

The petition of C. J. Guptill and others, for authority to build a wharf into the tide waters of Winter harbor in Gouldsborough ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence.

The petition of Amos Hobbs and others, for an act to prevent the taking and killing of fish in Hobbs' pond in Farmington ;

The petition of Abraham C. Fernald and others of Cranberry Isles, for authority to build fish weirs in said town ;

The petition of Gilbert H. Manchester and others of Mt. Desert, for authority to build fish weirs in Somes' sound ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

The credentials of Joseph Francis, representative of the Penobscot Indians, were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs in concurrence.

*86 *The petition of the Warren Baptist Society, for authority to transfer its real and personal property, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

The petition of A. W. Hoyt and others, for the incorporation of the Fort Fairfield Branch Railway Company ;

The petition of J. M. Livermore and others of Eastport, for an amendment of the charter of the Bangor and Calais Shore Line Railroad Company ;

Were referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

The petition of Lenora A. Patterson, for a deed of a lot of land, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

The petition of R. S. Ayer and others, for a division of the town of Montville, was referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

H. R. 1. Bill "an act to reduce the rate of interest," came from the House referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

The Senate non-concurred, and

Ordered, That the bill be referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

H. R. 2. Bill "an act to amend section 1 of chapter 34 of the revised statutes, relating to auctioneers," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

H. R. 3. Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Red Granite Company," was referred to the *Committee on Manufactures in concurrence. *87

H. R. 4. Bill "an act to incorporate the Benjamin Franklin Coöperative Association of Lewiston," was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

H. R. 1. "Resolve in favor of economy in the public expenditures," introduced in the House, and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Subsequently, on motion by Mr. SWASEY,

The foregoing vote assigning a time for the second reading of the resolve was reconsidered, and the resolve was read a second time, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

A communication from Hon. S. C. Hatch, State Treasurer, transmitting sundry claims for bounties on wild animals, was referred with accompanying papers to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

A communication was received from Hon. J. P. Cilley, Adjutant General elect, signifying his acceptance, which was read and sent down.

The order relating to a reference to the next Legislature of all petitions and orders for legislation which may be presented after

January 26, except petitions for redress of wrongs and grievances, passed by the House and amended by the Senate,
 *88 *came from the House, and that branch adheres to its former vote giving the order a passage, and

On motion by Mr. PRESCOTT,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. THURLOUGH announced the attendance of Hon. Joseph S. Wheelwright, Senator elect from the Tenth Senatorial District, and that he was ready to be qualified.

Mr. Thurlough was directed by the President to conduct Mr. Wheelwright to the Governor and Council for that purpose; who subsequently reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him, and that Mr. Wheelwright had, before the Governor and Council, taken and subscribed the oaths required by the constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. Wheelwright thereupon appeared and took his seat at the Senate Board.

Mr. THURLOUGH presented the petition of J. I. Whiting and others of Lakeville plantation, for the incorporation of the town of Lakeville, which was referred to the Committee on Towns.

Mr. FRENCH presented the petition of G. W. Fairbanks and others, for the protection of fish in Berry, Dexter and Wilson ponds in the towns of Wayne, Winthrop and Monmouth, which was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

On motion by Mr. WHEELWRIGHT,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking be *89 requested to report on the expediency of *repealing all charters heretofore granted to savings banks and banking institutions which have not, at this date, organized and commenced business, excepting only the Cumberland County Savings Bank.

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

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

The foregoing petitions and orders were sent down for concurrence.

Mr. FRENCH, from the Committee on Senatorial Votes, submitted the following report :

The Committee appointed to examine and report on Senatorial votes having attended to that duty, ask leave to submit their final report :

IN THE SECOND DISTRICT.

The whole number of votes is.....	15,003
Necessary for a choice.....	7,502
Charles H. Haskell has.....	7,864
Benjamin M. Baker.....	7,696
Albert Gray.....	7,713
Isaac S. Brown.....	7,708
Humphrey Cousens.....	7,098
Philander Tolman.....	7,175
James Bailey.....	7,270
David W. Merrill.....	6,876
Scattering.....	181

* And Charles H. Haskell, Benjamin M. Baker, Albert Gray and Isaac S. Brown, having received a majority of all the votes thrown, are elected. *90

IN THE THIRD DISTRICT.

The whole number of votes is.....	6,813
Necessary for a choice.....	3,407
John P. Swasey has.....	3,549
Samuel D. Wadsworth.....	3,520
Barnes Walker.....	3,228
Hiram M. Cox.....	3,237

And John P. Swasey and Samuel D. Wadsworth, having received a majority of all the votes thrown, are elected.

IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT.

The whole number of votes is.....	6,109
Necessary for a choice.....	3,055
Benjamin F. Sturgis has.....	3,438
Charles B. Jordan.....	3,400
Henry A. Osgood.....	2,672
Nathan Morrill.....	2,683

And Benjamin F. Sturgis and Charles B. Jordan, having received a majority of all the votes thrown, are elected.

IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT.

The whole number of votes is.....	3,820
Necessary for a choice.....	1,911
Ebenezer S. Kyes has.....	2,028
George W. Clark.....	1,775

And Ebenezer S. Kyes, having received a majority of all the votes thrown, is elected.

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* IN THE SIXTH DISTRICT.

The whole number of votes is.....	2,563
Necessary for a choice.....	1,282
Thomas W. Hyde has.....	1,751
Wildes P. Walker.....	809
Scattering.....	3

And Thomas W. Hyde, having received a majority of all the votes thrown, is elected.

IN THE SEVENTH DISTRICT.

The whole number of votes is.....	10,149
Necessary for a choice.....	5,025
Albert G. French has.....	5,675
John Woodbury.....	5,659
Alfred Winslow.....	4,110
Sumner R. McCausland.....	4,113
Scattering.....	7

And Albert G. French and John Woodbury, having received a majority of all the votes thrown, are elected.

IN THE EIGHTH DISTRICT.

The whole number of votes is.....	6,949
Necessary for a choice.....	3,475
William H. Stevens has.....	3,600
Abel Prescott.....	3,546
John Robbins, Jr.....	3,341
Ivory Lowe.....	3,364
Scattering.....	12

And William H. Stevens and Abel Prescott, having received a majority of all the votes thrown, are elected.

IN THE NINTH DISTRICT.

The whole number of votes is	2,723	
*Necessary for a choice.....	1,367	*92
Stephen O. Brown has.....	1,544	
Calvin Chamberlain.....	1,057	
Scattering.....	121	

And Stephen O. Brown, having received a majority of all the votes cast, is elected.

IN THE TENTH DISTRICT.

The whole number of votes is.....	13,428
Necessary for a choice.	6,715
George R. Thurlough has.....	7,154
Joseph S. Wheelwright.....	7,154
Thomas J. Peaks	7,145
Alexander Webb.....	7,162
John S. Ricker	6,250
Philip C. Jones.....	6,235
Francis W. Hill.....	6,060
Henry W. Towle.....	6,235
Scattering.....	181

And George R. Thurlough, Joseph S. Wheelwright, Thomas J. Peaks and Alexander Webb, having received a majority of all the votes thrown, are elected.

IN THE ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

The whole number of votes is	4,141
Necessary for a choice.....	2,071
Franklin L. Carney has.....	2,115
John Ryan.....	2,024
Scattering.....	1

And Franklin L. Carney, having a majority of all the votes thrown, is elected.

IN THE TWELFTH DISTRICT.

The whole number of votes is.....	5,977	
* Necessary for a choice.....	2,988	*93
Alfred Watts has.....	3,044	
Moses Webster.....	2,933	

And Alfred Watts, having received a majority of all the votes thrown, is elected.

IN THE THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

The whole number of votes is	5,953
Necessary for a choice.....	2,977
Jason Estes has.....	3,010
George White	3,017
Fred Atwood.....	2,897
E. P. Richardson.....	2,872
Scattering.....	43

And Jason Estes and George White, having a majority of all the votes thrown, are elected.

IN THE FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

The whole number of votes is.....	5,598
Necessary for a choice.....	2,799
Joseph T. Hinckley has.....	2,801
George Tolman	2,818
William W. Bragdon	2,763
William W. A. Heath.....	2,688

And Joseph T. Hinckley and George Tolman, having received a majority of all the votes thrown, are elected.

IN THE FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

The whole number of votes is	6,132
Necessary for a choice.....	3,067
William J. Corthell has	2,803
Samuel L. Campbell	2,913
James R. Talbot... ..	3,137
*94 *Giles M. Wentworth.....	3,100

And James R. Talbot and Giles W. Wentworth, having received a majority of all the votes thrown, are elected.

IN THE SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

The whole number of votes is.....	4,192
Necessary for a choice.....	2,099
Asa S. Townsend has	1,708
John P. Donworth.....	2,415
Scattering.....	55

And John P. Donworth, having received a majority of all the votes thrown, is elected.

(Signed)

A. G. FRENCH, *Chairman.*

The report was accepted.

The order providing for the appointment of a Joint Select Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, on the Governor's Message, for the purpose of recommending a reference of its several subjects to appropriate committees, passed by the Senate, came from the House passed in concurrence, with the Committee joined by that branch as follows :

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

The order providing for a Joint Select Committee to contract with some suitable person* or persons to do the State *95 Printing and Binding for the current year, passed by the Senate, came from the House passed in concurrence, with the Committee joined by that branch as follows :

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

The order providing for the appointment of a Joint Select Committee to contract for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book, passed by the Senate, came from the House passed in concurrence, with the Committee joined by that branch as follows :

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

The following communication was received from the Governor :

STATE OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Augusta, January 12, 1876. }

To the President of the Senate and

Speaker of the House of Representatives :

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

(Signed)

SELDEN CONNOR.

The communication was read, and

On motion by Mr. PEAKS,

Ordered, That it be referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. LORD, at 11 o'clock A. M.,

The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. CURTIS of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Orders from the House :

That a Joint Select Committee of seven on the part of the House, with such as the *Senate may join, be appointed to *97 take into consideration the duties imposed upon the Legislature by the amendment to the constitution recently adopted, relating to corporations, came from the House read and passed, with

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

appointed by that branch, and was read and passed in concurrence, and

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

were joined on the part of the Senate.

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of further legislation looking to the more sure arrest and punishment of those who commit robberies in this State, by authorizing the Attorney General to offer rewards in certain cases ;

That the same Committee be instructed to draft and present to this Legislature, a bill with a view to a more effectual protection of the people against vagrants and tramps ;

Were read and passed in concurrence.

H. R. 2. "Resolve in favor of Joseph Granger," was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

*98 *The petition of Matthew Cleland, for authority to build and maintain wharves and fish weirs in the tide waters of Passamaquoddy or St. Andrews bay, in Robbinston;

The petition of Thomas Cleland, for authority to extend wharves and fish weirs into the tide waters of Passamaquoddy or St. Andrews bay, in Robbinston;

Were referred to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence.

H. R. 5. Bill "an act to amend 'an act relating to the city schools of Bangor,' approved February 18, 1875," was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

The petition of Thaddeus Sibley and others, for authority to erect a fish weir in the tide waters of St. Croix river, off Mill Cove in Robbinston;

The petition of George B. Flye and others, for authority to build fish weirs in tide waters of Bluehill bay on Flye's bar;

The petition of Llewellyn Libbey and others of Albion, for an act to prevent the taking of pickerel from Lovejoy's pond in Albion;

The petition of Frank S. Wilson and others, for legislation for the protection of fish in Pushaw pond and the streams tributary thereto, * in the county of Penobscot;

The petition of John Kimball and others, for the better protection of fish in Hewes' pond, with accompanying bill (H. R. 6) "an act prohibiting fishing with nets or hooks in Hewes' pond or any waters tributary to said pond in the town of Hermon;"

H. R. 7. Bill "an act for the protection of fish in Pushaw pond in the county of Penobscot, and the streams flowing into and out of said pond;"

The petition of Thomas S. Davis and others, asking that Samuel Davis be authorized to build and maintain a fish weir, with bill (H. R. 8) "an act authorizing Samuel Davis to build and maintain a fish weir between Bear island and Mt. Desert;"

Were severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

The petition of the Penobscot Indians, for an appropriation for agricultural purposes;

The petition of the Penobscot Indians, for legislation in relation to the schools of said tribe;

Were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs in concurrence.

The petition of citizens of Cherryfield, for the abolition of the death penalty ;

H. R. 9. Bill "an act additional to chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to ways ;"

* H. R. 10. Bill "an act to incorporate the Katahdin *100 Iron Company ;"

The petition of Albert A. Burleigh, for an amendment of section 18, chapter 88 of the revised statutes, relating to costs of partition of real estate ;

The petition of Rebecca Ayer, for an amendment of the revised statutes, so that widowed mothers may have equal right with fathers to the property of unmarried deceased children ;

H. R. 11. Bill "an act to enable non-resident guardians to obtain property in this State belonging to their wards residing in other States or Territories of the United States ;"

Were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

The petition of Fessenden Clark and others, for an amendment of section 6, chapter 22 of the revised statutes, relating to division fences ;

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

The petition of J. B. Hill and others of Addison, for an amendment of the statutes relating to killing deer and caribou ;

The petition of Winslow Bates and others, for an amendment of section 89 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes, relating to the *jurisdiction of municipal courts and trial justices ; *101

Were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

The petition of Veranus Chandler and others, for an appropriation for repairing the bridge across the Aroostook river in Maysville ;

The petition of the County Commissioners of Aroostook county, in aid of the same ;

The petition of Henry R. Downs and others, for the allowance of a claim of Samuel C. Greenlow ;

The petition of George W. Kalloch, for a deed of land, waiving settling duties ;

The petition of John Ryan, for a deed of a lot of land, waiving settling duties ;

The petition of F. A. Flint and others, for an appropriation for building a bridge across Magalloway river, in No. 5, range 1, Oxford county ;

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

The petition of William H. Hunt and others, asking that certain territory be set off from the town of Montville and annexed to the town of Liberty ;

The petition of A. A. Brown and others ;

The petition of H. Gilman and others ;

The petition of A. D. Matthews and others,—severally in aid of the petition of William B. Hunt and others ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Towns, in concurrence.

*102 *A communication was received from Hon. S. J. Chadbourne, Secretary of State, transmitting the Annual Report of the Bank Examiner for the year 1875, which was read, and

On motion by Mr. WHEELWRIGHT,

Ordered, That the report be referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

The report of the Land Office Commission, appointed under the provisions of chapter 26 of the public laws of 1875, was received, and

On motion by Mr. WHEELWRIGHT,

Ordered, That it be printed and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

On motion by Mr. DONWORTH,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 3 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes.

On motion by the same Senator,

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

Mr. PEAKS presented the petition of W. W. Walker for aid, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. TOLMAN presented the petition of Monroe Young, for authority to extend his wharf into the tide waters of Jordan river in Trenton, with bill (S. 3) "an act authorizing Monroe Young to extend his wharf into tide waters in Jordan river in the town of Trenton," which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

*Mr. HASKELL presented bill (S. 4) "an act amending *103 section 20, chapter 124 of the revised statutes, in relation to labor," which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

The foregoing orders, petitions and bills were sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HASKELL presented a bill (S. 5) "an act to authorize the union of the Portland Athenæum and the Portland Institute and Public Library, and to empower the conversion of the same into a free public library," which was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DONWORTH, from the Committee on Governor's Message, submitted the following report :

The Joint Select Committee, to whom was referred the Governor's message, having attended to their duty, report as follows :

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

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

That so much as relates to pensions, be referred to the Committee on Pensions ;

That so much as relates to common schools and education, be referred to the Committee on Education ;

That so much as relates to savings banks, be *referred to *104 the Committee on Banks and Banking ;

That so much as relates to State lands and the Land Agent, be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads ;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

That so much as relates to the establishment of a State board of health, and the punishment of crime in capital cases, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary ;

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

That so much as relates to the Centennial, be referred to the Committee on Federal Relations ;

That so much as relates to the amendments to the constitution, be referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments ;

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

(Signed)

JOHN P. DONWORTH.

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. PRESCOTT,

The order relating to a reference to the next Legislature of all petitions and orders for legislation which may be presented after January 26, except petitions for redress of wrongs and grievances, was taken from the table, and

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Resolved, That the Senate insist upon its former action relating to the order, and propose a Committee of Conference, and

Messrs. Swasey of Oxford,
Haskell of Cumberland,
French of Kennebec,

were appointed conferees on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the order came back, and the House insists upon its former action thereon, and joins as conferees on its part,

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

Information was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Smith, its Clerk, of the appointment of Mr. Chase of Bridgton, * to the vacancy in the Committee on Legal *106 Affairs, on the part of that branch.

On motion by Mr. WHEELWRIGHT, at 11 o'clock and 15 minutes A. M.,

The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. SARGENT of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of enacting a law requiring the destruction of thistles and weeds in the public highways and on the location of railroads ;

That the State Treasurer be authorized to procure a fire and burglar proof safe for the better protection of the books and property of the State, and that an appropriation be made for that purpose, and that this order be referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs ;

That the Committee on Fisheries inquire into the expediency of enacting a general law for the protection of planting oysters ;

That the Committee on Reform School be directed to visit the Industrial School for Girls * at Hallowell, and report *107 the condition of that institution ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire if further legislation is necessary to secure a prompt administration of justice to

the people of the State, in pursuance of section 19 of article 1st of the Constitution of this State ;

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

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire whether any legislation is expedient under the amended Constitution, authorizing the legislature to prescribe regulations relative to the manner of making applications for pardon ;

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

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending and defining chapter 227 of the public laws of 1874, relating to powers and duties of County Commissioners ;

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of *108 so changing the law in *relation to pound keepers as to make it more effectual in taking up cattle going at large ;

That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws that innholders and keepers of boarding houses may enforce their lien on the goods and personal baggage of their guests, by sale, in the manner provided for the sale of unclaimed goods held by common carriers ;

That the Committee on Towns inquire into the expediency of legislation authorizing any town in the State to elect its municipal officers to hold office for a term of three years, in the same manner as County Commissioners are now elected ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

That the Committee appointed to contract for the State printing be instructed to advertise for proposals for the same, and report to this House before making a contract, was read.

Mr. PEAKS proposed an amendment marked " A," to amend by striking out the word " House" and insert " Legislature," in lieu thereof, also by adding after the word " proposals," " in the Kennebec Journal, Bangor Whig and Courier, Bangor Commercial, Lew-

iston Journal, Portland Press, Portland Argus, and Biddeford Times."

The amendment was agreed to and the order passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

*The petition of John A. Burke and others, for the incorporation of the Rangely Agricultural Society, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence. *109

The petition of Samuel N. McFarland and others, for authority to build a wharf in the tide waters of Frenchman's bay in Hancock;

The petition of Mark Marshall, for authority to build and maintain a wharf in Marshall cove in St. George, with bill (H. R. 12) "an act authorizing Mark Marshall to build and maintain a wharf in the waters of Marshall's cove in St. George;"

The petition of A. J. Huddleston and another, for authority to build a fish weir, with bill (H. R. 13) "an act to authorize Andrew J. Huddleston and Sanford H. Rumery to extend their fish weir into the tide waters of Johnson's bay in Lubec;

H. R. 14. Bill "an act to incorporate the Rockland, Mt. Desert and Sullivan Steamboat Company;"

Were severally referred to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence.

The petition of George T Loring and others of Yarmouth, for an act legalizing the doings of the town of Yarmouth in 1869, relating to school district lines, was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

The remonstrance of W. H. Allen and others;

The remonstrance of G. F. Fisher and others,—*severally against the petition of Thaddeus Sibley and others for authority to erect fish weirs in Mill cove in Robbinston; *110

The petition of Rufus Harlow and others, for legislation for the preservation of pickerel in Parkman pond;

The petition of H. H. Phillips and others, for legislation to prohibit the taking of smelts except by hook and line, with bill (H. R. 15) "an act to prohibit the taking of smelts in the waters of Patten's bay in the town of Surry, in any other manner than by hook and line;"

Were severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

The petition of Susap Sockalexix of the Penobscot Indians, for an appropriation to repair the chapel of said tribe ;

The petition of Susap Sockalexix of the Penobscot Indians, for an appropriation in aid of Sola Coly ;

Were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs in concurrence.

H. R. 16. Bill "an act to amend section 1 of chapter 55 of the revised statutes, relating to libraries, charitable societies and public cemeteries," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

H. R. 17. Bill "an act to amend section 1, chapter 97 of the public laws of 1873 ;"

*111 H. R. 18. Bill "an act to authorize the *municipal authorities of the city of Saco to discontinue the old cemetery in Saco, and remove the remains now therein to Laurel Hill Cemetery ;"

The petition of the assessors of Drew plantation, for an act to legalize the doings of said plantation ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

The petition of Enoch Hall, for a deed of a lot of land in Lyndon, waiving settling duties ;

The petition of Cyrille Pelletier and others, of St. Francis plantation, for certain lots of land claimed by the European and North American Railway Company ;

The petition of certain inhabitants of Fort Kent and Frenchville, for relief and title to lands claimed by proprietors ;

The petition of inhabitants of Frenchville, for relief of settlers on proprietors' lands, in the Madawaska territory ;

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

The petition of I. N. Davis and others, to be set off from Webster and annexed to the city of Lewiston ;

The petition of Benj. C. Gay and others ;

The petition of Wm. H. Hodgkins and others,—severally for the annexation of Songo Gore to the town of Casco ;

*112 The petition of Andrew R. Gay and others, *for the annexation of the Dingley Islands to the town of Casco ;

The remonstrance of M. S. Ayer and others, against setting off certain territory from Montville to the town of Liberty ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

The communication from the Governor, transmitting a communication from Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State of the United States, relating to the protection and increase of fish frequenting the frontier waters of the United States and Canada, referred by the Senate to the Committee on Federal Relations, came from the House non-concurred and referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

The minority report of the Land Office Commission, appointed under the provisions of section 4, chapter 26 of the public laws of 1875, signed by Parker P. Burleigh, was received, and

On motion by Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That the report be printed in connection with the majority report of said Commission, and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Communications were received from Hon. S. J. Chadbourne, Secretary of State, transmitting the annual reports of the agents of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, which * were read, and

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On motion by Mr. WEBB,

Ordered, That the reports be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. JORDAN,

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

On motion by Mr. HASKELL.

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

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

Mr. WEBB presented the petition of Joseph Sockbasen and others of the Penobscot Indians, for appropriations for grain and seed and for reimbursement for plowing, which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. BROWN of Piscataquis presented the petition of Augustus G. Lebroke and others;

Also the petition of Ansel G. Crockett and others;

Also the memorial of Ansel G. Crockett and others,—severally for the renewal of the charter of the Sebec Lake Steamboat Company;

*114 Also bill (S. 6) “an act to amend and renew * the charter of the Sebec Lake Steamboat Company;”

Which were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

The foregoing orders, petitions and bill were sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HASKELL presented bill (S. 7) “an act to amend section 6 of chapter 115 of the revised statutes, regarding mileage of members of the Legislature,” which was laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. SWASEY, the rules were suspended, and the foregoing bill was read twice and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. KYES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to mileage of members of the Legislature, referred from the files of the last Legislature, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Pending the acceptance of the report,

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches on an order relating to the reception and reference of petitions and orders for legislation, submitted a report recommending the passage of the following order, namely:

Ordered, That all bills and petitions for legislation, except

*115 those for the redress of wrongs * and grievances, which may be presented to this Legislature after Wednesday the

26th instant, be referred to the next Legislature; that this order be published in all the daily papers in this State until said date, and that this order shall not be suspended nor reconsidered except by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

The report was accepted and the order passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently came back concurred.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Fisheries, on bill (H. R. 110) "an act to protect Medomak river," reported the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion by Mr. WADSWORTH, at 5 minutes before 11 o'clock A. M.,

The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. SANDERSON, of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Orders from the House:

* That the Committee on Claims inquire into the expediency of reporting a resolve in favor of the town of Fort Kent, for amount of money expended in support of Mary Ouillette, State pauper; *116

That the Committee on Fisheries be instructed to inquire into the expediency of constructing fishways over the dams on the Androscoggin river;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of further legislation relating to election returns;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 91, section 27 and 28 of the revised

statutes, relating to liens on buildings, that persons furnishing materials and labor shall have better protection ;

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

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

That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 70 of the revised statutes, so that any assignor may be cited before some regular constitutional tribunal for an examination of his affairs ;

*117 *That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 257 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the reimbursing of towns and cities for moneys paid for support of the several military companies in the State ;

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending sections 13 and 14 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the taxation of logs and lumber ;

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

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

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

That a *Joint Select Committee of seven on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to consider the salaries of the various State officers, and see what reduction, if any, can be made in the same ; to confer with heads of Departments to see what reduction can be made in the clerical*
*118 force, and what can be *done to reduce the expense of

maintaining the same; to consider the practicability of reducing the size of the Report of Superintendent of the Common Schools, of the Report of the Commissioner of Insurance, and of the Report of the Board of Agriculture, and restricting these several reports to a limited number of pages; to scrutinize carefully the various expenditures of the State, with a view to the closest economy consistent with the best interests of the State, came from the House amended by striking out the words "*a Joint Select Committee of seven on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to,*" and inserting instead the words, "*the Committee on Financial Affairs,*" and passed.

The amendment was agreed to and the order passed in concurrence.

The petition of the town of Carroll, to be reimbursed for money paid for bounty on bears;

The petition of the town of Springfield, to be reimbursed the sums paid for bounty on bears;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

The petition of W. S. Jordan and others, for lien on vessels for supplies furnished;

The petition of Nelson W. Gamage and others, for authority to extend a wharf into tide waters in the town of Bristol;

Were referred to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence.

* The petition of William Haley and others, for the protection of trout in certain waters in Franklin county, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence. *119

The petition of J. L. Smith and others, for an amendment of the charter of the Penobscot Log Driving Company, with bill (H. R. 19) "an act additional to 'an act to incorporate the Penobscot Log Driving Company;'"

H. R. 20. Bill "an act in addition to, and to amend 'an act to incorporate the proprietors of Wiscasset Bridge,' approved June 30th, 1846;"

Were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

H. R. 21. Bill "an act relating to administrators, executors and trustees," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

The petition of S. C. Jones and others, for additional legislation in relation to mechanics' liens;

H. R. 22. Bill "an act to incorporate the Bridgton Telegraph Company;"

Were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

The petition of James Phair and others of Presque Isle, for equipments for an independent military company, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

*120 *The remonstrance of J. D. Teague and others, against the incorporation of the Fort Fairfield Branch Railway Company, was referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

The petition of the inhabitants of Chapman plantation, for aid in building a road;

The petition of James Phair, for a deed of a lot of land in Chapman plantation, waiving settling duties;

The petition of L. T. Manson, for deed of a lot of land in Chapman plantation, waiving settling duties;

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

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on so much of Governor Dingley's message as relates to divorce laws, referred from the last Legislature, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of Jacob Martin for deed of land, that the petitioner has leave to withdraw;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BROWN of Cumberland,

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns it be to meet on Monday next at two o'clock P. M.

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on Senatorial Votes be directed

to examine the return of votes *for the town of Wind- *121 ham, and ascertain if the vote of said town was correctly reported, and if not, to make the correction, so that the number of votes cast for Humphrey Cousens for Senator shall appear correct according to the return made to the Secretary of State.

Mr. THOMPSON presented the petition of William G. Clifford and others, for an act to prohibit the taking of fish from Adams pond in Newfield, which was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Mr. HASKELL presented the petition of the Portland Montgomery Guards, Maine Volunteer Militia, for legislation placing them on an equality with the other military companies of the militia of the State, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WATTS, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of Matthew Cleland, reported bill (S. 8) "an act authorizing Matthew Cleland to erect and maintain wharves and fish weirs in front of his land in Robbinston, Maine."

The same Senator, from the same Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Cleland, reported bill (S. 9) "an act authorizing Thomas Cleland to erect and maintain wharves and fish weirs in front of his land in Mill cove and Passamaquoddy or St. Andrew bay in Robbinston, Maine."

Mr. BROWN of Cumberland, from the Committee *on *122 Fisheries, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 15) "an act to prohibit the taking of smelts in the waters of Patten's bay in the town of Surry, in any other manner than by hook and line."

These reports were severally accepted, the bills each read once, and Monday assigned for their second reading.

The Committee on bills in the Second Reading reported the following bill:

H. R. 110. "An act to protect Medomak river," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following resolve:

H. R. 1. "Resolve in favor of economy in public expenditures," which was finally passed in concurrence.

And this resolve, having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. WENTWORTH, at 30 minutes past 10 o'clock A. M.,

The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*

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* MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. PERKINS of Augusta.

The Journal of Saturday was read.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on Financial Affairs inquire into the expediency of reducing the pay of wardens and subordinate officers of the State Prison, and fix the amount of salary paid to them ;

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

That the Committee on Reform School inquire into the expediency of making appropriations to meet the current expenses of the Industrial School for Girls ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

The claim of the town of Oldtown, to be reimbursed the amount paid for bounty on bears, was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

The petition of John H. Stinson, for the incorporation of
*124 the Sullivan Bridge Company, * was referred to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence.

The petition of inhabitants of Oldtown for an amendment of the fishery laws, relating to the close-time of fishing in Penobscot bay and river ;

The petition of Nahum Warren and others of Veazie, for the same ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

The petition of C. F. A. Johnson and others, for the incorporation of the Aroostook River Log Driving Company, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

The petition of John Galley and others of Bartlett's island in Hancock county, to be set off from Mt. Desert and annexed to Tremont, was referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

The petition of S. D. Rowell and others, for the incorporation of the "Proprietors of Solon and Embden Bridge," was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on the petition of Fessenden Chase and others, for an amendment of section 6, chapter 22 of the revised statutes, relating to division fences, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, on the *petition *125 of Thaddeus Sibley and others, for authority to erect fish weirs in front of Mill cove in St. Croix river in Robbinston, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

S. 7. Bill "an act to amend section 6 of chapter 115 of the revised statutes, regarding mileage of members of the Legislature, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House indefinitely postponed, and

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. TOLMAN,

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

Mr. HASKELL presented a bill (S. 10) "an act to incorporate the Odd Fellows' Mutual Relief Association of Maine."

Mr. TOLMAN presented bill (S. 11) "an act to amend section 52 of chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to the returns of plantations."

These bills were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills:

S. 8. "An act authorizing Matthew Cleland to erect and *126 maintain wharves and fish weirs *in front of his land in Robbinston, Maine;"

S. 9. "An act authorizing Thomas Cleland to erect and maintain wharves and fish weirs in front of his land in Mill cove and Passamaquoddy or St. Andrews bay in Robbinston, Maine;"

II. R. 15. "An act to prohibit the taking of smelts in the waters of Patten's bay in the town of Surry, in any other manner than by hook and line;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BROWN of Cumberland, at 35 minutes past 2 o'clock P. M.

The Senate adjourned..

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. UPJOHN of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of abolishing imprisonment for debt in certain cases ;

* That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of *127 authorizing County Treasurers, in certain cases, to transmit to the State Treasurer, all uncollected taxes assessed on roads in unincorporated plantations ;

That the same Committee be instructed to examine section 1, chapter 230 of the acts of 1871, relating to assessments and collections of taxes, and report thereon ;

Were read and passed in concurrence.

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

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

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

That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of amending item or specification 5 of section 24, chapter 11 of the revised statutes, by striking out in the last line, "if they find it practicable," and adding the words, "and said schools shall commence * at such times as the superintending school *128 committee or supervisor shall deem practicable ;"

That the Committee on Military Affairs inquire into the expediency of removing the military property of the State, now at Portland, to the State Arsenal in Bangor ;

Were read and passed in concurrence.

The claim of the town of Dalton, (formerly Ashland) for reimbursement for aid furnished to families of volunteers in the year 1865 ;

The petition of John Allen, praying to be paid for an undivided half of lot No. 69 in Presque Isle ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

The petition of Joseph Taylor and others of the Society of Friends, for the abolition of the death penalty ;

The petition of the Selectmen of Lyndon, praying that certain doings of said town may be legalized ;

II. R. 23. Bill "an act to amend section 19 of chapter 78 of the revised statutes, relating to clerk of County Commissioners ;"

Were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

The petition of John Allen, for a deed of a lot of land in Lyndon ;

The petition of Baptist Ouilette and others, praying for an appropriation in aid of a road in Frenchville ;

*129 *The petition of Martin Savage and others, praying for an appropriation in aid of a bridge over Savage stream in St. Francis plantation ;

II. R. 3. "Resolve in favor of roads passing through the Indian township in Washington county ;"

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

The petition of Milford Crosby and others of plantation No. 21, Washington county, praying to be incorporated into a town by the name of Orison ;

The petition of John Mains and others of plantation No. 7, range 2, praying to be incorporated into a town by the name of Kossuth ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred the petition of John Kimball and others, also a bill (H. R. 6) "an act prohibiting fishing with nets or hooks in Hewes pond, or any waters tributary to said pond, in the town of Hermon," with the bill without amendment, and that it ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred bill (H. R. 2) "an act to amend section 1 of chapter 34 of the revised statutes, relating to auctioneers," with the same in a new draft and that it *ought to pass, was *130 accepted in concurrence, and the bill, pending its first reading, laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Report of the same Committee, to whom was referred bill (H. R. 10) "an act to incorporate the Katahdin Iron Company," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, to whom was referred bill (H. R. 17) "an act to amend section 1, chapter 97 of the public laws of 1873," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, and the bill, pending its first reading, laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

A communication was received from Hon. S. J. Chadbourne, Secretary of State, transmitting the annual report of the Trustees and Superintendent of the State Reform School for the year 1875, which was read, and

On motion by Mr. STURGIS,

Ordered, That the report be referred to the Committee on Reform School.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. JORDAN,

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

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Mr. STURGIS presented bill (S. 12) "an act additional to

chapter 48 of the revised statutes, relating to manufacturing, mining and quarrying corporations," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BROWN of Piscataquis, presented the petition of John F. Sprague and others, the petition of Joseph H. Warren and others, and the petition of A. T. Mitchell and others, praying for an appropriation in aid of a road in the town of Wellington, which were referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

The foregoing were sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bill :

S. 5. " An act to authorize the union of the Portland Athenæum and the Portland Institute and Public Library, and empower the conversion of the same into a free public library," which was passed to be enacted in concurrence.

And this bill, having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

*132 On motion by Mr. HINCKLEY, at 20 *minutes before 11 o'clock A. M.,

The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 10 o'clock A. M.

There was no chaplain present.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending the present law appertaining to indigent persons, known as tramps, and foreigners who have no legal settlement in the State, so as to make the expense of said persons chargeable to the State ;

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws relating to proceedings in criminal cases, as to give counsel for the prisoner the closing argument ;

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending section 1 of chapter *57 of the public laws of *133 1875, relating to mileage of sheriffs, by striking out the word "six" in the third line, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "ten ;"

That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens, as to include in its provisions a lien for cutting and hauling spool wood ;

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending the homestead exemption law, so that it shall embrace a house and homestead erected on the land of another ;

That the Committee on Railroads inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws in relation to salary of Railroad Commissioners, as to make the same payable by the State ;

Were read and passed in concurrence.

The petition of the Assessors of Lakeville plantation, praying to be reimbursed certain moneys lost in transportation, was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

The petition of H. Pushaw and others, for the protection of black bass and salmon in Moose pond in Hartland ;

The petition of Horace Brown and others, praying for a change in the law relating to fishing in the St. Croix waters ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

*134 *The petition of Salmore Francis and others of the Passamaquoddy Indians, praying for certain appropriations for the benefit of said tribe, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs in concurrence.

The petition of A. B. Walter and others ;

The petition of Melvin Grant and others,—severally praying for legislation requiring certain locks to be constructed in the dam at Treat's falls, Penobscot river ;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

H. R. 24. Bill "an act relating to estates in dower ;"

H. R. 25. Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Squirrel Island Association ;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

The petition of William Haley and others, praying for legislation permitting the killing of deer ;

H. R. 26. Bill "an act to incorporate the Equity Fire Insurance Company ;"

H. R. 27. Bill "an act to incorporate the Hibernian Society of Biddeford ;"

H. R. 28. Bill "an act to encourage and protect the breeding of trout and land-locked salmon in Sunday pond, in lots No. 2 and 3, township No. 5, range 4, in Oxford county ;"

*135 *Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

H. R. 29. Bill "an act authorizing insurance companies to divide their directors into classes," was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

The petition of inhabitants of Madawaska, praying for legislation in relation to the claims of settlers in the Madawaska territory on proprietors' lands ;

The petition of John Gardiner and others, for an appropriation in aid of repairing a bridge in Mt. Chase ;

The petition of L. B. Pollard and others, for an appropriation in aid of the bridge across the Mattawankeag river in Haynesville;

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

The petition of John Dudley and others, for the incorporation of Waite plantation into a town, was referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, on an order relating to a general law for the protection of oyster planting, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted in concurrence.

A communication was received from Hon. S. J. Chadbourne, Secretary of State, *transmitting the fifty-ninth *136 annual report of the American Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb at Hartford, Connecticut, which was read, and

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

Ordered, That the reports be referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Communications were received from Hon. S. J. Chadbourne, Secretary of State, transmitting the annual reports of the State College of Agriculture and of the Trustees and Superintendent of the Insane Hospital for the year 1875, which were read, and

On motion by Mr. LORD,

Ordered, That the report of the Trustees of the Agricultural College be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

Ordered, That the report of the Trustees and Superintendent of the Insane Hospital be referred to the Committee on Insane Hospital.

The following bills :

H. R. 2. "An act to amend section 1 of chapter 34 of the revised statutes, relating to auctioneers ;"

H. R. 17. "An act to amend section 1, chapter 97 of the public laws of 1873 ;"

Were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

*137 *On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and publish the usual number of copies of the Journal of the Senate for the present session.

On motion by Mr. WATTS,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Prison inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Warden of the State Prison, with the approval of the Inspectors, to loan the use of the fire engine belonging to the State to the town of Thomaston.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. PEAKS,

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

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

were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WEBB presented the petition of Newell Polis of the Penobscot Indians, praying for legislation giving him his proportion of the dividends for certain years, which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

Mr. LORD presented the petition of Seth Scammon and others, praying for an act of incorporation for the purpose of improving certain salt marshes in Scarborough on Dunston river, which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Mr. SWASEY presented the petition of Mrs. H. Grace Cole and others, praying for legislation to prohibit the retail sale of cider and native wines, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. WATTS presented the petition of certain citizens of Thomaston, praying that the Warden and Inspectors of the State Prison may be authorized to loan the use of a fire engine to the town of Thomaston, which was referred to the Committee on State Prison.

These petitions were sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WADSWORTH, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2) "an act additional to incorporate the Monmouth Mutual Fire Insurance Company," reported the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. FRENCH, from the Committee on Senatorial Votes, on an order relating to the votes for Humphrey Cousens for Senator in the town of Windham, submitted the following report:

The Committee on Senatorial Votes, which was instructed by an order of the Senate to examine the returns of Senatorial Votes for the town of Windham, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to report:

*That the clerk of said town of Windham returned one *139 hundred and ninety-seven votes as cast for Humphrey Cousens, but by an error of the Governor and Council only one hundred and seven votes were counted from said town for Humphrey Cousens. Your Committee, therefore, count ninety votes in addition to the number formerly reported, which gives the actual vote of Humphrey Cousens as 7,188 instead of 7,098, as formerly reported.

(Signed)

A. G. FRENCH, *Chairman.*

The report was accepted.

Mr. HASKELL, from the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the memorial of the National Board of Trade, relating to railway legislation, referred from the last legislature, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. THURLOUGH, from the Committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition of J. H. Whiting and others, for the incorporation of the town of Lakeville, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature, with an order of notice.

These reports were accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills:

H. R. 6. "An act to prohibit fishing with nets or hooks in Hewes' pond or any waters tributary to said pond in the town of Hermon ;"

*140 *H. R. 10. "An act to incorporate the Katahdin Iron Company;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. FRENCH, at 20 minutes before 11 o'clock A. M.,

The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ECOB of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of so amending section 7, chapter 6 of the revised statutes, as to make it obligatory upon towns to tax dogs ;

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

Were read and passed in concurrence.

H. R. 30. Bill "an act to amend section 7 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the assessment and collection of taxes," was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

The claim of the town of Blaine, for reimbursement of money paid for bounty on bears, was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

The petition of the Laconia and Pepperell Manufacturing Companies, praying for authority to connect their wharves in Saco river, with bill (H. R. 31) "an act to authorize the Laconia Company

and the Pepperell Manufacturing Company to connect two piers of their wharves in Saco river," was referred to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence.

The petition of the Superintending School Committee of Waterford ;

The petition of the Superintending School Committee of Limerick ;

The petition of the Superintending School Committee of Bridgton,—severally for the establishment of a normal school at North Bridgton ;

The petition of the Selectmen of Livermore, praying for the repeal of the free high school * act ; *142

Were referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

The petition of H. B. Crowell and others, praying for legislation for the protection of fish in the Puffer pond in the town of Dexter, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

The petition of Louis Snow, praying for taking the census of the Passamaquoddy Indians, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs in concurrence.

The petition of Moses Bailey and another, praying for an amendment of the charter of the "Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England," with bill (H. R. 32) "an act to amend the charter of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England ;"

H. R. 33. Bill "an act to repeal section 12 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes ;"

H. R. 34. Bill "an act to repeal chapter 46 of the public laws of 1872, relating to municipal officers ;"

The memorial of George M. Weston, in relation to his accounts with the State ;

The petition of the City Council of Rockland, praying for an amendment of the charter of the Rockland Water Company ;"

Were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

The petition of the Selectmen of Parsonsfield and Cornish, praying for legislation establishing *the division line between said towns ; *143

The petition of Edward Cushing and others of Camden Village Corporation, praying for legislation to authorize said corporation to build a village hall ;

The remonstrance of E. G. Knight and others, against the foregoing petition ;

H. R. 35. Bill "an act to authorize Camden Village Corporation to build a hall ;"

H. R. 36. Bill "an act to encourage and protect the breeding of trout in Little pond and Little Pond brook in Fryeburg Academy Grant ;"

H. R. 37. Bill "an act to amend 'an act granting a charter to the Alumni Association of Bates College ;'"

H. R. 38. Bill "an act to amend section 87 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes ;"

H. R. 39. Bill "an act to incorporate the Home for Aged Men at Bangor ;"-

Were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

The petition of Amaziah Whitten and others, praying to be set off from Sanford and annexed to Alfred, was referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4) "an act to incorporate the Benjamin Franklin Coöperative Association," that the same ought not to pass ;

*144 Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, * to whom was referred the petition of inhabitants of Easton, praying for an appropriation in aid of building a bridge in said town, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred the petition of Lewellyn Libby and others, submitting bill (H. R. 40) "an act to prevent the taking of pickerel in Lovejoy's pond in the county of Kennebec, from December first to June first of each year ;"

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to whom was referred the petition of Leonora A. Patterson, for a deed of a lot of land, submitting a resolve (H. R. 4) in favor of Leonora A. Patterson, widow of Herman V. Patterson ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence, the bill and resolve each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

II. R. 15. Bill "an act to prohibit the taking of smelts in the waters of Patten's bay in the town of Surry, in any other manner than by hook and line," passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House amended as per sheet "A," by adding at the end of section 1 the words: "*To be enforced before any court of competent jurisdiction, one half to the informant and one half to the State.*"

The Senate receded and agreed to the amendment, and the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

*On motion by Mr. KYES,

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

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

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

Mr. WHEELWRIGHT presented the petition of G. K. and E. D. Jewett, praying for legislation to enable them to make a composition for their unsecured debts to the State, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

The same Senator presented bill (S. 13) "an act to authorize the Receivers of the American Bank to pay the dividends on lost certificates," which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

The same Senator presented bill (S. 14) "an act to amend the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company, approved February 2d, 1872," which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

The same Senator presented bill (S. 15) "an act to prevent the careless use of firearms," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

*The same Senator presented bill (S. 16) "an act to in- *146

corporate the Merrill Slate Company," which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

The same Senator presented (S. 2) "resolve authorizing an appropriation for a chemical fire engine," which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Mr. BRACKETT presented bill (S. 17) "an act to incorporate the Berwick Savings Bank," which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. KYES presented the petition of F. M. Lufkin and others, praying for legislation to continue in force the provisions of chapter 415 of the private and special laws of 1874, relating to fishing interests in Lufkin pond in Phillips.

Mr. THOMPSON presented the petition of John Newbegin and others, praying for legislation for the protection of trout in the Newbegin brook in Newfield.

These petitions were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Mr. PEAKS presented the petition of Mary C. Crossman and others, for legislation providing further penalties for manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, which was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Mr. HINCKLEY presented the remonstrance of Charles H. Clement and others, of Samuel N. Gilpatrick and others, of John W. Somes and others, and of J. T. Freeman and others,—severally against setting off Bartlett's island from the town of *147 Mt. Desert and annexing the *same to the town of Tremont, which were referred to the Committee on Towns.

The foregoing were sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PRESCOTT, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, to whom was referred bill (S. 10) "an act to incorporate the Odd Fellows' Mutual Relief Association of Maine," reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills:

H. R. 2. "An act to amend section 1 of chapter 34 of the revised statutes, relating to auctioneers;"

H. R. 17. "An act to amend section 1, chapter 97 of the public laws of 1873;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence

The same Committee also reported the following bill :

S. 2. "An act additional to incorporate the Monmouth Mutual Fire Insurance Company," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The order providing for a Joint Select Committee on Temperance, passed by the Senate, came from the House passed in concurrence, with the Committee joined by that branch as

* follows :

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Messrs. White of Bucksport,
Chase of Standish,
Ballard of Augusta,
Lamson of Richmond,
Cook of Lewiston,
Gibson of Fairfield,
Allen of Waldoborough.

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

The following order was taken from the table, read and passed in concurrence :

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

On motion by Mr. WEBB, at 20 minutes before 11 o'clock A. M.,
The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary*.

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* FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DREW of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on Financial Affairs inquire into the expediency of fixing and readjusting the salaries of State officers in all the departments and public institutions of the State ;

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

That the Judiciary Committee inquire into the expediency of amending section 106, chapter 6 of the revised statutes, in relation to the collection of taxes ;

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of requiring by law, plantations organized for election purposes, to raise money for support of the poor within said plantations ;

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 215 of the public laws of 1874, relating to notice *150 for * damage on ways ;

That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of submitting to the legal voters of the State of Maine, at the next annual election, the question of biennial sessions ;

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

That the Committee on State Lands be directed to report a resolve authorizing the sale of the islands belonging to the State ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

H. R. 41. Bill "an act to incorporate the Commercial Wharf Company," was referred to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence.

The petition of A. L. Hersey and others ;

The petitions of the Superintending School Committees of the towns of Standish, Cornish, Kennebunk, Baldwin, Fryeburg, Harrison, Gilead, Porter, Brownfield, Albany, Sebago, York and Westbrook ;

The petitions of the Supervisors of Schools of the towns of Lovell, Stoneham, Rumford, Cumberland, Casco, Waterborough, Raymond, Naples and Hiram,—severally for the establishment of a normal school at North Bridgton ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

* The petition of Edward F. Safford and others, praying *151 for the incorporation of the Kittery Point Water Power Company ;

The petition of M. B. Spinney and others, praying for legislation to authorize the town of Georgetown to build a bridge from Long island to the main land ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

The petition of A. C. Dennison and others, praying for an amendment of the law relating to the licensing of auctioneers by county commissioners ;

The petition of A. P. Andrews and others, praying for the abolition of the death penalty ;

H. R. 42. Bill "an act to amend section 16 of chapter 71 of the revised statutes ;"

H. R. 43. Bill "an act to amend section 19 of chapter 78 of the revised statutes, relating to clerks of county commissioners ;"

Were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

H. R. 44. Bill "an act relating to school money now belonging to School District No. 4 in Biddeford, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

The petition of Henry H. Haskell of Second Regiment Maine Volunteers, praying for pay and bounty, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

*152 * H. R. 45. Bill "an act to further protect the lives of railroad employees," was referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

The petition of S. B. Gates, praying for a deed of a lot of land ;

The petitions of the Assessors of Silver Ridge plantation, praying that the Land Agent be authorized to execute deeds of lots No. 3, range 1, No. 8, range 1, and No. 8, range 4, in the east half of township No. 2, range 5, to the present holders of certificates, waiving further settling duties ;

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

Report of the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the claim of the town of Dalton (formerly Ashland) for State aid to families of volunteers in 1865, that the same be referred to the Governor and Council ;

Reports of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on the petition of William Haley and others, praying for legislation to permit the killing of deer ;

And on the petition of S. C. Jones and others, praying for additional legislation relating to mechanics' liens, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Reports of the same Committee, on certain orders relating to amending the homestead exemption law, so that it shall apply to a house built on the land of another ; to amending item 5, section 24 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes, by striking out in the last line the words "if they find it practicable," and adding

*153 * the words, "and said schools shall commence at such times as the superintending school committee or supervisor shall deem practicable;" and to amending chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens, so as to include the cutting and hauling of spool wood,—severally that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the Committee on Towns, on the petition of Milford Crosby and others, for the incorporation of plantation No. 21,

Washington county, into a town by the name of Orison, that the same be referred to the next Legislature with an order of notice ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on bill (H. R. 3) "an act to incorporate the Maine Red Granite Company," that the same ought to pass, came from the House recommitted, and was recommitted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Towns, on the petition of Benj. C. Gay and others, submitting bill (H. R. 46) "an act to annex Songo Gore and the Dingley Islands to the town of Casco," was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

A communication was received from the Hon. S. J. Chadbourne, Secretary of State, transmitting the annual report of the Military and Naval Orphan Asylum at Bath for the year 1875, which was read, and

* On motion of Mr. PEAKS,

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Ordered, That the report be printed and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A communication was received from the Hon. S. J. Chadbourne, Secretary of State, transmitting the reports of the Liquor Commissioners for the year 1875, which was read, and

On motion by Mr. WHEELWRIGHT,

Ordered, That the reports be referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. LORD,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of providing for the payment to the State Agricultural Society of the same annual stipend that is now paid to the "State Pomological Society."

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending the law relating to the appointment of trustees for the normal schools.

On motion by Mr. WEBB,

Ordered, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency

of enacting a law for the better protection of policy holders in life insurance companies.

On motion by Mr. JORDAN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens, as to include in its provisions a lien for *155 cutting *cord wood.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. THOMPSON presented the petition of S. C. Adams and others, for the repeal of the free high school act, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. LORD presented a bill (S. 18) "an act to amend chapter 55, section 1. of the revised statutes, in relation to libraries, charitable societies and public cemeteries," which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Mr. BROWN of Piscataquis, presented the petition of M. M. Lambard and others, for legislation imposing increased penalties for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Mr. KYES presented the petition of W. W. Thomas and others, praying for increased penalties for the sale of intoxicating liquors. The petitions were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HASKELL presented a bill (S. 19) "an act to amend chapter 172 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the security of life on steam vessels on inland waters," and

On motion by the same Senator,

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. LORD, from the Committee on Education, to whom was referred the petition of Charles Verrill and others, praying for legislation to prevent corporal punishment in public schools, *156 reported *that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. STEVENS, from the same Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Farwell and others, praying for a change in the law relating to meeting houses, reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

These reports were accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. THURLOUGH, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to whom was referred the bill (S. 23) "an act to authorize Charles W. Howard to dredge a bar in Rangely lake and navigate said lake by steam," reported the same in a new draft, under title of "an act authorizing Charles W. Howard to dredge bars and navigate Rangely lake by steam," and pending the acceptance of the report,

On motion by Mr. KYES,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. DONWORTH, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on an order, reported bill (S. 20) "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes."

