

of this State be and they are hereby empowered to impose such tax on their respective counties as may be sufficient to defray the annual expenses of such counties.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Call moved to amend by adding the following section :

Be it further enacted, That the Board of County Commissioners of each county shall have power to fix the compensation both per diem and mileage which shall be allowed to jurors and State witnesses in said county : *Provided*, no juror or State witness shall be allowed less than fifty cents per day nor less than four cents per mile travel. And no juror or State witness shall be allowed any per diem or mileage for attendance on any Court where any cause, either criminal or civil, is pending, to which he is a party, or in which he is a witness on behalf of any party other than the State, and the clerk of each Circuit Court shall at the close of each term thereof, furnish to the Treasurer of each county, a certified abstract of all jurors and State witnesses who are entitled to pay for attending said term ; and shall also certify that none of the parties therein named were parties to any suit pending at said term, or were summoned or sworn as witnesses in any cause on behalf of any party other than the State.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Davidson moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed ;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Davidson ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bowers, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Jones, Magbee, McCall, Simkins and Watlington—10.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Finlayson, Ingram, Rogers and Walker—7.

So said bill was indefinitely postponed.

House amendments to bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Joseph B. Wood, of Columbia county ;

Was concurred in, and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

House amendments to bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the county Commissioners of Escambia and Santa Rosa counties to borrow money to build a Court House and Jail ;

Were concurred in, and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

A bill to be entitled an Act to increase the compensation of the Solicitors of this State ;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Rogers moved to strike out the words "or county" in the second section ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Magbee moved the bill be indefinitely postponed ;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Magbee and Davidson ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bowers, Brokaw, Davidson, Finlayson, Magbee, Walker and Watlington—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones and Rogers—8.

So the motion to indefinitely postpone was lost.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the payment of cost by plaintiffs in certain cases in the Western Judicial Circuit ;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the holding of extra terms of the Circuit Court ;

Was read a second time and indefinitely postponed.

A resolution in regard to an adjournment of the General Assembly ;

Was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Rogers it was indefinitely postponed.

Engrossed resolution for the relief of George B. Ellis, of Alachua county ;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones and Rogers—11.

Nays—none.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

The Senate then adjourned until half-past ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

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WEDNESDAY, January 23, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

On motion the reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. McCall the rules were waived, and he allowed to introduce without previous notice, the following bill;

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish the Commercial Bank of Lake City;

Was read the first time by its title, rule waived, read the second time by its title and referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Chain gave notice that after to day he would ask leave to introduce the following bill;

A bill to be entitled an Act to empower the Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State to authorize minors to assume the management of their own estates, to contract and be contracted with, and to plead and be impleaded.

Mr. Jones gave notice that he would on some future day, ask leave to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the law of this State for the issuing of attachments.

The rules being waived Mr. Magbee arose and addressed the Senate as follows:

Mr. President:—I rise to perform the sad duty of announcing to the Senate, that Dr. B. W. Saxon, Delegate from Hernando county, and a signer of the Declaration of Florida's Independence, departed this life at half-past four o'clock, P. M., January 22nd, 1861.

It is always sad, and truly a bereavement, to lose one so noble as him, of whom we speak. His life was not only dear to his family, and innumerable friends, but it was dear to the cause of liberty, and Southern Independence. Yea, Mr. President, the dispensation of Providence has fallen heavily on relations, friends, and our beloved Commonwealth. At this sad intelligence, in my imagination, I see the Lone Star banner of our gallant State, draped in mourning for one of its departed sires. Sad is the picture; the cup of grief is full to its brim. Oh, happy thought! thy pinions hath borne to our troubled mind, the welcomed message: "He is not dead, but sleepeth." While he sleeps with his patriot fathers, whose example it was his chief desire to emulate, his name will be embalmed in the heart of every Floridian, and will stand prominent on that sacred parchment, the Ordinance of Secession, bound and decorated by the fairest of hands. Our friend, Mr. President, was no ordinary man; though modest and unassuming, he possessed a strong intellect, trained and cultivated by mentors worthy of such a trust. His family is not unknown to the pages of history, and he has proved to be worthy of his sires. South Carolina was his native State, and it does my heart good, Mr. President, to have so vivid in my memory, that bright and pleasing countenance, and hear as by magic, that sweet toned voice, pronounce the words so often used by him, "South Carolina, my native State, Alabama and Florida, my adopted States, one and inseparable." Yes, Mr. President, he was proud of his native and adopted

States, and well may they be proud of him. He came to the Convention, (though he was in feeble health,) with a strong will and a stout heart, to place Florida in a condition to vindicate herself and her honor against the repeated wrongs of a Northern oppressor. He was always in his seat when the Convention was in session, like a good and faithful soldier, he was always at his post. Never shall I forget, Mr. President, the manly form of that noble defender of Southern rights, when, with patriotic pride, he took the pen to sign that instrument, declaring that Florida is, and ought, of right, to be, a free and independent State. In his last sickness, while suffering from the fatal disease, diptheria, he seemed rejoiced to see his friends, and to the last he bore his sufferings with that christian fortitude that challenges the admiration of all.

Mr. President, as a tribute of respect to departed worth, I offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Senate do now take a recess until half-past three o'clock, P. M., and then to meet here and repair as a body to the Planters' Hotel, to attend the funeral ceremonies over the remains of Dr. B. W. Saxon, delegate of the Florida State Convention, from the county of Hernando, after which the Senate shall stand adjourned for to-day.

Resolved, As a token of respect for the deceased, who was a signer of the ordinance of secession, that each Senator do wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Mr. Rogers seconded the resolution, and paid a handsome tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased.

The resolution was then adopted.

The Senate then adjourned until half-past ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, January 24, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

On motion the reading of the minutes of yesterday's Journal were dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Chain the rules were waived, and the Senate bill entitled an Act regulating Pilots and Pilotage of the bay of