

House bill to be entitled An act to alter and define the boundary of Polk county;

Was read second time, rule waived, read third time by its title, and put upon its passage. The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford Finegan, Haynes, Jordan, Morrison, Oliveros, Pearce, Poe, Roper, Steele, Turner, Vann, White, Whit-hurst, Woodruff and Williams—18.

Nays—Mr. Gorrie—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

Resolution relative to clearing out the Chipola river and the drainage of the swamp and overflowed lands in the same,

Was read second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The following communications were received from the House :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
December 6, 1866. }

Hon. W. W. J. KELLEY,

President of the Senate :

SIR :—The House of Representatives has passed House bill to be entitled An act to repeal An act entitled An act to amend the pleadings and practices of this State, approved February 8th, 1861 ; also,

House bill to be entitled An act to prevent non-residents from hunting in the county of Suwannee.

Very Respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
December 6, 1866. }

Hon. W. W. J. KELLEY,

President of the Senate :

SIR :—The House of Representatives has this day passed the following Senate and House bills, viz :

Senate bill to be entitled An act to authorize the County Commissioners of Jackson county to issue bonds for the purpose of raising money to build a Court House in said county ;

Senate bill to be entitled An act changing and defining the boundary of Dade county ;

House bill to be entitled An act concerning judgments and decrees during the late war ;

House bill to be entitled An act allowing a Justice Court to be held at Orange Spring in Marion county ; also,

House bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Christbal Bravo and Michael Usina.

Very Respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which were read, the Senate bills ordered to be enrolled and the House bills placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.  
The following communication was received from His Excellency the Governor :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
December —, 1866. }

Gentlemen of the Senate :

I respectfully make the following nominations for Auctioneers :  
Gregory Yniestra, Ira Smith and Samuel Glass, for Escambia county.

Thomas O'Connor, for Franklin county.

M. R. Andrew, for St. Johns county.

Thomas M. Mickler, for Columbia county.

DAVID S. WALKER, Gov.

Which was read.

On motion the Senate went into Executive session upon consideration of the same.

The Senate advised and consented to the nominations therein made

The injunction of secrecy was removed, and on motion the Senate resumed its session.

The rules were waived to allow Mr. Brevard, without previous notice, to introduce the following :

A bill to be entitled An act declaratory of the civil rights of the inhabitants of this State ;

Which was received, and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The rule was waived to allow Mr. White, without previous notice, to introduce the following :

A bill to be entitled An act requiring the Sheriffs to keep a regular docket, and for other purposes ;

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion, the Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

FRIDAY, December 7, 1866.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.  
The Lieutenant-Governor in the Chair.

A quorum present.  
The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Cottrell moved to take from the table, House resolution in reference to assigning to the Supreme Court, a room for conference ;

Which was agreed to and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

The rules were waived, and Mr. Oliveros introduced without previous notice, the following :

A bill to be entitled An act to amend the 1st section of An act to fix the pay of members of the General Assembly, passed January 15, 1866;

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day.

The rules were waived and the following bills introduced without previous notice, by Mr. Pearce :

A bill to be entitled An act to bed oysters in the county of Santa Rosa ;

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day.

The rules were waived, and Mr. Jordan, without previous notice, introduced the following :

A bill to be entitled An act to repeal an act giving the State the right of pre-emptory challenge in criminal cases ;

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day.

The committee on Taxation and Revenue made the following report :

The committee on Taxation and Revenue, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act, approved January 4th, 1866, entitled An act to facilitate the collection of taxes and require the registration of grants and donations, instruct me to

#### REPORT :

That they have had the same under consideration and respectfully recommend its passage.

Which was read, and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

JOSEPH FINEGAN, Ch'n.  
The committee on Corporations made the following report :

The committee on Corporations to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An act to authorize the corporate authorities of the city of Pensacola, to issue change bills,

#### REPORT :

That they have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me, as their chairman, to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

THOMAS M. WHITE, Ch'n.  
Which was received and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

The committee on Internal Improvements made the following report :

The committee on Internal Improvements to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An act concerning railroads of the State, beg leave to

#### REPORT :

That in their opinion the bill only requires the enforcement of

the 6th clause of 6th section of An act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this state, passed January, 1855, and therefore can see no objection to the passage of the same.

B. F. OLIVEROS,  
*Chairman pro tem.*

Which was received and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

The committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report :  
The committee on Engrossed Bills

#### REPORT :

That the following bills are correctly engrossed :

A bill to be entitled An act authorizing the appointment of a commission to procure laborers for this State ; also a bill to be entitled An act to provide for taking the census in the year 1867, in this State.