Mr. BROWN of Piscataquis, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to whom was referred (H. R. 3) "resolve in favor of roads passing through the Indian township in Washington county," reported the same in a new draft, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. GRAY, from the same Committee, to whom was referred the petition of John Gardiner and others, for an appropriation in aid of repairing *a bridge in Mt. Chase, reported *157 (S. 1) "resolve in aid of the town of Mt. Chase, Penobscot county."

These reports were severally accepted, and the bill and resolves each laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. CARNEY, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of Nelson W. Gamage, reported bill (S. 21) "an act to authorize Nelson W. Gamage to extend a wharf into tide water in the town of Bristol."

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred the petition of A. C. Fernald and others, reported bill (S. 22) "an act authorizing Abraham C. Fernald and others to build and maintain a fish weir in tide waters between Bear island and Mt. Desert."

Mr. BROWN of Cumberland, from the same Committee, to whom was referred bill (H. R. 7) "an act for the protection of fish in Pushaw pond in the county of Penobscot, and the streams flowing into and out of said pond," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the same Committee, to whom was re-

ferred the petition of William G. Clifford and others, reported bill (S. 24) "an act to prohibit the taking of fish of any kind from the Adams pond, so called, and its main tributary in the town of Newfield."

Mr. BRACKETT, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to whom was referred the petition of Seth Scammon and others, praying for an act of incorporation for the improvement of *158 certain salt marshes in Scarborough, reported * bill (S. 25) "an act to incorporate the Southgate Dyking Company."

These reports were accepted, the bills each read once, and Monday assigned for their second reading.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bill and resolve :

H. R. 40. "An act to prevent the taking of pickerel in Lovejoy's pond in the county of Kennebec, from December 1st to June 1st of each year ;"

H. R. 4. "Resolve in favor of Leonora A. Patterson, widow of Hermon V. Patterson ;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bill :

S. 10. "An act to incorporate the Odd Fellows' Mutual Relief Association of Maine," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

Ordered, The House concurring, that when the Senate adjourns it be to meet on Monday next at 2 o'clock P. M.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently came back concurred.

*159 * On motion by Mr. JORDAN, at 5 minutes past 11 o'clock A. M.,

The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. NEWCOMBE of Hallowell.

The Journal of Friday was read.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the propriety of recording all assignments of wages as mortgages of personal property ;

That the same Committee inquire whether any further provisions of law are necessary to provide a remedy for injuries to persons and property by railroads in the charge of trustees of bond-holders ;

That the same Committee inquire whether further legislation is necessary to protect the rights of married women ;

That the same Committee inquire if further *legislation *160 is necessary to prevent fires in forests ;

That the Committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of amending sections 6, 7 and 23 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes in relation to division fences ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

The petition of the Superintending School Committee of Sweden and of the Supervisor of Schools of Denmark, praying for the establishment of a normal school at North Bridgton ;

H. R. 47. Bill "an act to amend chapter 229 of the public laws of Maine for the year 1874 ;

Were referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

The petition of J. B. Ellis and others, praying for legislation for the protection of trout in Rangely stream in Rangely ;

H. R. 48. Bill "an act additional to chapter 40 of the revised statutes, relating to fishways ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

The petition of William E. Gould and others, praying for legislation authorizing the County Commissioners of Cumberland county to lay out a road over tide waters, with bill (H. R. 49)

*161 "an act to authorize the County Commissioners * of Cumberland county to lay out a road over tide waters of Long creek in the town of Cape Elizabeth," was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

The petition of the heirs of John Goddard, praying for pay for timber on a certain township of land ;

The petitions of E. B. Randall and others, of S. E. Hall and others and T. Cushing and others, severally praying for the abolition of the death penalty ;

II. R. 50. Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine General Homœopathic Hospital ;"

II. R. 51. Bill "an act to regulate and limit municipal indebtedness ;"

Were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

II. R. 52. Bill "an act to amend section 45 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to elections ;"

II. R. 53. Bill "an act to give additional power to the Piscataquis Mutual Insurance Company ;"

II. R. 54. Bill "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 70 of the revised statutes, in relation to the time in which assignees shall file an inventory in probate court ;"

Were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

The petition of Arno Wiswell and others, praying for an act of incorporation, with bill (II. R. 55) "an act to incorporate

*162 the Ellsworth * Marine Insurance Company," was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

The petition of M. G. Palmer and others, praying for an act of incorporation, with bill (II. R. 56) "an act to incorporate the Orchard Beach Railroad Company," was referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

The petition of O. B. Davis and others, praying for an appropriation to complete a road in the town of Wellington, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

The petitions of the Woman's Temperance Union of Fairfield, of David Pearsons and others, of Mrs. D. A. Stevens and others, of John Abbott and others, of C. K. Foss and others, of E. L. Harvey and others, of Mrs. Ira H. Foss and others, of Elias Norwood and others, of Mrs. Lydia C. Kilgore and others, of W. Leighton and others, of inhabitants of Cape Elizabeth, of inhabitants of Hallowell, of public meetings in Cape Elizabeth, of public meeting in Gray, of public meeting in Gorham, of public meeting in Portland, of a public meeting in Cumberland, of a public meeting in Stroudwater village, of Neal Dow and others, of F. Houdlette and others,—severally praying for legislation providing further penalties for the manufacture and sale of intoxicating
*liquors. *163

Were each referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

The petition of inhabitants of Haynesville, Leavitt and Greenwood, praying to be incorporated into a plantation to be called Haynesville, was referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

H. R. 57. Bill "an act requiring the expenses of keeping in repair certain bridges, be paid by the several counties," was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

The petition of Alexander Campbell and others, praying for the repeal of the act of 1874, repealing an act of 1828, relating to fish in Narraguagus river, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

The petition of the Maine Medical Association and others, praying for the establishment of a State Board of Health, with bill (H. R. 58) "an act to establish a State Board of Health," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

The petition of David R. Hastings and others, praying for the establishment of a term of the Supreme Judicial Court at Fryeburg in Oxford county;

H. R. 59. Bill "an act to make legal the *doings of the *164 Livermore Falls Bridge Company;"

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

The petition of Seward Dill and others, praying for an amendment of the charter of the Maine Dairymen's Association, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

The petition of the managers of the Bangor Children's Home, praying for an appropriation, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

The petition of James M. Story, praying for a deed of a lot of land, waiving certain settling duties, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

The remonstrance of the Selectmen and citizens of Steuben against the setting off of certain territory from the town of Steuben to the town of Milbridge, was referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

H. R. 5. "Resolve in favor of the town of Island Falls," was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Commerce, on the petition of Ira D. Sturgis and others, praying that the draw in Arrowsic bridge be enlarged, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

*165 * Report of the Committee on Fisheries, on the petition of William Haley and others, praying for legislation for the protection of trout in certain waters in Franklin county, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Nahum Warren and others, praying for an amendment of the fishery laws relating to the close-time of fishing in Penobscot bay and river, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of inhabitants of Oldtown, praying for legislation relating to the close-time of fishing in Penobscot bay and river, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of H. B. Crowell and others, praying for legislation for the protection of fish in Puffer pond in Dexter, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, came from the House accepted, and

On motion by Mr. THOMPSON,

Ordered, That the Senate non-concur, and that the report be recommitted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on the order relating to the construction of fishways over the dams on the Androscoggin river, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted in concurrence.

* Report of the Committee on Commerce, on bill (H. R. *166 12) "an act authorizing Mark Marshall to build and maintain a wharf in the waters of Marshall's cove in St. George," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, on the petition of Rufus Harlow and others, submitting bill (H. R. 60) "an act for the preservation of pickerel in Northwest and Harlow ponds in the towns of Parkman and Sangerville in the county of Piscataquis ;"

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of J. L. Smith and others, submitting bill (H. R. 19) "an act additional to 'an act to incorporate the Penobscot Log Driving Company ;'"

Report of the same Committee, on bill (H. R. 61) "an act to incorporate the Piper Reservoir Dam Company," with the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the Selectmen of Lyndon, submitting bill (H. R. 62) "an act to make valid the doings of the town of Lyndon in the county of Aroostook ;

Report of the same Committee, on the same petition, submitting bill (H. R. 63) "an act to authorize the town of Lyndon to loan its credit in aid of the Aroostook River Railroad ;

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill (H. R. 22) "an act to incorporate the Bridgton Telegraph Company," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, on bill (H. R. 26) "an act to incorporate the Equity Fire Insurance *Company," *167 that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, on bill (H. R. 27) "an act to incorporate the Hibernian Society of Biddeford," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, on bill (H. R. 28) "an act to encourage and protect the breeding of trout and land-locked salmon in Sunday pond, in lots number two and three, township number five, range four, in Oxford county," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of the Assessors of Drew plantation, submitting bill (H. R. 64) "an act to make valid the doings of Drew plantation;"

Were severally accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

The following bill and resolves :

S. 20. "An act to amend section 3 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes;"

S. 1. "Resolve in aid of the town of Mt. Chase, Penobscot county;"

H. R. 3. "Resolve in favor of roads passing through the Indian township in Washington county;"

Were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State furnish the Legislature with the several yearly amounts appropriated to the Maine Agricultural College.

*168 *On motion by the same Senator,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs inquire whether the members of the several military companies in the State have been examined and enlisted according to law, and report a list of the officers who have examined and enlisted such soldiers, and the date of such examination and enlistments within the last three years, with power to send for persons and papers.

On motion by the same Senator,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of so amending section 2 of chapter 113 of the revised statutes, that a poor debtor shall not be committed to prison when the debt is less than twenty dollars.

Mr. HINCKLEY presented bill (S. 27) "an act relative to the Ellsworth Police Court;"

Mr. PEAKS presented bill (S. 28) "an act relating to the juris-

diction of the Supreme Judicial Court, and to amend chapter 81, section 9 of the revised statutes ;”

These bills were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. HASKELL presented the memorial of the managers of the Female Orphan Asylum, Portland, for an appropriation, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. STEVENS presented the petition of Benjamin Hilton and others, praying for legislation requiring the expense of building and keeping in repair all bridges located by County Commissioners *to be paid by the respective counties where *169 located, in certain cases.

Mr. CARNEY presented the petition of Alden Lewis and others, for the same.

Mr. WEBB presented the petition of Jeremiah Page and others, praying for an appropriation in aid of building a road from Lowell to Greenbush.

These petitions were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

The foregoing were sent down for concurrence.

Mr. KYES, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of W. W. Walker for aid, reported that the petitioner has leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred the petition of Amos Hobbs and others, reported bill (S. 29) “an act to prevent the taking or destroying of fish in Hobb’s mill pond in the town of Farmington.”

The report was accepted, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to whom was referred the petition of L. B. Pollard and others, reported (S. 3) “resolve in favor of bridge across the Mattawankeag river in the town of Haynesville on the military road.”

*The report was accepted, and the resolve laid over *170 to be printed under the Joint Rule.

On motion by Mr. KYES,

The report of the Committee on Interior Waters, submitting bill (S. 23) "an act authorizing Charles W. Howard to dredge bars and navigate Rangely lake by steam," was taken from the table.

The report was accepted and the bill read twice, the rules being suspended.

The same Senator proposed an amendment marked "A," to amend section 6, so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of said corporator, his associates and assigns, to touch at Rangely village for passengers not less than six times a week during the boating season unless prevented by storms and winds."

The amendment was agreed to and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bill:

H. R. 46. "An act to annex Songo Gore and the Dingley islands to the town of Casco," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bills:

S. 21. "An act to authorize Nelson W. Gamage to extend a wharf into tide waters in the town of Bristol;"

*171 *S. 22. "An act authorizing Abraham C. Fernald and others to build and maintain a fish weir in tide water between Bear island and Mt. Desert;"

S. 24. "An act to prohibit the taking of fish of any kind from Adams' pond, so called, and its main tributary in the town of Newfield;"

S. 25. "An act to incorporate the Southgate Dyking Company;"

H. R. 7. "An act for the protection of fish in Pushaw pond in the county of Penobscot, and the streams flowing into and out of said pond;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills :

S. 8. "An act authorizing Matthew Cleland to erect and maintain wharves and fish weirs in front of his land in Robbinston ;"

S. 9. "An act authorizing Thomas Cleland to erect and maintain wharves and fish weirs in front of his land in Mill cove and Passamaquoddy or St. Andrews bay in Robbinston, Maine ;"

H. R. 2. "An act to amend section 1 of chapter 34 of the revised statutes, relating to auctioneers ;"

H. R. 6. "An act to prohibit fishing with nets or hooks in Hewes' pond or any waters tributary to said pond in the town of Hermon ;"

H. R. 10. "An act to incorporate the Katahdin' Iron Company ;"

H. R. 15. "An act to prohibit the taking of smelts in the waters of Patten's bay in the town of Surry, *in any *172 other manner than by hook and line ;"

H. R. 17. "An act to amend section 1, chapter 97 of the public laws of 1873 ;"

H. R. 110. "An act to protect Medomak river ;"

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

And these several bills, having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. HINCKLEY, at 15 minutes past 3 o'clock P. M.,

The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BEAN of Bath.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of reporting some law to prevent the sale of intoxicating *173 liquors, including cider *and native wines, on the ground or near the ground of any county or town fair in the State ;

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of reporting some law to prevent gambling in any form, on the ground or near the ground of the State or any county or town fair held in the State ;

That the same Committee examine and report whether chapter 84, laws of 1872, or any law subsequently enacted, repeals in whole or in part, chapter 223 of the laws of 1871 ; also whether any railroad company in the State, or the trustee or trustees in charge of any railway, are authorized by law to limit to less than six years the time during which properly issued commutation tickets, so-called, may be used by the lawful holder thereof ;

That the same Committee inquire and report whether any legislation is necessary to explain section 4, chapter 203 of the public laws of 1874, relating to pensions of disabled soldiers and seamen ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

The petition of inhabitants of St. Francis plantation, praying for a reduction of the State valuation of said plantation ;

H R. 6. "Resolve in favor of the Granger Turnpike ;

Were referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Isaac Ramsdell and others, against the *174 petition of A. J. Huddleston and others, *for authority to extend weir into the tide waters of Johnson's bay, was referred to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence.

H. R. 7. "Resolve in favor of Wilton Academy," was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

The petition of John H. Crandon and others, praying for the repeal of an act of 1862, relating to the taking of salmon, shad and alewives in Pleasant river in Washington county;

The petition of Samuel Mowry and others, praying for legislation for the protection of fish weirs in Lubec, with bill (H. R. 68) "an act to better protect owners of fish weirs in Lubec;"

Were severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

The petition of Wyatt Weed and others of Veazie, praying for legislation providing a remedy for inhabitants of said town for damage in consequence of the building of the dam at Treat's falls by the city of Bangor;

The petition of A. K. P. Lord, praying for an act of incorporation for the navigation of Saco river;

The petition of Charles Russell, praying for authority to erect and maintain a wharf in the tide waters of the Kennebec river in Bowdoinham, with bill (H. R. 65) "an act to authorize Charles Russell to build and maintain a wharf into the tide waters of Kennebec river in the town of Bowdoinham;"

Were severally referred to the Committee on *Interior *175 Waters in concurrence.

The petition of D. J. Sawyer, praying for legislation to legalize the doings of the Assessors of Jonesport;

The petition of Mrs. John A. Winn, praying for an amendment of the law relating to concealment or embezzlement of property of deceased persons;

The petition of Arno Wiswell, praying for the incorporation of the Sullivan and Franklin Telegraph Company;

Memorial of the Railroad Commissioners, for compensation for certain services rendered;

The petition of inhabitants of Woolwich, praying for an amendment of the law relating to the settlement of paupers;

H. R. 66. Bill "an act in relation to the erection of wharves and fish weirs in tide waters;"

H. R. 67. Bill "an act to amend section 28 of chapter 25 of the public laws for the year 1875;"

H. R. 69. Bill "an act to amend section 2 of chapter 116 of the revised statutes;"

Were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Remonstrance of S. D. Carleton and others, against the petition of Edward Cushing and others, for legislation authorizing Camden Village Corporation to build a village hall, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin Lincoln and others, praying for the *176 incorporation of the Denny's *River Dairying Association, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

The petition of Nelson Turney, praying for a deed of a lot of land in Chapman plantation ;

The petition of James McCornville, Jr., praying for a deed of a lot of land in Washburn ;

The petition of F. G. Parker and others, praying that a deed of a lot of land may be granted to George S. Daniels, waiving further settling duties ;

The petition of James W. Bolton and others, praying for an appropriation in aid of a bridge over Gagnon stream in Frenchville ;

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

The petition of A. J. Smith and others, praying for legislation to suppress the sale of native wine and cider, was referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

The petition of S. A. Dinsmore and others, praying for an act of incorporation for a toll bridge across the Kennebec river between Solon and Embden, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Commerce, on bill (H. R. 14) "an act to incorporate the Rockland, Mt. Desert and Sullivan Steamboat Company," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of John *177 Neal and others, submitting bill *(H. R. 70) "an act to

authorize John Neal to build and extend a wharf into tide water in the town of Kittery ;”

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill (H. R. 39) “an act to incorporate the Home for Aged Men at Bangor,” that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, on bill (H. R. 36) “an act to encourage and protect the breeding of trout in Little pond and Little Pond brook in Fryeburg Academy Grant,” that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, on bill (H. R. 37) “an act to amend ‘an act granting a charter to the Alumni Association of Bates College,’ ” that the same ought to pass ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

On motion by Mr. LORD,

Ordered, That the use of the Senate Chamber be tendered to the Maine Editors’ and Publishers’ Association, on Thursday evening and Friday afternoon of the present week.

On motion by Mr. WHITE,

Ordered, That the Committee on Fisheries inquire into the expediency of so amending section 19, chapter 40 of the revised statutes, that nets may be set crosswise of said waters as well as lengthwise.

On motion by Mr. PRESCOTT,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking, in considering the expediency of *repealing all charters of *178 banking institutions heretofore granted, which have not been organized under said charters, be instructed to except the charter of the Pittsfield Savings Bank.

Mr. KYES presented the petition of James M. Kempton, praying for the incorporation of the Franklin Central Agricultural Society, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. WATTS presented the petition of the Selectmen of Windham, praying for a charter for a bridge over tide waters in said town, which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The same Senator presented the petition of M. H. Kiff and others, praying for legislation authorizing the town of Vinalhaven to increase the poll tax in said town.

Mr. PRESCOTT presented the petition of Joseph Barrett and others, praying for the abolition of the death penalty.

Mr. SWASEY presented the petition of S. J. Gallagher and others, praying for the incorporation of Seth Williams Post of the Grand Army of the Republic.

These petitions were each referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. SWASEY presented the petition of Sylvanus Poor and others, praying for the incorporation of the Lone Mountain Aqueduct Company of Andover.

Mr. CARNEY presented the petition of John N. Bond *179 and others, praying for legislation *granting to W. A.

Jackson the exclusive right to navigate Damariscotta lake by steam for a term of years.

These petitions were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Mr. WEBB presented the petition of Martha Soc, of the Penobscot Indians, praying for certain dividends, which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. WHEELWRIGHT presented the petition of John L. Stevens and others, the petition of S. P. Graves and others, and the petition of W. B. Whiting and others,—severally praying for an appropriation in favor of constructing a Homœopathic hospital, which were each referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

The same Senator presented the following bills :

S. 30. "An act to amend 'an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of a railroad into Aroostook county,' approved February 8, 1875 ;"

S. 31. "An act to amend chapter 19 of the special laws of 1875 ;"

S. 32. "An act additional and amendatory of 'an act to enable the city of Bangor to aid the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company in the extended construction of its railroad,' approved February 22, 1871 ;"

S. 33. "An act to extend the time for the completion of the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad ;"

*180 *S. 34. "An act granting further time to the Northern Aroostook Railroad Company to make and file the location of its line of railroad ;"

These bills were each referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. JORDAN presented the petition of Jordan Rand and others, praying for legislation for the more effectual suppression of the liquor traffic, which was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

The foregoing were sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred the communications relating to fisheries in the frontier waters of the United States and Canada, reported that the same be referred the Governor and Council, with the request that they recommend some plan of action, to be submitted by them to the next Legislature.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BROWN of Piscataquis, from the Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred the petition of G. W. Fairbanks and others, reported bill (S. 35) "an act for the protection of pike or pickerel in the Berry, Dexter and Wilson ponds in the towns of Wayne, Winthrop and Monmouth."

The report was accepted, the bill read once *and to- *181 morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. HINCKLEY, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, to whom was referred the accounts of the State Treasurer for the year 1875, submitted the following report:

The Committee on Financial Affairs, to whom was referred the report of the State Treasurer for the year ending December 31, 1875, submit the following report:

We hereby certify that we have examined the books in the Treasurer's office and find the accounts correctly cast, properly vouched, and agreeing with his report presented to the Legislature. We find the amount of cash on hand December 31, 1875, \$377,093.84; of this amount we find \$2,166.04 in bank bills and scrip, and \$15,116.33 in State of Maine bonds in the Treasurer's office, and \$296,673.04 deposited in National banks of this State, and \$63,138.43 in the Suffolk National Bank, Boston, their respective cashiers certifying to the amount in each agreeable to the accompanying schedule. The bonds and coupons paid during the past year, coupon bonds received in exchange for registered

bond, and registered bonds surrendered by holders, like amount being re-issued to other parties, and \$1,112,900 of the sinking fund of 1865 we have destroyed by burning and made due record of the fact.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came back concurred.

*182 * On motion by Mr. HINCKLEY,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, proposing a Convention of both branches of the Legislature in the Representatives' Hall to-morrow at a quarter before eleven o'clock, for the purpose of electing a State Treasurer for the current fiscal year, and asking the concurrence of the House.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Subsequently a message was received from the House, by Mr. Smith, its Clerk, informing the Senate of the concurrence of the House in the foregoing proposition of the Senate.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills :

H. R. 12. "An act authorizing Mark Marshall to build and maintain a wharf in the waters of Marshall's cove in St. George;"

H. R. 19. "An act additional to 'an act to incorporate the Penobscot Log Driving Company ;'"

H. R. 27. "An act to incorporate the Hibernian Society of Biddeford ;"

H. R. 28. "An act to encourage and protect the breeding of trout and land-locked salmon in Sunday pond, in lots No. 2 and 3, township No. 5, range 4, in Oxford county ;"

H. R. 60. "An act for the preservation of pickerel in Northwest and Harlow ponds in the towns of Parkman and Sangerville, in the county of Piscataquis ;"

H. R. 61. "An act to incorporate the Piper Reservoir Dam Company ;"

*183 H. R. 63. "An act to authorize the town of Lyndon *to loan its credit in aid of the Aroostook River Railroad ;"

H. R. 64. "An act to make valid the doings of Drew plantation ;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bills :

S. 20. " An act to amend section 3 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes ; "

S. 29 " An act to prevent the taking or destroying of fish in Hobb's mill pond in the town of Farmington ; "

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following resolve :

H. R. 3. " Resolve in favor of roads passing through the Indian township in Washington county," which was read a second time.

Mr. TALBOT proposed an amendment marked " A," to amend by striking out the word " two " in the first line and inserting " four."

The amendment was agreed to, and

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That the resolve lie on the table.

The same Committee also reported the following resolve :

S. 1. " Resolve in aid of the town of Mt. Chase, Penobscot county," which was read a *second time, and *184

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Subsequently, on motion by Mr. HASKELL,

The foregoing resolve was taken from the table.

The same Senator proposed an amendment marked " A." to amend by adding after the words " Shin pond," the words " and repairing roads."

And pending its adoption,

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That the resolve lie on the table.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bill :

H. R. 40. " An act to prevent the taking of pickerel in Lovejoy's pond in the county of Kennebec, from December 1st to June 1st of each year," which was passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following resolve :

H. R. 4. "Resolve in favor of Leonora A. Patterson, widow of Hermon V. Patterson," which was finally passed in concurrence.

And this bill and resolve, having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

The vote was reconsidered whereby the Senate referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence, the petition *185 of William E. Gould and *others, (for legislation authorizing the County Commissioners of Cumberland county to lay out a road over tide waters of Long creek) with bill (H. R. 49) "an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Cumberland county to lay out a road over tide waters of Long creek in Cape Elizabeth," and

On motion by the same Senator,

Ordered, That the Senate non-concur, and that the petition and accompanying bill be referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WEBB, at 15 minutes past 11 o'clock A. M.,
The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary*.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Miss HAINES of Hallowell.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on Claims inquire into * the expedi- *186
ency of repealing so much of chapter 30 of the revised
statutes, as relates to paying bounties on bears ;

That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency
of so amending any existing law, as to provide by law for giving
the superintending school committee of any town where a free
high school is established, the power to transfer scholars from
the district schools to said free high school ;

That the Committee on Insane Hospital inquire and report
whether any fund has accumulated in the hands of the officers of
said institution, and if so, what amount and how the same is in-
vested ; also inquire whether the price now charged for care and
board of patients in said institution may not be reduced without
injury to the interests of the State ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency
of amending section 46, chapter 3 of the revised statutes, in refer-
ence to organizing plantations by striking out the word "fifty" in
the 6th line ;

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of so
amending chapter 6 of the revised statutes, that the lien on lands
of residents for taxes may be perfected by suit in action of debt,
by adding to the third line of section 173, the words "but may
perfect the lien by action of debt."

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amend-
ing section 24 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes, relating to
paupers in unincorporated places ;

* That the same Committee inquire into the expediency *187
of repealing chapter 230 of the public laws of 1874, amend-
ing section 22, chapter 24 of the revised statutes, in relation to

paupers in unincorporated places, and of re-enacting that part of the aforesaid section then stricken out ;

That the same Committee inquire as to the propriety of so amending the Calais Court bill that the county shall pay the expense of holding court at Calais, as it now does at Machias ;

That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of amending section 45 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to the correcting of voting lists ;

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending section 40 of chapter 113 of the revised statutes, by adding to said section the words " and if arrested on an execution issued on either of such judgments the debtor shall not be discharged from arrest on giving bond ;"

That the Committee on Military Affairs inquire into the expediency of abolishing the State militia pensions, or such of them as they may deem proper ;

That the Committee on Railroads inquire whether further legislation is necessary to protect the rights of railroad stockholders in the authority conferred on bondholders to choose Trustees under deeds of mortgage ;

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to examine the claim of Levi Sears for deed of a certain lot of land in Aroostook county ;

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of *188 authorizing the Land Agent to convey *lot No. 67 in township No. 11, range 3, to E. S. Perry, waiving further settling duties ;

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Land Agent to convey lot No. 58 in township No. 11, range 3, to Rufus F. Stone, waiving further settling duties ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

The petition of E. S. Cushman and others, for the incorporation of the Sherman Cheese Factory, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

The petition of A. J. Bird and others, praying that the claim of Bickford C. Matthews may be allowed ;

H. R. 8. " Resolve in favor of George W. Hewey and Charles L. Hewey ;"

Were each referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

H. R. 71. Bill "an act to make free Arrowsic and Merry-meeting toll bridge;"

The petition of Wm. Rice and others, for the passage of the foregoing bill;

The petitions of S. S. Snipe and others, the petition of K. W. Riggs and others, the petition P. R. Millay and others, the petition of John Rogers and others, and the petition of Joseph Hilton and others,—severally in aid of the petition of Wm. Rice and others;

The petition of James E. Black and others, for legislation to prohibit the throwing of waste from *the manufacture *189 of gas into the Saco river;

The petition of T. J. Parks, for an amendment of the charter of the Winnegance Mill-dam Company, with bill (H. R. 72) "an act to amend 'an act to incorporate the Winnegance Mill-dam Company;'"

Were severally referred to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence.

The petitions of the school officers of the city of Portland; of the Supervisor of Schools of North Yarmouth; of the Superintending School Committees of the towns of Bethel, Deering and Windham,—severally for the establishment of a Normal School at North Bridgton, were referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

The memorials of J. L. H. Cobb and others, of James Noyes and others, of Joseph Howard and others,—severally for an appropriation in aid of the Maine General Homœopathic Hospital;

The petition of the Maine General Hospital, for an appropriation;

H. R. 9. "Resolve abating a portion of State tax of Perkins plantation, and assessing the same upon the town of Carthage;"

Were severally referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs in concurrence.

The petition of Nathan McKenney and others, for legislation regulating the catching of smelts in and near the outlet of Mon-sweag river;

The petition of inhabitants of Oldtown, for *legislation *190 fixing a close-time for fishing in the Penobscot river and its tributaries;

The petition of F. H. Hutchins and others, for legislation prohibiting the taking of trout in the inlet of Howard's pond in Hanover;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

The petition of Wm. S. Pearson and others, for legislation relating to the survey of lumber, with bill (H. R. 73) "an act additional to regulate the survey of lumber in the county of Penobscot;"

The petition of M. A. Phillips and others, for legislation to prevent the waste of mills being thrown into the Houghton brook;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

The petition of James O. A. Harmon and others; the petition of the Selectmen of Yarmouth; and the petition of the Mayor and City Council of Bangor,—severally for the establishment of a State Board of Health;

The petition of Winslow Bates and others, for the repeal of the "Calais Court bill;"

The petition of A. J. Nelson and others, and the petition of Charles W. Goddard and others,—severally for the abolition of the death penalty;

The petition of W. L. Daggett and others, for a change of the name of the New Portland Campmeeting Association;

The petition of the Sebago Wood Board Company, for authority to increase its capital stock, with bill (H. R. 74) "an act *191 in relation to the Sebago * Wood Board Company;"

H. R. 75. Bill "an act to amend section 5 of chapter 77 of the revised statutes;"

H. R. 76. Bill "an act to provide for securing the rights of mortgage bondholders;"

Were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

The petition of John C. Ingraham and others, for authority to sell certain property of the Methodist Church in Hodgdon;

The petition of C. L. Dunning and others of Brownville, for legislation to authorize said town to sell the old burial ground;

H. R. 82. Bill "an act to incorporate the Masonic Temple Association of Belfast;"

The petition of Orin J. Libby and others of Bridgton, for legislation for the protection of fish in Adams' pond in said town ;

The petition of C. A. Wing and others, for an act of incorporation, with bill (H. R. 77) "an act to incorporate the Winthrop Village Corporation ;"

H. R. 78. Bill "an act to amend chapter 239 of the public laws of 1874 ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

The petition of William Prescott, Jr., and others, for an act of incorporation, with bill (H. R. 79) "an act to incorporate the Gorham Grange Hall and Building Association," was referred to the Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

*The petition of Benjamin Smith, for a State pension, *192 was referred to the Committee on Pensions in concurrence.

The petition of William Hill and others, for an amendment of chapter 222 of the special laws of 1873, relating to the location of the Boston and Maine Railroad station at North Berwick ;

H. R. 80. Bill "an act to extend the time for the location and construction of Portland and Ogdensburg Railroad ;"

Were each referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

Claim of the county of Aroostook, to be reimbursed for money expended on road in township No. 8, range 5 ;

The petition of Benj. B. Ryan, for deed of lot of land ;

The petition of Wm. Brown, praying that a deed of a lot of land be granted to John M. Brown ;

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

H. R. 81. Bill "an act authorizing and regulating the construction of the Deering Boulevard and Water Park," came from the House referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges, and

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

Ordered, That the bill be printed and referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

* Report of the Committee on Fisheries, on the petition of *193 F. M. Lufkin and others, for legislation to continue in force

chapter 415 of the private and special laws of 1874, relating to fishing interests in Lufkin pond in Phillips, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, came from the House accepted, and

On motion by Mr. KYES,

Ordered, That the Senate non-concur and that the report be recommitted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Insane Hospital, on the annual report of the Trustees and Superintendent of that institution, submitting (H. R. 10) "resolve in favor of Maine Insane Hospital," came from the House accepted, the resolve read once and recommitted for a statement of facts.

The report was accepted, and the resolve recommitted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill (H. R. 21) "an act relating to administrators, executors and trustees," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

The following communication was received from the Governor :

STATE OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Augusta, January 26, 1876. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

*194 I have the honor *to transmit herewith the Constitution of this State with the amendments thereto, as drafted and arranged by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, in pursuance of a resolve of the Legislature of February 24, 1875.

(Signed)

SELDEN CONNOR.

The communication was read, and

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That the communication and accompanying documents be referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. KYES,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking inquire into the expediency of so amending section 7 of chapter 266 of

the public laws of 1874, that no savings bank shall be required or obliged to pay any depositor until after thirty days' notice, the exact sum of five hundred dollars.

On motion by the same Senator,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of repealing or amending chapter 39 of the public laws of 1875, relating to attachments of property.

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of so amending the law relating to normal schools that the expense of supporting said schools may be paid from moneys appropriated for the support of common schools.

* On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

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Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of repealing or amending chapter 244 of the public laws of 1874.

On motion by Mr. TOLMAN,

Ordered, That the same Committee inquire into the constitutionality of the law of 1875, establishing a voting precinct on Hurricane Island in the town of Vinalhaven, and report what, if any, further legislation should be had on the subject.

These orders were sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HASKELL presented the petition of Clement Jordan and others, praying for an act of incorporation as the Cape Elizabeth Dyking Company," and

On motion by the same Senator,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The same Senator presented the petition of T. C. Hersey and others, praying for the establishment of a State Board of Harbor Commissioners;

Also bill (S. 36) "an act to establish a Board of Harbor Commissioners."

Mr. WATTS presented the petition of George Dyer, for legislation to protect his ferry from North Haven to Vinalhaven;

Also bill (S. 37) "an act to protect George Dyer in running his ferry from North Haven to Vinalhaven, in Knox county."

These petitions and bills were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

*196 Mr. STEVENS presented (S. 4) "resolve in favor *of certain towns and plantations," which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

The same Senator presented bill (S. 38) "an act amendatory of chapter 124 of the public laws of the year 1873, in aid of Free High Schools."

Mr. KYES presented bill (S. 39) "an act to extend the powers of school districts."

These bills were each referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. WHEELWRIGHT presented the petitions of Bion Bradbury and others, of Amos Wiswell and others, of H. W. True and others, and of Rufus Shachford and others,—severally for an appropriation in aid of the Maine Homœopathic Hospital, which were referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

The same Senator presented the petition of the Penobscot County Commissioners, for legislation authorizing the county of Penobscot to procure a loan, which was referred to the Penobscot County Delegation.

Mr. GRAY presented the petition of George Pierce and others, for legislation authorizing municipal officers of cities and towns to regulate the playing of base ball in streets.

Mr. WADSWORTH presented bill (S. 40) "an act to legalize the doings of the town of Cornish."

Mr. BROWN of Piscataquis, presented bill (S. 41) "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 13 of the revised statutes, in reference to the practice of medicine."

The petition and bills were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

*197 The same Senator presented the petition *of citizens of Kingsbury, praying for an appropriation in aid of repairing the State road, known as the "New England Road," which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Mr. JORDAN presented the petition of H. R. Stevens and others, praying for further legislation for the suppression of the sale of intoxicating liquors, which was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

The foregoing were sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred bill (S. 93) "an act amendatory of and additional to

chapter 113 of the revised statutes, in relation to poor debtors," and an order relating thereto, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Pending the acceptance of the report,
On motion by Mr. HASKELL,
Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. ESTES, from the Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred bill (S. 26) "an act to provide for the taxation of dogs and the preservation of sheep," reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. THURLOUGH, from the Committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petitions of citizens of East Hampden, praying to be set off from Hampden and annexed to the city of Bangor, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

*Mr. JORDAN, from the Joint Select Committee on *198 Maine State Year Book, on an order, reported (S. 5) "resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual."

Mr. DONWORTH, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, to whom was referred bill (S. 11) "an act to amend section 52 of chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to the returns of plantations," reported the same without amendment and that it ought to pass.

These reports were accepted, and the resolve and bill each laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. WHEELWRIGHT, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on an order relating to repealing the charters of certain banks, reported bill (S. 42) "an act to repeal charters of savings banks and banking institutions which have not organized or shall not have previous to August first, 1876."

Mr. HASKELL, from the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the petition of J. M. Livermore and others, reported bill (S. 43) "an act additional to an act to amend 'an act to incorporate the Bangor and Calais Shore Line Railroad Company,' approved February 17, 1873."

The reports were accepted, the bills each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

S. 3. "Resolve in favor of a bridge across the Mattawamkeag river in the town of Haynesville, on the military road,"
*199 was read once and *to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

The hour assigned for the Convention for the purpose of electing a Treasurer of State, having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the Representatives' Hall, where a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion by Mr. TALBOT of the Senate,

Messrs. Talbot of Washington,
Tolman of Hancock,
Carney of Lincoln, of the Senate,
Messrs. Davis of Portland,
Lord of Lebanon,
Percy of West Bath,
Chase of Standish,
Allan of Dennysville, of the House,

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

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported as follows:

The whole number of votes is	171
Necessary for a choice	86
S. C. Hatch has	101
John S. Ricker.....	69
Samuel Kelley.....	1

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

On motion by Mr. TOLMAN of the Senate,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to notify S. C. Hatch that he has been duly elected Treasurer of State for the current fiscal year.

*200 * The Convention then dissolved.

IN SENATE.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills :

H. R. 14. "An act to incorporate the Rockland, Mt. Desert and Sullivan Steamboat Company ;"

H. R. 22. "An act to incorporate the Bridgton Telegraph Company ;"

H. R. 26. "An act to incorporate the Equity Fire Insurance Company ;"

H. R. 36. "An act to encourage and protect the breeding of trout in Little pond and Little Pond brook, in Fryeburg Academy Grant ;"

H. R. 37. "An act to amend an act granting a charter to the Alumni Association of Bates College ;"

H. R. 62. "An act to make valid the doings of the town of Lyndon in the county of Aroostook ;"

H. R. 70. "An act to authorize John Neal to build and extend a wharf into tide waters in the town of Kittery ;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bill :

H. R. 39. "An act to incorporate the Home for Aged Men at Bangor," which was read a second time.

Mr. WHEELWRIGHT proposed amendment marked "A," to amend section 2 by striking out the words "exempt from taxation."

The amendment was agreed to, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

*The same Committee also reported the following bill : *201

S. 35. "An act for the protection of pike and pickerel in the Berry, Dexter and Wilson ponds, in the towns of Wayne, Winthrop and Monmouth," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

S. 19. Bill "an act to amend chapter 172 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the security of life on steam vessels on inland

waters," was taken from the table and read twice, the rules being suspended.

The same Senator proposed an amendment marked "A," to amend by striking out section 2.

The amendment was agreed to, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. KYES,

The votes were reconsidered whereby the Senate referred the following bill and petitions to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence :

H. R. 71. "An act to make free Arrowsic and Merrymeeting toll bridge;"

The petition of William Rice and others, relating to the same ;

The petitions of John Rogers and others ; of P. R. Millay and others ; of Joseph Hilton and others ; of K. W. Riggs and others ; and S. S. Snipe and others,—severally in aid of the petition

*202 *of William Rice and others.

On motion by Mr. KYES,

Ordered, That the Senate non-concur, and that the bill and petitions be referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BROWN of Piscataquis,

S. 1. "Resolve in aid of the town of Mt. Chase, Penobscot county," was taken from the table.

The same Senator submitted a statement of facts, and on his motion,

Ordered, That the resolve lie on the table, and be printed with the statement of facts.

On motion by Mr. JORDAN, at 35 minutes past 11 o'clock A. M.,

The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. CRANE of Hallowell.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on Claims inquire into *the expediency of reimbursing the town of Topsfield for a certain sum of money lost in transmission from the office of State Treasurer to the Treasurer of said town ; *203

That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of a uniform system of text books for common schools throughout the State ;

That the Committee on Financial Affairs inquire into the expediency of requiring a two-thirds vote of the legal voters of towns, counties and cities in incurring debts, excepting temporary loans ;

That the Committee on Interior Waters inquire into the expediency of discontinuing the Sagadahoc ferry, and the surrender of its charter ; also inquire what amendments may be made to the charter of the People's Ferry Company ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending the law as to provide for more terms of the County Commissioners' Court for Cumberland county ;

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of enacting a law giving persons a lien upon wood cut and hauled ;

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending the law relating to trust estates ;

That the same Committee examine and report what, if any, legislation is necessary to aid the city of Bangor to more fully carry out the provisions of an act entitled "an act for supplying the city of Bangor with water, approved February 22, 1875 ;"

* That the same Committee inquire into the expediency *204 of amending section 1 of chapter 91 of the public laws of 1873, relating to appeals from county commissioners ;

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of establishing a Superior Court at Augusta, in the county of Kennebec;

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 12, section 2, of the public laws of 1875, that said section shall not apply to hides of moose imported for manufacture;

That the Committee on Legal Affairs be required to examine the statutes relating to imprisonment for debt and imprisonment under the barsturdy act, and ascertain if any further legislation is necessary for the protection of jailors with reference to the board of persons committed under either act;

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill prohibiting the division of accounts and bringing suits by creditors for the purpose of getting mote than one execution against the body of a debtor;

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of legalizing the acts of the Winnegance Mill Dam Company;

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Judge of Probate to allow extra compensation to appraisers on estates of deceased persons and commissioners;

That the papers relating to the case of Benjamin Smith of Appleton, be taken from the files of 1873 and 1875 and referred to the Committee on Pensions;

*205 *That the Committee on Railroads inquire into the expediency of allowing the Aroostook River Railroad Company further time in which to complete the construction of said road; and also as to authorizing the filing with county commissioners a further and amended description of the location of said road;

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads inquire into the claims of John Parent, Abraham Dulay and Joseph Dulay against the State, for lots of land paid for by them, and report thereon;

That the same Committee inquire into the claim of the late William Harte against the State, for a lot of land paid for by him, and report thereon;

That the Committee on Towns inquire into the necessity and expediency of passing an act to legalize the records and doings of the town of Palermo for the last twenty years;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

The petition of M. T. Ludden and others, for the establishment of a Superior Court in Androscoggin county, was referred to the Androscoggin County Delegation in concurrence.

The petition of B. E. Pratt and others, with bill (H. R. 83) "an act to incorporate the Kingfield Savings Bank," was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

The petition of the Town Treasurer of Princeton, for *re- *206
imbursement for money paid for bounty on bears;

The petition of the Selectmen of Lubec, for reimbursement of money erroneously paid the State;

Were referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Remonstrance of inhabitants of Woolwich, against making free the Arrowsic and Merrymeeting bridges, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

The petition of V. P. Hall and others, for a correction of an error in the resolves of 1874, relating to the school and ministerial lots in the town of Mayfield, was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

H. R. 84. Bill "an act to authorize cities and towns to charge interest on certain taxes;"

H. R. 85. Bill "an act to repeal chapter 380 and chapter 392 of the special laws of the year 1873, relating to schools in the Madawaska territory and the town of Frenchville;"

Were severally referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs in concurrence.

The petition of C. R. Masterman and others, for legislation to prohibit the taking of trout from the tributaries or outlet of Webb's pond in Franklin county;

The petition of George H. Freeman and others, for legislation for the preservation of fish in Little Sebago lake;

*H. R. 86. Bill "an act for the protection of land- *207
locked salmon, trout and bass;"

H. R. 87. Bill "an act to prohibit the taking of fish in the tributaries or outlets of Webb's pond in Weld;"

Were severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

The petition of the Penobscot Indians, for the appointment of a suitable person to instruct them in farming ;

Remonstrance of Penobscot Indians, against the petition of Sola Coly ;

Were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs in concurrence.

The petitions of R. P. Carr and others, and of H. Q. Sampson and others,—severally for legislation to prevent the throwing of slabs and other refuse into Cathance river ;

H. R. 88. Bill “an act concerning the proprietors of Sheepscot River Bridge ;”

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

The petition of the City Council of Bangor, for an amendment and extension of the charter of the Bangor Water Power Company, with bill (H. R. 89) “an act to amend and extend the charter of the Bangor Water Power Company, approved February 19, 1867 ;”

The petition of the city of Lewiston, for an amendment of the act authorizing said city to take water from Wilson pond and the Androscoggin river, for domestic purposes ;

*208 *The petition of S. C. Hewett and others, for the abolition of the death penalty ;

The petition of Selectmen of Bucksport and others, for the establishment of a State Board of Health ;

The petitions of John F. Lord and others, of Benjamin F. Smith and others,—severally for the repeal of the Calais Court bill ;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

H. R. 90. Bill “an act to prevent incompetent persons from conducting the business of druggists and apothecaries in this State,” came from the House referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

Ordered, That the bill be printed and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

H. R. 91. Bill “an act to amend section 8, chapter 64 of the revised statutes ;”

H. R. 92. Bill “an act to legalize the doings of school district No. — in Blaine ;”

H. R. 93. Bill "an act to amend sections 51, 53 and 55 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes ;"

H. R. 94. Bill "an act to amend section 3, chapter 66 of the revised statutes, relative to insolvent estates ;"

H. R. 95. Bill "an act to amend chapter 24, sections 22 and 23, of the revised statutes, relating to relief of needy persons ;"

Were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

*The petition of the Selectmen of Chester, for legislation *209 requiring the use of wide rimmed wheels for certain purposes in said town ;

The petition of J. M. Eveleth and others, for the incorporation of the Mason's Mutual Relief Association of Mechanics' Falls, Maine ;

H. R. 96. Bill "an act relating to attachments of real estate ;"

H. R. 97. Bill "an act to amend section 42 of chapter 2 of the revised statutes, relating to the distribution of election blanks ;"

Were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

H. R. 98. Bill "an act to incorporate the Mechanics' and Laborers' Loan and Building Association," was referred to the Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

The petition of Nelson Ham and others, for an act of incorporation, with bill (H. R. 99) "an act to incorporate the Maine Patrons Coöperative Agency ;"

H. R. 100. Bill "an act to amend an act to amend sections 63 and 64 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, relating to foreign insurance companies ;"

Were referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

The petition of the Maine Central Railroad Company, for authority to connect its depots in Lewiston ; also for authority to discontinue a portion of its railroad ;

*The petition of the Aroostook River Railroad Company, *210 for an extension of its charter ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

The petition of F. W. Stimson, for a deed of a lot of land ;
 The petition of Caleb Sherman, for a deed of a lot of land ;
 The petition of John Burnham and others, for an appropriation
 to build a bridge across Molunkus river in Sherman ;

H. R. 11. "Resolve in favor of Hiram B. Hersey ;"

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

The petition of inhabitants of Linneus, for the incorporation of
 Oakfield plantation ;

Remonstrance of citizens of Webster, against the petition to
 have certain territory set off from the town of Webster and an-
 nexed to Lewiston ;

Remonstrance of citizens of Green against the same ;

The petition of A. Linn and others of School District No. 3,
 Hartland, for an act of incorporation for the organization of a
 fire department ;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

The petition of citizens of Orono, for authority to purchase and
 make free the toll bridge in said town ;

*211 The petitions of Joseph Clark and others, and * of Luther
 P. French and others,—severally for aid in building a
 bridge across the east branch of the Kennebec river at The Forks ;

The petition of Virgil P. Hall and others, for aid in building a
 road in the town of Mayfield ;

Were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in con-
 currence.

Report of the Committee on Education, on the annual report of
 the American Asylum for Deaf and Dumb, that the same be re-
 ferred to the Committee on Financial Affairs ;

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, on the petition of
 Newell Palis for dividends for certain years, that the same be
 referred to the Agent of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians ;

Were accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Towns, on the petition of John
 Maines and others, submitting bill (H. R. 101) "an act to incor-
 porate the town of Kossuth in the county of Washington," came
 from the House recommitted, and was recommitted in concur-
 rence.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on an order relating to the destruction of weeds and thistles on highways and railroads, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to amending sections 6, 7 and 23 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes, in relation to division fences, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

* Report of the same Committee, on an order and bill *212 (H. R. 102) "an act amendatory of chapter 224 of the public laws of 1874, relating to pressed hay," that the bill ought not to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, on the petition of Susup Socklexis and others of the Penobscot Indians, for legislation relating to the expenditure of the school money of the tribe, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Joseph Sockbasen and others of the Penobscot Indians, for an appropriation for the purchase of grass seed and for reimbursement for plowing, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Rebecca Ayer, for an amendment of the law relating to the descent of property so as to give widowed mothers the property of deceased unmarried children, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee, on bill (H. R. 9) "an act additional to chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to ways," that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee, on bill (H. R. 23) "an act to amend section 19 of chapter 78 of the revised statutes, relating to clerks of county commissioners, that the same ought not to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Towns, on the petition of Henry T. Knowles, to be set off from No. 7, range 5, and annexed to Moro plantation, that the petitioner has leave to withdraw ;

* Were severally accepted in concurrence. *213

Report of the Committee on Commerce, on the petitions of the Laconia and Pepperell Corporations, and on bill (H. R. 31) "an act to authorize the Laconia Company and the Pepperell Manufacturing Company to connect two piers of their wharves in Saco river," that the bill ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill (H. R. 5) "an act to amend 'an act relating to the city schools of Bangor,' approved February 18, 1875," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, on the petition of Gilbert H. Manchester and others, submitting bill (H. R. 103) "an act authorizing Gilbert H. Manchester, D. J. Manchester and A. L. Manchester to build and maintain fish weirs in Somes' sound ;"

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Geo. B. Flye and others, for authority to build fish weirs in Bluehill bay, submitting bill (H. R. 104) "an act authorizing Webster McFarland and others to build and maintain fish weirs in the tide waters of the town of Brooklin ;"

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of H. Pusher and others, submitting bill (H. R. 105) "an act to protect black bass and salmon in Moose pond and its tributaries, and Sebasticook river in the town of Hartland," and that it ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to the manner of writing or printing names upon ballots, submitting bill (H. R. 106) "an act to amend section 5 of chapter *214 78 *of the revised statutes, relating to election returns," and that it ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill (H. R. 44) "an act relating to school money now belonging to school district No. 4 in Biddeford," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of J. B. Hall and others, submitting bill (H. R. 107) "an act amendatory of and additional to chapter 30 of the revised statutes, in relation to deer and caribou ;"

Were severally accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill (H. R. 82) "an act to incorporate the Masonic Temple Association of Belfast," that the same ought to pass, was accepted, and

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That the rules be suspended and that the bill have its several readings.

The bill was read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

H. R. 12. "Resolve providing for a change of the seat of government," introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read, and

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

A communication was received from Hon. S. J. Chadbourne, Secretary of State, in compliance *with an order *215 of the Legislature, transmitting a tabular statement of the several yearly amounts appropriated to the Maine Agricultural College, which was read, and

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

Ordered, That the communication and accompanying statement lie on the table and be printed.

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending the laws in relation to trustee process as relates to the wages of school teachers.

Mr. PRESCOTT presented a memorial relating to the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PRESCOTT, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on an order relating to amending section 2 of chapter 113 of the revised statutes, relating to imprisonment of debtors in cases where the debt is less than twenty dollars, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to amending chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens, so as to include cutting cord wood, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. DONWORTH, from the same Committee, on an order relating to fixing a further limitation upon the commencement of actions for the recovery of lands sold for taxes, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

* Mr. GRAY, from the Committee on State Lands and *216 State Roads, to whom was referred the petition of John Ryan for a deed of a lot of land, reported that the petitioner has leave to withdraw.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, to whom was referred the petition of George W. Kalloch for a deed of a lot of land, reported that the petitioner has leave to withdraw.

