

Mr. WEST, from a select committee, reported back the bill concerning Cass co., with a substitute, enacting that the legal voters of Morgan county, within certain limits, shall meet in Princeton, and vote for or against annexation to Cass.

Mr. McCLERNAND moved to refer the bill to the committee on counties.

Mr. ROSS moved its reference to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. HARDIN said he believed the people of his county were opposed to giving the whole three miles; he would not consent to dismember his county, but in order to settle a difficulty which he regretted to exist, he would make two propositions to which he thought the people of his county would agree. The one was, either to divide the three miles, and give one and a half to Cass, or to leave the question to the voters of Morgan county generally.

The question on the reference to the judiciary was then taken and lost, after a desultory discussion between Messrs. Hardin, McClernand, Dodge, Ross, and Bailey.

Mr. DODGE moved to refer to the committee on Counties.

A long debate ensued on this question, in which Messrs. Hardin, Dodge, McClernand, Ross, Bailey, Brown, of Sangamon, West, and others participated; (which debate is deferred for the present owing to its great length) when, without taking the question,

The House adjourned.

SATURDAY, Feb. 6.
Mr. EDWARDS, from the committee on Internal Improvements, reported back the bill to incorporate the Springfield and Alton Railroad company, with an amendment providing for the use of the State property.

The question on ordering the bill to a third reading.

Mr. MUNSSELL opposed the bill on the ground that the State property should not be given without conditions, to one section of the country more than another.

Mr. LINCOLN replied, and showed in substance that the State property would all be lost and go to ruin, if the principle be adopted that no one shall have any, for fear all shall not have some.

Mr. MUNSSELL rejoined, and moved to refer the bill and amendments to the committee of Finance. A discussion, on the reference ensued, in which Messrs. Edwards, Gillespie, Collins, Munsell, Peck, Lincoln, Dougherty, Kitchell, Ross, and Trumbull participated; the reference was then agreed to.

Mr. MUNSSELL offered for adoption a resolution to make a bill, introduced by him, to set aside a Bill passed by the House for reasons therein specified, the order of the day for every day until decided.

Mr. OLDS demanded a call of the House, on motion of Mr. TRUMBULL, further proceedings under the call were dispensed with when

Mr. TRUMBULL moved to lay the resolution on the table; which motion prevailed. Ayes 45, Noes 35.

Mr. MURPHY, of Cook, from the committee on Banks, &c. reported back the bill to incorporate the Phoenix Insurance Company of Chicago, with an amendment; which was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. BISSELL, from same, reported back the bill to incorporate the Mississippi Bridge company, with an amendment, reserving the right of repealing or altering the charter, on payment of damages incurred by such repeal; which was adopted, and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Same from same reported back the bill to incorporate the Beardstown and Sangamo Canal Company, which was ordered to a 3d reading.

Mr. LOGAN, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Illinois Grand Tower Manufacturing Company; which was read twice, and referred to a select committee.

The report on the Cass county annexation question was taken up, and referred to the committee on counties.

On motion of Mr. ARCHER, the bill for an act concerning public roads was taken up and passed.

Mr. WHEELER introduced a resolution for curtailing the fees of Clerks of Circuit Courts, and for exempting five sheep and a variety of other articles, too numerous to mention from execution.

Mr. DOUGHERTY moved to amend by inserting one quarter section of land before the five sheep.

Mr. GILLESPIE made a heart rending appeal, in behalf of old bachelors, who, he prayed, might be admitted into a participation of the benefits of the resolution.

Mr. Wheeler replied in a speech of great length on behalf of married men, &c.

Mr. GILLESPIE followed on the opposite side.

The Speaker called to order.

Mr. TRUMBULL moved to lay the resolution on the table; which was agreed to.

Mr. PECK offered a resolution requiring the Legislature to receive no per diem until certain debts of the State be paid, which, on motion of Mr. Biswell, was laid on the table. Ayes 66, Noes 19.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Directors of the State Bank of Illinois, stating the difficulty of its position, being a solitary specie paying bank, while all the other banks throughout the Union are specie paying, showing that to stand in such a situation and do business as a bank, was impossible, &c. and suggesting to the Legislature the expediency, in view of the public good, of suspending the operation of certain penal and peremptory clauses of their charter.

The communication having been read, Mr. Peck moved its reference to the committee on Banks and Corporations; which motion prevailed.

Mr. HARDIN offered a resolution for a bill requiring the Fund Commissioner to issue Bonds for scrip, when required by the holders.

Mr. HARDIN said he believed our debt ought to be funded, and not suffered to be undergoing daily depreciation in the market. He had introduced the resolution in order to test the question.

Mr. ORMSBEE concurred with the objects of the resolution, and suggested a further mode of funding the scrip, so as to improve its present value.

two o'clock, p. m.
The bill to locate a State road in Bond, Madison, and Clark counties was taken up and passed.

Mr. BALDWIN, on leave, introduced a resolution calling on the President of the Bank to state what real estate composed the item of \$473, 422, 75, in the Bank account, where it was situated, and of what value, &c., which resolution was adopted.