J. H. ROPER.

Which was read and the bills placed among the orders of the day.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

House bill to be entitled An act to provide a revenue system for this State,

Was read third time, as amended, and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Steele and Turner—2.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Cottrell, Crawford, Gorrie, Finegan, Haynes, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Poe, Richard, Roper, Ross, Vann, White, Whitehurst and Williams—20.

The bill did not pass.

The rules were waived, and Mr. Gorrie, from the committee on the Judiciary, made the following report :

The Committee on the Judiciary to whom was referred "a bill to be entitled An act to change the terms of holding the Circuit Courts of Suwannee Circuit," have considered the same and

#### REPORT :

That they see no reasons why the bill should not pass.

They have considered also; "a bill to be entitled An act to amend the laws relative to the sale of real and personal property by Executors and administrators," and report favorably thereon, and recommend its passage.

The committee have also considered "a bill to be entitled An act more effectually to prevent gambling in this State," and a majori-

ty of the committee recommend that the bill do pass with the following amendments, viz :

In section 1, line 10, after the word "cards" insert the words "upon which money or anything of value is bet," and in section 5, line 9, strike out the word "cards."

The same committee have also had under consideration "a bill to be entitled An act to amend the 35th section of an act entitled an act concerning wills, letters testamentary, and letters of administration, and the duties of Executors, Administrators and Guardians, approved November 26th, 1828, and they propose the following amendments thereto: In line 2, section 1, after the word "Representative" insert the words "of the State of Florida."

The committee recommend the passage of "a bill entitled An act to repeal an act entitled an act to regulate commissions for the collection of money."

Your committee believe the provisions of "a bill to be entitled An act in relation to Escheats" to be eminently just and proper, and therefore, recommend most earnestly its passage.

JOHN M. GORRIE,  
Chairman *pro tem.*

Which was received and the bills placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on the Judiciary made the following report :

The Committee on the Judiciary have had under consideration a bill to be entitled An act to amend the act entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company, and for other purposes, and have instructed me to report back the bill for the deliberation of the Senate, with the following amendment, which is recommended as an additional section to said bill.

JOHN M. GORRIE,  
Chairman *pro tem.*

*Amendment recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That hereafter the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company shall run every train that is to connect with the branch of said road hereby authorized to be sold to the Atlantic and Gulf Railroad Company, through the entire extent of the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad, and continuously; and it is hereby expressly provided that said Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company shall not discriminate in the running of trains over their road against any Florida railroad or port or interest in favor of said branch railroad thus authorized to be sold, or discriminate in favor of any port or interest outside of the State of Florida. Nor shall said Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company discriminate in freights or passengers transported over the said Pensacola and Georgia Railroad against the said Florida railroads or Florida ports in favor of the said branch railroad or ports, or any interests out of Florida;

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on the Judiciary made the following report:

The Committee on the Judiciary have instructed me to return to the Senate the Preamble and Resolutions in relation to the district Court of the United States, for the Northern district of Florida and the present incumbent as Judge thereof, and to

#### REPORT:

That they are of opinion that the adoption of the Resolutions would not accomplish anything whatever towards the purpose sought, but would for obvious reasons be impolitic and impracticable. They therefore recommend that the resolution be laid upon the table.

JOHN M. GORRIE,  
Chairman *pro tem.*

Which was received, concurred in, and the resolution accompanying laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled An act authorizing the appointment of a Commissioner to procure laborers for the citizens of this State,

Came up on its third reading.

Mr. Cottrell moved to fill up the first blank in the bill by inserting the word "ten;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Cottrell moved to fill up the second blank in said bill, in 4th line of 6th section, after the word "of" the words "three thousand;"

Which was agreed to.

The bill as amended was put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Pearce, Ross, Whitehurst and Williams—13.

Nays—Messrs. Cottrell, Owens, Roper, Steele, Turner, Vann and White—7.

So the bill passed, as amended—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled an act to build a State prison or penitentiary for the State of Florida,

Was read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Crawford, Oliveros, Pearce, Poe, Steele, Turner and Williams—8.

Nays—Messrs. Cottrell, Gorrie, Haynes, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Owens, Roper, Ross, Vann, White and Whitehurst—12.

The bill did not pass.

House resolution to ascertain and state the account between the State of Florida and Gadsden county,

Was read second time.

Mr. Kenan moved to amend the resolution by offering "the resolution for the relief of Gadsden county," as a substitute;

Which was adopted.

The rule was waived, the resolution as amended, read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Haynes, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Poe, Richard, Steele, Turner, Vann, White, Whitehurst and Williams—17.