Mr. BROWN of Piscataquis, from the same Committee, to whom was referred the petition of G. P. Smith and others for relief in the matter of expense of opening and making a road in township No. 6, range 4, W. E. L. S., reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DONWORTH, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, to whom was referred bill (S. 18) "an act to amend chapter 55, section 1, of the revised statutes, in relation to libraries, charitable societies and public cemeteries," reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. PEAKS, from the Committee on Federal Relations, on the Governor's Message, relating to the Centennial, reported (S. 6) "resolve in favor of the State Centennial Commission."

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to whom was referred the petition of the County Commissioners of Aroostook county, praying to be reimbursed money expended on road in township No. 8, range 5, reported * (S. 7) "resolve in favor of the county of Aroostook."

These reports were severally accepted, and the resolves each laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. GRAY, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to whom was referred the petition of Henry R. Downs and others, reported (S. 8) "resolve in favor of Samuel C. Greenlow of Chapman plantation."

The report was accepted, and

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That the resolve lie on the table and be printed with a statement of facts.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bill:

H. R. 21. "An act relating to administrators, executors and trustees," which was read a second time.

House amendment "A" *striking out section 2*, was agreed to, and the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bills :

S. 42. "An act to repeal charters of savings banks and banking institutions, which have not organized or shall not have, previous to August first, 1876 ;"

S. 43. "An act additional to 'an act to amend an act to incorporate the Bangor and Calais Shore Line Railroad Company,' approved February 17, 1873 ;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

*The same Committee also reported the following resolve : *218

S. 3. "Resolve in favor of bridge across the Mattawamkeag river in the town of Haynesville, on the military road," which was read a second time, and

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads for a statement of facts.

On motion by Mr. WHEELWRIGHT, at 15 minutes past 11 o'clock A. M.,

The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary*.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. LELACHEUR of Hallowell.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Order from the House :

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill authorizing the sale *219 of the unsold lands * of the State, was read and passed in concurrence.

Remonstrance of S. Houghton and others, against the petition of M. A. Phillips and others, for legislation to prevent the throwing of the waste of mills into Houghton brook, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Remonstrance of William Russell and others, against the petition of Auriziah Whitton and others, to be set off from Sanford and annexed to the town of Alfred, was referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

H. R. 18. "Resolve concerning an amendment to the Constitution of Maine;"

H. R. 108. Bill "an act to amend chapter 60 of the revised statutes, relating to divorces;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on (H. R. 6) "resolve in favor of the Granger turnpike," that the same be referred to the Governor and Council, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on an order relating to amending section 40 of chapter 113 of the revised statutes, relative to the discharge of a debtor from arrest on giving bond, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of C. L. Dunning and others, praying that the town of Brownville be author-

ized to dispose of *its old burial ground, that the same *220 be referred to the next Legislature, with an order of notice;

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on bill (H. R. 79) "an act to incorporate the Gorham Grange Hall and Building Association," that legislation thereon is unnecessary;

Report of the same Committee, on bill (H. R. 3) "an act to incorporate the Maine Red Granite Company," that any further legislation is unnecessary;

Report of the same Committee, on bill (S. 16) "an act to incorporate the Merrill Slate Company," that legislation on the same is unnecessary;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Benjamin Smith and others, for the incorporation of the Denny's River Dairying Association, that legislation thereon is unnecessary;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of the heirs of Samuel Emery, for certificate of lot of land, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, submitting bill (H. R. 109) "an act to provide for the organization of business corporations," was accepted in concurrence, and the bill laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, on the petition of Susap Socklexis, submitting (H. R. 13) "resolve in aid of Sola Coly," was accepted and the resolve laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

* Report of the Committee on Railroads, on the petition *221 of M. G. Palmer and others, submitting bill (H. R. 56) "an act to incorporate the Orchard Beach Railroad Company," was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and

On motion by Mr. WHEELWRIGHT,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of L. T. Manson, submitting (H. R. 14) "resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey to L. T. Manson a lot of land in Chapman plantation;"

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of John Allen,

submitting (H. R. 15) "resolve in favor of John Allen of Maysville, county of Aroostook;"

Were severally accepted in concurrence, the resolves each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

H. R. 16. "Resolve in favor of Lewey Snow;"

H. R. 17. "Resolve in favor of Joseph Francis;"

Severally introduced in the House, and passed to be engrossed by that branch, were each read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

S. 20. Bill "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes," passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the house amended per sheet "A," *by adding to the title the words, "relating to mortgages on personal property."*

*222 *The Senate receded, agreed to the amendment, and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. THURLOUGH presented the petition of Thomas Hersey and others, citizens of Bangor, praying to be incorporated into a town by the name of Home, which was referred to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WHEELWRIGHT presented the following:

Ordered, That all Committees having now before them petitions for charters, be instructed to report that legislation is unnecessary.

The order was refused a passage.

On motion by Mr. BROWN of Cumberland:

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns it be to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Mr. WADSWORTH presented bill (S. 44) "an act to incorporate the Maine State Temperance Camp-meeting Association," which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. H. Grace Cole, for legislation for the suppression of the retail sale of cider and native wines, reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Mr. THURLOUGH, from the Committee on Towns, on an order relating to legalizing the doings of *the town of *223 Palermo, reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

These reports were accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to amending chapter 104 of the revised statutes, relating to real actions and betterments, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. THURLOUGH, from the Committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition of I. N. Davis and others, praying to be set off from the town of Webster and annexed to the city of Lewiston, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, to whom was referred the petition of inhabitants of Linneus for the incorporation of Oakfield plantation, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. LORD, from the Committee on Agriculture, on the Governor's Message, relating to the College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, reported (S. 9) "resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts."

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Education, to whom was referred bill (S. 38) "an act amendatory of chapter 124 of the public laws of the year 1873, in aid of free high schools," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. BROWN of Piscataquis, from the Committee *on *224 State Lands and State Roads, to whom was referred the petition of J. W. Hines for a deed of a lot of land, reported (S. 10) "resolve in favor of J. W. Hines."

These reports were severally accepted, and the bill and resolves each laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. BAKER, from the Committee on Education, to whom was referred bill (H. R. 208) "an act in relation to fiscal school returns of towns to be made to the State Superintendent of Common Schools," reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills :

H. R. 5. "An act to amend 'an act relating to the city schools of Bangor,' approved February 18, 1875 ;"

H. R. 31. "An act to authorize the Laconia Company and the Pepperell Manufacturing Company to connect two piers of their wharves in Saco river ;"

H. R. 44 "An act relating to school money now belonging to school district No. 4 in Biddeford ;"

H. R. 103. "An act authorizing Gilbert H. Manchester, D. J. Manchester and A. L. Manchester to build and maintain fish weirs in Somes' sound, Mt. Desert ;"

H. R. 104. "An act authorizing Webster McFarland and others to build and maintain fish weirs in the tide waters of the town of Brooklin ;"

*225 *H. R. 105. "An act to protect black bass and salmon in Moose pond and its tributaries and Sebasticook river, in the town of Hartland ;"

H. R. 106. "An act to amend section 5 of chapter 78 of the revised statutes, relating to election returns ;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bill :

H. R. 107. "An act amendatory of and additional to chapter 30 of the revised statutes, in relation to deer and caribou," which was read a second time.

House amendment "A," to amend by striking out the word "February," and insert instead the word "January," was agreed to, and the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bill :

S. 18. "An act to amend chapter 55, section 1, of the revised statutes, in relation to libraries, charitable societies and public cemeteries," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills :

S. 2. "An act additional to incorporate the Monmouth Mutual Fire Insurance Company ;"

S. 10. "An act to incorporate the Odd Fellows' Mutual Relief Association of Maine ;"

H. R. 12. "An act authorizing Mark Marshall to build and maintain a wharf in the waters of Marshall's cove in St. George ;"

*H. R. 19. "An act additional to 'an act to incorporate *226 the Penobscot Log Driving Company ;"

H. R. 22. "An act to incorporate the Bridgton Telegraph Company ;"

H. R. 27. "An act to incorporate the Hibernian Society of Biddeford ;"

H. R. 28. "An act to encourage and protect the breeding of trout and land-locked salmon in Sunday pond, in lots No. 2 and 3, township No. 5, range 4, in Oxford county ;"

H. R. 46. "An act to annex Songo Gore and the Dingley islands to the town of Casco ;"

H. R. 60. "An act for the preservation of pickerel in North-west and Harlow ponds in the towns of Parkman and Sangerville, in the county of Piscataquis ;"

H. R. 61. "An act to incorporate the Piper Reservoir Dam Company ;"

H. R. 63. "An act to authorize the town of Lyndon to loan its credit in aid of the Aroostook River Railroad ;"

H. R. 64. "An act to make valid the doings of Drew plantation ;"

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

And these several bills, having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

The vote was reconsidered whereby the Senate passed to be engrossed bill (S. 43) "an act additional to 'an act to amend an act to incorporate the Bangor and Calais Shore Line Railroad Company,' approved February 17, 1873," and

On motion by the same Senator,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

*227 * On motion by Mr. TOLMAN,

H. R. 12. "Resolve providing for a change of the seat of government," was taken from the table and read a second time.

Mr. STEVENS moved that the resolve be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. THURLOUGH proposed an amendment marked "A," to amend by striking out the word "Portland" and insert "Bangor," also by striking out the words "county of Cumberland," and insert the words "county of Penobscot."

The amendment was disagreed to.

Mr. TOLMAN proposed an amendment, to amend by adding the words, "that the city of Portland shall pay the expense of removal."

The amendment was disagreed to.

The question returning on the motion by Mr. Stevens, that the resolve be indefinitely postponed, it was determined in the affirmative,

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	Nays.....	6

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Brackett,	Brown, S. O.,	Carney,
Donworth,	Estes,	French,
Hinckley,	Hyde,	Jordan,
Kyes,	Peaks,	Prescott,
Stevens,	Sturgis,	Swasey,
Talbot,	Thompson,	Thurlough,
Wadsworth,	Watts,	Webb,
Wentworth,	Wheelwright,	Woodbury—24.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Baker,	Brown, Isaac S.,	Gray,
Haskell,	Tolman,	White—6.

So the resolve was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

*228 * On motion by Mr. HINCKLEY, at 18 minutes past 11 o'clock A. M.,

The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. SAWYER of Hallowell.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Papers from the House :

The petition of C. H. Falkner and others, citizens of Steuben, praying for legislation to prevent fishing with nets, other than dip nets, above the weir ledges in the tide waters in Steuben ;

Remonstrance of Handy Leighton and others, against the foregoing petition ;

The petition of Sumner Whitney, praying for a deed of a lot of land ;

H. R. 111. Bill "an act to prohibit the taking of fish of any kind with nets, other than dip nets, above what is known as the weir ledges in the town of Steuben ;"

Were severally referred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

* The petitions of Warren Leighton and others of Mil- *229
bridge, and of William H. Dutton and others of Steuben,
—severally for the repeal of the "Calais Court bill," were referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

The petition of Jeremiah Page and others, praying for legislation to make valid the doings of Theodore Taylor of Burlington, as a Trial Justice, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

A communication from the Secretary of State, in response to an order of the House, relating to the "names, ages and towns to which they belong, of all beneficiaries now in the Bath Orphan's Asylum," was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

The petition of the Selectmen of Burnham, praying that a pension may be granted to Melvin Reynolds, was referred to the Committee on Pensions in concurrence.

The petition of Jefferson Brown and others, praying for legislation requiring all bridges, costing more than four hundred dollars, to be maintained by the respective counties ;

The remonstrance of B. H. Lewis and others, against the establishment of the Deering Boulevard and Water Park ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

*230 Report of the Committee on Education, on *(H. R. 7) "resolve in favor of Wilton Academy," that the same be referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on the petition of A. J. Bird and others, for the allowance of the claim of Bickford C. Matthews, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Education, on an order relating to the uniformity of text books, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the memorial of George M. Weston, relating to his accounts with the State, that the memorialist has leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Pensions, on the petition of Benj. Smith of Appleton, for a State pension, that the petitioner has leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of F. W. Stimson, for a deed of a lot of land, that the petitioner has leave to withdraw ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Change of Name, submitting bill (H. R. 112) "an act to change the name of the town of Dalton to Ashland, its former name ;"

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on an order submitting bill (H. R. 113) "an act to amend section 34 of chapter 91 of revised statutes, relating to liens on logs and lumber ;"

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Orin J. Libby and others, submitting bill (H. R. 114) "an act to prevent fishing in Adams' pond in the town of Bridgton ;"

*231 * Were severally accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once, and Monday assigned for their second reading.

A communication was received from the Hon. S. J. Chadbourne, Secretary of State, transmitting the report of the Railroad Commissioners for the year 1875, which was read, and

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

Ordered, That the report be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Printing and Binding, on an order of the Legislature instructing said Committee to advertise for proposals to do the State printing for the current year, and to submit such proposals to the Legislature before making a contract, reported, submitting proposals from Messrs. Sprague, Owen & Nash of Augusta, and Samuel S. Smith & Son of Bangor, as follows :

PROPOSED ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT.

That Alden Sprague, Howard Owen and Charles E. Nash, co-partners, agree to execute the printing for the State of Maine for the current political year, beginning on the first day of February, 1876, and until otherwise ordered by the Legislature, promptly, and in a workmanlike manner, on the following terms and conditions, namely :

For composition, plain, fifty cents per thousand ems, and double that price for rule and figure and tabular work.

For press work per token of two hundred and fifty sheets of book work, with sixteen pages of octavo or twenty-four pages of duodecimo, printed on each side, one dollar ; but every excess of a token shall be charged pro rata.

For blanks, for composition, for space actually covered, fifty-five cents per thousand ems for plain, and double price for rule and figure and tabular work ; but no blank shall be reckoned less than one thousand.

For press work not otherwise provided for in preceding sections of this contract, one dollar per token ; but any excess of a token shall be charged pro rata.

And the Joint Special Committee, in behalf of the State, agree to pay the prices above stipulated ; and it is further agreed, that in the execution of the work provided for in this contract, the following rules and regulations shall be observed, to wit :

That in printing bills, resolves, &c., when a saving may be properly effected in the amount of composition by adopting half title pages, and including the order for printing or other matter on a page containing other matter, instead of a full title, such mode shall be adopted; that in all cases where blank leaves shall occur in a work to be executed, the printer shall not be entitled to charge for composition on the pages of such blank leaves; that in all cases where the two Houses of Legislature shall order the printing of the same document, the printer shall be entitled to charge for but one composition, unless the type used in the printing of such document shall have been actually distributed; that in printing blanks where immaterial alterations shall be necessary, there shall be a charge for one composition only.

The price for making alterations in forms of type different from the copy furnished, after the type have been set and made into book form by the printers, in accordance with copy, shall be at the rate of forty cents per hour for each hours' labor actually required to make such alterations.

SPRAGUE, OWEN & NASH.

BANGOR, ME., January 27, 1876.

To Committee on State Printing:

GENTLEMEN,—We beg leave to submit the following

PROPOSAL FOR THE STATE PRINTING:

For strictly plain composition, forty-five cents per thousand ems. For tabular work, figures or rules and figures, one dollar per thousand ems.

For work necessitating extra exertions to produce in a given time, and hurried night work, twenty per cent. to be added for work actually so done.

For plain composition of headings and blanks, sixty cents per thousand ems, space actually composed to be charged for only. For headings and blanks containing rules or rules and figures, double price, and the same rule for night work to apply.

For press work of books and pamphlets, two dollars per thousand impressions of sixteen pages octavo or twenty-four duodecimo; for five hundred impressions or less, one dollar and fifty cents.

Press work on blanks and headings, two dollars per thousand

impressions, and one dollar and fifty cents for five hundred impressions or less.

For alterations from copy, thirty-five cents per hour.

All delays occasioned by alterations, or proofs delayed by authors' neglect, to be added to time given for publication; or in cases where extra exertions are thus required the actual expense occasioned by such delays to be charged for.

All work will be delivered to the State binder free of expense to the State.

Good and sufficient bonds will be furnished by the undersigned for the fulfillment of the above.

If the above proposals are accepted the contract to take effect April 1, 1876, and continue one year from that date.

SAMUEL S. SMITH & SON.

The report was accepted, and

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on Printing and Binding be authorized to contract for the State printing with the firm that they consider for the best interests of the State.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. KYES, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of G. K. and E. D. Jewett, for legislation to enable a composition of their unsecured debts to the State, reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

*The same Senator, from the Committee on the Judiciary, *232 on an order relating to amending the laws relating to trustee process as regards the wages of school teachers, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

These reports were accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Education, on an order relating to supporting the State normal schools from money appropriated for the support of common schools, reported bill (S. 45) "an act relating to normal schools."

The report was accepted, and the bill laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. BRACKETT, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to whom was referred the petition of John N. Bond and others, re-

ported bill (S. 46) "an act to authorize C. M. Davis and W. A. Jackson to clear the channel at the head of Damariscotta lake, and to navigate said lake and river by steam."

Mr. THURLOUGH, from the same Committee, to whom was referred the petition of A. G. Lebroke and others, reported (S. 6) "an act to amend and renew the charter of the Sebec Lake Steamboat Company."

Mr. KYES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of James M. Kempton, reported bill (S. 47) "an act to incorporate the Franklin Central Agricultural Society."

These reports were severally accepted, the bills each read once, and Monday assigned for their second reading.

*233 *The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following resolves :

H. R. 14. "Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey to L. T. Manson a lot of land in Chapman plantation ;"

H. R. 15. "Resolve in favor of John Allen of Maysville, county of Aroostook ;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bill :

H. R. 208. "An act in relation to fiscal school returns of towns to be made to the State Superintendent of Common Schools," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bill :

H. R. 82. "An act to incorporate the Masonic Temple Association of Belfast," which was passed to be enacted in concurrence.

And this bill, having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. HASKELL;

The petition of Clement Jordan and others, for an act of incorporation as the Cape Elizabeth Dyking Company, was taken from the table, and

On motion by the same Senator,

*234 The rules were suspended, and the bill (S. 48) * "an act to

incorporate the Cape Elizabeth Dyking Company," was read twice and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns it be to meet on Monday next at two and a half o'clock P. M.

On motion by Mr. KYES, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 1876.

The Senate met at half-past two o'clock P. M., and was called to order by the Secretary, who read the following:

AUGUSTA, ME, January 29, 1876.

DEAR SIR,—Please state to the Senate that I shall be absent from the city on Monday the 31st instant.

Respectfully yours,

THOMAS W. HYDE.

Samuel W. Lane, Esq.,

Secretary of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. HINCKLEY,

Ordered, That during the absence of the President, Hon. John P. Swasey be President *pro tempore*.

* Mr. Swasey was conducted to the Chair by Mr. Don- *235 worth of Aroostook and Mr. French of Kennebec, and in accepting the office returned thanks for the honor conferred.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. HARDING of Hallowell.

The Journal of Saturday was read.

On motion by Mr. CARNEY,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor and Council,

informing the Executive Department that in the absence of the President, Hon. John P. Swasey has been chosen President *pro tempore*.

On motion by the same Senator,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, informing that branch that in the absence of the President, Hon. John P. Swasey has been chosen President *pro tempore*.

The messages were conveyed by the Secretary.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on Education inquire whether a normal school has been kept up during the past year in connection with each of the following named institutions, viz: Oak Grove Seminary and Maine Central Institute, was read and passed in concurrence.

The following preamble and order :

WHEREAS, The lands heretofore granted by Congress to this State have been sold by our State authorities at prices far below the market rates for such property, and

*236 * WHEREAS, The attention of the State is constantly called to the fact in consequence of applications for aid on the part of the Agricultural College, and grave suspicions have been expressed in different parts of the State as to the fairness of such sales, therefore be it

Ordered, That a Committee of seven be appointed for the purpose of investigating said sales, and that said Committee have power to send for persons and papers and administer oaths, came from the House amended per sheets "A" and "B," by substituting the following :

WHEREAS, The lands or scrip granted by Congress to this State for a College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts are reported to have been sold at prices far below those obtained by some other States for similar land or scrip, be it

Ordered, That a Committee of seven on the part of this House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed for the purpose of investigating said sales, and that said Committee have power to send for persons and papers and administer oaths, and report to this Legislature, and passed with

Messrs. Bass of Bangor,
 Shepherd of Skowhegan,
 Powers of Houlton,
 Haynes of Augusta,
 Pike of Calais,
 Anderson of Portland,
 Kimball of Waterford,

appointed on the part of the House.

The amendments were agreed to and the order passed in concurrence.

*The petition of David Newbegin and others, for a *237 change in the law so as to require counties to build bridges costing more than four hundred dollars, came from the House referred to the next Legislature, and

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

Ordered, That the Senate non-concur, and that the petition be referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

The petition of Lewis Snow of the Passamaquoddy Indians, for legislation authorizing the agent of said tribe to purchase a wood lot;

The petition of John C. Blanchard, for legislation to prohibit the throwing of sawdust and edgings into the Martin stream at Plymouth village;

Were each referred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

The claim of the town of Alexander, for reimbursement for bounty paid on bears, was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

The petition of inhabitants of Cutler, for repeal of the Calais Court bill, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

The petition of Moses Weld and others, for legislation requiring towns to tax dogs, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Joseph H. West and others;

Remonstrance of A. W. Googin and others;

Remonstrance of William Mercer and others,—severally against

*238 the petition of John H. Stimson * for the incorporation of the Sullivan Bridge Company ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence.

The remonstrance of C. R. Loring and others, against accepting or making free the Arrowsic and Merrymeeting bridge, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

The petition of Sarah M. Ayer and others, in aid of the petition of W. H. Hunt and others, to have certain territory set off from Montville and annexed to Liberty ;

Remonstrance of J. J. Carr and others ;

Remonstrance of Henry Erskins and others ;

Remonstrance of the Selectmen of Montville,—severally against a division of said town of Montville ;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on an order relating to paying the town of Fort Kent the amount expended in the support of Mary Ouillette, a State pauper, that the same be referred to the Governor and Council ;

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, on the petition of Thomas S. Davis and others, and bill (H. R. 8) "an act authorizing Samuel Davis to build and maintain a fish weir between Bear island and Mt. Desert," that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to amending section 173 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, so as to perfect lien on lands of residents, for taxes in actions of debt, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

*239 * Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to the rights of married women, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, came from the House accepted, and pending its acceptance by the Senate,

On motion by Mr. DONWORTH,

Ordered. That the report be recommitted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to repealing chapter 215 of the public laws of 1874, relating to notice for damage on ways, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to authorizing county treasurers in certain cases to transmit to the State Treasurer uncollected taxes assessed on roads in unincorporated plantations, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to amending chapter 227 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the powers and duties of county commissioners, that a bill relating to the same subject (II. R. 115) "an act explanatory and to amend chapter 227 of the laws of 1874, relating to power and duties of county commissioners," ought not to pass;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, on the petition of Geo. S. Loring and others, submitting bill (II. R. 116) "an act to make valid certain doings of the town of Yarmouth in 1869;"

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, on the petition of George H. Freeman and others, submitting * bill (II. R. 118) *240 "an act for the preservation of fish in Little Sebago lake, situated in the county of Cumberland;"

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of H. B. Crowell and others, submitting bill (II. R. 119) "an act to prevent fishing in Puffer pond in the town of Dexter;"

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of inhabitants of Oldtown, submitting bill (II. R. 120) "an act additional to chapter 40 of the revised statutes, to prevent the destruction of certain fish in the upper waters of the Penobscot river;"

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill (II. R. 20) "an act in addition to, and to amend 'an act to incorporate the proprietors of Wiscasset bridge,' approved June 30, A. D. 1846," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Charles Russell, submitting bill (II. R. 65) "an act to authorize Charles Russell to build and maintain a wharf into the tide waters of Kennebec river in the town of Bowdoinham;"

Report of the same Committee, on bill (II. R. 88) "an act concerning the proprietors of Sheepscot River bridge," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill (II. R. 53) "an act to give additional power to the Piscataquis Mutual Insurance Company," that the same ought to pass;

Were severally accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

S. 19. Bill "an act to amend chapter 172 of the public *241 laws of 1874, relating to the security of life on steam * vessels on inland waters," (Senate Printed Document No. 5) amended per sheet "A" and passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House further amended per sheet "B," by striking out section 6, and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

H. R. 12. "Resolve providing for a change of the seat of government," indefinitely postponed by the Senate, came from the House, and that branch adheres to its vote passing the resolve to be engrossed, and

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

Resolved, That the Senate adhere to its vote.

A communication was received from Hon. Silas C. Hatch, State Treasurer elect, signifying his acceptance of the trust, and transmitting his official bond.

The communication was read, and

On motion by Mr. HINCKLEY,

Ordered, That the bond be referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came back concurred.

The following bill :

S. 11. "An act to amend section 52 of chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to the returns of plantations," was read once, and

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The following resolve :

S. 5. "Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual," was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

*242 *Mr. STEVENS presented (S. 11) "resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Education," which was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TALBOT presented (S. 12) "resolve in relation to compulsory pilotage," which was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CARNEY, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred bill (S. 36) "an act to establish a Board of Harbor Commissioners," reported that the same be printed and recommitted.

The report was accepted.

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Education, on an order, reported (S. 13) "resolve in favor of the normal school at Farmington and the normal school at Castine."

The report was accepted, and the resolve laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. WATTS, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of the Selectmen of Vinalhaven, for authority to build a bridge over tide waters, reported bill (S. 49) "an act to legalize the doings of the town of Vinalhaven."

The report was accepted, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills:

* II. R. 112. "An act to change the name of the town *243 of Dalton to Ashland, its former name;"

II. R. 114. "An act to prevent fishing in Adams' pond in the town of Bridgton;"

H. R. 113. "An act to amend section 34 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on logs and lumber;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bills:

S. 6. "An act to amend and renew the charter of the Sebec Lake Steamboat Company;"

S. 46. "An act to authorize C. M. Davis and W. A. Jackson to clear the channel at the head of Damariscotta lake and to navigate the said lake and river by steam;"

S. 47. "An act to incorporate the Franklin Central Agricultural Society;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills :

S. 21. "An act to authorize Nelson W. Gamage to extend a wharf into tide waters in the town of Bristol ;"

S. 22. "An act authorizing Abraham C. Fernald and others to build and maintain a fish weir in tide water between Bear island and Mt. Desert ;"

S. 24. "An act to prohibit the taking of fish of any kind from Adams' pond, so called, and its main tributary in the town of Newfield ;"

*244 *S. 25. "An act to incorporate the Southgate Dyking Company ;"

S. 29 "An act to prevent the taking or destroying of fish in Hobbs' mill pond in the town of Farmington ;"

II. R. 7. "An act for the protection of fish in Pushaw pond in the county of Penobscot, and the streams flowing into and out of said pond ;"

II. R. 14. "An act to incorporate the Rockland, Mt. Desert and Sullivan Steamboat Company ;"

II. R. 21. "An act relating to administrators, executors and trustees ;"

II. R. 26. "An act to incorporate the Equity Fire Insurance Company ;"

II. R. 37. "An act to amend an act granting a charter to the Alumni Association of Bates College ;"

II. R. 39. "An act to incorporate the Home for Aged Men at Bangor ;"

II. R. 62. "An act to make valid the doings of the town of Lyndon in the county of Aroostook ;"

II. R. 70. "An act to authorize John Neal to build and extend a wharf into tide waters in the town of Kittery ;"

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following resolves :

II. R. 16. "Resolve in favor of Lewey Snow ;"

II. R. 17. "Resolve in favor of Joseph Francis ;"

Which were each finally passed in concurrence.

And these several bills and resolves, having been signed by the President *pro tempore*, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. LORD, at 4 o'clock P. M.,

* The Senate adjourned.

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SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary*.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The President resumed the Chair.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. McCULLY of Hallowell.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Papers from the House :

The memorial of the Maine State Association for the Protection of Fish, asking for such legislation as may be necessary for the protection and culture of fish, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

The remonstrance of J. S. Ricker and others ;

The remonstrance of the Harbor Commissioners of the city of Portland,—severally against the incorporation of the Deering Boulevard ;

Were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to the suppression of the sale of cider and native wines, that the same be referred to the Committee on Temperance ;

* Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to *246 the suppression of gambling on or near the grounds of any State, county or town fair, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to requiring plantations organized for election purposes to support the poor residing in said plantations, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee, on bill (II. R. 24) "an act relating to estates in dower," that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on Pensions, on the petition of Washington Carleton, for a State pension, that the petitioner has leave to withdraw;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on bill (II. R. 30) "an act to amend section 7 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the assessment and collection of taxes," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on bill (S. 13) "an act to authorize the receivers of the American Bank to pay the dividends on lost certificates," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, on the petition of John Newbegin and others, submitting bill (II. R. 121) "an act to prohibit the taking of fish from the Newbegin brook in the town of Newfield," and that it ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Jeremiah B. Ellis and others, submitting bill (II. R. 122) "an act to prevent the taking of trout from the Rangely stream in the town of Rangely;"

*217 *Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill (S. 1) "an act permitting the defendant to give bond in trustee process," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill (II. R. 29) "an act authorizing insurance companies to divide their directors into classes," that the same ought to pass;

Were severally accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

A communication was received from Hon. S. J. Chadbourne, Secretary of State, transmitting the reports of the Warden and Inspectors of the Maine State Prison, for the year 1875, which was read; and

On motion by Mr. PRESCOTT,

Ordered, That the reports be referred to the Committee on State Prison.

The following bills and resolve:

H. R. 109. "An act to provide for the organization of business corporations;"

H. R. 13. "Resolve in aid of Sola Goly;"

S. 38. "An act amendatory of chapter 124 of the public laws of the year 1873, in aid of free high schools;"

S. 45. "An act relating to normal schools;"

Were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

S. 9. "Resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts," was read once, and

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

*S. 10. "Resolve in favor of J. W. Hines," was read *248 once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. HASKELL presented the remonstrance of Solomon Stuart and David Torrey, against the incorporation of the Deering Boulevard, which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Eridges.

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 75 of the revised statutes, relating to descent of estate.

On motion by the same Senator,

Ordered, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending section 19, chapter 134 of the revised statutes, relating to evidence in criminal cases.

On motion by the same Senator,

Ordered, That the same Committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the assessment and collection of highway taxes in incorporated places.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SWASEY presented the petition of Henry W. Poor and forty-two others, for an appropriation for building a road through Dunn's notch in Oxford county, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Mr. TOLMAN presented bill (S. 50) "an act to incorporate the Deer Isle and Sedgwick Horse Ferry Company;"

*Also the petition of W. P. Scott and others, in aid *249 of the same;

Which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred the petition of Alexander Campbell and others, for the repeal of an act of 1874, relating to the protection of fish in the Narraguagus river, reported bill (S. 51) "an act to repeal chapter 508 of the special laws of the year 1874."

The report was accepted, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. BROWN of Piscataquis, from Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to whom was referred the petition of O. B. Davis and others, for an appropriation on a road in Wellington, reported (S. 14) "resolve in favor of the town of Wellington."

The same Senator, from Committee on Public Buildings, to whom was referred (S. 2) "resolve authorizing an appropriation for a chemical fire engine," reported the same in a new draft, under title of a "resolve authorizing an appropriation for a chemical fire engine and hose," and that the same ought to pass.

These reports were severally accepted, and the resolves laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

The vote was reconsidered whereby the Senate assigned to-morrow for the second reading of bill (II. R. 109) "an act *250 to provide for the *organization of business corporations," and the bill was read a second time, House amendment "A," to amend by inserting after the words "*fire proof vaults*" the words, "*and also telegraph companies,*" was agreed to and the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. STEVENS, bill (S. 11) "an act to amend section 52 of chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to the returns of plantations," was taken from the table and read a second time, and

On motion by the same Senator,

Resolved, That it be indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. THURLOUGH,

The vote was reconsidered whereby the Senate accepted the report of the Committee on Towns, on the petition of the inhabitants of Linneus, praying for the incorporation of Oakfield plantation, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, and

On motion by the same Senator,
Ordered, That the report be recommitted.
 Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills:

II. R. 20. "An act in addition to and to amend 'an act to incorporate the proprietors of Wiscasset bridge,' approved June 30, 1846;"

II. R. 53. "An act to give additional power to the Piscataquis Mutual Insurance Company;"

* II. R. 65. "An act to authorize Charles Russell to *251 build and maintain a wharf into the tide waters of Kennebec river, in the town of Bowdoinham;"

II. R. 88. "An act concerning the proprietors of Sheepscot River bridge;"

II. R. 116. "An act to make valid certain doings of the town of Yarmouth in 1869;"

II. R. 118. "An act for the preservation of fish in Little Sebago lake, situated in the county of Cumberland;"

II. R. 119. "An act to prevent fishing in Puffer pond in the town of Dexter;"

II. R. 120. "An act additional to chapter 40 of the revised statutes, to prevent the destruction of certain fish in the upper waters of the Penobscot river;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bill and resolve:

S. 49. "An act to legalize the doings of the town of Vinalhaven;"

S. 5. "Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills:

S. 20. "An act to amend section 3 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to mortgages on personal property;"

S. 35. "An act for the protection of pike or pickerel in the Berry, Dexter and Wilson ponds in the towns of Wayne, Winthrop and Monmouth;"

*252 *H. R. 5. "An act to amend 'an act relating to the city schools of Bangor,' approved February 18, 1875;"

H. R. 31. "An act to authorize the Laconia Company and the Pepperell Manufacturing Company to connect two piers of their wharves in Saco river;"

H. R. 36. "An act to encourage and protect the breeding of trout in Little pond and Little Pond brook, in Fryeburg Academy Grant;"

H. R. 44. "An act relating to school money now belonging to school district No. 4 in Biddeford;"

H. R. 103. "An act authorizing Gilbert H. Manchester, D. J. Manchester and A. L. Manchester to build and maintain fish weirs in Somes' sound, Mt. Desert;"

H. R. 104. "An act authorizing Webster McFarland and others to build and maintain fish weirs in the tide waters of the town of Brooklin;"

H. R. 105. "An act to protect black bass and salmon in Moose pond and its tributaries and Sebasticook river, in the town of Hartland;"

H. R. 106. "An act to amend section 5 of chapter 78 of the revised statutes, relating to election returns;"

H. R. 107. "An act amendatory of and additional to chapter 30 of the revised statutes, in relation to deer and caribou;"

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

And these several bills, having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

The PRESIDENT announced the Committee on the part of the Senate, to investigate the sale of the lands or scrip granted by Congress to this State for a College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, who were appointed as follows:

*253 * Messrs. Swasey of Oxford,
Wheelwright of Penobscot,
Donworth of Aroostook.

On motion by Mr. STURGIS, at 11 o'clock A. M.,
The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE *Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. J^AQUES of Hallowell.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Order from the House :

That the Committee on Military Affairs inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 257 of the laws of 1874, relating to the rental of armories for military companies in the State, was read and passed in concurrence.

The petition of Thomas W. Hicks and others ;

The petition of John S. Case and others,—severally for amendment to the charter of the city of Rockland ;

The remonstrance of Philo Thurston and others, against the foregoing petitions ;

Were severally *referred to the next Legislature in concurrence. *254

The claim of Woodland plantation, for bounty on bears, was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

The petition of William N. Flynn and others of Whitneyville, for the repeal of the Calais Court bill ;

H. R. 123. Bill “an act authorizing assignees of judgments to bring *scire facias* ;”

H. R. 124. Bill “an act additional to an act in relation to auctioneers ;”

Were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Remonstrance of the citizens of Sabattus village against discontinuing the railroad from Leeds Junction to Crowleys, was referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Albert A. Burleigh, submitting bill (H. R. 125) “an act to amend section 18 of chapter 88 of the revised statutes, relating to partition of real estate ;”

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill (II. R. 38) "an act to amend section 87 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes," with the same in a new draft, under title of "an act to amend section 87 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to witnesses and evidence, by adding a fifth exception," and that it ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on bill (II. R. 54) "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 70 of the revised statutes, in *255 relation to the time in which *assignees shall file an inventory in probate court," that the same ought to pass;

Report of Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill (II. R. 100) "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to amend sections 63 and 64 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, relating to foreign insurance companies,'" that the same ought to pass;

Were severally accepted in concurrence, the bills read once and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on an order submitting bill (II. R. 126) "an act to authorize the sale of islands belonging to the State," was accepted, and the bill laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

On motion by Mr. KYES,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending sections 5 and 6 of chapter 97 of the revised statutes, relating to bastardy process.

On motion by the same Senator,

Ordered, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 37 of the revised statutes, relating to the foreclosure of mortgages on real estate.

Mr. STEVENS, from the Joint Select Committee on Printing and Binding, on an order of the Legislature, reported that the Committee had contracted with Messrs. Sprague, Owen & Nash to do the State printing for the current year, and submitted the contract.

The report was accepted, and the contract read and approved.

Sent down for concurrence.

*256 *Mr. BROWN of Piscataquis, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to whom was recommitted

(S. 3) "resolve in favor of bridge across the Mattawankeag river in the town of Haynesville, on the military road," reported the same with a statement of facts, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. WHEELWRIGHT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred bill (H. R. 33) "an act to repeal section 12 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes," reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Senator, from the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, submitted bill (S. 53) "an act to provide for the organization of savings banks, trust and loan associations."

These reports were severally accepted, and the resolve and bills laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. KYES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred bill (S. 27) "an act in relation to the Ellsworth Police Court," reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and

On motion by Mr. TOLMAN,

Ordered, That the bill lie on the table and be printed.

Subsequently, on motion by the same Senator,

The foregoing vote was reconsidered, the bill read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bill:

S. 1. "An act permitting the defendant to give bond in trustee process," * which was read a second time. *257

House amendment "A," to amend by striking out section 5, was agreed to, and the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bills and resolve:

S. 13. "An act to authorize the receivers of the American Bank to pay the dividends on lost certificates;"

H. R. 29. "An act authorizing insurance companies to divide their directors into classes;"

H. R. 121. "An act to prohibit the taking of fish from the Newbegin brook in the town of Newfield;"

H. R. 122. "An act to prevent the taking of trout from the Rangely stream in the town of Rangely;"

H. R. 13. "Resolve in aid of Sola Coly;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bill :

H. R. 30. "An act to amend section 7 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the assessment and collection of taxes," which was read a second time.

House amendment "A," to amend by adding a section :—Section —. This act shall take effect when approved, was agreed to.

Mr. HINCKLEY moved the indefinite postponement of the bill, which was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas.....19
Nays..... 6

On motion by Mr. LORD,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Baker,	Brown, I. S.,	Brown, S. O.,
Carney,	Donworth,	Haskell,
Hinckley,	Jordan,	Kyes,
*258 Prescott,	*Sturgis,	Swasey,
Talbot,	Thurlough,	Tolman,
Watts,	Webb,	Wheelwright,
White—19.		

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Brackett,	French,	Lord,
Stevens,	Thompson,	Woodbury—6.

ABSENT.

Messrs. Estes,	Gray,	Peaks,
Wadsworth,	Wentworth—5.	

Not voting—The President—1.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following resolve and bills :

S. 10. "Resolve in favor of J. W. Hines ;"

S. 33. "An act amendatory of chapter 124 of the public laws of the year 1873, in aid of free high schools ;"

S. 45. "An act relating to normal schools ;"

S. 51. "An act to repeal chapter 508 of the special laws of the year 1874;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

S. 9. "Resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts," was taken from the table and read a second time.

The same Senator proposed an amendment marked "A," to amend by striking out in the first and second lines, as printed, the words "Twenty-three thousand five hundred and fifty," and insert therein the words "five thousand," pending the adoption of which,

On motion by Mr. LORD,

*Ordered, That the resolve lie on the table, and that *259 Wednesday next be assigned for its consideration.

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

H. R. 56. Bill "an act to incorporate the Orchard Beach Railroad Company," was taken from the table and read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by the same Senator,

S. 43. Bill "an act additional to an act to amend 'an act to incorporate the Bangor and Calais Shore Line Railroad Company,' approved February 17, 1873," was taken from the table, the question being on the passage of the bill to be engrossed.

Mr. HASKELL proposed amendment marked "A," to amend by adding, "the clerk of said corporation may have a further time of twenty days from the approval of this act in which to file the certificate of his election with the Register of Deeds in the district where said corporation is established, and former acts and doings of said corporation are hereby made valid and legal."

The amendment was agreed to and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor requesting a return to the Senate of bill (H. R. 27) "an act to incorporate the Hibernian Society of Biddeford."

The message was conveyed by the Secretary, and in response thereto the bill was returned to the Senate.

*260 * On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

The vote was reconsidered whereby the Senate passed the foregoing bill to be enacted, and

On motion by the same Senator,
Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. PRESCOTT, at 12 o'clock M.,
The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BATES of Hallowell.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Papers from the House :

The petitions of Eugene Simpson and others ; G. W. Pettingill and others ; Charles F. Perry and others ; Calvin G. Peck and others ; Hiram E. Whittaker and others ; George A. Hopkins and others ; E. M. Dutton and others ; Peter L. Hill and others ; Nathan Harmond and others ; W. B. McCrate and others ; H. D. Coombs and others ; Jasper Wyman and others ; Charles H. Haskell and others ; and Ephraim Crabtree and others,—severally in aid of the petition of John H. Stimson, for the incorporation of the Sullivan Bridge Company ;

*261 * The remonstrances of John D. Blaisdell and others ; Aaron Robertson and others ; B. F. Butler and others ; and F. A. Gordon and others,—severally against the incorporation of the Sullivan Bridge Company ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence.

H. R. 131. "Bill "an act providing additional remedies against fraudulent conveyances ;"

The petition of J. C. Leighton and others, for the repeal of the Calais Court bill ;

The petition of John Read, for an amendment of the law relating to jails and the State Prison, and in relation to the appointment of jailors ;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to amending chapter 91, sections 27 and 28, of the revised statutes, relating to liens on buildings, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, came from the House recommitted, and was recommitted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on New Insane Hospital, appointed under resolve of 1875, as follows :

To the Legislature of Maine :

By a Resolve approved February 24, 1875, the "Governor was authorized to appoint a Committee whose duty should be to consider what measures should be adopted to provide suitable additional accommodations for the insane, and in furtherance of this end, if they should consider it advisable, to purchase the United States Marine Hospital near Portland, or if they should not deem this advisable, to select a suitable location for a new Insane Hospital, and report to the next Legislature."

The undersigned were appointed such Committee, and pursuant to the requirements of said resolve submit the following report :

We found it impracticable to ascertain with accuracy the number of insane persons in the State. The census of 1860 makes the number 794, and that of 1870 puts the number at 792 ; but those who have given the question careful examination estimate the number as high as 1,200, or even more. From the best information we can obtain, we think 1,200 approximates very nearly to the whole number that can properly be included in the class of insane persons.

The Hospital cannot properly accommodate more than 400 patients ; and if our estimates are correct there remain twice that number unable to obtain hospital accommodations. That some provision should be made for this large class, seems too obvious to require argument.

The law of 1874, providing for the discharge from the hospital of such inmates as in the judgment of the Superintendent were "beyond cure," and could be discharged with safety to the patient and the public, operated to discharge about sixty inmates, and greatly relieved the hospital, and we learn from the report of the trustees of the hospital that the exclusion of this class has so checked the increase of admissions that the present accommodations are sufficient for the class which would be improved or cured by hospital treatment.

We think these facts strongly tend to prove that much the larger number of insane belong to the harmless, idiotic and imbecile class, and that the number who fall within the curable class, and require hospital treatment, does not exceed the present capacity of the hospital. We are strengthened in this conclusion by the reports of the Trustees and Superintendent of the hospital made at the close of last year. This brings us to the consideration of what provision should be made for the incurable, harmless insane.

It would seem to be apparent that this class could not require the same medical skill, large number of attendants, and costly accommodations and appliances that the acute and curable insane need. But we are aware that it is held by high authority in the treatment of the insane, that the interests of each class require that they be kept in the same institution and under the same general management. We do not presume to decide the question. We regard it as one of great practical consequence, and deserving of very careful consideration. We deem it proper to call attention to the fact, that it is held by many who have given the question much examination, that it is desirable to separate the acute and curable insane from the incurable and harmless, maintaining that the incurable, harmless insane need *not a hospital*, but a home, with suitable exercise, plenty of sunlight, pure air, proper nourishment, and that these can be furnished at much less expense than by large, costly hospitals, with expensive medical supervision and other attendance.

We are referred to the States of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, both of which have established within a few years permanent asylums for the incurable insane.

In the Massachusetts asylum, within the eight years of its history, more than one thousand chronic insane have been admitted,

mostly from the State hospitals. It is reported that nearly one hundred of these have recovered or improved, not from medication, but from work on the farm. And in the opinion of good judges, the condition of the inmates there has been made as comfortable as it was before their admission, and the experiment, as a whole, has been regarded as a decided success. The expenses have averaged for each inmate a little more than one hundred dollars a year. The average number being 300, with a saving to the State of about \$25,000 a year.

In Rhode Island the asylum for the incurable insane is located upon a farm in the town of Cranston. The buildings are only one story, well lighted and ventilated, with large yards and plenty of ground for cultivation. The cost of supporting the insane here is only about two dollars a week.

The only other hospital in the State is the Butler Hospital, which is regarded as one of the best conducted, as it is one of the oldest hospitals for the insane in the country. The trustees of this hospital report that by the removal of chronic cases "the capacity of the hospital is enlarged for the treatment of recent cases of insanity, and the effect is thereby to increase its beneficial agency as a curative institution." And Dr. Nathan Allen, late commissioner of lunacy in Massachusetts, who has given great attention to the subject, says of this asylum at Cranston, there is only one opinion among the friends of the insane in the State who have looked at the subject, that it presents a great improvement over the old order of things, and adds, "from a careful personal inspection I can say, that it is of the kind, a model institution *and worthy of imitation in every other State.*"

In the light, and with the result of these experiments before us, we did not deem it advisable to "select a location for a new Insane Hospital." It seemed proper that the policy of the State in the treatment of the incurable, harmless insane should be definitely settled before proceeding to make further provision for them by the erection of a new hospital.

If it shall be determined to keep them in a general hospital with the curable, it will then be necessary to erect a hospital with all the appliances for the treatment of the various class of cases; if, on the other hand, the State should adopt the plan of Rhode Island, quite different provisions would be required, and the experiment could be made at a comparatively small cost. It is

proper to add, that with our present information we favor the Rhode Island plan.

We gave the United States Marine Hospital, near Portland, a careful examination, but in our opinion it would require such material alterations and repairs, that it would be inexpedient to purchase it for the use of the insane. We also found that no officer of the government had authority to sell it, and that an act of Congress would be required for that purpose.

S. D. LINDSEY,

H. N. JOSE,

C. H. B. WOODBURY.

was referred to the Committee on Insane Hospital in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, on the petition of the Penobscot Indians for the appointment of a suitable person to instruct said tribe in farming, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Martha Soc, for dividends, that the petitioner has leave to withdraw;

*262 *Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to trust estates, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to amending section 1 of chapter 57 of the public laws of 1875, relating to mileage of sheriffs, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to a lien for cutting and hauling wood, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to amending section 12 of chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to the appointment of highway surveyors, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to limiting the authority of judges of probate in decreeing allowances to widows out of insolvent estates, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to amending section 22 of chapter 24 of the revised statutes, relating to paupers in unincorporated places, that legislation thereon is inexpedient; also, on bill (H. R. 95) "an act to amend chapter 24,

sections 22 and 23, of the revised statutes, relating to relief of needy persons, that the same ought not to pass;

Report of the Committee on Temperance, on the various petitions and memorials relating to increased penalties for the violation of the laws for the suppression of the sale of intoxicating liquors, that legislation thereon is unnecessary;

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on the petition of citizens of Orono, for legislation to authorize the town of Orono to purchase the toll bridge in said town, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

* Report of the same Committee on (H. R. 5) "resolve *263 in favor of the town of Island Falls," that the same ought not to pass;

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on the petition of E. S. Cushman and others, for the incorporation of the Sherman Cheese Factory, that legislation is unnecessary;

Report of the Committee on Commerce, on the report of the Inspectors of Steamboats, referred from the last legislature, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of C. F. A. Johnson and others, submitting bill (H. R. 130) "an act to incorporate the Aroostook River Log Driving Company," was accepted, the bill read once and recommitted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on an order submitting (H. R. 19) "resolve authorizing the State Treasurer to procure a fire and burglar proof safe;"

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill (H. R. 11) "an act to enable non-resident guardians to obtain property in this State belonging to their wards residing in other States or territories of the United States," that the same ought to pass;

Were severally accepted in concurrence, the resolve and bill each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

The contract with Messrs. Sprague, Owen and Nash, to do the State Printing for the current year, came *up from *264 the House approved in concurrence, and was by the Secretary lodged in the office of the Secretary of State.

S. 18. Bill "an act to amend chapter 55, section 1, of the revised statutes, in relation to libraries, charitable societies and public cemeteries," passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House amended per sheet "A," by inserting after the word "husbandry," in the eleventh line of the bill as printed, (House Printed Document No. 42) the words, "as a Council of the Sovereigns of Industry."

The Senate receded, agreed to the House amendment, and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

The following resolves were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading:

S. 2. "Resolve authorizing an appropriation for a chemical fire engine and hose;"

S. 3. "Resolve in favor of bridge across the Mattawamkeag river in the town of Haynesville, on the military road;"

S. 13. "Resolve in favor of the normal school at Farmington and the normal school at Castine;"

S. 14. "Resolve in favor of the town of Wellington;"

Mr. HINCKLEY, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, to whom was referred the official bond of Hon. S. C. Hatch, State Treasurer elect, reported that having examined said bond, they find it correctly drawn, that the sureties are responsible and sufficient, and recommend its approval.

The report was accepted and the bond approved.

*265 * Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. FRENCH,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 7 of chapter 256 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the commitment of insane persons.

Mr. HASKELL presented (S. 15) "resolve in favor of Charles J. Schumacher," which was laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. DONWORTH, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, to whom was referred bill (S. 44) "an act to incorporate the Maine State Temperance Camp-meeting Association," reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to attachments of property, reported bill (S. 52) "an act to repeal chapter 39 of the public laws of 1875, relating to civil actions."

The same Senator, from the same Committee, to whom was referred bill (S. 4) "an act amending section 20, chapter 124 of the revised statutes, in relation to labor," reported the same in a new draft, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. BROWN of Piscataquis, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to whom was referred the petition of citizens of Kingsbury for aid on the New England road, reported (S. 16) "resolve in favor of the State road between Kingsbury Mills and Blanchard in Piscataquis county."

These reports were severally accepted, and the bills and resolve each laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

* Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Ways and *266 Bridges, to whom was referred bill (H. R. 81) "an act authorizing and regulating the construction of the Deering Boulevard and Water Park," reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature, with an order of notice.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bill :

S. 27. "An act in relation to the Ellsworth Police Court," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bill :

H. R. 38. "An act to amend section 87 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to witnesses and evidence, by adding a fifth exception," which was read a second time.

Mr. KYES proposed an amendment marked "A," to amend by adding the following: "*The provisions of this act shall not apply to testimony to be used in actions or causes of actions now pending.*"

The amendment was agreed to, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bill :

H. R. 100. "An act to amend 'an act to amend sections 63 and 64 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, relating to foreign insurance companies,' " which was read a second time.

House amendment "A," to amend by striking out section *267 2, to wit: *"*Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved,*" was agreed to, and the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bill :

H. R. 54. "An act to amend section 3 of chapter 70 of the revised statutes, in relation to the time in which assignees shall file an inventory in probate court," which was read a second time.