Mr. MURPHY, of Cook, on leave, introduced a joint resolution for a memorial to Congress for the establishment of a Marine Hospital at the city of Chicago; which was adopted.

Mr. WATERS, on leave, introduced a bill for the formation of Rediation county out of Johnson and Pope counties; which was read twice.

The bill to increase the State Directory in the State Bank was taken up.

The question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

Mr. Ross moved to strike out \$3 per diem, and insert \$2 as the compensation for each Director's per diem.

Mr. CHARLES moved to insert 50 cents.

Mr. MURPHY, of Perry, moved to insert one cent.

Mr. LINCOLN moved to lay the bill on the table, but withdrew it, when

Mr. MURPHY, of Cook, advocated the principle of the bill, and showed the necessity of the State being represented in the Directory in proportion to its interest, the same as other States.

Mr. HENDERSON moved to lay the bill on the table till the 4th of July.

Mr. LOGAN accepted the motion as a modification of his own, when the question on the motion of Mr. Trumbull to lay the amendments to strike out on the table having precedence, was taken and decided in the negative; ayes 32, noes 43.

The question on striking out \$3 was then put and agreed to.

Mr. PARSONS moved to fill the blank with \$25; which was lost, by ayes 27, noes 48.

The question being on striking out the blank with \$2; which was lost, ayes 33, noes 40.

Mr. LOGAN then moved to postpone the consideration of the bill indefinitely; which motion on prevailed, ayes 41, noes 34.

The bill to establish an additional Justice of the Peace in Pike county, was then taken up.

Mr. PARSONS moved to reconsider the vote heretofore taken on concurring with the amendment of the select committee, striking out a clause of the bill, which motion was agreed to, and the vote was re-considered.

The question on concurring was then taken, and the House refused to concur with the amendment striking out, in consequence of which the original words were stricken in again.

The bill to re-locate the county seat of Stark was read a third time, and on motion of Mr. Henderson, laid on the table for the present.

The bill for electing a Public Binder, prescribing his duties and prices, was read a third time.

The question being on its passage, Mr. Henderson moved a proviso, that the act should not interfere with any former contracts.

Mr. TRUMBULL inquired who contracts the gentleman from Putnam referred to.

Mr. HENDERSON replied, to a contract for the binding of the 13th General Assembly in future.

Mr. TRUMBULL expressed his surprise at contracts being made by anticipation, for work not ordered, and not known.

Mr. ORMSBEE then moved to refer the bill to a select committee; which was agreed to.

The bill to locate the county seat of Lake county was taken up, amended by Mr. Murphy, of Cook, and passed.

Bill to change Chatham to Sterling;
Bill concerning the revenue of Bond co.;
Bill for relief of James McKee;
Bill in relation to summoning witnesses;
Bill for a toll bridge across Calumet river;
Bill for pay Hefington, et al. for arresting Aaron Todd.

Bill to exempt additionally certain articles from execution.

Mr. PARSONS moved to add a section requiring landlords to prove their demands before a Justice of the Peace.

Mr. TRUMBULL offered to amend by extending the provisions of the bill to distress for rent; both which amendments were agreed to.

Mr. CARPENTER moved to strike out the proviso, limiting the action of the bill to after the 1st June; which was agreed to, and the bill laid aside.

Bill for relief of Nathan Low, being on its passage, emitting a fine of 25 dollars.

Mr. MURPHY, of Perry, moved to add the name of Ethan Brown, as a sharer in the remission; when

Mr. DOUGHERTY, the bill was referred to a select committee.

Bill for the appointment of an assessor in Brown county.

Bill to authorize J. Strode to build a dam across Fox river;

Bill to alter the plat of Metropolis in Johnson.

The bill to provide against illegal voting coming up.

Those who vote illegally by imprisonment in the Penitentiary, and admitting aliens to vote.

Mr. DOUGHERTY moved to amend by exempting the heads of families from all punishment for illegal voting; which amendment was rejected.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM moved an amendment moderating the fine, and making it to be not less than \$ nor more than 100 dollars; which was also rejected.

Mr. WOODSON moved to strike out the Penitentiary clause, and make the fine from 100 to 500 dollars; which amendment was agreed to.

Mr. BRADFORD offered a further amendment, which was rejected.

Mr. OLDS moved an amendment which he subsequently withdrew.

Mr. PECK moved the previous question, which was ordered, and the amendments ceased.

The bill was then laid aside as amended to death.

A bill concerning assessors, was passed, after a long discussion and numerous amendments.

On motion of Mr. WOOD, the House adjourned.

MONDAY, Feb. 8.
Sundry petitions were presented on local topics and appropriately referred.

Mr. CARPENTER, from the committee on counties, reported back sundry petitions for new counties from DeKalb, Boone, Shelby, Montgomery, Fayette and Gallatin, and was discharged from any further consideration of the same.

The bill for the formation of the county of Radiation was then taken up.

Mr. OLIVER opposed the bill and moved that it be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. WATERS moved to refer the bill to the committee on claims, which motion after an animated speech by Mr. Oliver in opposition to it was rejected.

The question being then taken on the motion of Mr. WATERS, the bill was referred to the committee on claims.

The amendment on the table, which motion prevailed, was then taken up.

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