House amendment "A," to amend by striking out section 2, to wit: "*Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved by the governor,*" was agreed to, and the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bill :

H. R. 125. "An act to amend section 18 of chapter 88 of the revised statutes, relating to partition of real estate," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills :

H. R. 109. "An act to provide for the organization of business corporations ;"

H. R. 112. "An act to change the name of the town of Dalton to Ashland, its former name ;"

H. R. 113. "An act to amend section 34 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on logs and lumber ;"

H. R. 114. "An act to prevent fishing in Adams' pond in the town of Bridgton ;"

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following resolves :

*268 *H. R. 14. "Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey to L. T. Manson a lot of land in Chapman plantation ;"

H. R. 15. "Resolve in favor of John Allen of Maysville, county of Aroostook ;"

Which were each finally passed in concurrence.

And these several bills and resolves, having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. THURLOUGH, at 11 o'clock A. M.,
The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. THOMAS of Gardiner.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Order from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 40, chapter 6 of the revised statutes, by striking out the words : " and shall assess on the taxable polls therein one-sixth part, as near as may be, of the whole sum to be raised," was read and passed in concurrence.

* Remonstrance of Samuel Crabtree and others, against *269 the petition of John H. Stimson and others for the incorporation of the Sullivan Bridge Company ;

Remonstrance of David Chamberlain and others against legislation providing a lien on vessels for provisions and supplies furnished ;

Were referred to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence.

The remonstrances of O. G. Cook and others, Granville Fernald and others, and James L. Wales and others,—severally against the establishment of a normal school at North Bridgton ;

Were referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

H. R. 132. Bill "an act to incorporate the Sullivan and Franklin Telegraph Company," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

H. R. 128. Bill "an act to repeal an act entitled 'an act relating to the duties of sheriffs and county attorneys,'" came from the House referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, and

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Subsequently, on motion by the same Senator,

The foregoing bill was taken from the table, and

Ordered, That the Senate non-concur, and that the bill be referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of Cyrille Pelletier and others of St. Francis plantation, for certain lots of land claimed by the European and *270 North American *Railway Company, that the same be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary;

Report of the Committee on Claims, on petition of John Allen for payment for land in Presque Isle, that the petitioner has leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on the petition of Moses Weld and others, for legislation requiring towns to tax dogs, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to making valid the doings of the town of Palermo, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of the Selectmen of Chester, for legislation to regulate the use of wheel rims in said town, that the same be referred to the next Legislature with an order of notice;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of John C. Ingraham and others, for authority to sell certain Methodist church property in Hodgdon, that the same be referred to the next Legislature with an order of notice;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of M. H. Kiff and others, for an increase of the poll tax in the town of Vinalhaven, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill (S. 39) "an act to extend the powers of school districts," that the same ought to pass;

Severally came from the House recommitted, and were recommitted in concurrence.

* Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, submitting (H. R. 20) "resolve for the appointment of a commission to reconstruct the savings bank law;" *271

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, on the petition of Samuel Mowry and others, submitting bill (H. R. 68) "an act to better protect owners of fish weirs in Lubec;"

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill (H. R. 92) "an act to legalize the doings of School District No. 2 in Blaine," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, submitting bill (H. R. 133) "an act to amend section 5 of chapter 138 of the revised statutes, relating to fugitives from justice;"

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill (H. R. 66) "an act in relation to the erection of wharves and fish weirs in tide waters," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on an order, submitting bill (H. R. 134) "an act to amend section 16 of chapter 77 of the revised statutes, relating to judicial courts;"

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill (H. R. 55) "an act to incorporate the Ellsworth Marine Insurance Company," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on Railroads, on bill (H. R. 80) "an act to extend the time for the location and construction of the Portland and Ogdensburg Railroad," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of Martin Savage and *others, submitting (H. R. 22) "resolve in aid of building a bridge over Savage stream in Saint Francis plantation;" *272

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Enoch Hall, submitting (H. R. 23) "resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey to Enoch Hall a lot of land in Lyndon;"

Were severally accepted in concurrence, the bills and resolves each read once, and Monday assigned for their second reading.

A communication was received from Hon. S. J. Chadbourne, Secretary of State, transmitting the returns of stockholders of such corporations as have made return to that office for the year 1875, which was read and send down.

On motion by Mr. KYES,

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

S. 47. Bill "an act to incorporate the Franklin Central Agricultural Society," passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House indefinitely postponed, and

On motion by Mr. KYES,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The following bills and resolves were each read once and Monday assigned for their second reading:

S. 4. "An act amending section 20, chapter 124 of the revised statutes, in relation to labor;"

S. 6. "Resolve in favor of the State Centennial Commission;"

*273 *S. 53. "An act to provide for the organization of savings banks, trust or loan associations;"

H. R. 33. "An act to repeal section 12 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes;"

H. R. 126. "An act to authorize the sale of islands belonging to the State;"

Subsequently, on motion by Mr. SWASEY,

The vote was reconsidered whereby the Senate assigned Monday next for the second reading of (S. 6) "resolve in favor of the State Centennial Commission," and Tuesday next was assigned for its second reading.

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Education, on an order relating to the transfer of scholars from the district schools to the free high schools by superintending school committees, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. BAKER, from the same Committee, on an order relating to securing a more punctual attendance in our public schools, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. THURLOUGH, from the Committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition of Amaziah Whitten and others, to be set off from Sanford and annexed to the town of Alfred, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WHEELWRIGHT, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, submitted bill (S. 54) "an act to regulate dividends of savings banks."

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Reform School, *on an order directing said Committee to visit the Maine *274 Industrial School for Girls and report thereon, reported, submitting the first annual report of the managers of said institution and (S. 17) "resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls."

These reports were accepted, and the bill and resolve each laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

The official bond of Hon. S. C. Hatch, Treasurer of State, came from the House approved in concurrence, and was by the Secretary lodged in the office of the Secretary of State.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bill and resolves:

S. 44. "An act to incorporate the Maine State Temperance Camp-meeting Association;"

S. 2. "Resolve authorizing an appropriation for a chemical fire engine and hose;"

S. 3. "Resolve in favor of bridge across the Mattawamkeag river in the town of Haynesville, on the military road;"

S. 13. "Resolve in favor of the normal school at Farmington and the normal school at Castine;"

S. 14. "Resolve in favor of the town of Wellington;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bill and resolve:

H. R. 11. "An act to enable non-resident guardians *to *275 obtain property in this State belonging to their wards residing in other States or territories of the United States;"

H. R. 19. "Resolve authorizing the State Treasurer to procure a fire and burglar proof safe;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. ESTES, at 11 o'clock A. M.,
The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. LEFFINGWELL of Gardiner.

The Journal of Friday was read.

Order from the House :

The Senate concurring, that the petitions of George W. Kalloch and John Ryan, on which leave to withdraw was reported, be taken from the files and recommitted to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, was read and passed in concurrence.

*276 *That the County Treasurer of the county of Cumberland, be and is hereby authorized and instructed to allow the towns of Windham and Falmouth one hundred and fifty dollars each annually in aid of said towns in the support of bridges on the county roads in the aforesaid towns, the said allowance to be levied in the county taxes, was referred to the Cumberland County Delegation in concurrence.

The petitions of Daniel Kemp and others, and David Dresser and others, in aid of the recommendation of the Fish Commissioners, relating to fish in the St. Croix waters ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

The petition of Newell Polis, for legislation relating to the census of the Penobscot Indians, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs in concurrence.

The petitions of Elijah Comins and others and J. Harris and others, for the abolition of the death penalty ;”

The remonstrances of Thomas Eldred and others, A. D. Champney and others, Charles Buck and others, George E. Thorts and others, A. H. Briggs & Co., George I. Robinson, Charles Taylor and others, J. H. Sawyer & Co., F. O. Branard, and Golding Brothers,—severally against the passage of a bill (H. R. 90) relating to druggists and apothecaries ;

The petition of M. N. McKusick and others, for legislation relating to the inspection of hides and skins at Calais ;

* H. R. 135. Bill "an act additional to chapter 69 of the *277 revised statutes, relating to estates of deceased partners;"

Were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

H. R. 136. Bill "an act authorizing the sale of certain lots of land in township No. 14, range 4, W. E. L. S., was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of Melvin Grant and others, for legislation requiring locks to be constructed in the dam at Treat's falls, that the same be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Pensions, on the petition of the Selectmen of Burnham for a pension for Melvin Reynolds, that the same be referred to the Adjutant General, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Commerce, on the petition of W. S. Jordan and others, for legislation providing for a lien on vessels for supplies furnished, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill (H. R. 127) "an act relating to towns which have abolished their school districts," that the same ought not to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on bill (H. R. 209) "an act to amend section 74 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes, defining the duties of the State Superintendent of Common Schools," that the same ought not to pass;

* Report of the same Committee, on bill (H. R. 207) "an *278 act in relation to the apportionment of school moneys paid by the State Treasurer," that the same ought not to pass;

Report of the same Committee on bill (H. R. 47) "an act to amend chapter 229 of the public laws of Maine for the year 1874," that the same ought not to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to the apportionment of the school mill tax, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to the normal departments in the Maine Central Institute and Oak Grove Seminary, submitting a letter from the State Superintendent of

Common Schools, that said institutions have maintained a normal department;

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on (H. R. 9) "resolve abating a portion of State tax of Perkins plantation, and assessing the same upon the town of Carthage," that the same ought not to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on bill (H. R. 1) "an act to reduce the rate of interest," that the same ought not to pass;

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, on an order relating to amending section 19, chapter 40 of the revised statutes, so as to allow the setting of nets crosswise of said waters, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petitions of Winslow Bates and others, for the repeal of the Calais Court bill, that the same be referred to the next Legislature;

*279 *Report of the same Committee, on (H. R. 24) "resolve for the purchase of Webb's Railroad Laws of Maine," that the same ought not to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on bill (S. 15) "an act to prevent the careless use of firearms," that the same ought not to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to so amending the "Calais Court bill," as to require the county to pay the expense of holding the court at Calais, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to legislation in relation to criminal cases so as to give counsel for prisoners the closing argument, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on bill (H. R. 57) "an act requiring the expenses of keeping in repair certain bridges to be paid by the several counties," that the same ought not to pass;

Reports of the same Committee, on the petitions of Benjamin Hilton and others, for legislation requiring certain bridges to be built and maintained by the respective counties, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Jefferson Brown and others, for legislation requiring all bridges costing more than four hundred dollars to be built and maintained by the counties, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on (II. R. 21) "resolve refunding a part of State tax of Perkin's plantation," that the same ought to pass;

* Report of the Committee on Fisheries, on the petition *280 of F. M. Lufkin and others, submitting bill (II. R. 137) "an act to continue in force chapter 415 of the special laws of 1874, relating to the fishing interest in Lufkin pond;"

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of John H. Crandon and others, submitting bill (II. R. 138) "an act to repeal chapter 140 of the private and special laws of 1862, relating to the taking of salmon, shad and alewives in the waters of Pleasant river in Washington county;"

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill (II. R. 91) "an act to amend section 3, chapter 64 of the revised statutes, relating to the duties of executors and administrators," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to the rights of married women, submitting bill (II. R. 139) "an act to amend chapter 61 of the revised statutes, in relation to the rights of married women;"

Report of the same Committee, on bill (II. R. 94) "an act to amend section 3, chapter 66 of the revised statutes, relative to insolvent estates," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of inhabitants of Woolwich, submitting bill (II. R. 140) "an act in relation to the settlement of paupers;"

Report of the same Committee, on bill (II. R. 25) "an act to amend the charter of the Squirrel Island Association," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on the petition of the Selectmen of Parsonsfield and Cornish, submitting bill (II. R. 141) "an act establishing the division line between the towns of Cornish and Parsonsfield;"

* Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Jeremiah Page and others, submitting bill (II. R. 142) "an act to make valid the doings of Theodore Taylor, a trial justice;"

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of the First Universalist Society of Biddeford, submitting bill (II. R. 143) "an act to make legal the doings of the First Universalist Society of Saco and Biddeford;"

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on the petition of Seward Dill and others, submitting bill (H. R. 144) "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Maine Dairymen's Association,' approved February 20, 1874;"

Report of the Committee on Towns, on the petition of Joshua M. Leighton, submitting bill (H. R. 145) "an act setting off Joshua M. Leighton's estate from the town of Steuben and annexing the same to the town of Milbridge;"

Were severally accepted in concurrence, the bills and resolve each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

The following resolves and bills were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading :

S. 15. "Resolve in favor of Charles J. Schumacher;"

S. 17. "Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls;"

S. 52. "An act to repeal chapter 39 of the public laws of 1875, relating to civil actions;"

S. 54. "An act to regulate dividends of savings banks;"

*282 *On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to furnish to this Legislature a tabular statement of the amount of money and land appropriated by the State in aid of building roads and bridges in the several counties of the State since and including the year A. D. 1870.

On motion by the same Senator,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending the law relative to the powers and duties of Registers of Probate, that they may issue orders and decrees of the Probate Court upon which the name of the judge may be either written or printed.

The same Senator presented bill (S. 55) "an act to provide further remedies for the collection of State taxes upon corporations," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The foregoing were sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CARNEY, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the remonstrance of inhabitants of Woolwich against making free the Arrowsic and Merrymeeting bridge, reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Mr. BRACKETT, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to whom was referred the petition of M. A. Phillips and others, for legislation to prevent the waste of mills being thrown into the Houghton brook, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. DONWORTH, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of George Pierce and others, for legislation relating to the playing of base ball in streets, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

* These reports were severally accepted. *283
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DONWORTH, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, to whom was referred bill (S. 40) "an act to legalize the doings of the town of Cornish," reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. PEAKS, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on an order, reported (S. 18) "resolve in favor of the Bangor Children's Home."

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order, reported (S. 19) "resolve in favor of the Female Orphan Asylum, Portland."

These reports were accepted, and the resolves each laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills:

S. 4. "An act amending section 20, chapter 124 of the revised statutes, in relation to labor;"

S. 53. "An act to provide for the organization of savings banks, trust and loan associations;"

H. R. 33. "An act to repeal section 12 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bill:

H. R. 55. "An act to incorporate the Ellsworth Marine Insurance Company," which was read a second time, and

* On motion by Mr. WADSWORTH, *284
Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The same Committee also reported the following bill:

H. R. 66. "An act in relation to the erection of wharves and fish weirs," which was read a second time.

House amendment "A," to amend by adding a section, to wit:
 "Sect. —. *In any river or tide water lying between two towns or cities, no such wharf or fish weir shall be erected without the approval and consent of the municipal officers of both said towns or cities, and in no case shall any wharf be extended beyond any wharf lines heretofore legally established,*"

was agreed to, and the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bills and resolves:

H. R. 68. "An act to better protect the owners of fish weirs in Lubec;"

H. R. 80. "An act to extend the time for the location and construction of the Portland and Ogdensburg Railroad;"

H. R. 92. "An act to legalize the doings of School District No. 2 in Blaine;"

H. R. 126. "An act to authorize the sale of islands belonging to the State;"

H. R. 133. "An act to amend section 5 of chapter 138 of the revised statutes, relating to fugitives from justice;"

H. R. 134. "An act to amend section 16 of chapter 77 of the revised statutes, relating to judicial courts;"

H. R. 20. "Resolve for the appointment of a commission to reconstruct the savings bank laws;"

*235 *H. R. 22. "Resolve in aid of building a bridge over Savage stream in St. Francis plantation;"

H. R. 23. "Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey to Enoch Hall a lot of land in Lyndon;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills:

S. 1. "An act permitting the defendant to give bond in trustee process;"

S. 6. "An act to amend and renew the charter of the Sebec Lake Steamboat Company;"

S. 13. "An act to authorize the receivers of the American Bank to pay the dividends on lost certificates ;"

S. 42. "An act to repeal charters of savings banks and banking institutions, which have not organized or shall not have organized previous to August first, 1876 ;"

S. 46. "An act to authorize C. M. Davis and W. A. Jackson to clear the channel at the head of Damariscotta lake and to navigate the said lake and river by steam ;"

S. 48. "An act to incorporate the Cape Elizabeth Dyking Company ;"

H. R. 29. "An act authorizing insurance companies to divide their directors into classes ;"

H. R. 53. "An act to give additional power to the Piscataquis Mutual Insurance Company ;"

H. R. 56. "An act to incorporate the Orchard Beach Railroad Company ;"

H. R. 65. "An act to authorize Charles Russell to build and maintain a wharf into the tide waters of Kennebec river, in the town of Bowdoinham ;"

H. R. 88. "An act concerning the proprietors of Sheepscot River bridge ;"

* H. R. 116. "An act to make valid certain doings of *286 the town of Yarmouth ;"

H. R. 118. "An act for the preservation of fish in Little Sebago lake, situated in the county of Cumberland ;"

H. R. 119. "An act to prevent fishing in Puffer pond in the town of Dexter ;"

H. R. 120. "An act additional to chapter 40 of the revised statutes, to prevent the destruction of certain fish in the upper waters of the Penobscot river ;"

H. R. 121. "An act to prohibit the taking of fish from the Newbegin brook in the town of Newfield ;"

H. R. 122. "An act to prevent the taking of trout from the Rangely stream in the town of Rangely ;"

H. R. 208. "An act in relation to fiscal school returns of towns to be made to the State Superintendent of Common Schools ;"

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following resolves :

S. 11. "Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Education;"

H. R. 13. "Resolve in aid of Sola Coly;"

Which were each finally passed in concurrence.

And these several bills and resolves, having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. PEAKS,

S. 1. "Resolve in aid of the town of Mount Chase, Penobscot county," was taken from the table.

The question being on the adoption of amendment "A," after discussion,

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

*287 **Ordered*, That the resolve lie on the table, and that tomorrow be assigned for its consideration.

On motion by Mr. CARNEY, at 15 minutes past 3 o'clock P. M.,

The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary*.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. HUTCHINS of Gardiner.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Papers from the House :

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of W. L. Daggett and others, for a change of the name of the New Portland Campmeeting Association, that the same be referred to the Committee on Change of Names, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill (S. 28) "an act relating to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Judicial Court, and to amend chapter 81, sec. 9 of the revised *statutes," that the same ought not to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Commerce, on bill (H. R. 41) "an act to incorporate the Commercial Wharf Company," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of George Dyer, submitting bill (S. 37) "an act to protect George Dyer in running his scow from North Haven to Vinalhaven in Knox county;"

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Samuel N. McFarland and others, submitting bill (H. R. 147) "an act authorizing Samuel N. McFarland and associates to erect a wharf in the tide waters of Frenchman bay in the town of Hancock;"

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, on the petition of C. R. Masterman and others, submitting bill (H. R. 87) "an act to prohibit the taking of fish in the tributaries or outlets of Webb's pond in Weld;"

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of F. H. Hutchins and others, submitting bill (H. R. 148) "an act to prevent the taking of trout from Howard's pond and its tributaries in the town of Hanover;"

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of

W. S. Pearson and others, submitting bill (II. R. 73) "an act additional to regulate the survey of lumber in the county of Penobscot;"

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill (II. R. 93) "an act to amend sections 51, 53 and 55 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes," with the same in a new draft, under title of "an act to amend sections 51 and 55 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, and section 7 of chapter 25 of the public laws of 1875, relating to the duties of county commissioners," and that it ought to pass;

*289 * Report of the same Committee, on the petition of D. J.

Sawyer, submitting bill (H. R. 149) "an act to make valid the doings of the town of Jonesport in the assessment of taxes for the year 1875;"

Report of the same Committee, on an order submitting bill (H. R. 150) "an act to amend section 46 of chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to plantations;"

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, on the petition of the Montgomery Guards of Portland, praying to be placed on an equality with the other military companies of the State, submitting bill (II. R. 151) "an act additional to chapter 29 of the public laws of 1869, concerning the militia;"

Were severally accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

The following communication was received from the Governor:

STATE OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Augusta, February 7, 1876. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I have the honor to transmit for your information a communication from Hon. H. M. Atkinson, Commissioner of Pensions, giving notice that the designation of Abijah M. Billings of Clinton, Maine, as a Pension Notary, was revoked on the 26th day of January last, in consequence of his misconduct in office. Abijah M. Billings was commissioned a justice of the peace and of the quorum for the county of Kennebec, December 31, 1869.

(Signed)

SELDEN CONNOR.

*290 * The communication was read and sent down.

Mr. DONWORTH presented the following :

Ordered, That the Land Agent be directed to furnish to this Legislature a tabular statement of the amount of money and notes received by the State from the sale of State lands, from sale of stumpage on State lands and from sale of stumpage on settlers' lots in the several counties, since and including the year 1870.

Mr. SWASEY proposed to amend the foregoing by adding thereto the following: " And also the number of lots of land deeded by said land agent by authority of legislative resolves, to actual settlers and occupants of said lots, and also the number deeded to persons who were not in actual occupation upon which settling duties in part or in whole have been waived during said seven years."

The amendment was agreed to, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. HINCKLEY,

Ordered, That a message be conveyed by the Secretary to the Governor and Council, informing them that Hon. Silas C. Hatch has been duly elected State Treasurer for the current fiscal year, that he has signified his acceptance of the office and filed his official bond, which has been duly examined and approved by the Legislature and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Mr. BROWN of Piscataquis, presented the petition of Almon Dow for legislation to make available the *school *291 fund of the inhabitants of Bowerbank, an unincorporated place in the county of Piscataquis ;

Also bill (S. 56) "an act to make available the school fund of the inhabitants of Bowerbank, an unincorporated place in the county of Piscataquis," and

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

Ordered, That the petition and bill lie on the table.

Subsequently, on motion by the same Senator,

The foregoing petition and bill were taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. SWASEY presented the petition of R. B. McAllister and others, for authority to navigate Richardson lake by steam, and

On motion by the same Senator,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Subsequently, on motion by the same Senator,

The foregoing petition was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Mr. WHITE presented bill (S. 57) "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Winterport and Bucksport Ferry Company;'"

Mr. LORD presented (S. 20) "resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture;"

The bill and resolve were each read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STEVENS presented bill (S. 58) "an act to incorporate the Mouse Island Association," which was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. WHEELWRIGHT, from the Penobscot County Delegation, to whom was referred the petition of the County Commissioners of said county, reported (S. 21) "resolve to *authorize the county of Penobscot to procure a loan."

The report was accepted, the resolve read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. STEVENS, from the Joint Select Committee on Printing and Binding, reported that said Committee had entered into a contract with Messrs. Hartford & Smith to do the binding for the State for the current year, and submitted the contract.

The report was accepted and the contract read and approved.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. THURLOUGH, from the Committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition of A. Linn and others for legislation to authorize the organization of a fire department in School District No. 1 in Hartland, reported bill (S. 59) "an act creating the Hartland Village Corporation."

The report was accepted, the bill read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills and resolves:

S. 40. "An act to legalize the doings of the town of Cornish;"

S. 52. "An act to repeal chapter 39 of the public laws of 1875, relating to civil actions;"

S. 54. "An act to regulate dividends of savings banks;"

S. 15. "Resolve in favor of Charles J. Schumacher;"

S. 17. Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bill:

* H. R. 139. "An act to amend chapter 61 of the re- *293
vised statutes, in relation to the rights of married women,"
which was read a second time.

Mr. BRACKETT proposed an amendment marked "A," to amend by adding a section:

Section —. This act shall not apply to any case now pending.

The amendment was agreed to, and the bill, as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bills and resolve:

H. R. 25. "An act to amend the charter of the Squirrel Island Association;"

H. R. 91. "An act to amend section 8, chapter 64 of the revised statutes, relating to the duties of executors and administrators;"

H. R. 94. "An act to amend section 3, chapter 66 of the revised statutes, relative to insolvent estates;"

H. R. 137. "An act to continue in force chapter 415 of the special laws of 1874, relating to the fishing interest in Lufkin pond;"

H. R. 138. "An act to repeal chapter 140 of the private and special laws of 1862, relating to the taking of salmon, shad and alewives in the waters of Pleasant river in Washington county;"

H. R. 140. "An act in relation to the settlement of paupers;"

H. R. 141. "An act establishing the division line between the towns of Cornish and Parsonsfield;"

H. R. 142. "An act to make valid the doings of Theodore Taylor, a trial justice;"

H. R. 143. "An act to make legal the doings of the First Universalist Society of Saco and Biddeford;"

*294 H. R. 144. "An act to amend an act entitled 'an act * to incorporate the Maine Dairymen's Association,' approved February 20, 1874 ;"

H. R. 145. "An act setting off Joshua M. Leighton's estate from the town of Steuben and annexing the same to the town of Milbridge ;"

H. R. 21. "Resolve refunding a part of State tax of Perkins plantation ;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following resolve :

S. 6. "Resolve in favor of the State Centennial Commission," which was read a second time.

Mr. SWASEY proposed an amendment marked "A," to amend by adding at the end of the resolve the following :

"Provided that no further sum shall be expended or appropriated directly or indirectly on account of or by said State for the said exhibition," and on the question of its adoption, it was determined in

the negative, { Yeas..... 13
 { Nays..... 14

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Brown, I. S.,	Donworth,	Jordan,
Kyes,	Prescott,	Sturgis,
Swasey,	Talbot,	Tolman,
Watts,	Wentworth,	White,
Woodbury—13.		

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Baker,	Brackett,	Brown, S. O.,
Estes,	French,	Haskell,
Hinckley,	Lord,	Peaks,
Stevens,	Thompson,	Wadsworth,
Webb,	Wheelwright—14.	

So the amendment was disagreed to.

*295 * The resolved passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills :

S. 18. "An act to amend chapter 55, section 1, of the revised statutes, in relation to libraries, charitable societies and public cemeteries ;"

S. 49. "An act to legalize the doings of the town of Vinalhaven ;"

H. R. 20. "An act in addition to and to amend 'an act to incorporate the proprietors of Wiscasset bridge,' approved June 30, 1846 ;"

H. R. 54. "An act to amend section 3 of chapter 70 of the revised statutes, in relation to the time in which assignees shall file an inventory in probate court ;"

H. R. 100. "An act to amend 'an act to amend sections 63 and 64 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, relating to foreign insurance companies ;'"

H. R. 125. "An act to amend section 18 of chapter 88 of the revised statutes, relating to partition of real estate ;"

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

And these several bills, having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. THOMPSON,

The vote was reconsidered whereby the Senate passed to be engrossed bill (S. 4) "an act amending section 20, chapter 124 of the revised statutes, in relation to labor."

The same Senator moved that the bill be indefinitely * postponed, and it was determined in the affirmative *296

tive, { Yeas 24
Nays 3

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators,

Those who voted in affirmative are :

Messrs. Baker,	Brackett,	Brown, S. O.,
Carney,	Donworth,	French,
Hinckley,	Jordan,	Kyes,
Lord,	Peaks,	Prescott,
Stevens,	Swasey,	Talbot,
Thompson,	Tolman,	Wadsworth,
Watts,	Webb,	Wentworth,
Wheelwright,	White,	Thurlough—24.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Brown, I. S., Estes, Haskell—3.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WEBB, at 30 minutes past 12 o'clock M.,
The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. PERKINS of Gardiner.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

*297 * Papers from the House :

The petition of Joseph Webster and others, for authority to open a road in Castine for the accommodation of a camp-meeting, was referred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Philip Page and others, against all unnecessary appropriations, was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs in concurrence.

H. R. 160. Bill "an act relating to the framing of issues in equity cases," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

H. R. 25. "Resolve providing for the payment of the expenses of the Committee on Military Affairs," introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Reports of the Committee on Fisheries, on the petitions of David Dresser and Daniel Kemp and others, in aid of the recommendation of the Commissioners of Fisheries, relating to fish in the St. Croix waters," that the same be referred to the Governor and Council ;

Report of the same Committee, on bill (H. R. 48) "an act additional to chapter 40 of the revised statutes, relating to fishways," that the same ought not to pass ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Commerce, on bill (S. 50) "an act to incorporate the Deer Isle and Sedgwick Horse Ferry Company," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, on bill (H. R. 72) "an act to amend 'an act to incorporate the Winnegance Mill-dam Company,' approved March 10th, 1835," that the same ought to pass ;

* Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on bill *298 (H. R. 84) "an act to authorize cities and towns to charge interest on certain taxes," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of M. B. Spinney and others, submitting bill (H. R. 152) "an act to authorize the town of Georgetown to build a free bridge over tide waters ;"

Were severally accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to remedy of persons injured by railroads under the management of trustees of bondholders, submitting bill (H. R. 153) "an act to amend chapter 51, section 51, of the revised statutes, relative to railroads," was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and

On motion by Mr. WATTS,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to amending section 40, chapter 6 of the revised statutes, submitting bill (H. R. 154) "an act in relation to the assessment of poll taxes ;"

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to damages on ways, submitting bill (H. R. 156) "an act to amend section 65 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to damage on ways, as amended by chapter 215 of public laws of 1874 ;"

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on an order relating to amending chapter 91 of the revised statutes, so as to provide a lien for quarrying and cutting stone, submitting bill (H. R. 157) "an act to amend section 26, chapter 91 of the revised statutes, in relation to lime-rock and slate ;"

*299 * Report of the same Committee, on an order, submitting bill (H. R. 158) "an act additional to chapter 70 of the revised statutes, relating to assignments for the benefit of creditors;"

Report of the same Committee, on bill (H. R. 59) "an act to make valid the doings of the Livermore Falls Bridge Company," submitting the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, on an order relating to removing the State military property from Portland to Bangor, submitting (H. R. 26) "resolve authorizing the Adjutant General to sell the arsenal building at Portland;"

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of A. K. P. Lord for a charter to navigate the Saco river, submitting bill (H. R. 159) "an act to incorporate the West Buxton Steamboat Company;"

Were severally accepted in concurrence, the bills and resolve each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

The following resolves :

S. 7. "Resolve in favor of the county of Aroostock;"

S. 8. "Resolve in favor of Samuel C. Greenlow of Chapman plantation;"

S. 16. "Resolve in favor of the State road between Kingsbury Mills and Blanchard in Piscataquis county;"

Were each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

The following resolves :

S. 18. "Resolve in favor of the Bangor Children's Home;"

S. 19. "Resolve in favor of the Female Orphans' Asylum, Portland;"

*300 Were each read twice, the rules being *suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STEVENS presented (S. 22) "resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Reform School," which was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. STURGIS, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred the bill (S. 17) "an act to incorporate the

Berwick Savings Bank," reported that the same ought not to pass, and pending the acceptance of the report,

On motion by Mr. BRACKETT,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. BROWN of Piscataquis, from the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the petition of the Bangor and Calais Shore Line Railroad Company, for extension of time for the location of its road, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to the payment of the salaries of the Railroad Commissioners by the State, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. HASKELL, from the same Committee, to whom was referred the petitions of D. I. Sawyer and others, for authority to build a bridge over the Penobscot river at Verona, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. JORDAN, from the Committee on Temperance, to whom was referred bill (II. R. 128) "an act to repeal an act entitled 'an act relating to the duties of sheriffs and county attorneys,'" reported * that the same ought not to pass. *301

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HINCKLEY, from the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the following bills :

S. 31. "An act to amend chapter 19 of the special laws of 1875 ;"

S. 32. "An act additional to and amendatory of 'an act to enable the city of Bangor to aid the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company in the extended construction of its railroad,' approved February 22, 1871 ;"

S. 33. "An act to extend the time for the completion of the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad ;"

S. 34. "An act granting further time to the Northern Aroostook Railroad Company to make and file the location of its line of railroad ;"

Reported that the several bills ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills and resolve :

S. 58. "An act to incorporate the Mouse Island Association ;"

S. 59. "An act creating the Hartland Village Corporation ;"

S. 21. "Resolve to authorize the county of Penobscot to procure a loan ;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

*302 *The same Committee also reported the following bills :

S. 37. "An act to protect George Dyer in running his ferry from North Haven to Vinalhaven in Knox county ;"

H. R. 41. "An act to incorporate the Commercial Wharf Company ;"

H. R. 73. "An act additional to regulate the survey of lumber in the county of Penobscot ;"

H. R. 87. "An act to prohibit the taking of fish in the tributaries or outlets of Webb's pond in Weld ;"

H. R. 93. "An act to amend sections 51 and 55 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, and section 7 of chapter 25 of the public laws of 1875, relating to duties of county commissioners ;"

H. R. 147. "An act authorizing Samuel N. McFarland and associates to erect a wharf in the tide waters of Frenchman's bay in the town of Hancock ;"

H. R. 148. "An act to prevent the taking of trout from Howard's pond and its tributaries in the town of Hanover ;"

H. R. 149. "An act to make valid the doings of the town of Jonesport in the assessment of taxes for the year 1875 ;"

H. R. 150. "An act to amend section 46 of chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to plantations ;"

H. R. 151. "An act additional to chapter 29 of the public laws of 1869, concerning the militia ;"

Which were each read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills :

S. 27. "An act relative to the Ellsworth Police Court ;"

S. 45. "An act relating to normal schools ;"

*303 *S. 51. "An act to repeal chapter 508 of the special

laws of the year 1874, relating to the protection of fish in the Narraguagus river ;”

II. R. 11. “An act to enable non-resident guardians to obtain property in this State belonging to their wards residing in other States or territories of the United States ;”

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following resolves :

S. 12. “Resolve in relation to compulsory pilotage ;”

II. R. 19. “Resolve authorizing the State Treasurer to procure a fire and burglar proof safe ;”

Which were each finally passed in concurrence.

And these several bills and resolves, having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

The Senate resumed consideration of (S. 9) “resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts,” specially assigned for to-day.

The question being on the adoption of amendment “A,”

Mr. STEVENS proposed to amend the amendment as per sheet “B,” by striking out the words “five thousand” and insert instead the words “twelve thousand.”

And on the question of its adoption, it was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 14
Nays 16.

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

*Messrs. Brown, S. O.,	Carney,	Donworth,	*304
Estes,	Hinckley,	Jordan,	
Peaks,	Prescott,	Stevens,	
Sturgis,	Talbot,	Thurlough,	
Webb,	Wentworth—14.		

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Baker,	Brackett,	Brown, I. S.,
French,	Gray,	Haskell,
Yes,	Lord,	Swasey,

Messrs. Thompson, Tolman, Wadsworth,
 Watts, Wheelwright, White,
 Woodbury—16.

So amendment "B" was disagreed to.

On the question of adopting amendment "A," it was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 14
 Nays 16

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Baker,	Brown, I. S.,	Estes,
Gray,	Haskell,	Jordan,
Kyes,	Sturgis,	Swasey,
Tolman,	Watts,	Wentworth,
White,	Woodbury—14.	

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Brackett,	Brown, S. O.,	Carney,
Donworth,	French,	Hinckley,
Lord,	Peaks,	Prescott,
Stevens,	Talbot,	Thompson,
Thurlough,	Wadsworth,	Webb,
Wheelwright—16.		

So the amendment was disagreed to, and

On motion by Mr. WHEELWRIGHT,

Ordered, That the resolve lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. BRACKETT, at 45 minutes past 12 o'clock M.,
 The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*

*THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1876. *305

Senate met according to adjournment, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. UPJOHN of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Papers from the House :

The petition of James G. Griffin for a deed of a lot of land, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Geo. A. Nelson and others, against the establishment of a normal school at North Bridgton, was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

The remonstrances of H. W. Campbell and others, C. W. Allen of Brunswick, F. H. Wilson and others, Sam'l Anderson of Bath, H. C. Butler of Bangor, and of M. O. Edwards,—severally against the passage of the bill relating to the business of druggists and apothecaries ;

The withdrawal of J. E. Sturgis and others, from remonstrances against the aforesaid bill ;

H. R. 161. Bill "an act to amend chapter 65 of the revised statutes, relating to the distribution of the estates of persons deceased out of the State ;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

* Report of the Androscoggin County Delegation, on the *306 petition of M. T. Ludden and others, for the establishment of a Superior Court in said county, that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of B. E. Pratt and others, for the passage of a bill (H. R. 83) "an act to incorporate the Kingfield Savings Bank," that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, on the petition of Newell Polis for an amendment of resolve of 1874, relating to the

census of the Penobscot Indians, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of R. P. Carr and others, for legislation to prevent the throwing of sawdust and slabs into the Cathance river, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, on a communication from the Secretary of State relating to the names, ages and residence of the inmates of the Bath Orphan Asylum, that the report of said institution for the year 1875 contains the information desired;

Report of the Committee on Railroads, on bill (II. R. 45) "an act to further protect the lives of railroad employees," that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on Towns, on the petition of John H. Clough and others of Linneus, for the incorporation of Oakfield plantation, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on the petition of S. A. Dinsmore and others, for authority to erect and maintain a toll bridge across the Kennebec river between Solon and Embden, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

*307 * Report of the same Committee on the petition of Wm. E. Gould and others, for the passage of a bill (II. R. 49) "an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Cumberland county to lay out a road over tide waters of Long creek in the town of Cape Elizabeth," that the same be referred to the next Legislature with an order of notice;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of S. D. Rowell and others, for an act of incorporation to build a toll bridge between Solon and Embden, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Jeremiah Page and others, for aid in building a road from Lowell to Greenbush, that the same be referred to the next Legislature;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Pensions, on the petition of James Johnston for pension, submitting (II. R. 27) "resolve in favor of James Johnston," was accepted, the resolve read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on (II. R. 8) "resolve in favor of George W. Hewey and Charles L. Hewey," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, on the petition of Salmore Francis for certain appropriations, submitting (II. R. 28) "resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians;"

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Susup Socklexis for certain appropriations, submitting (II. R. 29) "resolve making appropriations for the Penobscot tribe of Indians;"

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Louis Snow, submitting (II. R. 30) "resolve concerning *an annual *308 census of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians;"

Were severally accepted in concurrence, the resolves each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of F. G. Parker and others, praying that a deed of land be granted to Geo. S. Daniels, submitting (II. R. 31) "resolve in favor of Geo. S. Daniels of Chapman plantation;"

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Benjamin B. Byron for a deed of a lot of land, submitting (II. R. 32) "resolve in favor of Benjamin B. Byron;"

Were severally accepted in concurrence, the resolves read once, and

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That they lie on the table, and that Tuesday next be assigned for their second reading.

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of S. B. Gates for a deed of a lot of land, submitting (II. R. 33) "resolve in favor of S. B. Gates," was accepted in concurrence, the resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Caleb Sherman for a deed of a lot of land, submitting (II. R. 34) "resolve in favor of Caleb Sherman;"

Report of the same Committee, on (II. R. 11) "resolve in favor of Hiram B. Hersey of Crystal plantation," with the same in a new draft, and that it ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of James McCornville, Jr., submitting (II. R. 35) "resolve authorizing the

Land Agent to convey to James McCornville, Jr., a lot of land in Washburn ;”

*309 *Report of the same Committee, on the petition of inhabitants of Crystal plantation, submitting (II. R. 36) “resolve in favor of Crystal plantation ;”

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of J. W. Bolton and others, submitting (II. R. 37) “resolve in aid of building a bridge over Gagnon stream in the town of Frenchville ;”

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Veranus Chandler and others, submitting (II. R. 38) “resolve in favor of bridge across the Aroostook river in the town of Maysville, Aroostook county ;”

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Eaptiste Ouilette and others, submitting (II. R. 39) “resolve in aid of road in Frenchville ;”

Were severally accepted in concurrence, the resolves each read once, and

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That they lie on the table, and that Tuesday next be assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Education, on the petition of Virgil P. Hall and others, for a correction of an error in resolves of 1874, relating to school and ministerial lots in Mayfield, submitting (II. R. 41) “resolve in favor of the town of Mayfield ;”

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, submitting (II. R. 42) “resolve authorizing the Secretary of State to purchase certain reports ;”

Report of the same Committee, on the accounts of the Railroad Commissioners, submitting (H. R. 43) “resolve in favor of the Railroad Commissioners ;”

Report of the same Committee, on bill (II. R. 76) “an act to provide for securing the rights of mortgage bondholders,” that the same ought to pass ;

*310 *Report of the same Committee, on an order, submitting bill (II. R. 162) “an act in relation to the recording of assignments of wages ;”

Were severally accepted in concurrence, the resolves and bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to so amending section 2 of chapter 12 of the public laws of 1875, that its provisions shall not apply to moose hides imported for manufacture, submitting bill (II. R. 163) "an act to amend chapter 12 of the public laws of 1875, in relation to the protection of moose," was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Subsequently, on motion by Mr. HASKELL,

The foregoing vote was reconsidered, and

On motion by the same Senator,

Ordered, That the bill lie on the table.

Subsequently, on motion by the same Senator,

The foregoing bill (II. R. 163) was taken from the table, and

Resolved, That it be indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, on the petition of Nathan McKenney and others, submitting bill (II. R. 164) "an act for the protection of smelts in Monsweag bay and river in the towns of Wiscasset and Woolwich;"

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill (II. R. 52) "an act to amend section 45 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to elections," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, submitting bill (II. R. 166) "an act to amend section 17 of chapter 116 of the revised *statutes, relating to the regulation of fees and costs;" *311

Were severally accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company, submitting bill (S. 14) "an act to amend the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company, approved February 2, A. D. 1872," was accepted, the bill read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, on the petition of the Aroostook River Railroad Company for an extension of charter, submitting bill (II. R. 167) "an act to authorize the extension of the Aroostook River Railroad to Fort Kent;"

Report of the same Committee, on bill (S. 30) "an act to amend 'an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the con-

struction of a railroad into Aroostook county,' approved February 8, 1875," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Isaac Hacker and others for a charter for the Fort Fairfield Branch Railway Company, submitting bill (H. R. 168) "an act to extend the time for the location and completion of the Aroostook River Railroad ;"

Were severally accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on the petition of the assessors of Lakeville plantation, praying to be reimbursed certain moneys lost in transit, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, came from the House amended by substituting the minority report of said Committee, submitting (H. R. 44)
*312 * "resolve in favor of plantation No. 4, range 1, in Penobscot county, known as Lakeville."

The amendment was agreed to and the report accepted in concurrence, the resolve was read once, and

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That it lie on the table and that Tuesday next be assigned for its second reading.

The contract with Messrs. Hartford and Smith to do the State binding for the current year, came from the House approved in concurrence, and was by the Secretary lodged in the office of the Secretary of State.

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of repealing the law establishing the free high schools.
Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator presented bill (S. 61) "an act regulating the rate of interest," which was laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. KYES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to amending chapter 253 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the taxation of certain lands in unincorporated places, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient, and pending the acceptance of the report,

On motion of Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. SWASEY, from the same Committee, on an order relating to the appointment of trustees of normal schools, reported that the same be referred to * the Committee on Education. *313

The same Senator, from the same Committee, to whom was referred bill (S. 12) "an act additional to chapter 48 of the revised statutes, relating to manufacturing, mining and quarrying corporations," reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to an inquiry whether chapter 84 of the laws of 1872 repeals chapter 223 of the laws of 1871; also whether railroad corporations have authority to fix a limit as to when certain tickets may be used, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to amending chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the assessment and collection of highway taxes in unincorporated places, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. WHEELWRIGHT, from the same Committee, to whom was referred bill (H. R. 43) "an act to amend section 19 of chap. 78 of the revised statutes, relating to clerks of county commissioners," reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. KYES, from the same Committee, on an order relating to amending sections 5 and 6 of chapter 97 of the revised statutes, relating to bastardy process, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, submitted the same report upon the following orders:

An order relating to so amending the laws relating to the powers and duties of registers of probate, that they may issue orders and decrees of the probate court, with the name of the judge either written or printed.

* An order relating to amending the Constitution of the *314 State, relating to November elections.

An order relating to the constitutionality of the act of 1875, establishing a voting precinct on Hurricane island.

Mr. DONWORTH, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial relating to the justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. HASKELL, from the Cumberland County Delegation, on an order relating to the repairs of certain bridges in Falmouth

and Windham in said county, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. THURLOUGH, from the Committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Erskins and others, for a division of the town of Montville, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, to whom was referred the petition of William Rice and others, praying for legislation to make free the Arrowsic and Merry-meeting toll bridges, reported that the same be referred to the next legislature, with an order of notice, (see bill II. R. 71).

Mr. WEBB, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitting final report of said Committee, that they had acted on all matters referred to them.

Mr. DONWORTH, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, made a similar report.

Mr. THURLOUGH, from the Committee on Towns, made a similar report.

The foregoing reports were severally accepted.

*315 * Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WHEELWRIGHT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred bill (II. R. 89) "an act to amend and extend the charter of the Bangor Water Power Company," reported the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order, reported bill (S. 60) "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act for supplying the city of Bangor with water,' approved February 22, 1875."

These reports were accepted, the bills each read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SWASEY, from the same Committee, to whom was referred bill (S. 55) "an act to provide further remedies for the collection of State taxes upon corporations," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. KYES, from the same Committee, on an order, reported bill (S. 62) "an act to amend section 7, chapter 256 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the commitment of insane persons."

Mr. DONWORTH, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on an order relating to amending section 15 of chapter 59 of the revised statutes, reported bill (S. 63) "an act to amend sections 11 and 15 of chapter 59 of the revised statutes."

Mr. PEAKS, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Henry H. Haskell, for pay and bounty, reported (S. 23) "resolve in favor of Henry H. Haskell."

The same Senator, from the same Committee, submitted (S. 24) "resolve to more fully perfect the records of the Adjutant General's office and to encourage the * writing of regimental histories of Maine troops in the war of 1861."

Mr. STURGIS, from the Committee on Reform School, on the annual report of that institution, submitted (S. 26) "resolve in favor of the State Reform School."

Mr. CARNEY, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Clark and others, reported (S. 27) "resolve in favor of rebuilding bridge across East Branch of Forks of the Kennebec river in Somerset county."

These reports were severally accepted, and the bills and resolves each laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. WHEELWRIGHT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred bill (H. R. 50) "an act to incorporate the Maine General Homœopathic Hospital," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. BROWN of Piscataquis, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to whom was referred bill (H. R. 136) "an act authorizing the sale of certain lots of land in township No. 14, range 4, W. E. L. S.," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. THURLOUGH, from the Committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition of John Maines and others, reported bill (H. R. 101) "an act to incorporate the town of Kossuth in the county of Washington."

The same Senator, from the same Committee, to whom was referred the petition of W. H. Hunt and others, reported bill (S. 64) "an act to set off a part of the town of Montville and annex the same to the town of Liberty."

The same Senator, from the same Committee, to whom * was referred the petition of inhabitants of Haynesville, *317

reported bill (S. 65) "an act to incorporate the town of Haynesville in the county of Aroostook."

These reports were severally accepted, the bills each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills and resolves :

S. 31. "An act to amend chapter 19 of the special laws of 1875 ;"

S. 32. "An act additional to and amendatory of 'an act to enable the city of Bangor to aid the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company in the extended construction of its railroad,' approved February 22, 1871 ;"

S. 33. "An act to extend the time for the completion of the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad ;"

S. 34. "An act granting further time to the Northern Aroostook Railroad Company to make and file the location of its line of railroad ;"

S. 7. "Resolve in favor of the county of Aroostook ;"

S. 8. "Resolve in favor of Samuel C. Greenlow of Chapman plantation ;"

S. 16. "Resolve in favor of the State road between Kingsbury Mills and Blanchard, in Piscataquis county ;"

S. 22. "Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Reform School ;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bills and resolves :

*318 S. 50. "An act to incorporate the Deer Isle * and Sedgwick Horse Ferry Company ;"

H. R. 59. "An act to make legal the doings of the Livermore Falls Bridge Company ;"

H. R. 72. "An act to amend 'an act to incorporate the Winnegance Mill-dam Company,' approved March 10, 1835 ;"

H. R. 84. "An act to authorize cities and towns to charge interest on certain taxes ;"

H. R. 152. "An act to authorize the town of Georgetown to build a free bridge over tide waters ;"

II. R. 154. "An act in relation to the assessment of poll taxes;"

II. R. 157. "An act to amend section 26, chapter 91 of the revised statutes, in relation to lime rock and slate;"

II. R. 158. "An act additional to chapter 70 of the revised statutes, relating to assignment for the benefit of creditors;"

II. R. 25. "Resolve providing for the payment of the expenses of the Committee on Military Affairs;"

II. R. 26. "Resolve authorizing the Adjutant General to sell the arsenal building at Portland;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bill :

II. R. 156. "An act to amend section 65 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to damage on ways, as amended by chapter 215 of public laws of 1874," which was read a second time.

House amendments "A" and "B" were agreed to, and the bill, as amended, passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bill :

* II. R. 159. "An act to incorporate the West Buxton *319 Steamboat Company," which was read a second time and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills :

S. 43. "An act additional to 'an act to amend an act to incorporate the Bangor and Calais Shore Line Railroad Company,' approved February 17, 1873;"

S. 44. "An act to incorporate the Maine State Temperance Camp-meeting Association;"

II. R. 66. "An act in relation to the erection of wharves and fish weirs in tide waters;"

II. R. 68. "An act to better protect owners of fish weirs in Lubec;"

II. R. 80. "An act to extend the time for the location and construction of the Portland and Ogdensburg Railroad;"

H. R. 92. "An act to legalize the doings of School District No. 2 in Blaine;"

H. R. 126. "An act to authorize the sale of islands belonging to the State;"

H. R. 133. "An act to amend section 5 of chapter 138 of the revised statutes, relating to fugitives from justice;"

H. R. 134. "An act to amend section 16 of chapter 77 of the revised statutes, relating to judicial courts;"

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

And these several bills were signed by the President.

The foregoing bills were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval February 11, 1876.

*320 The same Committee also reported as truly and *strictly engrossed the following resolves:

H. R. 20. "Resolve for the appointment of a commission to reconstruct the savings bank law;"

H. R. 22. "Resolve in aid of building a bridge over Savage stream in Saint Francis plantation;"

H. R. 23. "Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey to Enoch Hall a lot of land in Lyndon;"

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That the foregoing resolves lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. WHEELWRIGHT,

S. 9. "Resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts," was taken from the table.

The same Senator proposed an amendment marked "C," to amend the resolve by striking out the words, "twenty-three thousand five hundred and fifty," and inserting instead the words "twelve thousand one hundred."

Mr. HASKELL proposed an amendment marked "D," to amend amendment "C," by striking out the words "twelve thousand one hundred," and insert instead the words "five thousand five hundred," and on the question of its adoption, it was determined in

the negative, { Yeas..... 15
Nays..... 15

On motion by Mr. WEBB,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Baker,	Brown, I. S.,	Estes,
Gray,	Haskell,	Jordan,
Kyes,	Sturgis,	Swasey,
Talbot,	Tolman,	Watts,
Wentworth,	White,	Woodbury—15.

* Those who voted in the negative are :

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Messrs. Brackett,	Brown, S. O.,	Carney,
Donworth,	French,	Hinckley,
Lord,	Peaks,	Prescott,
Stevens,	Thompson,	Thurlough,
Wadsworth,	Webb,	Wheelwright--15.

So the amendment was disagreed to.

Mr. SWASEY proposed an amendment marked "E," to amend amendment "C" by striking out the words "twelve thousand one hundred," and inserting instead the words "eight thousand," and on the question of its adoption it was determined in the affirmative,

ative, {	Yeas	18
	Nays	12

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Baker,	Brown, I. S.,	Carney,
Estes,	Gray,	Haskell,
Hinckley,	Jordan,	Kyes,
Sturgis,	Swasey,	Talbot,
Thompson,	Tolman,	Watts,
Wentworth,	White,	Woodbury—18.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Brackett,	Brown, S. O.,	Donworth,
French,	Lord,	Peaks,
Prescott,	Stevens,	Thurlough,
Wadsworth,	Webb,	Wheelwright--12.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Amendment "C," as amended by amendment "E," was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,
Ordered, That the resolve lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. JORDAN, at 15 minutes past 12 o'clock M.,
 The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary*.

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* FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. MARTIN of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Papers from the House :

The petition of George A. Buckman and others, for the repeal of the "Calais Court bill," was referred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

The petition of Benjamin F. Jewett and others of School District No. 4 in Westport, for legislation to legalize the doings of said district, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

The claim of the town of Carmel, for reimbursement for bounty paid on bears, was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of A. B. Walters and others, for legislation providing remedies for damages by the flowing of lands by the dam at Treat's falls, that the same be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to explaining section 4, chapter 203 of the public laws of 1874, relating to pensions of disabled soldiers and seamen, that

*323 the same be referred to * the Committee on Pensions ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Gubernatorial Votes, on an order relating to the vote of the city of Bangor for Governor, submitting the following statement :

That a correct return of votes thrown for Governor in the city of Bangor was not made.

The votes returned were from six wards only, and your Committee would recommend that the votes thrown in Ward 7 be added to those returned, thereby making the whole number of votes thrown in the city of Bangor for Governor 3,487.

For Charles W. Roberts	1,805
Selden Connor.....	1,681
William P. Haines	1

came from the House accepted, and pending its acceptance,

On motion by Mr. THOMPSON,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

II. R. 169. Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," introduced in the House, and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill (II. R. 74) "an act in relation to the Sebago Wood Board Company," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of the Warren Baptist Society, submitting bill (II. R. 170) "an act to authorize the Baptist Society in Warren to transfer all its real and personal property to *the Baptist church in said Warren, *324 and to discontinue the corporate existence of said society ;"

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on the petition of David R. Hastings and others, submitting bill (II. R. 171) "an act to change the place of holding the December term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Oxford ;"

Report of the same Committee, on an order submitting bill (II. R. 172) "an act to make valid the doings of the Winnegance Mill Dam Company ;"

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of J. M. Eveleth and others, submitting bill (II. R. 173) "an act incorporating the Masons' Mutual Relief Association of Mechanic Falls, Maine ;"

Were severally accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Joseph Farwell and others, submitting bill (H. R. 174) "an act to amend sections 28 and 31 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to meeting-houses," was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Subsequently, on motion by the same Senator, the foregoing bill was taken from the table.

House amendment "A," to amend by striking out section 2, to wit:

Sect. 2. Section 31 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the second and third lines the words "any three or more," and inserting instead thereof the words "a majority," so that said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

Sect. 31. The owners of a meeting-house or building for public worship, and the pew owners, may be incorporated when a majority of them apply to a justice of the peace therefor, who shall issue his warrant to one of them stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting, and directing him to notify said owners by posting up a certified copy of it fourteen days on the principal outer door of such building, and in one or more other public places in the same town,

was agreed to, and pending its passage to be engrossed,

On motion by Mr. BRACKETT,

Resolved, That the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

*325 Report of the Committee on Railroads, on the * petition of William Hill and others, submitting bill (H. R. 175) "an act to amend 'an act to confirm the location of the railroad of the Boston and Maine Railroad through the towns of Berwick and North Berwick, subject to certain restrictions,' approved February 1, 1873," was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of F. A. Flint and others, submitting (H. R. 40) "resolve in favor of bridge across the Magalloway river;"

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of James M. Story for deed of a lot of land, submitting (H. R. 45) "resolve in favor of James M. Story;"

Were accepted in concurrence, the resolves read once, and

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That they lie on the table, and that Tuesday next be assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, submitting bill (H. R. 177) "an act to authorize the formation of railroad corporations," was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and that Wednesday next be assigned for its consideration.

The following bill :

S. 58. "An act to incorporate the Mouse Island Association," passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House referred to the *Committee on the Judiciary. *326

The Senate receded and referred the bill in concurrence.

The following bill :

S. 52. "An act to repeal chapter 39 of the public laws of 1875; relating to civil actions," passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House indefinitely postponed, and

On motion by Mr. PEAKS,

Ordered, That the bill lie on the table.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on (H. R. 7) "resolve in favor of Wilton Academy," that the same ought not to pass, came from the House accepted, and pending its acceptance by the Senate,

On motion by Mr. KYES,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Mrs. John A. Winn, for an amendment of the laws relating to concealment or embezzlement of property of deceased persons, that the petitioner has leave to withdraw, came from the House accepted, and pending its acceptance by the Senate,

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on bill (H. R. 85) "an act to repeal chapter 380 and chapter 392 of the special laws

of the year 1873. relating to schools in the Madawaska territory and the town of Frenchville," that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petitions of sundry persons, for the passage of an act entitled (H. R. 58) "an act to establish a State Board of Health," that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

*327 *Report of the same Committee, on the petition of John Read, for legislation relating to the appointment of jailers, that the petitioner has leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Arno Wiswell, for the incorporation of the Sullivan and Franklin Telegraph Company, that the petitioner has leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to amending section 106, chapter 6 of the revised statutes, in relation to the collection of taxes, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee, on bill (H. R. 124) "an act additional to an act in relation to auctioneers," that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to establishing a Superior Court at Augusta, in and for the county of Kennebec, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to amending the law relating to pound keepers, so as to render the taking up of cattle going at large more effectual, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to repealing chapter 230 of the public laws of 1874, amending section 22 of chapter 24 of the revised statutes, in relation to paupers in unincorporated places, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to securing the prompt administration of justice under the provisions of section 19 of article 1 of the Constitution, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee, on bill (H. R. 108) "an act
*328 to amend chapter 60 of the revised statutes, relating *to divorces," that the same ought not to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, on bill (H. R. 67) "an act to

amend section 23 of chapter 25 of the public laws for the year 1875," that the same ought not to pass ;

Reports of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on the petitions of J. C. Leighton and others, for the repeal of the "Calais Court bill," that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to submitting to the popular vote of the State the question of biennial sessions, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee, on bill (S. 41) "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 13 of the revised statutes, in reference to the practice of medicine," that the same ought not to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on bill (H. R. 98) "an act to incorporate the Mechanic and Laborers' Loan and Building Association," that legislation thereon is unnecessary ;

Report of the Committee on Railroads, on bill (S. 85) "an act to amend the charter of the Castine and Ellsworth Railroad Company," that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Report of the Committee on Towns, on an order relating to the election of municipal officers for the term of three years, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The following communication was received from the Secretary of State :

STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, }
Augusta, Feb. 10, 1876. }

To the President of the Senate

and Speaker of the House of Representatives :

GENTLEMEN,—In compliance with an order of the Legislature of the 8th instant, directing the Secretary of State "to furnish a tabular statement of the amount of money and land appropriated by the State in aid of building roads and *bridges *329 in the several counties of the State, since and including the year 1870," I respectfully submit the following, viz :

MONEY APPROPRIATED.

	Aroostook County.	Cumberland County.	Franklin County.	Oxford County.	Penobscot County.	Piscataquis County.	Somerset County.	Washington County.
1870,	\$4,200	-	\$500	\$3,700	\$300	\$500	\$4,500	\$4,800
1871,	1,000	-	1,500	-	-	-	-	3,066
1872,	1,000	-	500	3,000	-	500	1,000	-
1873,	6,600	\$2,500	500	1,000	1,500	800	1,500	800
1874,	4,400	-	-	2,000	1,200	500	1,000	300
1875,	1,900	-	-	-	2,000	1,500	2,000	700
	\$19,100	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$9,700	\$5,000	\$3,800	\$10,000	\$9,666

LANDS APPROPRIATED.

	No. of acres sold.	Cash proceeds.	County.
1873,	828.00	\$882 00	Aroostook.
1874,	1,153.31	700 00	"
1875,	1,001.51	1,864 90	"
	2,982 82	\$3,446 90	

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Secretary of State.*

[EXPLANATORY.]

This schedule of appropriations includes, in some cases, sums that were not *expended*, and the Washington county list includes appropriations for the *Granger Turnpike*.]

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That the communication lie on the table and be printed.

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of so amending the law relative to the returns of the

number of scholars in the several towns and plantations in this State that such returns shall be certified to under oath.

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to report to this Legislature a bill directing the Secretary of State to collect the criminal statistics of the several counties, so that they will show the amount of criminal costs in the State from the year 1876, and report the same to the next Legislature.

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads consider what legislative action is necessary to make vacant the office of Land Agent, his secretary, clerks or agents, in accordance with the amended Constitution, also to place the books and entire effects of said office in the hands of the Governor and Council, or other proper officers, for final adjustment.

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns it be to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Mr. CARNEY, from the Committee on Commerce, * to *330 whom was referred the petition of T. C. Hersey and others, for the passage of bill (S. 36) "an act to establish a Board of Harbor Commissioners," reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred the memorial of the "Maine State Association for the Protection of Fish," for such legislation as may be necessary for the protection and culture of fish, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. JORDAN, from the Committee on Manufactures, submitted final report of said Committee, that they had acted on all matters referred to them.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted a similar report.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CARNEY, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred bill (S. 3) "an act authorizing Monroe Young to extend

his wharf into tide waters in Jordan river in the town of Trenton," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. JORDAN, from the Committee on State Prison, on an order, reported (S. 28) "resolve authorizing the Warden of the State Prison to loan the use of the 'State of Maine' fire engine."

The reports were accepted, the bill and resolve each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred bill (H. R. 86) "an act for the protection of land-locked salmon, trout and bass," reported that the same ought to pass.

*331 *Mr. KYES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to amending chapter 37 of the revised statutes, reported bill (S. 66) "an act to amend chapter 37, public laws of 1872, relating to foreclosure of mortgages on real estate."

Mr. TOLMAN, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on an order relating to repealing chapter 257 of the public laws of 1874, reported bill (S. 67) "an act to repeal an act entitled 'an act relating to armories for military companies.'"

The same Senator, from the same Committee, submitted bill (S. 68) "an act to amend chapter 29, section 3, of the public laws of 1869, concerning the militia."

The same Senator, from the same Committee, submitted (S. 29) "resolve to provide for the uniforming of the enlisted men of the Maine Volunteer Militia, and for other military purposes."

Mr. FRENCH, from the Committee on Library, submitted (S. 30) "resolve in favor of Maine State Library."

Mr. PRESCOTT, from the Committee on State Prison, on the annual report of that institution, reported (S. 31) "resolve in favor of the State Prison."

These reports were severally accepted, and the bills and resolves each laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills:

S. 65. "An act to incorporate the town of Haynesville in the county of Aroostook;"

H. R. 50. "An act to incorporate the Maine General Homoeopathic Hospital;"

*II R. 136. "An act authorizing the sale of certain lots *332 of land in township No. 14, range 4, W. E. L. S.;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bills and resolves :

S. 30. "An act to amend 'an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of a railroad into Aroostook county,' approved February 8, 1875 ;"

II. R. 162. "An act in relation to the recording of assignment of ways ;"

II. R. 167. "An act to authorize the extension of the Aroostook River Railroad to Fort Kent ;"

II. R. 168. "An act to extend the time for the location and completion of the Aroostook River Railroad ;"

II. R. 8. "Resolve in favor of George W. Hewey and Charles L. Hewey ;"

II. R. 28. "Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians ;"

II. R. 29. "Resolve making appropriations for the Penobscot tribe of Indians ;"

II. R. 30. "Resolve concerning annual census of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians ;"

II. R. 41. "Resolve in favor of the town of Mayfield ;"

II. R. 42. "Resolve authorizing the Secretary of State to purchase certain reports ;"

II. R. 43. "Resolve in favor of the Railroad Commissioners ;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bill :

*II. R. 164. "An act for the protection of smelts in Mon- *333 sweag bay and river in the towns of Wiscasset and Woolwich," which was read a second time, House amendment "A" was agreed to, and the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following resolve :

II. R. 33. "Resolve in favor of S. B. Gates," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Subsequently, on motion by Mr. BROWN of Piscataquis, the foregoing vote was reconsidered.

The same Senator proposed an amendment marked "A," to amend by striking out the words, "*into the State Treasury*," and insert instead the words, "*to the Land Agent*."

The amendment was agreed to and the resolve passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bill :

S. 64. "An act to set off a part of the town of Montville and annex the same to the town of Liberty," which was read a second time, and

On motion by Mr. WADSWORTH,

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and that Wednesday next be assigned for its consideration.

The same Committee also reported the following bills :

H. R. 76. "An act to provide for securing the rights of mortgage bondholders ;"

H. R. 101. "An act to incorporate the town of Kossuth in the county of Washington ;"

*334 * Which were each read a second time, and

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

The same Committee also reported the following bills :

H. R. 52. "An act to amend section 45 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to elections ;"

H. R. 166. "An act to amend section 17 of chapter 116 of the revised statutes, relating to the regulation of fees and costs ;"

Which were each read a second time and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills :

S. 60. "An act to amend an act entitled 'an act for supplying the city of Bangor with water,' approved February 22, 1875 ;"

H. R. 25. "An act to amend the charter of the Squirrel Island Association ;"

H. R. 38. "An act to amend section 87 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to witnesses and evidence, by adding a fifth exception ;"

H. R. 89. "An act to amend and extend the charter of the Bangor Water Power Company, approved February 19, 1867 ;"

II. R. 91. "An act to amend section 8, chapter 64 of the revised statutes, relating to the duties of executors and administrators ;"

II. R. 137. "An act to continue in force chapter 415 of the special laws of 1875, relating to the fishing interest in Lufkin pond ;"

H. R. 141. "An act establishing the division line between the towns of Cornish and Parsonsfield ;"

H. R. 142. "An act to make valid the doings of Theodore *Taylor, a trial justice ;" *335

II. R. 143. "An act to make legal the doings of the First Universalist Society of Saco and Biddeford ;"

II. R. 145. "An act setting off Joshua M. Leighton's estate from the town of Steuben and annexing the same to the town of Milbridge ;"

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following resolve :

II. R. 21. "Resolve refunding a part of State tax of Perkins plantation," which was finally passed in concurrence.

And these several bills and resolve were signed by the President, and were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval February 12, 1876, except the bills S. 60 and II. R. 89, which were presented to the Governor for his approval February 11, 1876.

The same Committee also reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bill :

II. R. 140. "An act in relation to the settlement of paupers," and

On motion by Mr. PEAKS,

Resolved, That it be indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

S. 9. "Resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts," was taken from the table.

The same Senator proposed an amendment marked "F," to amend by striking out all after the word "*Resolved*," and insert the following : "*That the sum of eight thousand dollars be and *the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of pay-* *336
ing existing debts, for instruction and contingent expenses of"

the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, the same to be in full for any and all expenditures by the State on account of said College for the current year."

The amendment was agreed to and the resolve passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WEBB,

The vote was reconsidered, whereby the Senate assigned Tuesday next for the second reading of (H. R. 44) "resolve in favor of plantation No. 4, range 1, in Penobscot county, known as Lakeville," and the same was read a second time, the rules being suspended.

House amendment "A" was agreed to, and on the question of passing the resolve to be engrossed in concurrence, it was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 19
Nays..... 9

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Baker,	Brackett,	Brown, I. S.,
Brown, S. O.,	Donworth,	Estes,
French,	Gray,	Haskell,
Hinckley,	Jordan,	Peaks,
Prescott,	Thompson,	Thurlough,
Tolman,	Watts,	Webb,
White—19.		

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Kyes,	Lord,	Stevens,
Sturgis,	Swasey,	Talbot,
Wadsworth,	Wentworth,	Woodbury—9.

So the resolve passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

*337 *On motion by Mr. HINCKLEY,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor requesting the return to the Senate of bill (S. 27) "an act relative to the Ellsworth Police Court."

The message was conveyed by the Secretary, the bill was returned to the Senate, and

On motion by Mr. HINCKLEY,

The votes were reconsidered whereby the Senate passed the bill to be enacted and to be engrossed, and

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Smith, its Clerk, requesting the return to that branch of bill (H. R. 68) "an act to better protect owners of fish weirs in Lubec."

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor requesting the return to the Senate of the foregoing bill.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary, and in response thereto the bill was returned to the Senate, and

Ordered, That the Secretary transmit the bill to the House of Representatives.

The Secretary accordingly laid the bill before the House by message.

On motion by Mr. THURLOUGH, at 40 minutes past 12 o'clock M.,

The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary*.

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* SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Order from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill conferring the right to regulate tolls on toll bridges upon the county commissioners in the county where such bridges are located, was read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Insane Hospital, on an order relating to the funds of said institution, submitting the following statement :

STATE OF MAINE.

The Committee on Insane Hospital, which was instructed by an order of the Legislature to inquire and report whether any fund has accumulated in the hands of the officers of said institution, &c., have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report, that the report of the Treasurer shows :

Cash on hand December 1.....	\$5,367 03
Amount due for care and board of patients	25,362 60
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	\$30,729 63
Liabilities.....	9,555 09
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	\$21,174 54
Which is called a working fund (and not invested,) and in addition, the provisions, medical supplies, coal, wood, &c., amount to	17,119 09
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Making the total resources.....	\$38,293 63

In regard to the price of board, your committee, considering the needed improvements in and about the buildings for the further comfort and safety of the patients, do not advise any change at present.

For the Committee.

JOHN G. COOK.

was accepted in concurrence, and

On motion by Mr. FRENCH,

Ordered, That the foregoing statement be printed.

Report of the Committee on Education, on the petitions of E. H. Treat and others, for the establishment of a normal school at Lincoln, in northern Maine, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on *bill *339 (H. R. 117) "an act to prevent the throwing of edgings and other refuse into the waters of the Medomak river in the town of Washington," that the same ought not to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, on bill (H. R. 130) "an act to incorporate the Aroostook River Log Driving Company," that the same ought not to pass ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill (H. R. 176) "an act additional to chapter 24 of the revised statutes, relating to paupers," that the same ought not to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Wyat Weed and others of Veazie, for remedies for damages by flowing lands by dam at Treat's falls, that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to protection against stationary steam boilers, and bill (H. R. 178) "an act to provide for the inspection of stationary steam boilers and examination of persons in charge of same," that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of M. N. McKusick and others, for legislation relating to the inspection of hides and skins at Calais, that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Warren Leighton and others, for repeal of the "Calais Court bill," that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Melvin Grant and others for legislation requiring locks to be constructed in the dam at Treat's falls, that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of the city of Lewiston for an amendment of the act authorizing said city to take water from Wilson *pond and the Androscoggin *340 river, that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to amending chapter 91, sections 27 and 28, of the revised statutes, relating to liens on buildings, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to amending section 1 of chapter 91 of the public laws of 1873, relating to appeals from county commissioners, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to amending and defining chapter 227 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the powers and duties of county commissioners, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of the heirs of John Goddard, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on an order relating to the claim of Levi Sears to a deed of a lot of land, that the same be referred to the next Legislature;

Reports of the same Committee, on the petition of Nelson Turney for a deed of a lot of land, that the same be referred to the next Legislature;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of William Brown, praying that a deed of a lot of land be granted to John M. Brown, that the same be referred to the next Legislature;

Report of the same Committee, on orders relating to the claims of John Parent, Abraham Dubay, Joseph Dubay and William Hartt to deeds of land, that the same be referred to the next Legislature;

*341 * Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on the claims of sundry towns for bounties on wild animals, submitting (H. R. 46) "resolve providing for the payment of bounties on wild animals," was accepted in concurrence and the resolve laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Report of the Committee on Commerce, on the petition of C. J. Guptill and others, submitting bill (H. R. 179) "an act to authorize C. J. Guptill and R. Rand to build a wharf on the shore of Stillin Guptill's point, so called, in the town of Gouldsboro';"

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, on the petition of Horace Brown and others, submitting bill (H. R. 180) "an act to amend chapter 592 of the private laws of 1874, relating to the close-time

for land-locked salmon, togue or trout in the St. Croix river and its tributaries ;”

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill (II. R. 32) “an act to amend the charter of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England,” that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on the petition of School District No. 4 in Winthrop, submitting bill (II. R. 77) “an act to incorporate the Winthrop Village Corporation ;”

Report of the same Committee, on bill (II. R. 78) “an act to amend chapter 239 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the protection of game,” that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to lien of innholders and boarding-house *keepers on baggage, *342 submitting bill (II. R. 181) “an act to amend section 38 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to mortgages of personal property ;”

Report of the same Committee, on bill (II. R. 97) “an act to amend section 42 of chapter 2 of the revised statutes, relating to the distribution of election blanks,” that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Railroads, on the petition of the Maine Central Railroad Company, submitting bill (II. R. 182) “an act to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company to connect its track with the track of the Androscoggin Railroad Company in the city of Lewiston ;”

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of the Maine Central Railroad Company, submitting bill (II. R. 183) “an act to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company to discontinue the use of a portion of its track ;”

Were severally accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once, and Monday assigned for their second reading.

II. R. 68. Bill “an act to better protect owners of fish weirs in Lubec,” came from the House amended per sheets “A” and “B,” as follows :

“A.”

Amend by striking out the words “one hundred dollars,” and inserting instead the words “not less than twenty or more than fifty dollars.”

“B.”

Amend by striking out in section 2 the words “The money so re-

covered for fines and penalties shall be paid into the treasury for the use of said town,"

and as amended indefinitely postponed.

The Senate receded and agreed to the amendments, non-concurred in the indefinite postponement, and passed the bill to be engrossed.

Subsequently, on motion by Mr. WADSWORTH,

The vote passing the bill to be engrossed was reconsidered, and

*343 *Ordered*, That the bill lie on the table, and that * Monday be assigned for its consideration.

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of so amending the school law, that so much of the school money as is obtained from the "mill tax" shall be distributed on a basis of attendance upon schools instead of the number of scholars.

On motion by the same Senator,

Ordered, That the Committee on Financial Affairs inquire into the expediency of repealing or amending chapter 283 of the public laws of 1871.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. KYES,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it be to meet on Monday at 2 o'clock P. M.

Mr. FRENCH presented bill (S. 69) "an act to amend section 73, chapter 2 of the revised statutes, relating to the State library," which was laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. CARNEY, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of Andrew J. Huddleston and others, for the passage of bill (H R. 13) granting authority to extend a fish weir in tide waters of Johnson's bay, in Lubec, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. BRACKETT, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of R. B. McAllister and others for authority to navigate Richardson lake by steam, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, *submitted *344 final report of said Committee, that they had acted upon all matters referred to them.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bill and resolve :

S. 3. "An act authorizing Monroe Young to extend his wharf into tide waters in Jordan river in the town of Trenton ;"

S. 28. "Resolve authorizing the Warden of the State Prison to loan the use of the 'State of Maine' fire engine ;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bills :

II. R. 74. "An act in relation to the Sebago Wood Board Company ;"

II. R. 169. "An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government ;"

II. R. 170. "An act to authorize the Baptist Society in Warren to transfer all its real and personal property to the Baptist church in said Warren, and to discontinue the corporate existence of said society ;"

II. R. 171. "An act to change the place of holding the December term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Oxford ;"

II. R. 172. "An act to make valid the doings of the Winnegance Mill Dam Company ;"

II. R. 173. "An act incorporating the Masons' Mutual Relief Association of Mechanic Falls, Maine ;"

*II. R. 175. "An act to amend 'an act to confirm the *345 location of the railroad of the Boston and Maine Railroad through the towns of Berwick and North Berwick, subject to certain restrictions,' approved February 1, 1873 ;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. PEAKS,

The vote was reconsidered whereby the Senate indefinitely postponed bill (II. R. 140) "an act in relation to the settlement of paupers," and the bill passed to be enacted in concurrence.

And this bill, having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. KYES,

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to amending chapter 253 of the laws of 1874, relating to taxing certain lands in unincorporated places, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was taken from the table.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. PEAKS,

S. 52. "An act to repeal chapter 39 of the public laws of 1875, relating to civil actions," was taken from the table.

The Senate recessed, and the bill was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. HINCKLEY,

*346 S. 27. Bill "an act in relation to the Ellsworth *Police Court," was taken from the table.

The same Senator proposed an amendment marked "A," to amend by striking out in section 1 the words: "*And his successors hereafter appointed shall be learned in the law and members of the bar of the Supreme Judicial Court for Hancock county.*"

The amendment was agreed to and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PRESCOTT moved to reconsider the vote whereby the Senate passed to be engrossed (H. R. 44) "resolve in favor of plantation No. 4, range 1, in Penobscot county, known as Lakeville," and

On motion by Mr. PEAKS,

Ordered, That the foregoing motion to reconsider lie on the table; and that Monday next at 3 o'clock P. M. be assigned for its consideration.

On motion by Mr. BRACKETT, at 30 minutes past 10 o'clock A. M.

The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. SARGENT of Augusta.

The Journal of Saturday was read.

Orders from the House :

* That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to *347 report a bill authorizing the Governor and Council to audit and pay all claims for bounty on wild animals ;

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending section 39, chapter 18 of the revised statutes, providing that no petition for the laying out of a road by the county commissioners shall be entered within two years after a previous application for the same purpose has been refused or reversed on appeal, so that the time shall be one year instead of two, as now provided by law ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

The petitions of J. W. Fairbanks and others, and of G. W. Ranger and others, for the repeal of the law establishing free high schools, were referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

H. R. 184. Bill "an act to make bonds negotiable," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on an order relating to reimbursing the town of Topsfield for certain moneys, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on an order relating to discontinuing the Sagadahoc Ferry and amending the charter of the People's Ferry Company, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on an order relating to disposing of the unsold State lands, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

*348 * Report of the Committee on Claims, on (II. R. 2) "resolve in favor of Joseph Granger," with the same in a new draft, and that it ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on County Estimates, submitting (II. R. 47) "resolve laying a tax on the several counties of the State ;"

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill (II. R. 160) "an act relating to the framing of issues in equity cases," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, on bill (II. R. 75) "an act to amend section 5 of chapter 77 of the revised statutes, relating to equity powers," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, on bill (II. R. 123) "an act authorizing assignees of judgments to bring *scire facias*," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, on bill (II. R. 42) "an act to amend section 16 of chapter 71 of the revised statutes, relating to sales of real estate by license of court," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Railroads, on an order, submitting bill (II. R. 185) "an act to protect the rights of railroad stockholders and bondholders ;"

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of James G. Griffin, for a deed of a lot of land, submitting (II. R. 48) "resolve in favor of James G. Griffin ;"

Report of the same Committee, on an order submitting (II. R. 49) "resolve in aid of road passing through township F, range 1, Arqostook county ;"

*349 Report of the same Committee, on the petition of *inhabitants of Chapman plantation for aid in building a road, submitting (II. R. 50) "resolve in favor of Chapman plantation ;"

Were severally accepted in concurrence, the bill and resolves each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

II. R. 186. Bill "an act to amend chapter 30, section 9, of the revised statutes, relating to deer," introduced in the House, and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

The following resolves and bills were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading :

S. 23. "Resolve in favor of Henry H. Haskell;"

S. 24. "Resolve to more fully perfect the records of the Adjutant General's office, and to encourage the writing of regimental histories of Maine troops in the war of 1861;"

S. 26. "Resolve in favor of the State Reform School;"

S. 27. "Resolve in favor of rebuilding bridge across east branch of forks of the Kennebec river in Somerset county;"

S. 55. "An act to provide further remedies for the collection of State taxes upon corporations;"

S. 61. "An act regulating the rate of interest;"

S. 62. "An act to amend section 7, chapter 256 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the commitment of insane persons;"

S. 63. "An act to amend sections 11 and 15 of chapter 59 of the revised statutes."

*Mr. WHEELWRIGHT presented bill (S. 70) "an act *350 additional to chapter 31 of the revised statutes, relating to factors, agents and warehouse-men," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The same Senator presented (S. 32) "resolve fixing the number of the Bank Examiner's report to be printed annually hereafter at the expense of the State," which was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STEVENS presented bill (S. 71) "an act to amend section 14 of chapter 142 of the revised statutes, relating to the Reform School," which was laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. HINCKLEY, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, on an order, reported (S. 33) "resolve relating to the pay of the officers of the State Prison."

The report was accepted and the resolve laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. TOLMAN, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on an order of inquiry relating to the examination and enlistment of the several military companies, reported a tabulated statement relating thereto.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PEAKS, from the Committee on Federal Relations, submitted final report of said Committee, that they had acted upon all matters referred to them.

The same Senator, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted a similar report.

*351 *Mr. HASKELL, from the Committee on Railroads, submitted a similar report.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, submitted a similar report.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills:

H. R. 32. "An act to amend the charter of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England;"

H. R. 77. "An act to incorporate the Winthrop Village Corporation;"

H. R. 97. "An act to amend section 42 of chapter 2 of the revised statutes, relating to the distribution of election blanks;"

H. R. 180. "An act to amend chapter 592 of the public [private] laws of 1874, relating to the close-time for land-locked salmon, togue or trout in the St. Croix river and its tributaries;"

H. R. 181. "An act to amend section 38 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to mortgages of personal property;"

H. R. 182. "An act to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company to connect its track with the track of the Androscoggin Railroad Company in the city of Lewiston;"

H. R. 183. "An act to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company to discontinue the use of a portion of its track;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bill:

*352 *H. R. 78. "An act to amend chapter 239 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the protection of game," which was read a second time, House amendment "A" agreed to, and the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bill:

H. R. 179. "An act to authorize C. J. Guptill and R. Rand to

build a wharf on the shore of Stillin Guptill's point, so called, in the town of Gouldsborough," which was read twice, and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills :

S. 14. "An act to amend the charter of the Godfrey Falls Mill Dam Company, approved February 2, A. D. 1872;"

S. 37. "An act to protect George Dyer in running his ferry from North Haven to Vinalhaven in Knox county;"

S. 40. "An act to legalize the doings of the town of Cornish;"

S. 59. "An act creating the Hartland Village Corporation;"

H. R. 33. "An act to repeal section 12 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes;"

H. R. 59. "An act to make valid the doings of the Livermore Falls Bridge Company;"

H. R. 72. "An act to amend 'an act to incorporate the Winnegance Mill-dam Company,' approved March 10, 1835;"

H. R. 73. "An act additional to regulate the survey of lumber in the county of Penobscot;"

*H. R. 87. "An act to prohibit the taking of fish in *353 the tributaries or outlets of Webb's pond in Weld;"

H. R. 93. "An act to amend sections 51 and 55 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, and section 7 of chapter 25 of the public laws of 1875, relating to duties of county commissioners;"

H. R. 94. "An act to amend section 3, chapter 66 of the revised statutes, relative to insolvent estates;"

H. R. 139. "An act to amend chapter 61 of the revised statutes, in relation to the rights of married women;"

H. R. 144. "An act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Maine Dairymen's Association,' approved February 20, 1874;"

H. R. 147. "An act authorizing Samuel N. McFarland and associates to erect a wharf in the tide waters of Frenchman's bay in the town of Hancock;"

H. R. 148. "An act to prevent the taking of trout from Howard's pond and its tributaries in the town of Hanover;"

H. R. 149. "An act to make valid the doings of the town of Jonesport in the assessment of taxes for the year 1875;"

H. R. 150. "An act to amend section 46 of chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to plantations ;"

H. R. 151. "An act additional to chapter 29 of the public laws of 1869, concerning the militia ;"

H. R. 154. "An act in relation to the assessment of poll taxes ;"

H. R. 157. "An act to amend section 26, chapter 91 of the revised statutes, in relation to lime rock and slate ;"

*354 *H. R. 158. "An act additional to chapter 70 of the revised statutes, relating to assignments for the benefit of creditors ;"

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following resolves :

S. 2. "Resolve authorizing an appropriation for a chemical fire engine and hose ;"

S. 3. "Resolve in favor of bridge across the Mattawamkeag river in the town of Haynesville, on the military road ;"

S. 13. "Resolve in favor of the Normal School at Farmington and the Normal School at Castine ;"

S. 20. "Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture ;"

S. 21. "Resolve to authorize the county of Penobscot to procure a loan ;"

H. R. 25. "Resolve providing for the payment of the expenses of the Committee on Military Affairs ;"

H. R. 26. "Resolve authorizing the Adjutant General to sell the arsenal building at Portland ;"

H. R. 27. "Resolve in favor of James Johnston ;"

Which were each finally passed in concurrence.

And these several bills and resolves were signed by the President, and were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval February 15, 1876.

The Senate resumed consideration of bill (H. R. 68) "an act to better protect owners of fish weirs in Lubec."

The question being on the passage of the bill to be engrossed, after discussion,

*355 *On motion by SWASEY,

Ordered, That the bill lie on the table, and that 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow be assigned for its consideration.

On motion by Mr. PEAKS,

The vote was reconsidered whereby the Senate receded and concurred with the House in the indefinite postponement of bill (S. 52) "an act to repeal chapter 39 of the public laws of 1875, relating to civil actions," and

On motion by the same Senator,

Ordered, That the Senate insist upon its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, and propose a Committee of Conference, and

Messrs. Donworth of Aroostook,
Kyes of Franklin,
Prescott of Somerset,

were appointed conferees on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate resumed consideration of (H. R. 44) "resolve in favor of plantation No. 4, range 1, in Penobscot county, kown as Lakeville."

The question being on the motion by Mr. Prescott to reconsider the vote whereby the Senate passed the resolve to be engrossed in concurrence, it was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 14
Nays..... 12

On motion by Mr. WEBB,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Brown, S. O.,	Carney,	Donworth,	
Estes,	Hinckley,	Kyes,	
Lord,	Prescott,	Stevens,	
Swasey,	* Talbot,	Thompson,	*356
Wadsworth,	Woodbury—14.		

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Baker,	Brown, I. S.,	Gray,
Haskell,	Peaks,	Thurlough,
Tolman,	Watts,	Webb,
Wentworth,	Wheelwright,	White—12.

So the vote passing the resolve to be engrossed was reconsidered.

Mr. PRESCOTT moved the indefinite postponement of the resolve, and on this question it was determined in the nega-

tive, { Yeas..... 9
Nays 17

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Carney,	Estes,	Kyes,
Lord,	Prescott,	Stevens,
Swasey,	Wadsworth,	Woodbury—9.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Baker,	Brown, I. S.,	Brown, S. O.,
Donworth,	Gray,	Haskell,
Hinckley,	Peaks,	Talbot,
Thompson,	Thurlough,	Tolman,
Watts,	Webb,	Wentworth,
Wheelwright,	White—17.	

So the motion to indefinitely postpone was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

That the resolve lie on the table, it was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 20
Nays..... 6

On motion by the same Senator,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Baker,	Brown, I. S.,	Brown, S. O.,
Estes,	Gray,	Haskell,
Hinckley,	Peaks,	Prescott,
*357 Stevens,	* Talbot,	Thompson,
Thurlough,	Tolman,	Wadsworth,
Watts,	Webb,	Wentworth,
Wheelwright,	White—20.	

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Carney,	Donworth,	Kyes,
Lord,	Swasey,	Woodbury—6.

So the motion prevailed.

Subsequently, on motion by Mr. HASKELL,

The foregoing resolve (H. R. 44) was taken from the table, and Ordered, That to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M. be assigned for its consideration.

On motion by Mr. BAKER, at 30 minutes past 3 o'clock P. M.,
The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DEARBORN of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Papers from the House :

The claim of the town of Oldtown to be reimbursed money paid for bounty on bears ;

* The petition of the Treasurer of Waite plantation, praying to be reimbursed money paid for bounty on bears ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

The petition of Samuel Kimball and others, for legislation in relation to interest payable annually and semi-annually, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, on an order relating to abolishing the State Military pensions or a portion of them, that the same be referred to the Governor and Council ;

Report of the Committee on Pensions, on an order relating to the necessity of explaining section 4 of chapter 203 of the public laws of 1874, relating to pensions of soldiers and seamen, that an explanation is unnecessary by reason of chapter 21 of the laws of 1875 ;

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on the petition of Virgil P. Hall and others, for an appropriation in aid of building a road in the town of Mayfield, that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill (H. R. 34) "an act to repeal chapter 46 of the public laws of 1872, relating to municipal officers," that the same ought not to pass ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, on the petition of *359 the Bangor and Calais Shore Line Railroad * Company, for an extension of time for locating said road, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, which had been accepted by the Senate, came from the House non-concurred and indefinitely postponed.

The Senate recessed and concurred with the House.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of Edwin F. Safford and others, submitting bill (H. R. 187) "an act to incorporate the Kittery Steam and Water Power Company of Kittery," was accepted, the bill read once and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on the claim of the town of Carroll, to be reimbursed for bounty on bears, submitting (H. R. 51) "resolve relating to bounty on wild animals;"

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill (H. R. 161) "an act to amend chapter 65 of the revised statutes, relating to the distribution of the estates of persons deceased out of the State," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on bill (H. R. 135) "an act additional to chapter 69 of the revised statutes, relating to estates of deceased partners," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on an order, submitting bill (H. R. 188) "an act to amend chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on buildings and lots;"

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on an order relating to authorizing judges of probate to allow extra compensation *360 to appraisers * on estates of deceased persons, submitting bill (H. R. 190) "an act to amend section 30, chapter 63 of the revised statutes, relating to fees;"

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of John Ryan, for a deed of a lot of land, submitting (H. R. 52) "resolve in favor of John Ryan;"

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of George W. Kalloch, for a deed of a lot of land, submitting (H. R. 53) "resolve in favor of George W. Kalloch;"

Report of the Committee on Towns, on the petition of John Dudley and others, for the incorporation of Waite plantation as a

town, submitting bill (H. R. 191) "an act to incorporate the town of Waite in the county of Washington ;"

Were severally accepted in concurrence, the bills and resolves each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

S. 10. "Resolve in favor of J. W. Hines," which had been passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House indefinitely postponed by that branch, and

On motion by Mr. DONWORTH,

Ordered, That the resolve lie on the table.

S. 54. "An act to regulate dividends of savings banks," which had been passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House indefinitely postponed by that branch, and

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

*The following bill :

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S. 66. "An act to amend chapter 37, public laws of 1872, relating to foreclosure of mortgages on real estate," was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

S. 67. "An act to repeal an act entitled an act relating to armories for military companies," was read once, and

On motion by Mr. TOLMAN,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The following bills and resolves :

S. 68. "An act to amend chapter 29, section 3, of the public laws of 1869, concerning the militia ;"

S. 69. "An act to amend section 73, chapter 2 of the revised statutes, relating to the State library ;"

H. R. 86. "An act for the protection of land-locked salmon, trout and bass ;"

S. 29. "Resolve to provide for the uniforming of the enlisted men of the Maine Volunteer Militia, and for other military purposes ;"

S. 30. "Resolve in favor of Maine State Library ;"

S. 31. "Resolve in favor of the State Prison ;"

H. R. 46. "Resolve providing for the payment of bounties on wild animals ;"

Were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to return to the Senate, without action, (S. 58) "an act to incorporate the Mouse Island Association."

*362 * Mr. SWASEY presented the petitions of Benjamin Maxim and others, and Ira Thorn and others,—severally for the abolition of the death penalty."

Also bill (S. 73) "an act additional to chapter 193 of the public laws of the year 1874, relating to clerks of the judicial courts.

The petitions and bill were each referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WHEELWRIGHT, from the Committee on Temperance, submitted bill (S. 72) "an act to amend section 20 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes, in relation to persons who travel and sell intoxicating liquors by order or sample."

The report was accepted and the bill laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bill :

S. 61. "An act regulating the rate of interest," which was read a second time, and

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That it lie on the table and that Thursday next at 10 o'clock A. M. be assigned for its consideration.

The same Committee also reported the following resolve :

S. 27. "Resolve in favor of rebuilding bridge across East Branch of Forks of the Kennebec river in Somerset county," which was read a second time, and

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

*363 *Ordered*, That it lie on the table and that *to-morrow be assigned for its consideration.

The same Committee also reported the following resolve :

H. R. 47. "Resolve laying a tax on the several counties of the State," which was read a second time.

Mr. TALBOT proposed to amend by striking out the word "fifteen" in the seventeenth line and insert instead the word "ten."

The amendment was agreed to and the resolve passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bill :

H. R. 75. "An act to amend section 5 of chapter 77 of the revised statutes, relating to equity powers," which was read a second time.

House amendment striking out section 2, to wit: "*This act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor,*" was agreed to, and the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bill :

H. R. 123. "An act authorizing assignees of judgments to bring *scire facias*, which was read a second time.

House amendment striking out section 3, to wit: "*This act shall take effect when approved,*" was agreed to, and the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bill :

H. R. 160. "An act relating to the framing of issues in equity cases," which was read a second time.

House amendments "A" and "B" were agreed to :

"A," add to section 1 the following: "*Provided that the party desiring such trial give notice thereof to the other party by inserting such notice, if plaintiff in his replication and if defendant in answer.*"

"B," strike out in section 3 the words: "*Shall take effect when approved, but.*"

The resolve passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bills and resolves :

S. 55. "An act to provide further remedies for the collection of State taxes upon corporations ;"

S. 62. "An act to amend section 7, chapter 256 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the commitment of insane persons ;"

* S. 63. "An act to amend sections 11 and 15 of chapter *364 59 of the revised statutes ;"

S. 23. "Resolve in favor of Henry Haskell ;"

S. 24. "Resolve to more fully perfect the records of the Adjutant General's office, and to encourage the writing of regimental histories of Maine troops in the war of 1861 ;"

S. 26. "Resolve in favor of the State Reform School ;"
Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bills and resolves :

H. R. 42. "An act to amend section 16 of chapter 71 of the revised statutes, relating to sale of real estate by license of court ;"

H. R. 185 "An act to protect the rights of railroad stockholders and bondholders ;"

H. R. 186. "An act to amend chapter 30, section 9, of revised statutes, relating to deer ;"

H. R. 48. "Resolve in favor of James G. Griffin ;"

H. R. 49. "Resolve in aid of road passing through township F, range 1, Aroostook county ;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following resolve :

H. R. 2. "Resolve in favor of Joseph Granger," which was read a second time, and

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The same Committee also reported the following resolve :

*365 *H. R. 50. "Resolve in favor of Chapman plantation," which was read a second time, and

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. THOMPSON,

The report of the Committee on Gubernatorial Votes, on an order relating to the vote for Governor of the city of Bangor in 1875, submitting a statement of said vote, was taken from the table and accepted.

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the orders of the day.

H. R. 44. "Resolve in favor of plantation No. 4, range 1, in Penobscot county, known as Lakeville," was considered.

The question being on its passage to be engrossed, it was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 20
Nays 9

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Baker,	Brackett,	Brown, I. S.,
Brown, S. O.,	Carney,	Donworth,
Estes,	Gray,	Haskell,
Hinckley,	Jordan,	Peaks,
Thompson,	Thurlough,	Tolman,
Watts,	Webb,	Wentworth,
Wheelwright,	White—20.	

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Kyes,	Lord,	Prescott,
Stevens,	Sturgis,	Swasey,
Talbot,	Wadsworth,	Woodbury—9.

So the resolve passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

* H. R. 68. "An act to better protect owners of fish *366 weirs in Lubec," was considered.

The question being on the passage of the bill to be engrossed, it was determined in the negative, { Yeas 11
Nays 15

On motion by Mr. THOMPSON,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Brown, I. S.,	Donworth,	Haskell,
Kyes,	Sturgis,	Talbot,
Tolman,	Watts,	Wentworth,
Wheelwright,	White—11.	

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Brackett,	Brown, S. O.,	Carney,
Estes,	Gray,	Hinckley,
Jordan,	Lord,	Prescott,
Swasey,	Thompson,	Thurlough,
Wadsworth,	Webb,	Woodbury—15.

So the bill was refused a passage, and

On motion by Mr. THOMPSON,

Resolved, That the bill be indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

H. R. 32. "Resolve in favor of Benjamin B. Byron," was read a second time, and

On motion by Mr. KYES,

Resolved, That it be indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The following resolves :

H. R. 11. "Resolve in favor of Hiram B. Hersey of Crystal plantation ;"

H. R. 31. "Resolve in favor of George S. Daniels of Chapman plantation ;"

H. R. 34. "Resolve in favor of Caleb Sherman ;"

*367 *H. R. 35. "Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey to James McCornville, Jr., a lot of land in Washburn ;"

H. R. 45. "Resolve in favor of James M. Story ;"

Were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

H. R. 36. "Resolve in favor of Crystal plantation," was read a second time, and

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

That the resolve be indefinitely postponed, it was determined in the negative, { Yeas 11
 { Nays 15

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Kyes,	Sturgis,	Swasey,
Talbot,	Thompson,	Thurlough,
Wadsworth,	Watts,	Wentworth,
White,	Woodbury—11.	

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Baker,	Brown, I. S.,	Brown, S. O.,
Donworth,	Estes,	Gray,
Haskell,	Hinckley,	Jordan,
Peaks,	Prescott,	Stevens,
Tolman,	Webb,	Wheelwright—15.

So the motion was disagreed to, and the resolve passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Subsequently, on motion by Mr. THOMPSON,

The foregoing vote passing the resolve to be engrossed was reconsidered, and

On motion by the same Senator,

Ordered, That the resolve lie on the table.

H. R. 37. "Resolve in aid of building a bridge over Gagnon stream in the town of Frenchville," was read a second time, and

* On motion by Mr. SWASEY, *368

That the resolve be indefinitely postponed, it was deter-

mined in the negative, { Yeas 8
 { Nays..... 14

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Kyes,	Swasey,	Talbot,
Thurlough,	Wadsworth,	Wentworth,
White,	Woodbury—8.	

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Baker,	Brown, I. S.,	Brown, S. O.,
Donworth,	Estes,	Haskell,
Hinckley,	Peaks,	Prescott,
Sturgis,	Thompson,	Tolman,
Webb,	Wheelwright—14.	

So the motion was disagreed to, and the resolve passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

H. R. 38. "Resolve in favor of bridge across the Aroostook river in the town of Maysville, Aroostook county," was read a second time, and

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

That the resolve be indefinitely postponed, it was determined in

the negative, { Yeas.....11
 { Nays14

On motion by the same Senator,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Jordan,	Kyes,	Lord,
Peaks,	Prescott,	Swasey,
Thurlough,	Wadsworth,	Webb,
Wentworth,	Woodbury—11.	

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Baker,	Brackett,	Brown, I. S.,
Brown, S. O.,	Donworth,	Estes,
Gray,	Haskell,	Hinckley,
*369 *Talbot,	Thompson,	Tolman,
Watts,	Wheelwright—14.	

So the motion was disagreed to, and the resolve passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

II. R. 39. "Resolve in aid of road in Frenchville," was read a second time, and

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

That the resolve be indefinitely postponed, it was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 18
Nays 8

On motion by the same Senator,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Brackett,	Estes,	Hinckley,
Jordan,	Kyes,	Lord,
Peaks,	Prescott,	Sturgis,
Swasey,	Talbot,	Thompson,
Thurlough,	Wadsworth,	Watts,
Webb,	Wentworth,	Woodbury—18.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Baker,	Brown, I. S.,	Brown, S. O.,
Donworth,	Gray,	Haskell,
Tolman,	Wheelwright—8.	

So the resolve was indefinitely postponed.

Subsequently Mr. PEAKS moved a reconsideration of the foregoing vote, and

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table, and be assigned for to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

H. R. 40. "Resolve in favor of bridge across the Magalloway river," was read a second time, and on the question of concurring with the House in refusing the resolve a passage, it was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 5
Nays..... 21

On motion by Mr. WEBB,

*The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the *370 Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Talbot,	Thurlough,	Webb,
Wentworth,	White—5.	

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Brackett,	Brown, I. S.,	Brown, S. O.,
Donworth,	Estes,	Gray,
Haskell,	Hinckley,	Jordan,
Kyes,	Lord,	Peaks,
Prescott,	Sturgis,	Swasey,
Thompson,	Tolman,	Wadsworth,
Watts,	Wheelwright,	Woodbury—21.

So the Senate non-concurred with the House, and the resolve passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills :

S. 30. "An act to amend 'an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of a railroad into Aroostook county,' approved February 8, 1875;"

S. 31. "An act to amend chapter 19 of the special laws of 1875;"

S. 32. "An act additional to and amendatory of 'an act to enable the city of Bangor to aid the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company in the extended construction of its railroad,' approved February 22, 1871;"

S. 33. "An act to extend the time for the completion of the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad;"

S. 34. "An act granting further time to the Northern Aroostook Railroad Company to make and file the location of its line of railroad;"

- H. R. 74. "An act in relation to the Sebago Wood Board Company ;"
- *371 *H. R. 84. "An act to authorize cities and towns to charge interest on certain taxes ;"
- H. R. 136. "An act authorizing the sale of certain lots of land in township No. 14, range 4, W. E. L. S. ;"
- H. R. 152. "An act to authorize the town of Georgetown to build a free bridge over tide waters ;"
- H. R. 162. "An act in relation to the recording of assignments of wages ;"
- H. R. 164. "An act for the protection of smelts in Monsweag bay and river in the towns of Wiscasset and Woolwich ;"
- H. R. 167. "An act to authorize the extension of the Aroostook River Railroad to Fort Kent ;"
- H. R. 168. "An act to extend the time for the location and completion of the Aroostook River Railroad ;"
- H. R. 169. "An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government ;"
- H. R. 170. "An act to authorize the Baptist society in Warren to transfer all its real and personal property to the Baptist church in said Warren and to discontinue the corporate existence of said society ;"
- H. R. 171. "An act to change the place of holding the December term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Oxford ;"
- H. R. 172. "An act to make valid the doings of the Winnegance Mill-dam Company ;"
- H. R. 173. "An act incorporating the Masons' Mutual Relief Association of Mechanic Falls, Maine ;"
- H. R. 175. "An act to amend 'an act to confirm the location of the railroad of the Boston and *Maine Railroad through the towns of Berwick and North Berwick, subject to certain restrictions,' approved February 1, 1873 ;"
- Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.
- The same Committee also reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following resolves :
- S. 14. "Resolve in favor of the town of Wellington ;"
- S. 15. "Resolve in favor of Charles J. Schumacher ;"
- S. 22. "Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Reform School ;"

H. R. 8. "Resolve in favor of George W. Hewey and Charles L. Hewey;"

H. R. 28. "Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians;"

H. R. 30. "Resolve concerning an annual census of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians;"

H. R. 33. "Resolve in favor of S. B. Gates;"

H. R. 41. "Resolve in favor of the town of Mayfield;"

H. R. 42. "Resolve authorizing the Secretary of State to purchase certain reports;"

H. R. 43. "Resolve in favor of the Railroad Commissioners;"

Which were each finally passed in concurrence.

And these several bills and resolves, having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills also reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following resolves:

*S. 18. "Resolve in favor of the Bangor Children's *373 Home;"

S. 19. "Resolve in favor of the Female Orphan Asylum, Portland;"

And pending their final passage,

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. HINCKLEY, at 1 o'clock P. M.,

The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary*.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. TILDEN of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Order from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 87 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to testimony in certain cases, was read and passed in concurrence.

*374 The petition of D. H. Thing and others, for * a change in the law concerning watering places by the roadside, was referred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on an order relating to authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to Rufus F. Stone, that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to E. S. Perry, that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of John Burnham and others, for an appropriation to build a bridge across Molunkus river in Sherman, submitting (H. R. 54) " resolve in favor of the town of Sherman," was accepted in concurrence, the resolve read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill (H. R. 155) " an act to amend section 10 of chapter 135 of the revised statutes, relating to executions for capital crimes, submitting bill (H. R. 193) " an act to abolish the death penalty and to regulate the manner of applying for pardons in certain cases," was accepted in concurrence, and pending the first reading of the bill,

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

* S. 52. "An act to repeal chapter 39 of the public laws *375 of 1875, relating to civil actions," came from the House, and that branch insists upon its former vote, concurs in the proposed Committee of Conference, and appoints

Messrs. Kimball of Waterford,
Lynch of Machias,
Cleaves of Portland,

conferees on its part.

S. 71. "An act to amend section 14 of chapter 142 of the revised statutes, relating to the Reform School," was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

S. 72. "An act to amend section 20 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes, in relation to persons who travel and sell intoxicating liquors by order or samples," was read once, and

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,
Ordered, That it lie on the table.

S. 33. "Resolve relating to the pay of the officers of the State Prison," was read twice, the rules being suspended.

Mr. STURGIS proposed to amend by striking out the word "one," in the fifth line, and inserting instead the word "two."

The amendment was agreed to, and

On motion by Mr. PRESCOTT,
Ordered, That the resolve lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. WHEELWRIGHT,

The vote was reconsidered whereby the Senate passed to be engrossed bill (H. R. 50) "an act to incorporate the Maine General Homœopathic Hospital."

* The same Senator proposed to amend by striking out *376 the preamble.

The amendment was agreed to and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. HINCKLEY,

Ordered, That the Committee on Financial Affairs inquire into the expediency of repealing the law providing for the appointment of trustees of normal schools, and have their duties performed by the Governor and Council and the Superintendent of Common Schools.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. LORD, from the Committee on Agriculture, on an order relating to providing for paying the State Agricultural Society the same annual stipend as is paid to the State Pomological Society, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. KYES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to requiring the Secretary of State to collect certain criminal statistics, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. LORD, from the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the final report of said Committee, that they had acted on all matters referred to them.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted a similar report.

Mr. WADSWORTH, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, submitted a similar report.

Mr. BROWN of Piscataquis, from the Committee on Public Buildings, submitted a similar report.

*377 *The same Senator, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, submitted a similar report.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WHEELWRIGHT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred bill (S. 70) "an act additional to chapter 31 of the revised statutes, relating to factors, agents and warehouse-men," reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the bill laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

On motion by Mr. PEAKS,

H. R. 39. "Resolve in aid of road in Frenchville," was taken from the table.

The question being on the motion by Mr. Peaks to reconsider the vote whereby the Senate indefinitely postponed the resolve, it was determined in the affirmative.

The question returning upon the indefinite postponement of the resolve, it was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 7
Nays..... 22

On motion by Mr. PEAKS,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Carney,	Estes,	Swasey,
Talbot,	Thurlough,	Wentworth,
Woodbury—7.		

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Baker,	Brackett,	Brown, I. S.,
Brown, S. O.,	Donworth,	French,
Gray,	Haskell,	Hinckley,
Jordan,	Kyes,	Lord,
Peaks,	Prescott,	Sturgis,
Thompson,	Tolman,	Wadsworth,
Watts,	Webb,	Wheelwright,
White—22.		

* So the motion was disagreed to, and the resolve passed *378 to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

S. 27. "Resolve in favor of rebuilding bridge across East Branch of Forks of the Kennebec river in Somerset county," was taken from the table.

The question being on the passage of the resolve to be engrossed, it was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 16
Nays..... 14

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Baker,	Brackett,	Brown, I. S.,
Brown, S. O.,	Donworth,	French,
Gray,	Haskell,	Kyes,
Lord,	Prescott,	Stevens,
Sturgis,	Thompson,	Wadsworth,
Wheelwright—16.		

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Carney,	Estes,	Hinckley,
Jordan,	Peaks,	Swasey,
Talbot,	Thurlough,	Tolman,
Watts,	Webb,	Wentworth,
White,	Woodbury—14.	

So the resolve passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. THOMPSON,
 H. R. 36. "Resolve in favor of Crystal plantation," was taken from the table, and

On motion by Mr. BRACKETT,
 That the resolve be indefinitely postponed, it was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas.....15
 { Nays.....14

On motion by the same Senator,
 *379 *The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Brackett,	Carney,	Estes,
Kyes,	Lord,	Prescott,
Sturgis,	Swasey,	Talbot,
Thompson,	Thurlough,	Tolman,
Watts,	Wentworth,	White—15.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Baker,	Brown, I. S.,	Brown, S. O.,
Donworth,	French,	Gray,
Haskell,	Hinckley,	Peaks,
Stevens,	Wadsworth,	Webb,
Wheelwright,	Woodbury—14.	

So the resolve was indefinitely postponed.
 Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,
 S. 54. "An act to regulate dividends of savings banks," was taken from the table, and

On motion by the same Senator,
Resolved, That the Senate insists upon its vote passing the bill to be engrossed.
 Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WADSWORTH,
 S. 64. "An act to set off a part of the town of Montville and annex the same to the town of Liberty," was taken from the table, and

On motion by Mr. TOLMAN,
 That the bill be indefinitely postponed, it was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....10
 { Nays.....18

On motion by the same Senator,
The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

*Messrs. Baker,	Brown, I. S.,	Donworth, *380
Haskell,	Hinckley,	Talbot,
Tolman,	Watts,	Webb,
Wentworth—10.		

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Brackett,	Brown, S. O.,	Carney,
Estes,	French,	Gray,
Jordan,	Kyes,	Lord,
Peaks,	Prescott,	Stevens,
Sturgis,	Thompson,	Thurlough,
Wadsworth,	Wheelwright,	Woodbury—18.

So the motion was disagreed to, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

The following resolves were taken from the table :

S. 18. "Resolve in favor of the Bangor Children's Home;"

S. 19. "Resolve in favor of the Female Orphan Asylum, Portland;"

These resolves were each finally passed in concurrence.

And these resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bill :

H. R. 86. "An act for the protection of land-locked salmon, trout and bass," which was read a second time, and

On motion by Mr. THOMPSON,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Subsequently, on motion by the same Senator,

The foregoing bill was taken from the table.

* The same Senator proposed to amend the bill in the first *381 and third sections by striking out the word "July" and insert instead the word "June."

The amendment was agreed to, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following resolve :

S. 30. "Resolve in favor of Maine State Library," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following resolve :

S. 31. "Resolve in favor of the State Prison," which was read a second time.

Mr. PRESCOTT proposed an amendment marked "A," to amend by striking out the words, "*to be expended under the direction of the teacher, J. Starrett.*"

The amendment was agreed to and the resolve passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bills :

S. 66. "An act to amend chapter 37, public laws of 1872, relating to foreclosure of mortgages on real estate ;"

S. 68. "An act to amend chapter 29, section 3, of the public laws of 1869, concerning the militia ;"

S. 69. "An act to amend section 73, chapter 2 of the revised statutes, relating to the State Library ;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bills and resolves :

*382 *H. R. 135. "An act additional to chapter 69 of the revised statutes, relating to estates of deceased partners ;"

H. R. 161. "An act to amend chapter 65 of the revised statutes, relating to the distribution of the estates of persons deceased out of the State ;"

H. R. 190. "An act to amend section 30, chapter 63 of the revised statutes, relating to fees ;"

H. R. 191. "An act to incorporate the town of Waite in the county of Washington ;"

H. R. 46. "Resolve providing for the payment of bounties on wild animals;"

H. R. 51. "Resolve relating to bounty on wild animals;"

H. R. 52. "Resolve in favor of John Ryan;"

H. R. 53. "Resolve in favor George W. Kalloch;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following resolve and bill:

S. 29. "Resolve to provide for the uniforming of the enlisted men of the Maine volunteer militia, and for other military purposes;"

H. R. 188. "An act to amend chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on buildings and lots;"

Which were each read a second time, and

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. BRACKETT, at fifteen minutes past 12 o'clock M.,

The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary*.

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*THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. SANDERSON of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of Nelson Ham and others, for the passage of bill (H. R. 99) "an act to incorporate the Maine Patrons Co-operative Agency," that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on an order relating to prohibiting the division of accounts in suits, submitting bill (H. R. 192) "an act to amend section 117 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes;"

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of the assessors of Silver Ridge plantation, praying that the Land Agent may be authorized to convey certain lots of land, submitting (H. R. 55) "resolve in favor of W. S. Evans;"

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of the assessors of Silver Ridge plantation, submitting (H. R. 56) "resolve in favor of W. N. Woodbury;"

Report of the same Committee, on the same petition, submitting (H. R. 57) "resolve in favor of Robert Knox;"

*384 * Were severally accepted in concurrence, the bills and resolves each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Towns, on the petition of John Galley and others, submitting bill (H. R. 195) "an act to set off Bartlett's island from the town of Mt. Desert to the town of Tremont, in Hancock county," was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and

On motion by Mr. TOLMAN,

Ordered, That the bill lie on the table and that to-morrow be assigned for its consideration.

II. R. 196. "An act relating to the settlement of the public lands," introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

II. R. 199. Bill "an act to amend chapter 152 of the public laws of 1873, relating to nuisances," was referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, on the petition of sundry persons, submitting bill (II. R. 189) "an act to establish and maintain a State Normal School at North Bridgton, in the county of Cumberland," was accepted in concurrence, the bill read twice, the rules being suspended.

The Senate non-concurred in the indefinite postponement of the bill, and

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

Ordered, That the bill be referred to the next Legislature.

* Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order, *385 submitting bill (II. R. 197) "an act to repeal chapter 21 of the public laws of 1875, relating to disabled soldiers and seamen," was accepted, the bill read twice, the rules be suspended, and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on an order relating to repealing chapter 257 of the public laws of 1874, relating to armories for military companies, submitting bill (II. R. 198) "an act additional to, and amendatory of chapter 274 of the public laws of 1874, relating to armories for military companies," was accepted, the bill read twice, the rules being suspended, House amendments "A" and "B" were agreed to, and the bill indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

S. 57. "An act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Winterport and Bucksport Ferry Company,'" which had been passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House indefinitely postponed.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

II. R. 40. "Resolve in favor of bridge across the Magalloway river," came from the House, and that branch adheres to its vote refusing the resolve a passage.

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

Resolved, That the Senate insist upon its vote passing the resolve to be engrossed, and propose a Committee of Conference,* and

Messrs. Haskell of Cumberland,
Peaks of Penobscot,
Wadsworth of Oxford,

were appointed conferees on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently came back, and the House appoints as conferees on its part:

Messrs. Pike of Calais,
Thompson of Vassalborough,
Linnell of Exeter.

S. 63. "An act to amend sections 11 and 15 of chapter 59 of the revised statutes," came from the House amended by adding to the title the words, "*relating to the solemnization of marriages*," and passed to be engrossed.

S. 70. "An act additional to chapter 31 of the revised statutes, relating to factors, agents and warehouse-men," was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

A communication was received from Hon Parker P. Burleigh, Land Agent, in response to an order of the Legislature, submitting an exhibit of the amount of money and notes received by the State in the several counties, since and including the year 1870, from the sale of State lands, from the sale of stumpage of timber on State lands and from the sale of stumpage of timber on lands set apart for settlement; also a statement of the number of lots conveyed by the Land Agent by authority of the Legislature.

*387 *The communication was read, and

On motion by Mr. LORD,

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. WHITE presented the petition of William G. Tasker and others, for the abolition of the death penalty, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. JORDAN presented (S. 34) "resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on the State Prison," which was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. KYES, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred (S. 4) "resolve in favor of certain towns and plantations," reported that the same be referred to the Governor and Council with instructions to report to the next Legislature, whether the sums therein named were illegally and wrongfully demanded and received of the several towns and plantations therein named, and if so whether the same is still equitably due them.

The report was accepted.

Mr. KYES, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the final report of said Committee; that they had acted upon all matters referred to them.

Mr. CARNEY, from the Committee on Commerce, submitted a similar report.

Mr. STURGIS, from the Committee on Reform School, made a similar report.

* These reports were accepted.

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Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WHEELWRIGHT,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns it be to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bill:

S. 71. "An act to amend section 14 of chapter 142 of the revised statutes, relating to the Reform School," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following resolve:

II. R. 54. "Resolve in favor of the town of Sherman," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor requesting the return to the Senate of bill (II. R. 139) "an act to amend chapter 61 of the revised statutes, in relation to the rights of married women."

The message was conveyed by the Secretary, and in response thereto the bill was returned to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

The votes were reconsidered whereby the Senate passed the foregoing bill to be enacted and to be engrossed.

*389 The same Senator proposed an amendment * marked "A," to amend by inserting in section 1, between the words "or" and "injuries," the words "*for the redress of her,*" so that said section 5 of chapter 61 of the revised statutes, as amended, shall read as follows :

SECT. 5. *She may prosecute and defend suits at law or in equity, either of tort or contract, in her own name, without the joinder of her husband, for the preservation and protection of her property and personal rights, or for the redress of her injuries, as if unmarried, or may do it jointly with her husband, and the husband shall not settle or discharge any such action or cause of action without the written consent of the wife. Neither of them can be arrested on such writ or execution, nor can he alone maintain an action respecting his wife's property.*

The amendment was agreed to and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WEBB,

II. R. 2. "Resolve in favor of Joseph Granger," was taken from the table and considered.

Mr. SWASEY offered the following :

Resolved, That the claim of Joseph Granger against the Passamaquoddy Indians, as reported by the Committee on Claims, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the Governor and Council, who shall audit said claim on or before the first day of June next, and order the payment of whatever is found to be equitably due from the fund as proposed in the resolve reported by said Committee.

The resolution was disagreed to, and the resolve (II. R. 2) was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. DONWORTH,

II. R. 50. "Resolve in favor of Chapman plantation," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WHEELWRIGHT,

Bill (S. 72) "an act to amend section 20 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes, in relation to persons who travel and sell intoxicating liquors by order or sample," was taken from the table, and

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on Temperance.

Sent down for concurrence.

* On motion by Mr. BRACKETT, *390

H. R. 193. "An act to abolish the death penalty and to regulate the manner of applying for pardons in certain cases," was taken from the table and read twice, the rules being suspended.

Mr. WHEELWRIGHT proposed to amend by adding a section:

SECT. — *So much of this act as relates to capital punishment shall not take effect till it shall have been accepted by a majority of the votes given in the affirmative by the legal voters of the State, at the election to be held on the second Monday of September next,* and pending its adoption,

On motion by Mr. WHEELWRIGHT, at 1 o'clock P. M.,

The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary*.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

There was no chaplain present.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Papers from the House:

Report of the Committee on Claims, on the petition of inhabitants of St. Francis plantation, for a reduction of the State valuation of said plantation, that the same be referred to the next Legislature, was accepted in concurrence.

* Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order *391 relating to providing for regulating the toll on toll bridges by county commissioners, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, came from the House accepted, and

On motion by Mr. CARNEY,

Ordered, That the report lie on the table.

Report of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, submitting bill (II. R. 200) "an act relating to insurance companies," was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and

On motion by Mr. WHEELWRIGHT,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to section 1 of chapter 230 of the public laws of 1871, submitting (II. R. 201) "an act explanatory of 'an act additional for the assessment and collection of taxes,' approved February 27, 1871;"

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Benjamin F. Jewett and others, submitting bill (II. R. 202) "an act to legalize the doings of district No. 4, in the town of Westport;"

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to amending section 39 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to laying out of road by county commissioners, submitting bill (II. R. 205), "an act to amend section 36 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to ways;"

*392 * Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on the petition of Edward Cushing and others, submitting bill (II. R. 35) "an act to authorize Camden Village Corporation to build a hall;"

Were severally accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, submitting bill (II. R. 203) "an act additional to chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to elections," was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and

On motion by Mr. WHEELWRIGHT,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

II. R. 204. Bill "an act to increase the authority of the Judge of Probate in Somerset county for a certain purpose," introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

S. 54. "An act to regulate dividends of savings banks," came from the House, and that branch insists upon its vote to indefinitely postpone the bill.

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Resolved, That the Senate insists upon its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, and proposes a Committee of Conference, and

Messrs. Wheelwright of Penobscot,
Carney of Lincoln,
Watts of Knox,

were appointed conferees on its part.

Sent down for concurrence.

* S. 69. "An act to amend section 73, chapter 2 of the *393 revised statutes, relating to the State Library," which had been passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House indefinitely postponed by that branch.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

H. R. 36. "Resolve in favor of Crystal plantation," which had been indefinitely postponed by the Senate, came from the House and that branch insists upon its vote passing the resolve to be engrossed, and proposes a Committee of Conference, and appoints

Messrs. Powers of Houlton,
Keegan of Madawaska,
Alexander of Linneus,

conferees on its part.

On motion by Mr. KYES,

Resolved, That the Senate insists upon its vote indefinitely postponing the resolve, and concurs in the proposed conference, and

Messrs. Kyes of Franklin,
Carney of Lincoln,
Thompson of York,

were appointed conferees on the part of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. WHEELWRIGHT,

H. R. 200. "An act relating to insurance companies," was taken from the table and read a second time, the rules being suspended.

The same Senator proposed amendment marked "A," to amend section 12, in line first, by inserting the word "*hereafter*" after the word "*companies*."

The amendment was agreed to, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

* Mr. BAKER, from the Committee on Education, on an *394 order relating to the distribution of school money derived

from the mill tax on the basis of attendance of scholars, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order, submitted bill (S. 74) "an act repealing chapter 44 of the public laws of 1872, and chapter 244 of the public laws of 1874."

The report was accepted, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. BROWN of Piscataquis, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to whom was referred the petition of Henry W. Poor, reported (S. 35) "resolve in aid of the road through Dunn's notch in Oxford county."

The report was accepted, and the resolve laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

On motion by Mr. KYES,

The report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on (H. R. 7) "resolve in favor of Wilton Academy," that the same ought not to pass, was taken from the table and accepted.

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

S. 1. "Resolve in aid of the town of Mount Chase, Penobscot county," was taken from the table.

Amendment "A," offered by the same Senator, was withdrawn by unanimous consent.

*395 *Mr. BROWN of Piscataquis, proposed an amendment marked "B," to amend by striking out the word "four," and insert instead the word "three," and pending its adoption,

On motion by Mr. WEBB,

Ordered, That the resolve lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. BRACKETT,

S. 33. "Resolve relating to the pay of the officers of the State Prison," was taken from the table.

The same Senator moved that the resolve be indefinitely postponed, and after discussion, pending this motion,

On motion by Mr. CARNEY,

Ordered, That the resolve lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. TOLMAN,

H. R. 195. "An act to set off Bartlett's island from the town of Mt. Desert to the town of Tremont in Hancock county," was taken from the table and read a second time, and

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Resolved, That the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bill :

S. 70. "An act additional to chapter 31 of the revised statutes, relating to factors, agents and warehouse-men," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bill and resolves :

"H. R. 196. "An act relating to the settlement of public lands;"

*H. R. 55. "Resolve in favor of W. S. Evans;" *396

H. R. 56. "Resolve in favor of W. N. Woodbury;"

H. R. 57. "Resolve in favor of Robert Knox;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bill :

H. R. 192. "An act to amend section 117 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes," which was read a second time.

House amendment "A," amend title by adding, "*relating to division of accounts*," was agreed to, and the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills :

S. 3. "An act authorizing Monroe Young to extend his wharf into tide waters in Jordan river in the town of Trenton;"

S. 27. "An act in relation to the Ellsworth Police Court;"

S. 53. "An act to provide for the organization of savings banks, or trust loan associations;"

S. 65. "An act to incorporate the town of Haynesville in the county of Aroostook;"

H. R. 32. "An act to amend the charter of the Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends for New England;"

II. R. 42. "An act to amend section 16 of chapter 71 of the revised statutes, relating to the sale of real estate by license of court;"

II. R. 75. "An act to amend section 5 of chapter 77 of the revised statutes, relating to equity powers;"

II. R. 77. "An act to incorporate the Winthrop Village Corporation;"

II. R. 78. "An act to amend chapter 239 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the protection of game;"

* II. R. 97. "An act to amend section 42 of chapter 2 *397 of the revised statutes, relating to the distribution of election blanks;"

II. R. 123. "An act authorizing assignees of judgments to bring *scire facias*;"

II. R. 156. "An act to amend section 65 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to damage on ways, as amended by chapter 215 of the public laws of 1874;"

II. R. 160. "An act relating to the framing of issues in equity cases;"

II. R. 181. "An act to amend section 38 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to mortgages of personal property;"

II. R. 182. "An act to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company to connect its track with the track of the Androscoggin Railroad Company in the city of Lewiston;"

II. R. 183. "An act to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company to discontinue the use of a portion of its track;"

II. R. 185. "An act to protect the rights of railroad stockholders and bondholders;"

II. R. 186. "An act to amend chapter 30, section 9, of revised statutes, relating to deer;"

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following resolves :

S. 28. "Resolve authorizing the Warden of the State Prison to loan the use of the 'State of Maine' fire engine;"

S. 8. "Resolve in favor of Samuel C. Greenlow of Chapman plantation;"

*398 *S. 7. "Resolve in favor of the county of Aroostook;"

II. R. 11. "Resolve in favor of Hiram B. Hersey of Crystal plantation;"

- H. R. 45. "Resolve in favor of James M. Story;"
 H. R. 29. "Resolve making appropriations for the Penobscot tribe of Indians;"
 H. R. 31. "Resolve in favor of George S. Daniels of Chapman plantation;"
 H. R. 34. "Resolve in favor of Caleb Sherman;"
 H. R. 35. "Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey to James McCornville, Jr., a lot of land in Washburn;"
 H. R. 38. "Resolve in favor of bridge across the Aroostook river in the town of Maysville, Aroostook county;"
 H. R. 44. "Resolve in favor of plantation No. 4, range 1, in Penobscot county, known as Lakeville;"
 H. R. 48. "Resolve in favor of James G. Griffin;"
 H. R. 49. "Resolve in aid of road passing through township F, range 1, Aroostook county;"

Which were each finally passed in concurrence.

And these several bills and resolves, having been signed by the President, and were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. BRACKETT,

The Senate resumed consideration of bill (H. R. 193) "an act to abolish the death penalty and to regulate the manner of applying for pardons in certain cases," under consideration at adjournment.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment proposed by Mr. Wheelwright, it was determined in the negative,

{ Yeas..... 12
 { Nays..... 18

* On motion by Mr. WHEELWRIGHT, *399.

The yeas and nays being desired^d by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Brackett,	Carney,	Donworth,
Estes,	Hinckley,	Lord,
Talbot,	Thurlough,	Tolman,
Watts,	Wentworth,	Wheelwright—12

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Baker,	Brown, I. S.,	Brown, S. O.,
French,	Gray,	Haskell,
Jordan,	Kyes,	Peaks,

Messrs. Prescott,	Stevens,	Sturgis,
Swasey,	Thompson,	Wadsworth,
Webb,	White,	Woodbury—18.

So the amendment was disagreed to.

On the question of passing the bill to be engrossed it was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 18
Nays..... 11

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Baker,	Brown, I. S.,	Brown, S. O.,
French	Gray,	Haskell,
Jordan,	Kyes,	Peaks,
Prescott,	Stevens,	Sturgis,
Swasey,	Thompson,	Wadsworth,
Webb,	White,	Woodbury—18.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Brackett,	Carney,	Estes,
Hinckley,	Lord,	Talbot,
Thurlough,	Tolman,	Watts,
Wentworth,	Wheelwright—11.	

So the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by WADSWORTH,

H. R. 55. "An act to incorporate the Ellsworth Marine Insurance Company," was taken from the table, and

On motion by the same Senator,

*400 *The Senate non-concurred with the House in the passage of the bill to be engrossed, and

Resolved, That the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

H. R. 203. "An act additional to chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to elections," was taken from the table and read a second time, the rules being suspended.

House amendment "A" was agreed to, to amend by striking out sections 2 and 3, as follows :

SECT. 2. *In cities containing one thousand and more qualified voters, the aldermen shall be in session any day of election when a list*

of voters is required, at some convenient place, from nine o'clock in the forenoon to four o'clock in the afternoon, or during such time as the polls are kept open, for the purpose of correcting any clerical errors in said lists, and of adding thereto any name previously on said lists and that may have been omitted in revising and correcting the same; and may give a certificate to any person whose name has been omitted in correcting and revising said lists, as aforesaid, directed to the warden of the ward in which said person is entitled to vote; and said warden, upon receipt of such certificate, shall correct the list in accordance therewith; but no names except such as are specified in this section shall be added to said lists after five o'clock in the afternoon of the secular day preceding the day of election by certificate or otherwise.

SECT. 3. *For the purposes of the preceding sections, three aldermen shall be a quorum. Notice of the times and places of all sessions, required by the preceding sections, shall be given in the warrant for calling the ward meetings.*

The bill as amended passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

S. 61. "An act regulating the rate of interest," was taken from table, and

On motion by the same Senator,

Ordered, That it lie on the table, that Tuesday next at half-past 10 o'clock A. M., be assigned for its consideration, and that the final vote be taken thereon at one o'clock P. M. of that day.

On motion by Mr. BRACKETT,

S. 29. "Resolve to provide for the uniforming of the enlisted men of the Maine volunteer militia, and for other military purposes," was taken from the table, and after discussion,

On motion by Mr. PEAKS,

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and that to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M., be assigned for its consideration.

On motion by Mr. WEBB, at 12 o'clock M.,

*The Senate adjourned.

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SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. CURTIS of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Papers from the House :

Report of the Committee on Education, on sundry petitions, and an order relating to the repeal of the act establishing free high schools, that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Report of the same Committee, on certain remonstrances, relating to the establishment of a normal school at North Bridgton, that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Change of Names, on the petition of W. L. Daggett and others, submitting bill (H. R. 206) "an act to amend chapter 45 of the special laws of 1872, relating to the New Portland Camp-meeting Association ;"

*402 Report of the Committee on Commerce, on the petition *of James E. Black and others, submitting bill (H. R. 210) "an act to prevent the throwing of coal tar, gas water, or other residuum or waste matter arising from the manufacture of gas, into the waters of the Saco river ;"

Were accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and Monday assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill (S. 56) "an act to make available the school fund of the inhabitants of Bowerbank, an unincorporated place in the county of Piscataquis," that the same ought to pass, was accepted, the bill read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order, submitting bill (H. R. 211) "an act to amend section 87 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to evidence ;"

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to amending section 1 of chapter 91 of the public laws of 1873, relating to

appeals, submitting (H. R. 212) "an act in relation to appeals from county commissioners;"

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of the inhabitants of Frenchville, Fort Kent and Madawaska, relating to settlers on proprietors' lands, submitting (H. R. 58) "resolve relating to claims of settlers on proprietors' lands;"

Were severally accepted in concurrence, the bills and resolve each read once, and Monday assigned for their second reading.

* Report of the same Committee, on the Governor's Mes- *408 sage, and the report of the Land Office Commission, submitting bill (H. R. 213) "an act relating to the appointment of Land Agent and his duties," was accepted, the bill read twice, the rules being suspended.

House amendment "A," to amend by inserting after the word "agent," in the third line, the words "and fix his compensation," was agreed to, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

H. R. 216. "An act to amend an act entitled 'an act to supply the cities of Lewiston and Auburn with pure water,'" introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

S. 54. "An act to regulate dividends of savings banks," came from the House, and that branch insists upon its vote indefinitely postponing the bill, and concurs in the proposed Committee of Conference, and appoints

Messrs. Rogers of Bath,
Martin of Camden,
Anderson of Portland,

conferees on its part.

H. R. 214. Bill "an act relating to the taxation of insurance companies," introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read once and Monday assigned for its second reading.

H. R. 215. Bill "an act additional to chapter 223 of the public laws of 1871, regulating railroad corporations," introduced in the

House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read once and Tuesday next assigned for its second reading.

*404 * On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

Ordered, That the Secretary publish for the use of the Senate, the calendar of Senate business, daily, until the close of the present session.

On motion by Mr. JORDAN,

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

S. 35. "Resolve in aid of the road through Dunn's notch in Oxford county," was read once and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Mr. HINCKLEY, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, on an order relating to fixing the salaries of State officers, reported (S. 36) "resolve relating to salaries of State officers."

The same Senator, from the same Committee, to whom was referred (S. 32) "resolve fixing the number of the Bank Examiner's reports to be printed annually hereafter at the expense of the State," reported that the same ought to pass.

These reports were accepted, and the resolves each laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Education, on bill (S. 39) "an act to extend the powers of school districts," reported the same subject in a new draft, under title of "an act to amend chapter 229 of the public laws of 1874, entitled 'an act further to extend the powers of school districts.'"

The report was accepted and the bill read twice, the rules being suspended.

The same Senator proposed an amendment to amend by striking out all after the enacting clause, and insert the following :

SECT. 1. *Chapter 229 of the public laws of the year 1874, entitled. "an act further to extend the powers of school districts," is hereby repealed.*

The amendment was agreed to, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

* Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Fisheries, sub- *405
mitted final report of said Committee, that they had acted
upon all matters referred to them.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted
a similar report.

The reports were accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading report the fol-
lowing bill :

S. 74. "An act repealing chapter 44 of the public laws of
1872, and chapter 214 of the public laws of 1874," which was
read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bills :

H. R. 201. "An act explanatory of an act additional for the
assessment and collection of taxes, approved February 29, 1871 ;"

H. R. 202. "An act to legalize the doings of district No. 4
in the town of Westport ;"

H. R. 204. "An act to increase the authority of the Judge
of Probate in Somerset county for a certain purpose ;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed
in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bill :

H. R. 205. "An act to amend section 36 of chapter 18 of the
revised statutes, relating to ways," which was read a second
time, pending House amendments "A" and "B," (amendment
"B," amends the title by striking out "36" and inserting in-
stead "39,")

On motion by Mr. KYES,

Ordered, That the bill lie on the table and that Tuesday next
be assigned for its consideration.

* The same Committee also reported the following bill : *406

H. R. 35. "An act to authorize Camden Village Corpor-
ation to build a hall," which was read a second time, and

On motion by Mr. WOODBURY,

That the bill be indefinitely postponed, it was determined in
the negative, { Yeas 6
Nays..... 18

On motion by Mr. BROWN of Piscataquis,
The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Carney,	Donworth,	French,
Kyes,	Wheelwright,	Woodbury—6.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Baker,	Brackett,	Brown, I. S.,
Brown, S. O.,	Estes,	Gray,
Haskell,	Hinckley,	Jordan,
Lord,	Peaks,	Prescott,
Stevens,	Talbot,	Tolman,
Wadsworth,	Wentworth	White—18.

So the motion was disagreed to, and the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bill :

H. R. 203. "An act additional to chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to elections," which was passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following resolve :

H. R. 2. "Resolve in favor of Joseph Granger," which was finally passed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WADSWORTH,

H. R. 20. "Resolve for the appointment of a commission *407 to reconstruct the savings bank law," was *taken from the table and finally passed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

The following resolves were taken from the table and finally passed in concurrence :

H. R. 22. "Resolve in aid of building a bridge over Savage stream in St. Francis plantation ;"

H. R. 23. "Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey to Enoch Hall a lot of land in Lyndon ;

And the foregoing bill and resolves, having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

H. R. 27. "An act to incorporate the Hibernian Society of Biddeford," was taken from the table, and

Resolved, That it be indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by the same Senator,

H. R. 153. "An act to amend chapter 51, section 51, of the revised statutes, relative to railroads," was taken from the table, read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by the same Senator,

The following bill was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed in concurrence :

H. R. 76. "An act to provide for securing the rights of mortgage bondholders."

On motion by the same Senator,

H. R. 101. "An act to incorporate the town of Kossuth in the county of Washington," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

* On motion by Mr. PEAKS,

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S. 29. "Resolve to provide for the uniforming of the enlisted men of the Maine Volunteer Militia, and for other military purposes," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Mr. Smith, its Clerk, requesting a return to that branch of bill (H. R. 147) "an act authorizing Samuel N. McFarland and associates to erect a wharf in the tide waters of Frenchman's bay in the town of Hancock.

On motion by Mr. BROWN of Piscataquis,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor requesting the return to the Senate of the foregoing bill, and also of bill (S. 3) "an act authorizing Monroe Young to extend his wharf into tide waters in Jordan river in the town of Trenton."

The message was conveyed by the Secretary, and in response thereto the bills were returned to the Senate.

Ordered, That the bill (H. R. 147) authorizing Samuel N. McFarland and associates to erect a wharf in Frenchman's bay, be sent to the House.

On motion by Mr. BROWN of Piscataquis,

The vote was reconsidered whereby the Senate passed to be enacted the bill (S. 3) authorizing Monroe Young to extend his wharf in Jordan river, and

Resolved, That the said bill be indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

*409 *Papers from the House :

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, submitting the following resolves :

H. R. 59. "Resolve in aid of the Maine General Hospital at Portland ;"

H. R. 60. "Resolve in aid of the Maine General Homœopathic Hospital ;"

Was accepted in concurrence and the resolves each read twice, the rules being suspended.

Mr. WHEELWRIGHT proposed an amendment to resolve (H. R. 59) in aid of the Maine General Hospital, as follows :

"Amend by adding the following: Provided, the trustees or directors shall so amend or change their by-laws that if any patient now in the hospital, or who may be hereafter, or who may wish to enter, shall be allowed to employ a Homœopathic physician should he desire so to do," and on the question of its adoption it was determined in

the negative, { Yeas 12
Nays 13

On motion by Mr. WHEELWRIGHT,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Brown, S. O.,	Donworth,	Estes,
Gray,	Hinckley,	Peaks,
Talbot,	Thurlough,	Tolman,
Watts,	Wentworth,	Wheelwright--12.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Brackett,	Brown, I. S.,	Carney,
French,	Haskell,	Jordan,

Messrs. Lord, Prescott, Stevens,
 Thompson, Wadsworth, White,
 Woodbury—13.

So the amendment was disagreed to, and the resolve (II. R. 59) in aid of the Maine General Hospital at Portland passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On the question of concurring with the House in the indefinite postponement of (H. R. 60) "resolve in aid of the Maine General Homœopathic Hospital," it was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 10
 Nays..... 15

On motion by Mr. WADSWORTH,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth * of the *410 Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Estes, Hinckley, Jordan,
 Lord, Prescott, Talbot,
 Tolman, Watts, Wentworth,
 Wheelwright—10.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Brackett, Brown, I. S., Brown, S. O.,
 Carney, Donworth, French,
 Gray, Haskell, Peaks,
 Stevens, Thompson, Thurlough,
 Wadsworth, White, Woodbury—15.

So the Senate non-concurred with the House, and the resolve passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

S. 1. "Resolve in aid of the town of Mount Chase, Penobscot county, was taken from the table and considered.

Mr. BROWN of Piscataquis, by unanimous consent, withdrew amendment "B," and the resolve passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

II. R. 3. "Resolve in favor of roads passing through the Indian township in Washington county," was taken from the table.

The vote was reconsidered whereby the Senate agreed to

amendment "A," striking out the word "two" and inserting "four."

The question returning on the adoption of the amendment, it was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 9
Nays..... 10

On motion by Mr. TALBOT,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Brackett,	Haskell,	Hinckley,
Talbot,	Tolman,	Wadsworth,
Watts,	Wentworth,	White—9.

*411 * Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Baker,	Carney,	Estes,
Gray,	Jordan,	Lord,
Prescott,	Thompson,	Wheelwright,
Woodbury—10.		

So the amendment was disagreed to.

Mr. TOLMAN proposed to amend by striking out the word "two" in the first line of the resolve and insert "three," and on the question of its adoption, it was determined in the negative.

The resolve passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

Bill (H. R. 177) "an act to authorize the formation of railroad corporations," was taken from the table.

The several House amendments were agreed to, so that the bill, as amended, is as follows :

(House Printed Document No. 87.)

An act to authorize the formation of railroad corporations.

Be it enacted, etc. :

SECTION 1. Any number of persons not less than ten, a majority of whom shall be citizens of this state, may form a company for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating a railroad for public use in the conveyance of persons and property within this state, and for that purpose may make and sign articles of association in which shall be stated the name of the company, the gauge of the road, the places from which and to which the road

is to be constructed, maintained and operated, the length of such road, as near as may be, and the name of each town and county in this state through which or into which it is to be made; the amount of capital stock of the company, which shall not be less than six thousand dollars for every mile of road proposed to be constructed of the guage of four feet eight and a half inches, nor less than three thousand dollars per mile for any narrower guage, and the number of shares of which said capital stock shall consist, and the names and places of residence of at least five persons, a majority of whom shall be citizens of this state, who shall act as directors of the proposed company, and shall manage its affairs until others are chosen in their places. Each subscriber to such articles of association shall subscribe thereto his name, place of residence, and the number of shares of stock he agrees to take in said company.

SECT. 2. Said articles of association shall not be filed and recorded in the manner provided in section three of this act, until the capital stock named in section one has been subscribed thereto, in good faith, by responsible parties, and five per cent. paid thereon in cash to the directors named in said articles of association, nor until there is endorsed thereon or annexed thereto, an affidavit made by a majority of the directors named in said articles, that the amount of stock required by this section has been in good faith subscribed, and five per cent. paid thereon in cash as aforesaid, and that it is intended in good faith to construct, maintain and operate the road mentioned in such articles of association, which affidavit shall be recorded with the articles of association as aforesaid.

SECT. 3. Whenever it shall be shown to the satisfaction of the board of railroad commissioners that all the provisions of sections one and two of this act have been complied with, said board shall endorse upon the articles of association a certificate of such fact and the approval of the board in writing. The secretary of state shall, upon the payment of the sum of twenty dollars to the use of the state, cause the same, with the endorsement thereon, to be recorded, and shall issue a certificate in the following form :

STATE OF MAINE.

Be it known that, whereas, [here the names of the subscribers to the articles of association to be inserted] have associated them-

selves together with the intention of forming a corporation under the name of [here the name of the corporation shall be inserted] for the purpose of building and operating a railroad between [here insert the description of the road contained in the articles of association] and have complied with the statutes of this state in such cases made and provided. Now, therefore, I, [here the name of the secretary to be inserted] secretary of the State of Maine, do hereby certify that said [names of subscribers] their associates and successors, are legally organized and established as an existing corporation under the name of [name of corporation] with the powers, rights and privileges, and subject to the limitations, duties and restrictions, which by law appertain thereto. Witness my official signature hereunto subscribed, and the seal of the State of Maine hereunto affixed, this —— day of ——, in the year of our Lord [day, month and year inserted.]

The secretary of state shall sign the same and cause the seal of the state to be thereto affixed, and such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the organization and establishment of such corporation at the date of such certificate. The secretary shall also cause a record of such certificate to be made, and a copy of such record duly certified may with like effect as the original certificate be given in evidence to prove the existence of such a corporation.

SECT. 4. The first meeting for the purpose of organizing such corporation, shall be called by a notice signed by five or more of the subscribers to such articles of association, stating the time, purpose and place of such meeting, a copy of which notice shall, seven days at least before the day appointed for such meeting, be given to each subscriber, or left at his usual place of business or place of residence, or deposited in post office, post paid, and addressed to him at his usual place of business or residence; and whoever gives notice, shall make affidavit of his doings, which shall be recorded in the records of the company.

SECT. 5. In case the capital stock of any company formed under this act is found to be insufficient for constructing and operating its road, such company may increase its capital stock from time to time to any amount for the purposes aforesaid. Such increase must be sanctioned by a vote in person or by proxy of two-thirds in amount of all the stockholders of the company,

at a meeting of said stockholders called by the directors of the company for that purpose.

SECT. 6. Every corporation organized under this act, before commencing the construction of its road, shall present to the board of railroad commissioners a petition for approval of location, accompanied with a map of the proposed route on an appropriate scale, and with a profile of the line on a vertical scale of ten to one compared with the horizontal scale, and with a report and estimate prepared by a skillful engineer from actual survey. The board of railroad commissioners shall, on presentation of such petition, appoint a day for a hearing thereon, and the petitioners shall give such notice thereof as said board shall deem reasonable and proper, in order that all persons interested may have an opportunity to appear and object thereto. If the board of railroad commissioners, after hearing the petition, shall approve the proposed location, and that the public convenience requires the construction of such road, the corporation may proceed with the construction of their road; *provided*, they shall first file with the clerk of the court of county commissioners of each county through which the road passes, a plan of the location of the road, defining its courses, distances and boundaries, and another copy of the same with the board of railroad commissioners; but the location so filed shall not vary, except to avoid expense of construction, from the route first presented to said board of commissioners, unless said variation shall be approved by them. And said location, together with any variation that be made therein, shall be filed within two years from the time when the articles of association are filed in the office of secretary of state.

Provided further, That no railroad shall be made across tide waters where vessels can navigate, without special permission of the legislature first obtained.

SECT. 7. If any corporation formed under this act, shall not within three years after its articles of association are filed and recorded in the office of the secretary of state, begin the construction of its road and expend thereon ten per cent. of the amount of its capital, its corporate existence and power shall cease.

SECT. 8. Every corporation organized under this act shall within one year after any part of their road has been constructed and opened for operation, cause to be made a map and profile

thereof, and of the land taken or obtained for the use thereof, and file the same in the office of the secretary of state; and also like maps of the parts thereof located in different counties, and file the same in the offices for recording deeds in the county in which such parts of roads shall be. Every such map shall be drawn on a scale and on paper to be designated by the board of railroad commissioners, and certified and signed by the president and engineer of the corporation.

SECT. 9. Said corporation shall have the right to establish and collect such tolls for the transportation of persons and freight over its road as the directors shall deem fair and reasonable, and have a lien on its freight therefor, but upon what shall at any time be deemed by the railroad commissioners a sufficient complaint, by interested and responsible parties, that the tolls are unreasonably high, they may revise and establish them, after due notice and hearing, for a time not exceeding one year. And the commissioners before directing said hearing shall give opportunity to the company complained of to reply to the charge made against it.

SECT. 10. The compensation to the railroad commissioners shall be five dollars per day for each and every day while on actual duty, to be paid by the state, and their bills for such services shall be audited and approved by the governor and council before being paid.

The foregoing bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WOODBURY,

H. R. 188. "An act to amend chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on buildings and lots," was taken from the table.

House amendment "A" to amend by striking out section 2, to wit:

SECT. 2. "*This act shall take effect when approved,*" was agreed to.

The Senate non-concurred with the House in the passage of the bill to be engrossed, and

Resolved, That it be indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. DONWORTH,

S. 10. "Resolve in favor of J. W. Hines," was taken from the table, and

* *Resolved*, That the Senate insists upon its vote passing *412
the resolve to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BRACKETT, at 1 o'clock P. M.

The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. QUINBY of Augusta.

The Journal of Saturday was read.

Papers from the House:

Report of the Committee on Education, on an order relating to amending the law relating to the appointment of trustees from the normal schools, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on Temperance, on bill (H. R. 199) "an act to amend chapter 152 of the public laws of 1873, relating to nuisances," that the same ought not to pass;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, on an order, *sub- *413
mitting bill (H. R. 217) "an act additional to chapter 11 of the revised statutes, relating to the lists of scholars required to be returned by school agents and school committees," (House Print. Doc. 130), was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill (S. 19) "an act to amend chapter 172 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the security of life on steam vessels on inland waters," with the same in a new draft, and that it ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read twice, the rules being suspended.

The Senate non-concurred with the House in passing the bill to be engrossed, and

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,
Resolved, That the bill be indefinitely postponed.
 Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, submitting bill (H. R. 218) "an act relative to bail in criminal cases;"

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to authorizing the Governor and Council to audit and pay all claims for bounties on wild animals, submitting bill (H. R. 219) "an act to amend section 7 of chapter 30 of the revised statutes, relating to bounty on wild animals;"

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on an order relating to imprisonment for debt and imprisonment under the bastardy act, submitting bill (H. R. 220) "an act additional to, and amendatory of section 55, chapter 113 of the revised statutes, relating to the support of debtors in jail;"

*414 * Were severally accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, submitting (H. R. 61) "resolve in favor of the Military and Naval Asylum at Bath," (House Print. Doc. 83,) was accepted in concurrence, the resolve read twice, the rules being suspended.

Mr. PEAKS proposed an amendment marked "C," to amend House amendment "A" by striking out the word "six" and insert the word "eight," which was agreed to.

House amendment "A" as amended was agreed to.

House amendment "B," to amend by striking out all after the word "Bath" in the third line of the printed resolve, (House Print. Doc. 83) was agreed to, and the resolve as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of James Phair, for a deed of a lot of land, submitting (H. R. 62) "resolve in favor of James Phair," was accepted in concurrence, the resolve read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Claims, submitting (H. R. 221) "an act to repeal the bounty on bears," was accepted, the bill

read twice, the rules being suspended, and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on the petition of the Selectmen of Lubec, for reimbursement of money paid the State, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, came from the House amended by striking out the words "*petitioners have leave to withdraw,*" and inserting "*petition be referred to the Governor and Council,*" and accepted.

The amendment was agreed to and the report accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Commerce, on the petition *of *415 John H. Stimson, for the incorporation of the Sullivan Bridge Company, that the same be referred to the next Legislature, was accepted in concurrence.

II. R. 222. Bill "an act to extend the time for the location and completion of the Somerset Railroad," introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

II. R. 63. "Resolve in relation to bounties on wild animals," introduced in the House, and indefinitely postponed by that branch, was read twice and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

S. 5. "Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual," which had been passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House amended per sheet "A," by striking out all after the words "*eight vo,*" in the fifth line, to the word "*one*" in the sixth line, and insert the words "*suitable for binding with the documents,*" and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The Senate receded, agreed to the amendment, and passed the resolve, as amended, to be engrossed in concurrence.

S. 24. "Resolve to more fully perfect the records of the Adjutant General's office, and to encourage the writing of regimental histories of Maine troops in the war of 1861," (Senate Printed Doc. 48) which had been passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House amended per sheet "A," by striking out all after the word "*that*" in the tenth line and inserting

"such sum be paid as the Governor and Council may deem necessary," and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The Senate receded, agreed to the amendment, and passed the resolve to be engrossed in concurrence.

*416 *S. 23. "An act authorizing Charles W. Howard to dredge bars and navigate Rangely lake by steam," which had been passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House amended per sheets "B" and "C," as follows:

"B," by striking out the word "ten" in the first section and insert instead the word "five."

"C," by adding to section 6: "Provided that nothing in this act shall give any right to interfere with the driving and rafting of logs across said lake or streams adjacent thereto, and that the Legislature shall have the right at any time to repeal this act," and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The Senate receded, agreed to the several amendments, and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

S. 16. "Resolve in favor of the State road between Kingsbury Mills and Blanchard, in Piscataquis county," which had been passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House indefinitely postponed by that branch, and

On motion by Mr. BROWN of Piscataquis,

Resolved, That the Senate insists upon its former vote, and proposes a Committee of Conference, and

Messrs. Brown of Piscataquis,
Peaks of Penobscot,
Estes of Waldo,

were appointed conferees on its part.

Sent down for concurrence.

H. R. 41. "An act to incorporate the Commercial Wharf Company," came from the House indefinitely postponed, pending its passage to be enacted, and was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

H. R. 60. "Resolve in aid of the Maine General Homœopathic Hospital," which had been passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House, and that branch adheres to its vote to indefinitely postpone the resolve.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

* II. R. 195. "An act to set off Bartlett's island from *417 the town of Mt. Desert to the town of Tremont, in Hancock county," came from the House, and that branch adheres to its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, and

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Resolved, That the Senate adheres to its vote to indefinitely postpone the bill.

S. 32. "Resolve fixing the number of the Bank Examiner's reports to be printed annually hereafter at the expense of the State;"

S. 36. "Resolve relating to salaries of State officers;"

Were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

On motion by Mr. JORDAN,

The vote was reconsidered whereby the Senate passed to be engrossed (S. 1) "resolve in aid of the town of Mt. Chase, Penobscot county," and

On motion by the same Senator,

Resolved, That the resolve be indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. TOLMAN,

S. 67. "An act to repeal an act entitled 'an act relating to armories for military companies,'" (Senate Print. Doc. No. 53,) was taken from the table and read a second time.

The same Senator proposed to amend by substituting bill (S. 67) "an act to repeal chapter 257 of the public laws of 1874, relating to armories for military companies."

The amendment was agreed to, the bill substituted was read twice and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. CARNEY,

* Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order *418 relating to toll on toll bridges, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was taken from the table and accepted in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to mileage of members of the Legislature, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was taken from the table and accepted.

On motion by Mr. PRESCOTT,

Report of same Committee, on an order relating to abolishing imprisonment for debt, and on bill (S. 93) "an act amendatory of and additional to chapter 113 of the revised statutes, in relation to poor debtors," that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was taken from the table and accepted.

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

Report of Committee on Banks and Banking, on (S. 17) "an act to incorporate the Berwick Savings Bank," that the same ought not to pass, was taken from the table and accepted.

The foregoing reports were sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. PRESCOTT,

S. 7. "An act to amend section 6 of chapter 115 of the revised statutes, regarding mileage of members of the Legislature," was taken from the table, and the Senate receded and concurred with the House in the indefinite postponement of the bill.

Mr. HINCKLEY, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, on an order relating to the size and number of certain reports *419 to be printed at the expense of the *State, reported (S. 37) "resolve relating to the number and size of certain reports."

The report was accepted, the resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. HASKELL, from the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches of the Legislature, on (H. R. 40) "resolve in favor of bridge across the Magalloway River," reported that the Committee were unable to agree with the Committee appointed on the part of the House, and ask to be discharged.

The report was accepted.

On motion by Mr. WADSWORTH,

Resolved, That the Senate propose a second Committee of Conference on the foregoing resolve (H. R. 40,) and

Messrs. Swasey of Oxford,
Thompson of York,
Hinckley of Hancock,

were appointed conferees on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following resolve and bills :

H. R. 58. "Resolve relating to claims of settlers on proprietors' lands ;"

H. R. 206. "An act to amend chapter 45 of the special laws of 1872, relating to the New Portland Camp-meeting Association ;"

H. R. 211. "An act to amend section 87 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to evidence ;"

H. R. 212. "An act in relation to appeals from county commissioners ;"

H. R. 214. "An act relating to the taxation of insurance companies ;"

* Which were each read a second time and passed to *420 be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following resolve :

S. 35. "Resolve in aid of the road through Dunn's notch in Oxford county," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bill :

H. R. 210. "An act to prevent the throwing of coal tar, gas water, or other residuum or waste matter arising from the manufacture of gas, into the waters of the Saco river," and pending its second reading,

On motion by Mr. CARNEY,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills :

S. 55. "An act to provide further remedies for collection of State taxes upon corporations ;"

S. 62. "An act to amend section 7, chapter 256 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the commitment of insane persons ;"

S. 63. "An act to amend sections 11 and 15 of chapter 59 of the revised statutes, relating to solemnization of marriages ;"

S. 64. "An act to set off a part of the town of Montville and annex the same to the town of Liberty ;"

S. 66. "An act to amend chapter 37, public laws of 1872, relating to foreclosure of mortgages on real estate ;"

- S. 68. "An act to amend chapter 29, section 3, of the public laws of 1869, concerning the militia;"
- *421 *S. 71. "An act to amend section 14 of chapter 142 of the revised statutes, relating to the Reform School;"
- H. R. 50. "An act to incorporate the Maine General Homœopathic Hospital;"
- H. R. 86. "An act for the protection of land-locked salmon trout and bass;"
- H. R. 135. "An act additional to chapter 69 of the revised statutes, relating to estates of deceased partners;"
- H. R. 139. "An act to amend chapter 61 of the revised statutes, in relation to the rights of married women;"
- H. R. 161. "An act to amend chapter 65 of the revised statutes, relating to the distribution of the estates of persons deceased out of the State;"
- H. R. 180. "An act to amend chapter 592 of the private laws of 1874, relating to the close-time for land-locked salmon, togue or trout in the St. Croix river and its tributaries;"
- H. R. 190. "An act to amend section 30, chapter 63 of the revised statutes, relating to fees;"
- H. R. 191. "An act to incorporate the town of Waite in the county of Washington;"
- H. R. 193. "An act to abolish the death penalty and to regulate the manner of applying for pardons in certain cases:"
- Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.
- The same Committee also reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following resolves:
- S. 26. "Resolve in favor of the State Reform School;"
- S. 34. "Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on the State Prison;"
- H. R. 37. "Resolve in aid of building a bridge over Gagnon stream in the town of Frenchville;"
- H. R. 39. "Resolve in aid of road in Frenchville;"
- *422 *H. R. 46. "Resolve providing for the payment of bounties on wild animals;"
- H. R. 47. "Resolve laying a tax on the several counties of the State;"
- H. R. 50. "Resolve in favor of Chapman plantation;"
- H. R. 51. "Resolve relating to bounty on wild animals;"
- H. R. 52. "Resolve in favor of John Ryan;"

H. R. 53. "Resolve in favor George W. Kalloch;"

Which were each finally passed in concurrence.

And these several bills and resolves, having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. HINCKLEY, at 4 o'clock P. M.,

The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ECOB of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Papers from the House:

Report of the Committee on Claims, on the petitions of sundry towns and plantations, submitting (H. R. 64) "resolve in favor of granting bounty on bears to certain towns and plantations;"

* Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, submitting *423 bill (H. R. 223) "an act relating to writs in municipal courts;"

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, submitting bill (H. R. 224) "an act to amend chapter 133 of the revised statutes, relative to commencement of prosecutions," (House Print. Doc. 134);

Were severally accepted, the resolve and bills each read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on an order relating to amending sections 13 and 14 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, submitting bill (H. R. 225) "an act to amend section 14 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to taxation of logs,"

(House Print. Doc. 82), was accepted in concurrence, the bill read twice, the rules being suspended, and

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, on an order, submitting bill (H. R. 229) "an act for the abolition of the office of Fish Commissioner," (House Print. Doc. 128), was accepted in concurrence, the bill read twice, the rules being suspended, and

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill (H. R. 51) "an act to regulate and limit municipal indebtedness," (House Print. Doc. 43), that the same be printed for the consideration of the Legislature, was accepted, the bill read once and referred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

*424 *The following bills introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules, to wit:

H. R. 226. "An act respecting the authority of the Saint Croix Gas Light Company;"

H. R. 227. "An act relating to written licenses or permits to cut timber and logs," (House Print. Doc. 132);

H. R. 228. "An act to repeal section 5, chapter 141 of the revised statutes, in relation to houses of correction;"

H. R. 230. "An act to amend an act entitled 'an act to abolish the death penalty and to regulate the manner of applying for pardons in certain cases, approved February 21, A. D. 1876;'"

H. R. 231. "An act to make valid the drawing of grand jurors for the county of Penobscot;"

Were each read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

S. 50. "An act to incorporate the Deer Isle and Sedgwick Horse Ferry Company," which had been passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House amended by striking out section 2, to wit:

SECT. 2. *Said corporation shall have the right to build and maintain on the shores of said ferry, such piers and abutments as may be needed to secure a convenient landing at all times of tide,* and passed to be engrossed.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

S. 16. "Resolve in favor of the State road between Kingsbury Mills and Blanchard, in Piscataquis county," came from the House with the Committee of Conference joined by that branch as follows:

Messrs. Porter of Burlington,
Smith of Auburn,
Parcher of Leeds.

H. R. 40. "Resolve in favor of bridge across the *Ma- *425 galloway river," came from the House, and that branch concurs in the proposition for a second Committee of Conference, and appoints

Messrs. Powers of Houlton,
Woodsum of Peru,
Chase of Bridgton,

conferees on its part.

H. R. 147. "An act authorizing Samuel N. McFarland and his associates to erect a wharf in the tide waters of Frenchman's bay in the town of Hancock," came from the House indefinitely postponed.

The Senate receded, and

Resolved, That the bill be indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

S. 10. "Resolve in favor of J. W. Hines," (Senate Print. Doc. 22), came from the House, and that branch insists upon its vote indefinitely postponing the resolve, and proposes a Committee of Conference, and appoints

Messrs. Powers of Houlton,
Porter of Burlington,
Hayford of Maysville,

conferees on its part, and

Resolved, That the Senate insists upon its vote passing the resolve to be engrossed, and concurs in the proposed Committee of Conference, and

Messrs. Donworth of Aroostook,
Jordan of Androscoggin,
White of Waldo,

were appointed conferees on the part of the Senate.

H. R. 188. "An act to amend chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on buildings and lots," (House Printed

*426 Doc. 94,) * came from the House, and that branch insists upon its vote passing the bill to be engrossed and proposes a Committee of Conference, and appoints

Messrs. Eastman of Saco,
Cleaves of Portland,
Chase of Bridgton,

conferees on its part, and

Resolved, That the Senate insists upon its vote to indefinitely postpone the bill, and concurs in the proposed Committee of Conference, and

Messrs. Woodbury of Kennebec,
Watts of Knox,
Wentworth of Washington,

were appointed conferees on the part of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. KYES,

S. 47. "An act to incorporate the Franklin Central Agricultural Society," was taken from the table, and

On motion by the same Senator,

Resolved, That the Senate insists upon its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, and proposes a Committee of Conference, and

Messrs. Kyes of Franklin,
Wadsworth of Oxford,
Sturgis of Androscoggin,

were appointed conferees on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the bill came back with the Committee of Conference appointed on the part of the House as follows:

Messrs. Keegan of Madawaska,
Lynch of Machias,
Thompson of Vassalborough.

* Mr. STURGIS presented (S. 33) "resolve in favor of *427 the Secretary of the Senate," which was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BRACKETT, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of Sylvanus Poor and others, reported (S. 75) "an act to incorporate the Lone Mountain Aqueduct Company of Andover, Oxford county."

The report was accepted, the bill read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. KYES, from the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches on (H. R. 36) "resolve in favor of Crystal plantation," reported that the Committee were unable to agree with the Committee appointed on the part of the House, and ask to be discharged.

The report was accepted.

Mr. BROWN of Piscataquis, from the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches on (S. 16) "resolve in favor of the State road between Kingsbury Mills and Blanchard, in Piscataquis county," reported the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the resolve read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. KYES, from the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches on bill (S. 52) * "an *428 act to repeal chapter 39 of the public laws of 1875, relating to civil actions," reported, recommending that the House recede and concur with the Senate.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WHEELWRIGHT, from the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches on bill (S. 54) "an act to regulate dividends of savings banks," reported that the Senate recede and concur with the House.

The report was accepted, the Senate receded, and the bill was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Mr. HINCKLEY, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, submitted final report of said Committee, that they had acted upon all matters referred to them.

Mr. PRESCOTT, from the Committee on Counties, submitted a similar report.

The same Senator, from the Committee on State Prison, submitted a similar report.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. THOMPSON,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor, requesting the return to the Senate of bill (II. R. 180) "an act to amend chapter 592 of the public [*private*] laws of 1874, relating to the close-time for land-locked salmon, togue or trout in the St. Croix river and its tributaries."

The message was conveyed by the Secretary, and in response thereto the bill was returned to the Senate, and

*429 * On motion by the same Senator,

The vote was reconsidered whereby the Senate passed the foregoing bill to be enacted, and

Resolved, That it be indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills:

II. R. 217. "An act additional to chapter 11 of the revised statutes, relating to the lists of scholars required to be returned by school agents and school committees;"

II. R. 218. "An act relative to bail in criminal cases;"

II. R. 219. "An act to amend section 7 of chapter 30 of the revised statutes, relating to bounty on wild animals;"

II. R. 220. "An act additional to and amendatory of section 55, chapter 113 of the revised statutes, relating to the support of debtors in jail;"

II. R. 222. "An act to extend the time for the location and completion of the Somerset Railroad;"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following resolve:

II. R. 62. "Resolve in favor of James Phair," which was read a second time.

House amendment "A" was agreed to, amend by striking out all after the words "*James Phair*," and insert instead, "*waiving further settling duties*," and the resolve passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following resolves:

S. 32. "Resolve fixing the number of the Bank Examiner's reports to be printed annually hereafter at the expense of the State;"

S. 37. "Resolve relating to the number and size of certain reports;"

* Which were each read a second time and passed to be *430 engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following resolve :

S. 36. "Resolve relating to salaries of State officers," which was read a second time.

Mr. PEAKS proposed amendment "A," amend in the seventh line by striking out "*thirteen*" and inserting "*fi/teen*."

Pending the adoption of the amendment,

On motion by the same Senator,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills :

S. 56. "An act to make available the school fund of the inhabitants of Bowerbank, an unincorporated place in Piscataquis county;"

S. 70. "An act additional to chapter 31 of the revised statutes, relating to factors, agents and warehouse-men;"

II. R. 35. "An act to authorize Camden Village Corporation to build a hall;"

II. R. 76. "An act to provide for securing the rights of mortgage bondholders;"

II. R. 133. "An act to repeal chapter 140 of the private and special laws of 1862, relating to the taking of salmon, shad and alewives in the waters of Pleasant river in Washington county;"

II. R. 153. "An act to amend chapter 51, section 51, of the revised statutes, relating to railroads;"

II. R. 177. "An act to authorize the formation of railroad corporations;"

II. R. 192. "An act to amend section 117 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to division of accounts;"

* II. R. 213. "An act relating to the appointment of *431 Land Agent and his duties;"

II. R. 216. "An act to amend an act entitled 'an act to supply the cities of Lewiston and Auburn with pure water;'"

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following resolves :

S. 6. "Resolve in favor of the State Centennial Commission ;"

S. 9. "Resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts ;"

S. 17. Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls ;"

S. 30. "Resolve in favor of Maine State Library ;"

H. R. 54. "Resolve in favor of the town of Sherman ;"

H. R. 55. "Resolve in favor of W. S. Evans ;"

H. R. 56. "Resolve in favor of W. N. Woodbury ;"

H. R. 57. "Resolve in favor of Robert Knox ;"

H. R. 59. "Resolve in aid of the Maine General Hospital at Portland ;"

Which were each finally passed in concurrence.

And these several bills and resolves, having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

The same Committee also reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bill :

H. R. 196. "An act relating to the settlement of public lands," and

On motion by Mr. BROWN of Piscataquis,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

*432 *The same Committee also reported the following resolve :

S. 29. "Resolve to provide for the uniforming of the enlisted men of the Maine volunteer militia, and for other military purposes," and

On motion by Mr. TOLMAN,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns it be to meet this afternoon at two o'clock.

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

H. R. 215. "An act additional to chapter 223 of the public laws of 1871, regulating railroad corporations," (House Printed Doc. 126), was taken from the table, read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of (S. 61) "an act regulating the rate of interest," specially assigned for half-past ten o'clock, and pending its consideration,

On motion by Mr. SWASEY, at 12 o'clock M.,

The Senate adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Papers from the House :

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on (H. R. 18) "resolve concerning an amendment to the Constitution of Maine," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the resolve *read twice, the rules being suspended, and *133

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

Ordered, That the resolve lie on the table.

Report of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, submitting (H. R. 65) "resolves approving the draft and arrangement of the Constitution of this State, as amended, made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, and providing for the enrolment of the same," was accepted, the resolves read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

H. R. 66. "Resolve authorizing a temporary loan;"

H. R. 67. "Resolve transferring the Granger Turnpike fund into the treasury;"

H. R. 232. Bill "an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1876, amounting to the sum of eight hundred forty-three thousand six hundred eight dollars and twenty-one cents;"

Severally introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, were each read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

H. R. 68. "Resolve appropriating one thousand dollars to defray expenses of the Governor and Staff in attending the Centennial Exposition," introduced in the House and refused a passage by that branch, was read, and

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

*434 H. R. 69. "Resolve in favor of Sprague, Owen & * Nash," was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs in concurrence.

H. R. 233. Bill "an act for the proper gradation of punishments," introduced in the House and indefinitely postponed by that branch, was read twice and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

S. 35. "Resolve in aid of the road through Dunn's notch, in Oxford county," passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House indefinitely postponed, and

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That the resolve be referred to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

S. 74. Bill "an act repealing chapter 44 of the public laws of 1872, and chapter 244 of the public laws of 1874," passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House indefinitely postponed, and

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Resolved, That the Senate insists upon its former vote, and proposes a Committee of Conference, and

Messrs. Wheelwright of Penobscot,

Kyes of Franklin,

Talbot of Washington,

were appointed conferees on its part.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently came back, and the House concurs in the proposed conference, and appoints

Messrs. Pike of Calais,

Anderson of Portland,

Powers of Houlton,

*435 * conferees on its part.

H. R. 61. "Resolve in favor of the Military and Naval Asylum at Bath," which was amended and passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House, and that branch insists upon its action in passing the resolve, and proposes a Committee of Conference, and appoints

Messrs. Rogers of Bath,

Talbot of East Machias,

Pike of Calais,

conferees on its part.

The Senate concurred in the proposed conference, and appointed
 Messrs. Peaks of Penobscot,
 Kyes of Franklin,
 Tolman of Hancock,
 conferees on its part.

On motion by Mr. BROWN of Piscataquis,
 The bill (H. R. 196) "an act relating to the settlement of the
 public lands," was taken from the table, and

On motion by the same Senator,
 The vote was reconsidered whereby the Senate passed the bill
 to be engrossed.

The same Senator proposed an amendment marked "A," which
 was agreed to, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed.
 Sent down for concurrence.

Papers from the House:

S. 38. "Resolve in favor of the Secretary of the Senate,"
 which had been passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from
 the House referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

* The Senate receded, and the resolve was referred in *436
 concurrence.

Report of the Committee of Conference, on the disagreeing
 votes of the two branches on (H. R. 188) "on act to amend chap-
 ter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on buildings and
 lots," that the Senate recede and concur with the House, and on
 the question of accepting the report, it was determined in the
 affirmative, { Yeas..... 20
 Nays..... 6

On motion by Mr. BRACKETT,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators
 present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Brackett,	Brown, S. O.,	Carney,
Donworth,	Estes,	Gray,
Hinckley,	Lord,	Peaks,
Swasey,	Talbot,	Thompson,
Thurlough,	Tolman,	Wadsworth,
Watts,	Webb,	Wentworth,
Wheelwright,	White—20.	

Those who voted in the negative are:

Messrs. Brown, I. S.,	French,	Haskell,
Kyes,	Prescott,	Woodbury—6.

So the report was accepted, and the Senate receded and concurred with the House in the passage of the bill to be engrossed as amended.

Mr. WHEELWRIGHT, from the Committee on Temperance, on an order relating to the sale of native wines and cider at or near fairs, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. H. Grace Cole and others, praying for the suppression of the retail sale of native wines and cider, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

*437 * The same Senator, from the same Committee, submitted final report of said Committee, that they had acted upon all matters referred to them.

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Education, submitted a similar report.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DONWORTH, from the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, on (S. 10) "resolve in favor of J. W. Hines," reported, recommending that the resolve be amended by striking out the words "*to Joseph W. Hines,*" and by adding to said resolve the words "*to the person or persons equitably entitled thereto.*"

The report was accepted, the Senate receded, the amendment was agreed to, and the resolve, as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate resumed consideration of (S. 61) "an act regulating the rate of interest," under discussion at adjournment.

On the question of passing the bill to be engrossed it was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 14
 { Nays..... 13

On motion by Mr. BRACKETT,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Donworth,	Jordan,	Kyes,
Lord,	Prescott,	Stevens,
Sturgis,	Swasey,	Thompson,
Thurlough,	Tolman,	Wadsworth,
Wentworth,	White—14.	

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Brackett,	Brown, I. S.,	Brown, S. O.,
Carney,	Estes,	French,
Gray,	Haskell,	Peaks,
Talbot,	Watts,	Webb,
Woodbury—13.		

* So the bill passed to be engrossed.

*438

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

S. 33. "Resolve relating to the pay of the officers of the State Prison," was taken from the table.

Mr. TOLMAN proposed to amend by striking out all after the third line.

The amendment was agreed to and the resolve, as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Mr. Smith, its Clerk, requesting the return to that branch of (S. 27) "resolve in favor of rebuilding bridge across East Branch of Forks of the Kennebec river in Somerset county," and

Ordered, That the Secretary transmit the foregoing resolve to the House.

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

H. R. 18. "Resolve concerning an amendment to the Constitution of Maine," was taken from the table.

On motion by Mr. WHEELWRIGHT,

That the resolve be indefinitely postponed, it was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas.....20
Nays..... 9

On motion by Mr. BRACKETT,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Brackett,	Brown, S. O.,	Carney,
Estes,	French,	Hinckley,
Jordan,	Kyes,	Lord,
Peaks,	Prescott,	Stevens,
Sturgis,	Swasey,	Thompson,
Thurlough,	Wadsworth,	Webb,
Wheelwright,	Woodbury—20.	

Those who voted in the negative are :

*439 * Messrs. Brown, I. S.,	Donworth,	Gray,
Haskell,	Talbot,	Tolman,
Watts,	Wentworth,	White—9.

So the resolve was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. PEAKS,

S. 36. "Resolve relating to salaries of State officers," was taken from the table.

On the question of agreeing to amendment "A," proposed by Mr. Peaks, it was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 16
Nays..... 14

On motion by Mr. TOLMAN,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Brackett,	Brown, S. O.,	Carney,
Donworth,	French;	Hinckley,
Lord,	Peaks,	Prescott,
Stevens,	Swasey,	Thompson,
Thurlough,	Wadsworth,	Webb,
Wheelwright—16.		

Those who voted in the negative are :

. Messrs. Baker,	Brown, I. S.,	Estes,
Gray,	Haskell,	Jordan,
Kyes,	Sturgis,	Talbot,
Tolman,	Watts,	Wentworth,
White,	Woodbury—14.	

So the amendment was agreed to and the resolve passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. CARNEY,
 H. R. 210. "An act to prevent the throwing of coal tar, gas water, or other residuum or waste matter arising from the manufacture of gas, into the waters of the Saco river," was taken from the table.

On motion by Mr. LORD,

* That the bill be referred to the next Legislature, it was *440 determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 17
 { Nays 8

On motion by Mr. WATTS,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Brown, S. O.,	Estes,	French,
Hinckley,	Jordan,	Lord,
Peaks,	Prescott,	Sturgis,
Talbot,	Thompson,	Thurlough,
Wadsworth,	Webb,	Wentworth,
Wheelwright,	Woodbury—17.	

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Baker,	Brackett,	Brown, I. S.,
Carney,	Gray,	Haskell,
Tolman,	Watts—8.	

So the bill was referred to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BRACKETT,

H. R. 229. "An act for the abolition of the office of Fish Commissioner," was taken from the table, and

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

That the bill be indefinitely postponed, it was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 18
 { Nays 10

On motion by Mr. TOLMAN,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Brown, S. O.,	Carney,	French,
Gray,	Haskell,	Hinckley,
Jordan,	Kyes,	Peaks,

Messrs. Prescott,	Sturgis,	Swasey,
Talbot,	Thurlough,	Wadsworth,
Webb,	Wentworth,	Wheelwright—18.

Those who voted in the negative are :

*441 *Messrs. Baker,	Brackett,	Brown, I. S.,
Donworth,	Lord,	Thompson,
Tolman,	Watts,	White,
Woodbury—10.		

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills :

II. R. 204. "An act to increase the authority of the Judge of Probate in Somerset county for a certain purpose ;"

II. R. 231. "An act to make valid the doings of the grand jurors for the county of Penobscot ;"

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. TOLMAN,

S. 29. "Resolve to provide for the uniforming of the enlisted men of Maine Volunteer Militia, and for other military purposes," was taken from the table and finally passed in concurrence.

And these bills and resolve, having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills also reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bill :

II. R. 200. "An act relating to insurance companies," and

On motion by Mr. LORD,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Subsequently, on motion by the same Senator,

The foregoing bill was taken from the table, and the vote where-by the Senate passed the bill to be engrossed was reconsidered.

The same Senator proposed an amendment marked "A," to amend section 3 by striking out all after the word "*invested*," in the sixth line, (of the engrossed bill) and inserting instead the words, "*as provided in section 5 of chapter 148 of acts of 1873*," also to amend section 4 by striking out the words, "*one-half of*," in the fourth line (of the bill as engrossed).

*The amendment was agreed to, and the bill as amended *412 passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. KYES, from the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, on bill (S. 47) "an act to incorporate the Franklin Central Agricultural Society," reported that the same ought to pass, and that the House recede and concur with the Senate.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. TOLMAN,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns it be to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Paper from the House:

H. R. 231. Bill "an act relating to tramps and vagrants," introduced in the House, amended and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read twice, the rules being suspended, the House amendment was agreed to, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. HASKELL, at 6 o'clock P. M.,

The Senate adjourned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary*.

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* WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1876.

Senate met according to adjournment, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DREW of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Papers from the House :

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, submitting the following resolves :

S. 38. "Resolve in favor of the Secretary of the Senate ;"

H. R. 69. "Resolve in favor of Sprague, Owen & Nash ;"

Were accepted in concurrence, the resolves each read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

H. R. 70. "Resolve providing for the publication and distribution of the Constitution as amended," introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

S. 10. "Resolve in favor of J. W. Hines," came from the House further amended as per sheet "B," by amending the title so as to read as follows : "*Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey lots number 41 and 17 in Chapman plantation,*" and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

S. 23. "Resolve in favor of Henry H. Haskell," came from the House amended per sheets "A" and "B," as follows :

"A," strike out the words "*two hundred and fifty,*" and insert the words "*two hundred.*"

"B," add the following : "*to be paid under the direction of the Governor and Council,*" and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

*444 *S. 37. "Resolve relating to the number and size of certain reports," came from the House amended per sheet "A," by striking out the words "*Bank Examiner's report two thousand,*" and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

S. 19. "An act to amend chapter 172 of the public laws of 1874, relating to security of life on steam vessels on inland waters," came from the House, and that branch insists upon its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, and proposes a Committee of Conference, and appoints

Messrs. Chase of Bridgton,
Shepherd of Skowhegan,
Kimball of Waterford,

conferees on its part, and

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

Resolved, That the Senate insists upon its vote to indefinitely postpone the bill, and concurs in the proposition for a conference, and appoints

Messrs. Haskell of Cumberland,
Brown of Piscataquis,
White of Waldo,

conferees on its part.

S. 61. "An act regulating the rate of interest," which had been passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House indefinitely postponed.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

S. 67. "An act to repeal chapter 257 of the public laws of 1874, relating to armories for military companies," which had been passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House indefinitely postponed, and

* On motion by Mr. TOLMAN,

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Resolved, That the Senate insists upon its former vote, and proposed a Committee of Conference, and

Messrs. Tolman of Hancock,
Brackett of York,
Kyes of Franklin,

were appointed conferees on its part.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently came back with the Committee of Conference joined by the House as follows:

Messrs. Stone of Biddeford,
Bass of Bangor,
Rolf of Princeton.

Mr. PRESCOTT presented (S. 39) "resolve fixing the number of the reports of the Warden of the State Prison to be printed annually hereafter at the expense of the State," which was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PEAKS, from the Committee of Conference, on the disagreeing votes of the two branches on (II. R. 61) "resolve in favor of the Military and Naval Asylum at Bath," reported, recommending that the resolve be amended per sheet "D," so as to appropriate "seven" thousand dollars for said institution.

The report was accepted, the Senate receded, agreed to the amendment, and the resolve as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee of Conference, on the disagreeing votes of the two branches on (II. R. 40) "resolve *446 in favor of bridge across the * Magalloway river," reported that the same be amended by striking out the word "eight," in the second line, and insert the word "five."

The report was accepted, the amendment agreed to, and the resolve as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of Mrs. John A. Winn," relating to the embezzlement of property of deceased persons, that the petitioner has leave to withdraw, was taken from the table and accepted in concurrence.

On motion by the same Senator,

II. R. 205. "An act to amend section 36 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to ways," (House Print. Doc. 124), was taken from the table.

House amendments "A" and "B" were agreed to, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by the same Senator,

II. R. 225. "An act to amend section 14 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to taxation of logs," was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. PEAKS,

II. R. 68. "Resolve appropriating one thousand dollars to

defray expenses of the Governor and Staff in attending the Centennial Exposition," was taken from the table and read a second time.

Mr. CARNEY proposed to amend by striking out the words "one thousand," and insert the words "two thousand."

The amendment was agreed to, the Senate non-concurred * with the House in refusing the resolve a passage, and on *447 the question of passing the resolve to be engrossed, it was

determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 20
 { Nays..... 4

On motion by Mr. TOLMAN,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Baker,	Brown, I. S.,	Brown, S. O.,
Carney,	Donworth,	Gray,
Haskell,	Hinckley,	Jordan,
Kyes,	Lord,	Peaks,
Stevens,	Sturgis,	Swasey,
Talbot,	Thompson,	Thurlough,
Wadsworth,	Webb—20.	

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Estes,	Tolman,	Watts,
White—4.		

So the resolve passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. KYES, from the Committee of Conference, on the disagreeing votes of the two branches on bill (S. 74) "an act repealing chapter 44 of the public laws of 1872, and chapter 244 of the public laws of 1874," reported, recommending that the House recede and concur with the Senate in the passage of the bill to be engrossed.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently came back concurred.

Papers from the House :

Report of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, submitting (H. R. 235) "an act to authorize the formation of tele-

graph companies," was accepted, the bill read twice, the rules being suspended, and referred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

*448 *S. 36. "Resolve relating to salaries of State officers," (Senate Print. Doc. 67), which had been amended per sheet "A" and passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House with the Senate amendment "A" rejected and the resolve passed to be engrossed.

The Senate recessed from its vote passing the resolve to be engrossed.

Mr. STEVENS proposed an amendment marked "B," to amend by striking out the words "*six hundred*," in the fourth line, and insert instead the words "*ten hundred*," and on the question of its adoption it was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas. 17
Nays 8

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Brackett,	Brown, S. O.,	Carney,
French,	Gray,	Hinckley,
Jordan,	Lord,	Peaks,
Prescott,	Stevens,	Swasey,
Thompson,	Thurlough,	Tolman,
Wadsworth,	Webb—17.	

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Baker,	Brown, I. S.,	Donworth,
Estes,	Haskell,	Talbot,
Watts,	White—8.	

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. PEAKS,

Resolved, That the Senate insists upon its vote adopting amendment "A" to the foregoing resolve.

And the said resolve, (S. 36,) as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

H. R. 229. "An act for the abolition of the office of Fish Commissioner," came from the House, and that branch insists

upon its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, and proposes a Committee of Conference, and appoints

* Messrs. Haynes of Augusta, *449
 Martin of Camden,
 Haskell of Deer Isle,

conferees on its part, and

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

Resolved, That the Senate insists upon its vote to indefinitely postpone the bill and concurs in the proposed conference, and

Messrs. Swasey of Oxford,
 Haskell of Cumberland,
 Hinckley of Hancock,

were appointed conferees on the part of the Senate.

H. R. 210. "An act to prevent the throwing of coal tar, gas water, or other residuum or waste matter arising from the manufacture of gas, into the waters of the Saco river," came from the House, and that branch insists upon its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, and proposes a Committee of Conference, and appoints

Messrs. Stone of Biddeford,
 Blaisdell of Franklin,
 Martin of Camden,

conferees on its part, and

On motion by Mr. LORD,

Resolved, That the Senate adheres to its vote referring the bill to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently came back, and the House adheres.

H. R. 18. "Resolve concerning an amendment to the Constitution of Maine," came from the House, and that branch adheres to its vote passing the resolve to be engrossed, and

* On motion by Mr. KYES, *450

Resolved, That the Senate adheres to its vote to indefinitely postpone the resolve.

On motion by Mr. DONWORTH,

Ordered, That the Librarian be directed to furnish the town of Haynesville one copy of the revised statutes, and one copy of the acts and resolves for each year subsequent to the revision of the statutes, and the digests of Maine with the reports of the State

of Maine not embraced in the digests, and one Bible, if such books can be spared from the library.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills:

S. 23. "An act authorizing Charles W. Howard to dredge bars and navigate Rangely lake by steam;"

S. 38. "An act amendatory of chapter 124 of the public laws of the year 1873, in aid of free high schools;"

S. 39. "An act to amend chapter 229 of the public laws of 1874, entitled an act further to extend the powers of school districts;"

H. R. 201. "An act explanatory of an act additional for the assessment and collection of taxes, approved February 27, 1871;"

H. R. 202. "An act to legalize the doings of district No. 4 in the town of Westport;"

H. R. 206. "An act to amend chapter 45 of the special laws of 1872, relating to the New Portland Camp-meeting Association;"

H. R. 211. "An act to amend section 87 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to evidence;"

*451 *H. R. 212. "An act in relation to appeals from county commissioners;"

H. R. 214. "An act relating to the taxation of insurance companies;"

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following resolves:

S. 5. "Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual;"

S. 24. "Resolve to more fully perfect the records of the Adjutant General's office, and to encourage the writing of regimental histories of Maine troops in the war of 1861;"

H. R. 58. "Resolve relating to claims of settlers on proprietor's lands;"

Which were each finally passed in concurrence.

And these several bills and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. CARNEY, at 12 o'clock M., the Senate took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

Two o'clock P. M.

Papers from the House :

H. R. 68. "Resolve appropriating one thousand dollars to defray expenses of the Governor and Staff in attending the Centennial Exposition," came from the House, and that branch insists upon its vote refusing the resolve a passage, and proposes a Committee of Conference, and appoints

Messrs. Pike of Calais,
Talbot of East Machias,
* Rogers of Bath,

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conferees on its part, and

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Resolved, That the Senate insists upon its vote passing the resolve to be engrossed, and concurs in the proposed conference, and

Messrs. Swasey of Oxford,
Haskell of Cumberland,
Donworth of Aroostook,

were appointed conferees on the part of the Senate.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee of Conference, on the disagreeing votes of the two branches on bill (H. R. 229) "an act for the abolition of the office of Fish Commissioner," reported that the Committee were unable to agree with the Committee appointed on the part of the House, and ask to be discharged.

The report was accepted, and

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

Resolved, That the Senate adheres.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently came back, and the House adheres.

Papers from the House :

Report of the Committee on Insane Hospital, on an order, submitting (H. R. 10) "resolve in favor of Maine Insane Hospital," was accepted, the resolve read twice, the rules being suspended, and refused a passage in concurrence.

Subsequently, on motion by Mr. WENTWORTH,

The foregoing vote was reconsidered.

The Senate non-concurred with the House, and the resolve was passed to be engrossed.

* Sent down for concurrence.

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Report of the Committee of Conference, on the disagreeing votes of the two branches on bill (S. 19) "an act to amend chapter 172 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the security of life on steam vessels on inland waters," submitting the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass, was accepted, the bill read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. TOLMAN, from Committee of Conference, on the disagreeing votes of the two branches on bill (S. 67) "an act to repeal chapter 257 of the public laws of 1874, relating to armories for military companies," reported that the Committee were unable to agree with the Committee appointed on the part of the House, and ask to be discharged.

The report was accepted, and

Resolved, That the Senate adheres.

On motion by Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That the Committee on Financial Affairs be directed to reduce the appropriation for the support and maintenance of fish wardens and fish commissioners for the current year to two thousand dollars.

Sent down for concurrence.

Papers from the House :

H. R. 71. "Resolve providing for the expenses of George H. Thayer," introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, * was read twice, the rules being suspended.

Mr. HINCKLEY proposed to amend by striking out the word "board."

The amendment was agreed to and the resolve passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

H. R. 72. "Resolve providing for the expenses of H. M. Tyler of Thomaston," introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee of Conference, on the disagreeing votes of the two branches on (H. R. 68) "resolve appropriating one (two) thousand dollars to defray expenses of the Governor and Staff in attending the Centennial Exposition," recommending

that the resolve pass as amended by the Senate, making the appropriation *two thousand dollars*, came from the House accepted, and the resolve as amended passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and on the question of accepting the report in concurrence it was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas.....20
Nays 3

On motion by Mr. TOLMAN,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Baker,	Brackett,	Brown, I. S.,
Brown, S. O.,	Carney,	Donworth,
Estes,	Gray,	Haskell,
Jordan,	Kyes,	Lord,
Peaks,	Stevens,	Swasey,
Thompson,	Thurlough,	Webb,
Wentworth,	Woodbury—20.	

Those who voted in the negative are:

Messrs. Talbot,	Tolman,	Watts—3.
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* So the report was accepted in concurrence. *455

S. 33. "Resolve relating to the pay of the officers of the State Prison," came from the House with Senate amendment "A" rejected, the resolve amended per sheet "B," and passed to be engrossed, and

On the question of receding and concurring with the House, it was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 9
Nays..... 18

On motion by Mr. PEAKS,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Baker,	Brown, I. S.,	Estes,
Gray,	Haskell,	Kyes,
Swasey,	Wentworth,	Woodbury—9.

Those who voted in the negative are:

Messrs. Brackett,	Brown, S. O.,	Carney,
Donworth,	French,	Hinckley,
Jordan,	Lord,	Peaks,
Prescott,	Stevens,	Thompson,

Messrs. Thurlough, Tolman, Wadsworth,
Watts, Webb, White—18.

So the Senate refused to recede and concur with the House.

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

That the Senate insist upon its former vote and propose
a Committee of Conference, it was determined in the nega-

tive, { Yeas..... 13
 { Nays..... 13

On motion by Mr. BRACKETT,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators
present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Baker, Brown, I. S., Donworth,
Estes, Gray, Haskell,
Hinckley, Swasey, Tolman,
Wadsworth, Watts, White,
Woodbury—13.

*456 * Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Brackett, Brown, S. O., Carney,
French, Kyes, Lord,
Peaks, Prescott, Stevens,
Thompson, Thurlough, Webb,
Wentworth—13.

So the motion was disagreed to.

Subsequently, on motion by Mr STEVENS,

The foregoing vote was reconsidered, and

Resolved, That the Senate insists upon its former vote on the
foregoing resolve, and proposes a Committee of Conference, and

Messrs. Stevens of Somerset,
Brackett of York,
Prescott of Somerset,

were appointed conferees on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently came back with conferees appointed on the part
the House as follows :

Messrs. Shepherd of Skowhegan,
Dutton of Lewiston,
True of Portland,

Mr. STEVENS, from the foregoing Committee of Conference,

subsequently reported, recommending that the resolve be amended as per sheet "C," and that it ought to pass as amended.

The report was accepted, the Senate receded, agreed to the amendment "C," and passed the resolve to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came back concurred.

Papers from the House :

Reports of the Committee appointed to investigate the sale of the Agricultural College land scrip, *submitting a *457 report in detail of their investigations, came from the House, and were accepted, and the following order passed in concurrence, to wit :

Ordered, That there be printed two thousand copies of the evidence and conclusions of the Committee appointed to investigate the sale of the Agricultural College scrip.

II. R. 73. "Resolve for pay of Nathaniel S. Littlefield of Bridgton ;"

II. R. 74. "Resolve for defraying expenses of Committee of Agricultural College scrip investigation ;"

Severally introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, were each read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills :

S. 50. "An act to incorporate the Deer Isle and Sedgwick Horse Ferry Company ;"

II. R. 188. "An act to amend chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on buildings and lots ;"

II. R. 215. "An act additional to chapter 223 of the public laws of 1871, regulating railroad corporations ;"

II. R. 218. "An act relative to bail in criminal cases ;"

II. R. 219. "An act to amend section 7 of chapter 30 of the revised statutes, relating to bounty on wild animals ;"

II. R. 220. "An act additional to and amendatory of section 55, chapter 113 of the revised statutes, relating to the support of debtors in jail ;"

II. R. 222. "An act to extend the time for the location and completion of the Somerset Railroad ;"

*458 *II. R. 223. "An act relating to writs in municipal courts ;"

II. R. 224. "An act to amend chapter 133 of the revised statutes, relative to the commencement of prosecutions ;"

II. R. 228. "An act to repeal section 5, chapter 141 of the revised statutes, in relation to houses of correction ;"

II. R. 230. "An act to amend an act entitled 'an act to abolish the death penalty and to regulate the manner of applying for pardons in certain cases, approved February 21, A. D. 1876 ;'"

II. R. 232. "An act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1876, amounting to the sum of eight hundred and forty-three thousand six hundred eight dollars and twenty-one cents ;"

S. 52. "An act to repeal chapter 39 of the public laws of 1875, relating to civil actions ;"

S. 75. "An act to incorporate Lone Mountain Aqueduct Company of Andover, Oxford county ;"

II. R. 196. "An act relating to the settlement of the public lands ;"

II. R. 217. "An act additional to chapter 11 of the revised statutes, relating to the lists of scholars required to be returned by school agents and school committees ;"

II. R. 226. "An act respecting the authority of the Saint Croix Gas Light Company ;"

II. R. 101. "An act to incorporate the town of Kossuth in the county of Washington ;"

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following resolves :

*459 *S. 16. "Resolve in favor of the State road between Kingsbury Mills and Blanchard, in Piscataquis county ;"

S. 27. "Resolve in favor of rebuilding bridge across East Branch of Forks of the Kennebec river in Somerset county ;"

S. 31. "Resolve in favor of the State Prison ;"

S. 32. "Resolve fixing the number of the Bank Examiner's reports to be printed annually hereafter at the expense of the State ;"

II. R. 3. "Resolve in favor of roads passing through the Indian township in Washington county ;"

II. R. 62. "Resolve in favor of James Phair ;"

II. R. 64. "Resolve in favor of granting bounty on bears to certain towns and plantations ;"

II. R. 65. "Resolve approving the draft and arrangement of the Constitution of this State, as amended, made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, and providing for the enrolment of the same ;"

II. R. 66. "Resolve authorizing a temporary loan ;"

II. R. 67. "Resolve transferring the Granger turnpike fund into the Treasury ;"

Which were each finally passed in concurrence.

And these several bills and resolves, having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. HASKELL,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns it be to meet this evening at half-past seven o'clock.

On motion by Mr. HINCKLEY,

Ordered, That Hon. George Tolman, Senator from Hancock, be excused from further attendance, and that the Secretary make up his pay for the session.

* On motion by Mr. JORDAN, at 6 o'clock P. M.,

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The Senate adjourned.

EVENING.—HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

Mr. HINCKLEY presented (S. 40) "resolve on the pay-roll of the Senate," which was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Paper from the House :

II. R. 75. "Resolve on the pay-roll of the House," introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

II. R. 236. "An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills :

S. 19. "An act to amend chapter 172 of the public laws of 1874, relating to security of life on steam vessels on inland waters ;"

S. 47. "An act to incorporate the Franklin Central Agricultural Society ;"

*461 *S. 74. "An act repealing chapter 44 of the public laws of 1872, and chapter 244 of the public laws of 1874 ;"

H. R. 200. "An act relating to insurance companies ;"

H. R. 205. "An act to amend section 39 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to ways ;"

H. R. 234. "An act relating to tramps and vagrants ;"

H. R. 236. "An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government ;"

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following resolves :

S. 10. "Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey lots number 41 and 17 in Castle Hill plantation ;"

S. 23. "Resolve in favor of Henry H. Haskell ;"

S. 33. "Resolve relating to the pay of the officers of the State Prison ;"

S. 36. "Resolve relating to salaries of State officers ;"

S. 37. "Resolve relating to the number and size of certain reports ;"

S. 38. "Resolve in favor of the Secretary of the Senate ;"

S. 39. "Resolve fixing the number of the reports of the Warden of the State Prison to be printed annually hereafter at the expense of the State ;"

S. 40. "Resolve on the pay-roll of the Senate ;"

H. R. 10. "Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital ;"

H. R. 40. "Resolve in favor of bridge across the Magalloway river ;"

H. R. 61. "Resolve in favor of the Military and Naval Asylum at Bath ;"

H. R. 68. "Resolve appropriating two thousand dollars to defray expenses of the Governor and Staff in attending the Centennial Exposition ;"

*462 *H. R. 69. "Resolve in favor of Sprague, Owen & Nash ;"

H. R. 70. "Resolve providing for the publication and distribution of the Constitution as amended;"

H. R. 71. "Resolve providing for the expenses of George H. Thayer;"

H. R. 72. "Resolve providing for the expenses of H. M. Hyler of Thomaston;"

H. R. 73. "Resolve for pay of Nathaniel S. Littlefield of Bridgton;"

H. R. 74. "Resolve for defraying expenses of Committee of Agricultural College scrip investigation;"

H. R. 75. "Resolve on the pay-roll of the House;"

Which were each finally passed in concurrence.

And these several bills and resolves, having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Bass of Bangor, informing the Senate that the House has disposed of all business before it, and is now ready to adjourn without day:

On motion by Mr. HINCKLEY,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, informing that body that the Senate has disposed of all business before it, and is now ready to adjourn without day.

The message was conveyed by Mr. Hinckley.

On motion by Mr. BROWN of Piscataquis,

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 *463 ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make, and

Messrs. Brown of Piscataquis,
Jordan of Androscoggin,
Watts of Knox,

were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently came back concurred, with

Messrs. Shepherd of Skowhegan,
 Anderson of Portland,
 Cook of Lewiston,
 Lynch of Machias,
 Lord of Lebanon,
 Allan of Dennysville,
 Jordan of Brunswick,

joined on the part of the House.

Mr. BROWN, from the foregoing Committee, subsequently reported that the Committee had waited upon the Governor and discharged the duty assigned them, and that the Governor was pleased to say that he would communicate to the two Houses forthwith through the Secretary of State.

Thereupon the Secretary of State, Hon. S. J. Chadbourne, came in and laid before the Senate the following message from the Governor:

STATE OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
 Augusta, February 23, 1876. }

To the President of the Senate:

I transmit herewith a list of the Acts and Resolves passed during the present session of the Legislature and approved by me, numbering 213 Acts and 100 Resolves.

*464 *I have no further communication to make.

(Signed)

SELDEN CONNOR.

Titles of Acts passed by the present Legislature and approved by the Governor:

PUBLIC LAWS.

S. 1. An act permitting the defendant to give bond in trustee process.

S. 18. An act to amend chapter 55, section 1, of the revised statutes, in relation to libraries, charitable societies and public cemeteries.

S. 19. An act to amend chapter 172 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the security of life on steam vessels on inland waters.

S. 20. An act to amend section 3 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to mortgages on personal property.

S. 38. An act amendatory of chapter 124 of the public laws of the year 1873, in aid of free high schools.

S. 39. An act to amend chapter 229 of the public laws of 1874, entitled "an act further to extend the powers of school districts."

S. 42. An act to repeal charters of savings banks and banking institutions which have not organized or shall not have organized previous to August first, 1876.

S. 45. An act relating to normal schools.

S. 52. An act to repeal chapter 39 of the public laws of 1875, relating to civil actions.

S. 53. An act to provide for the organization of *sav- *465 ings banks or trust and loan associations.

S. 55. An act to provide further remedies for the collection of State taxes upon corporations.

S. 62. An act to amend section 7, chapter 256 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the commitment of insane persons.

S. 63. An act to amend sections 11 and 15 of chapter 59 of the revised statutes, relating to the solemnization of marriages.

S. 66. An act to amend chapter 37 of the public laws of 1872, relating to foreclosure of mortgages on real estate.

S. 68. An act to amend chapter 29, section 3, of the public laws of 1869, concerning the militia.

S. 70. An act additional to chapter 31 of the revised statutes, relating to factors, agents and warehouse-men.

S. 71. An act to amend section 14 of chapter 142 of the revised statutes, relating to the Reform School.

S. 74. An act repealing chapter 44 of the public laws of 1872, and chapter 244 of the public laws of 1874.

II. R. 2. An act to amend section 1, of chapter 34 of the revised statutes, relating to auctioneers.

II. R. 11. An act to enable non-resident guardians to obtain property in this State belonging to their wards residing in other states or territories of the United States.

II. R. 17. An act to amend section 1, chapter 97 of the public laws of 1873.

II R. 21. An act relating to administrators, executors and trustees.

II. R. 29. An act authorizing insurance companies to divide their directors into classes.

II. R. 33. An act to repeal section 12 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes.

*466 *II. R. 38. An act to amend section 87 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to witnesses and evidence, by adding a fifth exception.

II. R. 42. An act to amend section 16 of chapter 71 of the revised statutes, relating to sales of real estate by license of court.

II. R. 51. An act to amend section 3 of chapter 70 of the revised statutes, in relation to the time in which assignees shall file an inventory in probate court.

II. R. 66. An act in relation to the erection of wharves and fish weirs in tide waters.

II. R. 75. An act to amend section 5 of chapter 77 of the revised statutes, relating to equity powers.

II. R. 76. An act to provide for securing the rights of mortgage bondholders.

II. R. 78. An act to amend chapter 239 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the protection of game.

II. R. 84. An act to authorize cities and towns to charge interest on certain taxes.

II. R. 86. An act for the protection of land-locked salmon, trout and bass.

II. R. 91. An act to amend section 8, chapter 64 of the revised statutes, relating to the duties of executors and administrators.

II. R. 93. An act to amend sections 51 and 55 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, and section 7 of chapter 25 of the public laws of 1875, relating to the duties of county commissioners.

II. R. 94. An act to amend section 3, chapter 66 of the revised statutes, relative to insolvent estates.

II. R. 97. An act to amend section 42 of chapter 2 of the revised statutes, relating to the distribution of election blanks.

*467 *II. R. 100. An act to amend an act to amend sections 63 and 64 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, relating to foreign insurance companies.

II. R. 106. An act to amend section 5 of chapter 78 of the revised statutes, relating to election returns.

- II. R. 107. An act amendatory of and additional to chapter 30 of the revised statutes, in relation to deer and caribou.
- II. R. 109. An act to provide for the organization of business corporations.
- II. R. 113. An act to amend section 34 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on logs and lumber.
- II. R. 120. An act additional to chapter 40 of the revised statutes, to prevent the destruction of certain fish in the upper waters of the Penobscot river.
- II. R. 123. An act authorizing assignees of judgments to bring scire facias.
- II. R. 125. An act to amend section 18 of chapter 88 of the revised statutes, relating to partition of real estate.
- II. R. 126. An act to authorize the sale of islands belonging to the State.
- II. R. 133. An act to amend section 5 of chapter 138 of the revised statutes, relating to fugitives from justice.
- II. R. 134. An act to amend section 16 of chapter 77 of the revised statutes, relating to judicial courts.
- II. R. 135. An act additional to chapter 69 of the revised statutes, relating to estates of deceased partners.
- II. R. 136. An act authorizing the sale of certain lots of land in township No. 14, range 4, W. E. L. S.
- II. R. 139. An act to amend chapter 61 of the revised statutes, in relation to the rights of married women.
- *II. R. 140. An act in relation to the settlement of *468 paupers.
- II. R. 150. An act to amend section 46 of chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to plantations.
- II. R. 151. An act additional to chapter 29 of the public laws of 1869, concerning the militia.
- II. R. 153. An act to amend chapter 51 of the revised statutes, relative to railroads.
- II. R. 154. An act in relation to the assessment of poll taxes.
- II. R. 156. An act to amend section 65 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to damage on ways, as amended by chapter 215 of the public laws of 1874.
- II. R. 157. An act to amend section 26 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes, in relation to lime rock and slate.

II. R. 158. An act additional to chapter 70 of the revised statutes, relating to assignments for the benefit of creditors.

II. R. 160. An act relating to the framing of issues in equity cases.

II. R. 161. An act to amend chapter 65 of the revised statutes, relating to the distribution of estates of persons deceased out of the State.

II. R. 162. An act in relation to the recording of assignments of wages.

II. R. 171. An act to change the place of holding the December term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Oxford.

II. R. 177. An act to authorize the formation of railroad corporations.

II. R. 181. An act to amend section 38 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to mortgages of personal property.

*469 *II. R. 185. An act to protect the rights of railroad stockholders and bondholders.

II. R. 186. An act to amend chapter 30, section 9 of the revised statutes, relating to deer.

II. R. 188. An act to amend chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on buildings and lots.

II. R. 190. An act to amend section 30, chapter 63 of the revised statutes, relating to fees.

II. R. 192. An act to amend section 117 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to division of accounts.

II. R. 193. An act to abolish the death penalty and to regulate the manner of applying for pardons in certain cases.

II. R. 196. An act relating to the settlement of the public lands.

II. R. 200. An act relating to insurance companies.

II. R. 201. An act explanatory of an act additional for the assessment and collection of taxes, approved February 27, 1871:

II. R. 203. An act additional to chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to elections.

II. R. 205. An act to amend section 36 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to ways.

II. R. 208. An act in relation to fiscal school returns of towns to be made to the State Superintendent of Common Schools.

II. R. 211. An act to amend section 87 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to evidence.

II. R. 212. An act in relation to appeals from county commissioners.

II. R. 213. An act relating to the appointment of land agent and his duties.

II. R. 214. An act relating to the taxation of insurance companies.

* H. R. 215. An act additional to chapter 223 of the *470 public laws of 1871, regulating railroad corporations.

II. R. 217. An act additional to chapter 11 of the revised statutes, relating to the lists of scholars required to be returned by school agents and school committees.

II. R. 218. An act relative to bail in criminal cases.

II. R. 219. An act to amend section 7 of chapter 30 of the revised statutes, relating to bounty on wild animals.

II. R. 220. An act additional to and amendatory of section 55 of chapter 113 of the revised statutes, relating to the support of debtors in jail.

II. R. 223. An act relating to writs in municipal courts.

II. R. 224. An act to amend chapter 133 of the revised statutes, relative to commencement of prosecutions.

II. R. 228. An act to repeal section 5, chapter 141 of the revised statutes, in relation to houses of correction.

II. R. 230. An act to amend an act entitled "an act to abolish the death penalty and to regulate the manner of applying for pardons in certain cases, approved February 21, A. D. 1876.

II. R. 234. An act relating to tramps and vagrants.

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS.

S. 2. An act additional to incorporate the Monmouth Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

S. 5. An act to authorize the union of the Portland Athenæum and the Portland Institute and Public Library, and to empower the conversion of the same into a free public library.

S. 6. An act to amend and renew the charter of the Sebec Lake Steamboat Company.

S. 8. An act authorizing Matthew Cleland to erect and maintain wharves and fish weirs in front *of his land in *471 Robbinston, Maine.

S. 9. An act authorizing Thomas Cleland to erect and main-

tain wharves and fish weirs in front of his land in mill cove and Passamaquoddy or St. Andrew bay in Robbinston, Maine.

S. 10. An act to incorporate the Odd Fellows' Mutual Relief Association of Maine.

S. 13. An act to authorize the receivers of the American Bank to pay dividends on lost certificates.

S. 14. An act to amend the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company, approved February 2, 1872.

S. 21. An act to authorize Nelson W. Gamage to extend a wharf into tide waters in the town of Bristol.

S. 22. An act authorizing Abraham C. Fernald and others to build and maintain a fish weir in tide water between Bear island and Mt. Desert.

S. 23. An act authorizing Charles W. Howard to dredge bars and navigate Rangely lake by steam.

S. 24. An act to prohibit the taking of fish of any kind from Adams' pond, so-called, and its tributaries, in the town of Newfield.

S. 25. An act to incorporate the Southgate Dyking Company.

S. 27. An act in relation to the Ellsworth Police Court.

S. 29. An act to prevent the taking or destroying of fish in Hobbs' mill pond in the town of Farmington.

S. 30. An act to amend "an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of a railroad into Aroostook county," approved February 8, 1875.

S. 31. An act to amend chapter 19 of the special laws of 1875.

S. 32. An act additional to and amendatory of an act to *472 enable the city of Bangor to aid the Bangor * and Piscataquis Railroad Company in the extended construction of its railroad, approved February 22, 1871.

S. 33. An act to extend the time for the completion of the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad.

S. 34. An act granting further time to the Northern Aroostook Railroad Company to make and file the location of its line of railroad.

S. 35. An act for the protection of pike and pickerel in the Berry, Dexter and Wilson ponds in the towns of Wayne, Winthrop and Monmouth.

S. 37. An act to protect George Dyer in running his ferry from North Haven to Vinalhaven in Knox county.

S. 40. An act to legalize the doings of the town of Cornish.

S. 43. An act additional to an act to amend "an act to incorporate the Bangor and Calais Shore Line Railroad Company," approved February 17, 1873.

S. 44. An act to incorporate the Maine State Temperance Camp-meeting Association.

S. 46. An act to authorize C. M. Davis and W. A. Jackson to clear the channel at the head of Damariscotta lake and to navigate the said lake and river by steam.

S. 47. An act to incorporate the Franklin Central Agricultural Society.

S. 48. An act to incorporate the Cape Elizabeth Dyking Company.

S. 49. An act to legalize the doings of the town of Vinalhaven.

S. 50. An act to incorporate the Deer Isle and Sedgwick Horse Ferry Company.

S. 51. An act to repeal chapter 508 of the special laws of the year 1874, relating to the protection of fish in the Narraguagus river.

*S. 56. An act to make available the school fund of the *473 inhabitants of Bowerbank, an unincorporated place in the county of Piscataquis.

S. 59. An act creating the Hartland Village Corporation.

S. 60. An act to amend an act entitled "an act for supplying the city of Bangor with water," approved February 22, 1875.

S. 64. An act to set off a part of the town of Montville and annex the same to the town of Liberty.

S. 65. An act to incorporate the town of Haynesville in the county of Aroostook.

S. 75. An act to incorporate the Lone Mountain Aqueduct Company of Andover, Oxford county.

II. R. 5. An act to amend an act relating to the city schools of Bangor, approved February 18, 1875.

II. R. 6. An act prohibiting fishing with nets or hooks in Hewes' pond or any waters tributary to said pond in the town of Hermon.

II. R. 7. An act for the protection of fish in Pushaw pond in the county of Penobscot, and the streams flowing into and out of said pond.

II. R. 10. An act to incorporate the Katahdin Iron Company.

H. R. 12. An act authorizing Mark Marshall to build and maintain a wharf in the waters of Marshall's cove in St. George.

H. R. 14. An act to incorporate the Rockland, Mt. Desert and Sullivan Steamboat Company.

H. R. 15. An act to prohibit the taking of smelts in the waters of Patten's bay in the town of Surry, in any other manner than by hook and line.

H. R. 19. An act additional to "an act to incorporate the Penobscot Log Driving Company."

H. R. 20. An act in addition to and to amend an act *474 to incorporate the proprietors of Wiscasset *bridge, approved June 30, 1846.

H. R. 22. An act to incorporate the Bridgton Telegraph Company.

H. R. 25. An act to amend the charter of the Squirrel Island Association.

H. R. 26. An act to incorporate the Equity Fire Insurance Company.

H. R. 28. An act to encourage and protect the breeding of trout and landlocked salmon in Sunday pond in lots Nos. 2 and 3, township No. 5, range 4, in Oxford county.

H. R. 31. An act to authorize the Laconia Company and the Pepperell Manufacturing Company to connect two piers of their wharves in Saco river.

H. R. 32. An act to amend the charter of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England.

H. R. 35. An act to authorize the Camden Village Corporation to build a hall.

H. R. 36. An act to encourage and protect the breeding of trout in Little pond and Little Pond brook in Fryeburg Academy grant.

H. R. 37. An act to amend an act granting a charter to the Alumni Association of Bates College.

H. R. 39. An act to incorporate the Home for Aged Men at Bangor.

H. R. 40. An act to prevent the taking of pickerel in Lovejoy's pond in the county of Kennebec, from December first to June first of each year.

H. R. 44. An act relating to school money now belonging to School District No. 4, in Biddeford.

H. R. 46. An act to annex Songo gore and the Dingley islands to the town of Casco.

H. R. 50. An act to incorporate the Maine General Homœopathic Hospital.

* H. R. 53. An act to give additional power to the *475 Piscataquis Mutual Insurance Company.

H. R. 56. An act to incorporate the Orchard Beach Railroad Company.

H. R. 59. An act to make legal the doings of the Livermore Falls Bridge Company.

H. R. 60. An act for the preservation of pickerel in Northwest and Harlow ponds, in the towns of Parkman and Sangerville in the county of Piscataquis.

H. R. 61. An act to incorporate the Piper Reservoir Dam Company.

H. R. 62. An act to make valid the doings of the town of Lyndon in the county of Aroostook.

H. R. 63. An act to authorize the town of Lyndon to loan its credit in aid of the Aroostook River Railroad.

H. R. 64. An act to make valid the doings of Drew plantation.

H. R. 65. An act to authorize Charles Russell to build and maintain a wharf into the tide waters of Kennebec river in the town of Bowdoinham.

H. R. 70. An act to authorize John Neal to build and extend a wharf into tide water in the town of Kittery.

H. R. 72. An act to amend an act to incorporate the Winnegance Mill-dam Company, approved March 10, 1835.

H. R. 73. An act additional to regulate the survey of lumber in the county of Penobscot.

H. R. 74. An act in relation to the Sebago Wood Board Company.

H. R. 77. An act to incorporate the Winthrop Village Corporation.

H. R. 80. An act to extend the time for the location and construction of the Portland and Ogdensburg Railroad.

* H. R. 82. An act to incorporate the Masonic Temple *476 Association of Belfast.

H. R. 87. An act to prohibit the taking of fish in the tributaries or outlets of Webb's pond in Weld.

H. R. 88. An act concerning the proprietors of Sheepscot River bridge.

H. R. 89. An act to amend and extend the charter of the Bangor Water Power Company, approved February 19, 1867.

H. R. 92. An act to legalize the doings of School District No. 2, in Blaine.

H. R. 101. An act to incorporate the town of Kossuth in the county of Washington.

H. R. 103. An act authorizing Gilbert H. Manchester, D. J. Manchester and A. L. Manchester, to build and maintain fish weirs in Somes' sound, Mt. Desert.

H. R. 104. An act authorizing Webster McFarland and others to build and maintain fish weirs in the tide waters of the town of Brooklin.

H. R. 105. An act to protect black bass and salmon in Moose pond and its tributaries, and Seabasticook river, in the town of Hartland.

H. R. 110. An act to protect Medomak river.

H. R. 112. An act to change the name of the town of Dalton to Ashland, its former name.

H. R. 114. An act to prevent fishing in Adams' pond in the town of Bridgton.

H. R. 116. An act to make valid certain doings of the town of Yarmouth in 1869.

H. R. 118. An act for the preservation of fish in Little Sebago lake, situated in the county of Cumberland.

H. R. 119. An act to prevent fishing in Puffer pond in the town of Dexter.

*477 *H. R. 121. An act to prohibit the taking of fish from the Newbegin brook in the town of Newfield.

H. R. 122. An act to prevent the taking of trout from Rangely stream in the town of Rangely.

H. R. 137. An act to continue in force chapter 415 of the special laws of 1874, relating to the fishing interest in Lufkin pond.

H. R. 138. An act to repeal chapter 140 of the private and special laws of 1862, relating to the taking of salmon, shad and alewives, in the waters of Pleasant river in Washington county.

H. R. 141. An act establishing the division line between the towns of Cornish and Parsonsfield.

H. R. 142. An act to make valid the doings of Theodore Taylor, a trial justice.

H. R. 143. An act to make legal the doings of the First Universalist Society of Saco and Biddeford.

H. R. 144. An act to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Maine Dairymen's Association," approved February 20, 1874.

H. R. 145. An act setting off Joshua M. Leighton's estate from the town of Steuben and annexing the same to the town of Milbridge.

H. R. 148. An act to prevent the taking of trout from Howard's pond and its tributaries in the town of Hanover.

H. R. 149. An act to make valid the doings of the town of Jonesport in the assessment of taxes for the year 1875.

H. R. 152. An act to authorize the town of Georgetown to build a free bridge over tide waters.

H. R. 164. An act for the protection of smelts in Monsweag bay and river in the towns of Wiscasset and Woolwich.

* H. R. 167. An act to authorize the extension of the *478 Aroostook River Railroad to Fort Kent.

H. R. 168. An act to extend the time for the location and completion of the Aroostook River Railroad.

H. R. 169. An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government.

H. R. 170. An act to authorize the Baptist Society in Warren to transfer all its real and personal property to the Baptist Church in said Warren, and to discontinue the corporate existence of said society.

H. R. 172. An act to make valid the doings of the Winnegance Mill-dam Company.

H. R. 173. An act incorporating the Masons' Mutual Relief Association of Mechanic Falls, Maine.

H. R. 175. An act to amend an act to confirm the location of the railroad of the Boston and Maine Railroad through the towns of Berwick and North Berwick, subject to certain restrictions, approved February 1, 1873.

H. R. 182. An act to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company to connect its track with the track of the Androscoggin Railroad Company in the city of Lewiston.

H. R. 183. An act to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company to discontinue the use of a portion of its track.

H. R. 191. An act to incorporate the town of Waite in the county of Washington.

H. R. 202. An act to legalize the doings District No. 4 in the town of Westport.

H. R. 204. An act to increase the authority of the judge of probate in Somerset county for a certain purpose.

*479 *H. R. 206. An act to amend chapter 45 of the special laws of 1872, relating to the New Portland Camp-meeting Association.

H. R. 216. An act to amend an act entitled "an act to supply the cities of Lewiston and Auburn with pure water.

H. R. 222. An act to extend the time for the location and completion of the Somerset Railroad.

H. R. 226. An act respecting the authority of the Saint Croix Gas Light Company.

H. R. 231. An act to make valid the drawing of grand jurors for the county of Penobscot.

H. R. 232. An act for the assessment of the State tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, amounting to the sum of eight hundred forty-three thousand six hundred eight dollars and twenty-one cents.

H. R. 236. An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government.

TITLES OF RESOLVES

Passed by the present Legislature and approved by the Governor :

S. 2. Resolve authorizing an appropriation for a chemical fire engine and hose.

S. 3. Resolve in favor of bridge across the Mattawamkeag river in the town of Haynesville on the military road.

S. 5. Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual.

S. 6. Resolve in favor of the State Centennial Commission.

*480 *S. 7. Resolve in favor of the county of Aroostook.

S. 8. Resolve in favor Samuel C. Greenlow of Chapman plantation.

S. 9. Resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.

S. 10. Resolve authorizing the land agent to convey lots No. 41 and 17 in Castle Hill plantation.

S. 11. Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Education.

S. 12. Resolve in relation to compulsory pilotage.

S. 13. Resolve in favor of the normal school at Farmington, and the normal school at Castine.

S. 14. Resolve in favor of the town of Wellington.

S. 15. Resolve in favor of Charles J. Schumacher.

S. 16. Resolve in favor of the State road between Kingsbury Mills and Blanchard in Piscataquis county.

S. 17. Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls.

S. 18. Resolve in favor of the Bangor Childrens' Home.

S. 19. Resolve in favor of the Female Orphan Asylum at Portland.

S. 20. Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture.

S. 21. Resolve to authorize the county of Penobscot to procure a loan.

S. 22. Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Reform School.

S. 23. Resolve in favor of Henry H. Haskell.

S. 24. Resolve to more fully perfect the records of the Adjutant General's office, and to encourage the writing of regimental histories of Maine troops in the war of 1861.

S. 26. Resolve in favor of the State Reform School.

S. 27. Resolve in favor of rebuilding bridge across *east branch of the Forks of the Kennebec river in Somerset *481 county.

S. 28. Resolve authorizing the Warden of the State Prison to loan the use of the "State of Maine" fire engine.

S. 29. Resolve to provide for the uniforming of the enlisted men of the Maine Volunteer Militia, and for other military purposes.

S. 30. Resolve in favor of Maine State Library.

S. 31. Resolve in favor of the State Prison.

S. 32. Resolves fixing the number of the Bank Examiner's Reports to be printed annually at the expense of the State.

S. 33. Resolve relating to the pay of the officers of the State Prison.

S. 34. Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on State Prison.

S. 36. Resolves relating to salaries of State officers.

S. 37. Resolves relating to the number and size of certain reports.

S. 38. Resolve in favor of the Secretary of the Senate.

S. 39. Resolves fixing the number of reports of the Warden of the State Prison to be printed annually hereafter at the expense of the State.

S. 40. Resolve on the pay roll of the Senate.

H. R. 1. Resolve in favor of economy in public expenses.

H. R. 2. Resolve in favor of Joseph Granger.

H. R. 3. Resolve in favor of roads passing through the Indian township in Washington county.

H. R. 4. Resolve in favor of Leonora A. Patterson, widow of Hermon V. Patterson.

H. R. 8. Resolve in favor of George W. Hewey and Charles L. Hewey.

H. R. 10. Resolve in favor of Maine Insane Hospital.

*482 *H. R. 11. Resolve in favor of Hiram B. Hersey of Crystal plantation.

H. R. 13. Resolve in aid of Sola Coly.

H. R. 14. Resolve authorizing the land agent to convey to L. T. Manson a lot of land in Chapman plantation.

H. R. 15. Resolve in favor of John Allen of Maysville, county of Aroostook.

H. R. 16. Resolve in favor of Lewey Snow.

H. R. 17. Resolve in favor of Joseph Francis.

H. R. 19. Resolve authorizing the State Treasurer to procure a fire and burglar proof safe.

H. R. 20. Resolve for the appointment of a commission to reconstruct the savings bank law.

H. R. 21. Resolve refunding a part of the State tax of Perkins plantation.

H. R. 22. Resolve in aid of building a bridge over Savage stream in St. Francis plantation.

H. R. 23. Resolve authorizing the land agent to convey to Enoch Hall a lot of land in Lyndon.

H. R. 25. Resolve providing for the payment of the expenses of the Committee on Military Affairs.

H. R. 26. Resolve authorizing the adjutant general to sell the arsenal building at Portland.

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H. R. 28. Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians.

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H. R. 31. Resolve in favor of George S. Daniels of Chapman plantation.

H. R. 33. Resolve in favor of S. B. Gates.

H. R. 34. Resolve in favor of Caleb Sherman.

H. R. 35. Resolve authorizing the land agent to convey * to James McConville, Jr., a lot of land in Washburn. *483

H. R. 37. Resolve in aid of building a bridge over Gagnon stream in the town of Frenchville.

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H. R. 39. Resolve in aid of road in Frenchville.

H. R. 40. Resolve in favor of bridge across the Magalloway river.

H. R. 41. Resolve in favor of the town of Mayfield.

H. R. 42. Resolve authorizing the Secretary of State to purchase certain reports.

H. R. 43. Resolve in favor of the Railroad Commissioners.

H. R. 44. Resolve in favor of plantation No. 4, range one, in Penobscot county, known as Lakeville.

H. R. 45. Resolve in favor of James M. Story.

H. R. 46. Resolve providing for the payment of bounties on wild animals.

H. R. 47. Resolve laying a tax on the several counties in the State.

H. R. 48. Resolve in favor of James G. Griffin.

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H. R. 50. Resolve in favor of Chapman plantation.

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- *484 *H. R. 61. Resolve in favor of the Military and Naval Asylum at Bath.
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- H. R. 68. Resolve appropriating two thousand dollars to defray expenses of the Governor and Staff in attending the Centennial Exposition.
- H. R. 69. Resolve in favor of Sprague, Owen and Nash.
- H. R. 70. Resolve providing for the publication and distribution of the Constitution as amended.
- H. R. 71. Resolve providing for the expenses of George H. Thayer.
- H. R. 72. Resolve providing for the expenses of H. M. Hyler of Thomaston.
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- H. R. 74. Resolve for defraying expenses of Committee of Agricultural College scrip investigation.
- H. R. 75. Resolve on the pay roll of the House.

Mr. TOLMAN presented the following :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate be tendered to James Pattee, Folder, and Elmer E. Foss, Page, for the prompt and courteous performance of their duties.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

* Mr. WENTWORTH presented the following : *485

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate are due, and are hereby tendered to James H. Banks, Messenger, and Benjamin F. Stevens, Assistant Messenger, for the prompt and faithful manner in which they have discharged their duties.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. WHITE presented the following :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate be extended to our efficient Reporter, W. E. S. Whitman, Esq., of Augusta, for the faithful manner in which he has discharged his duty in reporting the doings of this Senate.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. TALBOT presented the following :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate be tendered to Samuel W. Lane, Esq., Secretary, and Gardner F. Danforth, Assistant Secretary, for the prompt and efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties this session.

The resolution was unanimously adopted, the vote being by rising.

The SECRETARY responded, concluding his remarks as follows:

Mr. PRESIDENT,—One word to you of a personal nature. It has been my fortune to have been officially connected with the Senate for a greater number of consecutive years than any other individual. I have seen a long line of able men preside over its deliberations, men who were justly entitled to the thanks of the Senate for their able and impartial rulings and prompt and faithful dispatch *of business, and I detract nothing from the laurels *486 of your predecessors when I express the opinion that, in presiding over this Senate, you have earned for yourself not only the thanks of this Senate, but have made a record as grand as that of the proudest of those who have gone before you. The Senate must long wait for an abler successor ; it will be truly fortunate if its choice hereafter is as well placed.

Mr. HASKELL then rose and said :

Mr. SECRETARY,—Our legislative labors are ended, and the fifty-fifth session of the Senate of Maine, having disposed of all matters of business to which its attention has been called, is now about to dissolve by final adjournment. And as our acts pass in general and rapid review, let us hope we have legislated wisely, for the best interests of the people, and as legislators are entitled to the commendations of our constituents.

Every measure coming under our consideration has been fully, carefully and conscientiously considered, and I trust finally decided for the best interest of the State.

It cannot be expected that a body of men called from every section of the State, and different stations in life, more or less actuated by the various prevailing local ideas of their constituencies, will be able to think alike upon the many important questions that are brought to their attention, but in accordance with republican institutions, minorities yield, and legislative action is acquiesced in, as the best judgment of the State.

*487 Thus has the session now about to close been *entirely free from all unpleasant controversies, or bitter strife that can leave a sting to rankle in our memories, or cast a shadow over the pleasant recollections of the past.

As we are about to separate and return to our usual avocations, and the pleasures of home life, I confess, Mr. Secretary, to a feeling of sadness when I remember that so many pleasant associations and friendships here formed are to be sundered forever, and comparatively few only are to be lasting.

No words of mine can do full justice to my feelings, or adequately express my respect and friendship for Senators around this board, individually and collectively, as well as every officer of this Senate, for the courtesy and kindness extended towards me personally, during this entire session.

I trust, and have reason to believe these sentiments meet with a hearty response by this entire body, and as we occasionally meet in other scenes of life, we can look back with unalloyed pleasure upon the session of the Maine Senate of 1876.

Mr. Secretary and Senators, before bidding you all a kind farewell, allow me, as the last legislative act of my life, to present the following resolution, not merely as a part of the usual and formal

ceremony of a dissolving Senate, but as the earnest and well merited expression of our hearts.

Mr. HASKELL then presented the following:

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Senate are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Hon. Thomas W. Hyde for the able, faithful and impartial manner with which he has discharged the duties of presiding officer of the Senate during the present session.

*The Secretary stated the question to be upon the passage of the resolution. *488

On motion by Mr. TALBOT,

Ordered, That when the vote is taken upon the passage of the foregoing resolve it be taken by rising.

Mr. STEVENS said:

Mr. SECRETARY,—The time has come for this board to close its labors, and for its members to extend the parting hand. In doing this, there are produced emotions both of pleasure and sadness; pleasure, that our legislative work is done, and that we are so soon to return to our families and constituents; and while the associations we have formed during the weeks we have been together will ever be held in precious remembrance, the sundering of this companionship, of the strong cords of friendship that have bound the members of this Senate together,—the consciousness that we shall not all meet again, unavoidably produces emotions of sadness.

I am glad to believe that each Senator has performed his duty with scrupulous regard to justice, and can return to his constituents with a consciousness of duty well performed. I have endeavored to do my duty faithfully. I have done it conscientiously.

Mr. Secretary, in parting with the members of this board, I desire to express the esteem I entertain for every one.

The generous courtesy of our President will be held in grateful remembrance. And to you, Mr. Secretary, I feel particularly indebted for the kind manner in which you have at all times received me and furnished me with information you alone could give; and *to all the officers of the Senate, who *489 have done so much by their diligent and cheerful attention to their duties, to make the session pleasant, I tender my sincere thanks.

Mr. HINCKLEY said :

Mr. SECRETARY,—Before bidding this Senate a final farewell (and I mean the *Senate*, for I hope to meet every member of it many times before we walk off the turnpike of life's journey,) I wish to extend my thanks and grateful acknowledgments to the President, to all the officers, reporters, and every Senator, for the uniform kindness and consideration I have received from them during this session.

Less than two months ago we met here for the first time, many of us strangers to each other. To-night we part, never to meet again at this board. But we part as acquaintances and friends. True, there has been differences of opinion and of action on the measures and business upon which we have been called to act, and although all of them have not been treated and disposed of in accordance with my views, yet I have seen nothing to induce me to the belief that any Senator has not acted and voted as prompted by his honest convictions, the interests of his constituents, and the welfare of the State.

And I trust that our action on all matters while we have been together will result in promoting the best interests of the different localities for which they were intended, and for the general prosperity of the whole State.

I know that we have done good to ourselves, that we are *490 larger hearted men, better fitted to live * and to do the work of life, and to exert our influence at home or wherever we may be called to act, for having lived together during this session.

Senators, I hope it will be my good fortune to meet you often. I shall always think of you with kindly recollections, and hope to be remembered by you all.

Wishing you all a safe return to your homes, and the success you desire in your various vocations, I bid you an affectionate farewell.

Mr. CARNEY said :

Mr. SECRETARY,—There are certain periods in our lives when we stop, as it were, in our onward course, and seem called upon not to consider the future battle fields of life, but to reflect upon the past; and certainly this, the closing hour of our labors at this time as legislators, is one of those periods; and I trust and believe that in reviewing our actions here we may all find the satis-

faction that springs from honest purposes. We gathered here mostly as strangers to each other, from the St. Croix to New Hampshire line, from the Dominion on our north to the Atlantic coast, each in heart cherishing the best welfare of our noble State, and to me it has been a season of uninterrupted good fellowship with all present, and while we have differed upon matters which have come before us, I accord to each Senator the same honesty of purpose that I trust has been the spring of my own action. We part as friends, never all to gather again as one official board, yet let us trust that the same kind Providence that has brought us together here, may still permit us to often meet in the journey of life, ever retaining the friendship here formed.

* I thank our President, you, Mr. Secretary, these Senators, and all who have been officially connected with this board, for the courtesy which you have shown me, and wish you all the happiness that can fall to the lot of mortals. *491

Mr. JORDAN said :

Mr. SECRETARY,—The hour for our final separation has arrived. No word of discord has been offered to mar our action here; no unfriendly feeling of distrust has at any time rankled in the hearts of the members of this board. Our action has always been characterized by efforts to facilitate business. After a short session the labors of this Senate are closed. The people will judge as to how we have discharged our duties. I trust our labors will meet their approval. Our intercourse with each other has been of a most friendly character, and I trust in after life, when reminded of these pleasant relations, we may look to them as among the happiest of our existence. I cannot leave these pleasant associations without feelings of sadness. I trust that we may often meet each other in the pathway of life, and as we journey onward may we be exercised by a true sense of our duty to God and man.

Mr. Secretary, to you and our President, and to all these Senators, accept my sincere thanks for continued kindness at all times extended to me during the present session.

Mr. THURLOUGH said :

Mr. SECRETARY,—I cheerfully join in the vote of thanks to our President and every officer and member of the Senate, and also in the sentiments already expressed. The associations with each other have been pleasant, at least so on my *492

part, and I shall ever remember the kindness and courtesy shown to me during the two sessions I have had a seat at this board. No feelings of malice or envy rankles my breast, and I assure you that in closing my legislative career I shall consider the friendships here formed of more value than the honor of having been a member of this Senate.

Mr. BROWN of Piscataquis said :

Mr. SECRETARY,—It would seem almost an impertinence for me to attempt the addition of any words to the kind and generous sentiments so ably expressed by my companions, whose superior experience so much more appropriately qualifies them for the task, but I cannot let the occasion go by without briefly expressing my heartfelt appreciation of the honest good fellowship with which we part. I do not remember, however much we may have differed as to topics debated, that a single element of discord has entered here to mar our councils.

Let us congratulate ourselves, every one, Senators and officers, from our honored President to the rosy page who has so amiably and promptly run our errands, upon this peculiarly cordial parting.

The resolution was unanimously adopted, the vote being by rising.

Mr. HYDE of Sagadahoc, President of the Senate, responded as follows :

SENATORS,—The hour for our final separation has arrived, *493 yet I cannot refrain from thanking you for *the courtesy which has been shown me by each and all of you, as well as for the handsome approval of my official course you have been pleased to make matter of record.

In returning to your constituents, you can have the proud consciousness of duty faithfully performed, and the Senate of Maine for 1876 will long hold its sessions in our memories. Wishing happiness and prosperity in the future to you all, I now declare an adjournment without day.

The PRESIDENT declared the Senate adjourned *sine die* at 50 minutes past 11 o'clock P. M.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*

SENATE ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES.

After the reading of the journal, the following shall be the order of business :

1st. House papers not acted on ; and if accompanied by a bill or resolve, the first reading of such bill or resolve.

2d. Messages and documents from the executive and heads of departments.

3d. The reception and reference of petitions, and such other papers, except bills and resolves, as require action by a committee.

4th. The report of committees, and if accompanied by a bill or resolve, the first reading of such bill or resolve. Bills, resolves, &c., offered by senators, and their reference or first reading.

5th. Bills and resolves reported by the committee on bills in the second reading.

6th. Bills on their passage to be enacted, and resolves on their final passage.

When a question is under debate no motion shall be received but—

1st. To adjourn ;

2d. To lay on the table ;

3d. To postpone to a day certain ;

4th. To commit ;

5th. To amend ;

6th. To postpone indefinitely ;

Which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

Questions of concurrence or otherwise with the House shall have precedence of each other in the following order :

1st. To recede ;

2d. To concur ;

3d. To insist ;

4th. To adhere.

A motion to adjourn shall always be first in order, and shall be decided without debate.

The name of the senator presenting petitions, memorials and remonstrances should be endorsed on the back thereof, *near the bottom*, with the place of his residence.

The senator 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.

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RULES.

1. The President shall take the chair at the time to which the senate stands adjourned; but in case of his absence at such time, the secretary shall preside until a president *pro tempore* be chosen.

2. At the first session of each day, on the appearance of a quorum, the journal of the preceding day shall be read; and the President shall ascertain whether a quorum is present before such reading.

3. When the President speaks he shall address the senate; when a senator speaks he shall stand in his place and address the President.

4. The President, when he speaks to any member of the senate, and the members when referring to each other in debate, shall use in their addresses the title of *senator*, and by way of distinction name the county in which he resides.

5. The President shall have the right to name a senator to perform the duties of the chair during his absence; but the substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment.

6. The President shall rise to put a question, and shall declare all votes; but if any senator doubt the vote, all those voting in the affirmative, when called upon by the President, shall rise and stand until they are counted, and also those in the negative, in like manner, to make the vote certain.

7. The President shall consider a motion to adjourn as always first in order, and it shall be decided without debate.

8. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to reconsider, to lay on the table, to postpone to a day certain, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

9. A motion shall be reduced to writing, if desired by the President or any senator, and shall then be deemed to be in possession of the senate, to be disposed of by the senate; but the mover may withdraw it at any time before a decision, or any amendment be made to it.

10. No senator shall address the senate until recognized by the President, nor more than once to the exclusion of any other senator, without leave of the senate, if objection is made, unless he be the mover of the matter under debate, and not then more than three times without leave.

11. No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment; nor shall an amendment proposing to ingraft a general provision of law upon a private bill, be in order; nor any amendment beyond the second degree.

12. An amendment proposed may be amended before it is adopted, but not afterwards, unless the vote adopting it be first reconsidered, and no senator shall be competent to move any reconsideration unless he voted with the majority and upon the same or a succeeding day; and a motion to reconsider any vote shall not be laid upon the table unless a time shall be specially assigned for its consideration.

13. A motion to reconsider shall take precedence of all other questions except a motion to adjourn; but if made while another question is pending, it shall not be put until the other question is disposed of, but simply entered.

14. Questions of order shall be decided by the President without debate; but if an appeal is taken, the same may be debated like other questions, and the decision thereon shall be entered upon the journal.

15. A question containing two or more propositions capable of division, shall be divided whenever desired by any member.

16. In filling up blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be put first.

17. Every paper shall be once read at the table, before any senator shall be obliged to vote on it, but when the reading of a paper is called for, that has been before read to the senate, if any senator object, the question shall be determined by the senate.

18. All bills and resolves in the second reading shall be

committed to the committee on bills in the second reading, to be by them examined, corrected and so reported to the senate.

19. Upon the second reading of a bill or resolve, after the same shall be read through, and before the question is put on its passage, it shall be read and considered by paragraphs, at the request of any member of the senate; and no bill or resolve shall have a second reading, unless a time (not less than one hour after the first reading) be assigned therefor.

20. No bill or resolve shall pass to be engrossed, without being twice read; and all bills and resolves, immediately after the same shall have been engrossed, shall be committed to the committee on engrossed bills whose duty shall be to examine the same, and to see that the same have been truly engrossed; and before any bill shall pass to be enacted, or any resolve be finally passed, it shall be reported by the committee for the examination of engrossed bills, to be truly and strictly engrossed, and the title thereof be read by the President.

21. No resolve of any kind, or order making any grant of money, lands, or other public property, shall be passed without being read on two several days; the time for the second reading shall be assigned by the senate.

22. After the reading of the journal, the following shall be the order of business:

1st, House papers not acted on; and if accompanied by a bill or resolve, the first reading of such bill or resolve.

2d, Messages and documents from the executive and heads of departments.

3d, The reception and reference of petitions and such other papers, except bills and resolves, as require action by a committee.

4th, Reports of committees, and if accompanied by a bill or resolve, the first reading of such bill or resolve. Bills, resolves, etc., offered by senators, and their reference or first reading.

5th, Bills and resolves reported by the committee on bills in the second reading.

6th, Bills on their passage to be enacted, and resolves on their final passage.

It shall be the duty of the secretary to number bills and resolves in the order in which they shall be reported by said committee, and enter them upon the calendar in such order. They shall be

taken up for their second reading and passage to be engrossed, or other disposition, in the order in which they stand upon the calendar. When a bill or resolve, after it is put on the calendar, is laid on the table, and no time assigned for its further consideration, it shall go to the foot of the calendar as it then stands. Papers from the house, concerning which there has been a disagreeing vote of the two houses, shall be disposed of before commencing with the calendar. This rule shall not apply to or interfere with motions to reconsider, or special assignments or other privileged questions.

23. When the yeas and nays are taken, the names of the senators shall be called alphabetically.

24. After a question is put to vote, no senator shall speak on it. Every senator who may be present shall vote unless excused by the senate, or excluded by interest.

25. The unfinished business, in which the senate was engaged at the time of the last adjournment, shall have preference in the orders of the day.

26. No engrossed bill or resolve shall be sent to the house without notice thereof being given to the senate by the president.

27. Every member who shall present a petition, shall place his name thereon and a brief statement of its subject.

28. All confidential communications made by the governor to the senate, shall be by the members thereof kept inviolably sacred until the senate shall by their resolution take off the injunction of secrecy.

29. No rule shall be dispensed with, except by the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

30. Any member of the senate may exchange seats on consulting the President and obtaining his permission.

31. No member shall absent himself from the senate without leave, unless there be a quorum left present.

32. All committees shall be nominated by the President (unless when it may be determined that the election shall be by ballot,) and appointed by the senate.

33. The following standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the session, viz :

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE.

On bills in the second reading.

On engrossed bills.

To consist of twelve members each. Any one of the first, and any two of the second, shall constitute a quorum.

34. No member of the senate shall act as counsel for any party before any committee of the legislature.

35. All messages from the senate to the house, and to the governor, or governor and council, shall be carried by the secretary, unless the senate shall direct some other mode of transmission, and all papers shall be transmitted to the governor and council and the house by the secretary or his assistant.

36. The senate may at any time, upon motion, by a vote of a majority of the members present, resolve itself into a committee of the whole for the purpose of considering any subject named in the motion; and a chairman shall be appointed by the President. If a message is announced while the senate is in such committee, the President shall resume the chair for the purpose of receiving it; immediately after which the committee shall proceed, until dissolved in the usual manner.

37. The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in Cushing's Manual, and Cushing's Law and Practice of Legislative Assemblies, shall govern the senate in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the standing rules of the senate, or the joint rules of the two houses.

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JOINT RULES.

1. The following joint standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the session, viz :

- On the judiciary,
- On legal affairs,
- On financial affairs,
- On federal relations,
- On education,
- On railroads,
- On commerce,
- On mercantile affairs and insurance,
- On banks and banking,
- On manufactures,
- On agriculture,
- On military affairs,
- On interior waters,
- On state lands and state roads,
- On ways and bridges,
- On fisheries,
- On counties,
- On towns,
- On indian affairs,
- On claims,
- On pensions,
- On insane hospital,
- On reform school,
- On state prison.
- On public buildings,
- On library.

And each of said committee shall consist of three on the part of the senate, and seven on the part of the house, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

2. Joint select committees shall consist of three on the part of the senate, and seven on the part of the house, unless the order creating the same shall provide a different number.

3. Whenever a select committee shall be appointed by either house, and be joined by the other, it shall be the duty of the secretary of the senate, or the clerk of the house, as the case may

be, to transmit, one to the other, the names of the members so joined, in order that they may be entered upon the journal of each house.

4. In presenting a report upon any matter referred to a committee, such report shall set forth the subject referred, and the substance shall also be briefly endorsed on the back of the same.

5. Orders directing inquiry in relation to an existing statute shall state the subject matter of such statute—also the chapter and section to which the inquiry is directed.

6. The titles of all bills and resolves shall state, briefly, the subject matter of the same.

7. The enacting clause of every bill shall follow its title, in these words, viz :

“ Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows : ”

All bills and resolves reported by any joint committee shall be written in a fair legible hand, on not less than a sheet of paper. And in all bills having more than one section, the sections shall be consecutively numbered, beginning with “ Section 1.”

Mistakes in bills and resolves, merely clerical may be corrected upon suggestion, without a motion to amend.

8. When a bill, resolve, or order, which shall have passed one house, is rejected in the other, notice thereof shall be given to the house to which the same shall have passed, by the secretary or clerk as the case may be. And every bill that shall have passed both houses to be enacted, and all resolutions having the force of law, that shall have finally passed both houses, shall be presented by the secretary of the senate to the governor, for his approval ; and the secretary of the senate shall enter on the journal of the senate, the day on which such bills or resolutions are so presented to the governor.

9. All endorsements on papers, while on their passage between the two houses, shall be under the signature of the secretary of the senate, or the clerk of the house, respectively ; but after the final passage of bills and resolves, they shall be signed by the presiding officer of each house.

10. Every bill or resolve of a public nature, and every bill or resolve appropriating money, or disposing of State lands or other State property, reported in either House by a Committee, or laid upon the table by leave, shall be printed and distributed in both

Houses, before having its first reading. The printed copies shall show by what Committee the bill or resolve was reported, or by what member laid upon the table.

11. Whenever any document shall be printed for the use of the legislature, the number of copies shall be three hundred and fifty, unless otherwise ordered. The copies printed shall be delivered to the messengers of the two houses in the proportion of one-fourth for the use of the senate, and three-fourths for the use of the house, after reserving seventy-five copies for the departments and for binding.

12. No business shall be transacted in convention of the two houses, unless by unanimous consent, except such as may be agreed upon before the convention is formed.

13. Committees of conference shall consist of three members on the part of each house representing its vote, and their report, if agreed to by a majority of each committee, shall be made to the branch asking the conference, and may be either accepted or rejected; but no other action shall be had, except through another committee of conference.

14. When any measure shall be finally rejected, it shall not be revived except by reconsideration; and no measure containing the same subject matter, shall be introduced during the session, unless three days' notice is given to the house of which the mover is a member.

15. Whenever a message shall be sent from the senate to the house, it shall be announced at the door by the messenger of the senate, and shall be communicated respectfully to the chair by the bearer of it. In like manner messages from the house shall be communicated to the senate—the messenger of the house announcing them at the door of the senate.

16. No joint rule or order shall be suspended without the consent of two-thirds of the members present in each house.

17. No member shall be permitted to vote on any question in either branch of the legislature, nor in committee, whose private right, distinct from public interest, is immediately involved.

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R U L E S .

DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE SPEAKER.

1. It shall be the duty of the speaker to take the chair at the hour to which the house shall have adjourned, call the members to order, and after the appearance of a quorum, cause the journal of the preceding day to be read ;

To announce the business before the house in the order in which it is to be acted upon ;

To receive and submit to vote all motions and propositions regularly moved or that necessarily arise in the course of proceedings, and announce the result ;

To restrain the members, when engaged in debate, within the rules of order, and to enforce, on all occasions, the observance of order and decorum among the members ;

To decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house ;

To receive all messages and other communications and announce them to the house ;

To authenticate by his signature bills that have passed to be enacted and resolves finally passed ;

To name the members who are to serve on committees, unless the house otherwise direct ;

To appoint the member who shall take the chair when the house has determined to go into committee of the whole ;

And to name a member to perform his duties during his absence for a time not exceeding the remainder of the day.

2. The speaker may address the house on points of order, in preference to other members ; and may vote in all cases.

DUTIES OF THE CLERK.

3. The clerk shall keep a journal of what is done by the house ; read papers when required by the house or speaker ; call the roll alphabetically, and note the answers of members, when the house orders, or when a question is taken by yeas and nays ; notify committees of their appointment and of the business referred to them ; authenticate by his signature all the orders and proceedings of the house not authenticated by the speaker ; have charge of all the documents and papers of every kind confided to the care of the house ; bear all messages and transmit all papers from the

house to the governor or to the senate, unless the house shall otherwise order; make up the pay roll of the members; and in the absence of the speaker at the hour for meeting, shall preside until a speaker *pro tem.* be chosen; and at the close of the session shall file in an orderly manner all papers and documents in possession of the house, passed upon or received during the session; and at the commencement of the next legislature, shall preside until the election of speaker; and record the doings of the house until a new clerk shall be chosen and qualified; and in the absence of the clerk, the assistant clerk shall be clerk *pro tempore*, with power to appoint an assistant.

CHAPLAINS.

4. Every morning, the house, on assembling, shall join with the chaplains in religious service.

5. The chaplains may change duties with each other or with the chaplains of the senate.

MONITORS.

6. One monitor shall be appointed by the speaker for each division of the house, whose duty shall be to see to the observance of the rules of the house, and on demand of the speaker, to return the number of votes and members in his division.

7. If any member shall transgress any of the rules of the house, and persist therein, after being notified thereof by any monitor, it shall be the duty of such monitor to give information thereof to the house.

COMMITTEES.

8. The following standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the session, whose duty shall be to consider all subjects referred to them and report thereon:

On ways and means,

On leave of absence,

On change of names,

On bills in the third reading,

On engrossed bills,

On elections,

To consist of seven members each.

On county estimates,

To consist of one member from each county.

On business of the house,

To consist of three members.

9. In all elections by ballot, of committees of the house, the person having the highest number of votes shall act as chairman. In case two or more persons receive the same number of votes, the committee by a majority of their number shall elect a chairman.

RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS.

10. The seat which a member draws at the commencement of the session shall be his during the session, unless he shall have leave of the speaker to change it.

11. No member shall sit at the desk of the speaker or clerk, except by the permission of the speaker.

12. When two or more members rise at the same time, the speaker shall name the person to speak; but in all cases the member who shall rise first and address the chair, shall speak first.

13. No member shall interrupt another while speaking, except to call to order, or to correct a mistake.

14. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question without first asking leave of the house.

15. No member shall speak out of his place without leave from the chair, nor without first rising and addressing the speaker; and he shall sit down as soon as he has done speaking.

16. No member shall act as counsel for any party before a joint committee of the legislature, or a committee of this house.

17. No member shall be allowed to stand up to the interruption of another, while any member is speaking, or pass unnecessarily between the speaker of the house and the person speaking; or stand in an alley, or sit or stand covered, during the session of the house.

18. Every member shall make out and deliver to the clerk, or to the committee on pay roll, a statement of the number of miles usually travelled in going from his residence to the seat of government.

19. Every member who shall neglect to give his attendance to the house for more than six days after the session commences, shall, on making his appearance therein, be held to render the reason for such neglect; and in case the reason assigned shall be deemed by the house sufficient, such member shall be entitled to receive pay for his travel, and not otherwise; and no member shall be absent more than two days without leave of the house;

and no member shall have such leave unless it be reported by the committee on leave of absence; and no leave of absence shall avail any member who retains his seat more than five days from the time the same was obtained.

20. Any member having obtained leave of absence, and having in his possession any papers relating to the business before the house, shall leave the same with the clerk.

21. When any member shall be guilty of a breach of any of the rules and orders of the house, and the house has determined he has so transgressed, he shall not be allowed to vote or speak, unless by way of excuse for the same, until he has made satisfaction.

22. Every member who shall be in the house when a question is put, where he is not excluded by interest, shall give his vote, unless the house for special reason shall excuse him, and when the yeas and nays are ordered no member shall leave his seat until the vote is declared. In all elections by the house, or in joint ballot of the two houses, no member shall leave his seat, after voting, before a return of the house is had.

23. When the galleries shall be ordered to be cleared or shut, the matter which may occasion such order shall be kept secret by each member, until the house shall order such injunction of secrecy to be taken off.

24. No person not a member or officer of the house, except members of the senate, its secretary and assistants, the governor and council, state treasurer, secretary of state, land agent, adjutant general, judges of the supreme judicial court, chaplains of the senate, and reporters of the proceedings and debates of the house, shall be admitted within the representatives' hall unless invited by some member of the house.

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES.

25. After the reading of the journal, the following shall be the order of business:

1st. Senate papers, and first reading of accompanying bills and resolves.

2d. Messages and documents from the executive and heads of departments.

3d. Reception of petitions, bills and resolves requiring reference to any committee.

4th. Orders.

5th. Reports of committees and first reading of bills or resolves.

6th. Bills and resolves reported by committee on bills in the third reading, and on their passage to be engrossed.

7th. Bills on their passage to be enacted.

8th. Orders of the day.

The speaker shall announce each item of business in its turn, and no paper shall be taken up out of its regular order except by the unanimous consent of the house. The orders of the day shall take precedence of all other business at the expiration of the morning hour.

26. It shall be the duty of the clerk to make up daily a calendar of bills, resolves and other papers assigned for that day's consideration, and also a calendar of bills and resolves which have had their first reading, and showing the disposition that has been made of each.

27. The unfinished business in which the house was engaged at the time of the last adjournment shall have preference in the orders of the day, and shall continue to be among the orders of the day for each succeeding day until disposed of, and no motion or other business shall be received, without special leave of the house, until the former is disposed of.

28. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received but—

- 1st. To adjourn ;
- 2d. To lay on the table ;
- 3d. For the previous question ;
- 4th. To commit ;
- 5th. To postpone to a day certain ;
- 6th. To amend ;
- 7th. To postpone indefinitely ;

Which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged.

Questions of concurrence or otherwise with the senate shall have precedence of each other in the following order :

- 1st. To recede.
- 2d. To concur.
- 3d. To insist.
- 4th. To adhere.

29. A motion to adjourn shall always be first in order, and shall be decided without debate.

30. A vote to lay a proposition on the table shall not preclude the further consideration of it on the same day.

31. When motion for the previous question is made, the consent of one-third of the members present shall be necessary to authorize the speaker to entertain it. No debate shall be allowed until the matter of consent is determined. The previous question shall be submitted in the following words: *Shall the main question be put now?* No member shall speak more than five minutes on the motion for the previous question, and while that question is pending a motion to lay on the table shall be decided without debate. A call for the yeas and nays, or for division of a question, shall be in order after the main question has been ordered to be put. After the adoption of the previous question, the vote shall be taken forthwith upon amendments, and then upon the main question.

32. Propositions to amend by striking out and inserting dates, numbers and sums, are not divisible; but all propositions, otherwise divisible, shall be divided at the request of any ten members. A motion to strike out being lost, shall neither preclude amendments nor a motion to strike out and insert.

33. In filling blanks and assigning times for the consideration of business, the largest sum and longest time shall be put first.

34. When a proposition consists of several paragraphs or sections, amendment of one of them shall not preclude amendment of a prior paragraph or section.

35. No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

36. After a motion or order is stated or read by the speaker, and seconded, it shall be regarded as in the possession of the house, and shall be disposed of by vote of the house. But any motion or order may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before a decision or amendment, except a motion to reconsider, which shall not be withdrawn except by consent of the house.

37. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if required by the speaker or by any member.

38. No member shall be permitted to lay a motion in writing on the table until he shall have read the same in his place.

39. When a vote having been declared by the speaker, is doubted, the members for and against the question, when called on by the speaker, shall rise and stand till they are counted, and

the vote made certain without further debate. But a call for the yeas and nays shall be in order at any time before such a vote is made certain and declared.

40. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative, or negative, it shall not be in order for any member who voted in the minority to move for a reconsideration thereof; but any member who voted with the majority, or in the negative on a tie vote, may move to reconsider on the same or succeeding day. A motion to reconsider shall not be postponed nor laid on the table without a time certain assigned for its further consideration. When a motion for reconsideration has been decided, the vote shall not be reconsidered. A motion to reconsider shall not be in order more than once on the same question.

41. When a member shall move, or give notice of his intention to move, a reconsideration of any vote, the papers to which the motion relates shall remain in possession of the clerk until the question of reconsideration shall have been decided, or the right to move such a question is lost.

42. In all elections by ballot, of the house, a time shall be assigned for such election, at least one day previous thereto.

43. When a reading of a paper is called for, which has been before read to the House, and the same is objected to by any member, the question of reading shall be determined by a vote of the house.

44. Every question of order which shall be decided on appeal shall be entered on the journal of the house, with the decision thereon.

45. A proposition to require the opinion of the judges of the supreme court, as provided by the constitution, shall not be acted upon until the next day after such proposition is made.

46. All petitions, memorials and other papers addressed to the house, shall be presented by the speaker, or by a member in his place, and shall be endorsed with the name of the person presenting it, and the subject matter of the same. They shall be read by the speaker, clerk, or such other person as the speaker may request, and shall be taken up in the order they were first presented, unless the house shall otherwise direct.

47. All bills in their third reading, and resolves in their second reading, shall be committed to the standing committee on bills in the third reading, to be by them examined and corrected.

48. All resolves appropriating money or land shall have their second reading on Wednesday of the week following that of their first reading.

49. All engrossed bills and resolves shall be committed to the standing committee on engrossed bills, to be strictly examined; and if found by them to be truly and strictly engrossed, they shall so report to the house, and the question shall be taken without any further reading, unless on motion of any member a majority of the house shall be in favor of reading the same as engrossed.

50. Every bill or resolve providing for the grant of money, land, or other public property, which may be laid on the table by leave, and any report of a committee upon any bill or resolve providing for such grant, shall be accompanied by a written statement of facts in each case; and no such bill or resolve shall be considered before such statement is made, or pass without being read on two several days.

51. No new bill or resolve of a public nature shall be received, except it be reported by a committee, unless the house otherwise order; and all bills and resolves not reported by a committee, shall be laid upon the table for one day, before further action thereon.

52. No act or resolve shall be passed affecting the rights of individuals or corporations without previous notice to such individuals or corporations.

53. No bill shall pass to be engrossed until it shall have had three several readings; the time for the second and third readings shall be assigned by the house; but if no objection is made the second reading may be by the title, and at the time of the first. Every resolve which shall require the approval of the governor shall have two several readings; the second reading shall be subject to the provisions of the third reading of bills.

54. No engrossed bill or resolve shall be sent to the senate without notice thereof being given to the house by the speaker.

55. When a bill or resolve shall be returned by the governor with his objections, the question shall be stated by the chair, *Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the governor?* and the same in substance in case of a resolve; which question may be postponed to a day within the session, not exceeding one week, or may be committed. But no other question shall apply to bills and resolves originating in either branch.

56. The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in Cushing's Manual, excepting section 51, relating to the reception of petitions, shall govern the house in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the standing rules and orders of the house, and the joint rules of the senate and house of representatives.

57. No rule or order of the house shall be dispensed with unless two-thirds of the members present shall consent thereto.

58. No rule or order of the house shall be altered or repealed, nor shall any new standing rule or order be adopted, unless one day's previous notice thereof be given in each case; and such notice shall be entered on the journal.

MEMORANDA.

1. Orders, motions in writing, and reports of committees, should never be presented on less than half a sheet of paper.
2. When a *report* of a committee is made to either house it should be accompanied by the *order* appointing said committee.
3. Petitions, memorials and remonstrances, from towns in their *corporate capacity*, should be endorsed thus, "*Petition of town of ———,*" [stating concisely the subject matter thereof.]
4. Petitions, memorials and remonstrances from individuals, should be endorsed thus, "*Petition of ——— and others, of the town of ———,*" [stating concisely the subject matter thereof.]
5. Petitions, memorials and remonstrances from corporations, should be endorsed thus, "*Petition of ———,*" [naming the corporation and stating concisely the subject matter thereof.]
6. The name of the member presenting petitions, memorials and remonstrances, should be endorsed on the back thereof; *near the bottom*, with the place of his residence.
7. The member presenting an *order* should put his name thereto on the inside, at the bottom of the page, on the left, with the place of his residence.
8. Petitions, memorials and remonstrances, on which *leave to withdraw* was ordered by a former legislature, cannot be recalled from the files with a view of being again referred. The *original*, however, may be taken from the files, and the subject presented *de novo*.
9. Bills and resolves *refused a passage, rejected or postponed indefinitely* by a former legislature, cannot be called from the files with a view of being considered by the present legislature.

10. The heading or caption of *bills* should be as follows :

STATE OF MAINE.

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

An act ———

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

11. The caption of *resolves*, as follows :

STATE OF MAINE.

[*Omitting the year required in bills.*]

Resolve ———

12. The caption of *orders*, as follows :

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, ———, 187 .

[or IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ———, 187 .

Ordered, ———

13. All bills amended by statute, by striking out words from any section or independent clause thereof, or by adding or inserting other words and provisions, should recite the section or clause as it would read after being amended as proposed.



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38	An act amendatory of chapter 124 of the public laws of the year 1873, in aid of free high schools. referred..... reported ought to pass, laid over to be printed..... read once and assigned..... read a second time and passed to be engrossed..... passed to be enacted..... approved.....	146 165 185 192 352 363
39	An act to extend the powers of school districts. referred..... reported ought to pass, read and recommitted..... reported in new draft under title of "an act to amend chapter 229 of the public laws of 1874, entitled 'an act further to extend the powers of school districts,'" read twice, amended and passed to be engrossed..... passed to be enacted..... approved.....	146 204 310 352 363
40	An act to legalize the doings of the town of Cornish. referred..... reported ought to pass, read and assigned..... read a second time and passed to be engrossed..... passed to be enacted..... approved.....	146 213 220 269 369
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