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed—as amended,

Ordered to be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for taking the census in the year 1867, in this State.

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Crawford, Haynes, Jordan, Morrison, Oliveros, Pearce, Poe, Roper, Steele, Vann and White—12.

Nays—Messrs. Finegan, Gorrie, Owens, Richard, Turner, Whitehurst and Williams—7.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

House bill to be entitled An act to amend the 12th section of an act prescribing additional penalties for the commission of offences against the State, and for other purposes, approved January 15th, 1866,

Came up on its third reading.

Ordered that the Secretary return it to, and notify the House that the bill is incorrectly engrossed, it having in it interlineations.

On motion the Senate took a recess till 3 o'clock, p. m.

### THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

A committee appeared from the House and notified the Senate that the House had passed the following resolution :

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the Senate be requested to appoint a Select Committee of five, to confer with a similar Committee to be appointed by the House, to take some immediate action upon the subject of a County Court and report to both Houses at as early day as practicable.*

The rules were waived, and Mr. Whitehurst made the following report :

The Committee on Schools and Colleges to whom was referred a bill for the education of children in Calhoun county,

### REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration, and cannot discover any advantage which is to result to the children of said county, or the inhabitants thereof, by a change in the mode and manner of education therein, as is now provided for by law.

Whilst they fully realize that the present system is not as perfect as could be desired, they are free to say they do not believe, this bill will remedy any of the imperfections which it is intended to meet; and failing in this, the county would be left in a much worse condition than if the present law had remained undisturbed.—The county commissioners having authority to assess taxes for that purpose, and faithfully performing their duty; will afford opportunity for the instruction of every child within Calhoun; and thus avoid the complication of a system, which it is essential should commend itself to the interest of its inhabitants, with as little jarring and conflict to its prejudices and wishes, as may best comport with good sense, and a sound policy, they recommend, therefore, that the bill do not pass.

D. W. WHITEHURST, Ch'r.

Which was read and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:  
The Committee on Engrossed Bills

### REPORT

The following resolution as correctly engrossed :  
Resolution relative to clearing out the Chipola river and the drainage of the swamp and overflowed lands on the same.

J. H. ROPER.

Which was read and the bill placed among the orders of the day.  
The Committee on Public Lands made the following report :  
The Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill entitled An act providing for the sale of public lands of the State, have had the same under consideration, and direct me to

### REPORT,

That upon the examination of the bill and the interests it will affect, they find the lands donated for Internal Improvement purposes, are "irrevocably vested" in the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and are not subject to further legislation. Believing the object of the bill, however, to be judicious, and having much merit, independent of the proposed legislation on Internal Improvement Lands, they propose the following amendment to the same, and recommend, that as so amended, the bill do pass, viz :

Strike out all between the words "lands" in the 7th line of the first section of the bill, and the word "for" in next to the last line.

of said section. Even as the bill will then stand, your committee believe that, as a law, it will do much to appreciate the credit of the State.

HOLMES STEELE, Ch'n.

Which was read and placed among the orders of the day.

House bill to be entitled An act to provide a system for the education of the poor white children of Calhoun county,

Was read second time and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Resolution relative to clearing out the Chipola river and the drainage of the swamp and overflowed lands on the same,

Was read third time.

Mr. White moved to fill the blank in the bill by inserting the word "ten;"

Which was agreed to.

The resolution, as amended, was put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Kenan, Morrison, Pearce, Poe, Steele, Vann, White, Whitehurst and Williams—12.

Nays—Messrs. Haynes, Jordan, Oliveros, Richard, Roper and Turner—6

The resolution passed as amended—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

House bill to be entitled An act providing for the sale of public lands of the State,

Was read second time, the amendments proposed by the Committee on Public Lands adopted, and the bill as amended, placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An act requiring the Sheriffs to keep a regular docket, and for other purposes,

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

A bill to be entitled An act declaratory of the civil rights of the inhabitants of this State,

Was read first time, rule waived, read second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

A bill to be entitled An act to amend the 1st section of an act to fix the pay of members of the General Assembly, passed the 15th January, 1866,

Was read first time, rule waived, read second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

House bill to be entitled An act concerning judgments and decrees during the late war,

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

Joint resolution relative to the issue of warrants by the Comptroller,

Was read second time and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

House bill to be entitled An act to amend an act passed March 15th 1843, for the establishment of lost papers,

Was read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Poe, Richard, Roper, Ross, Steele, Turner, Vann, White, Whitehurst and Williams—24.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

House bill to be entitled An act to provide for special terms of the Courts of this State, and for other purposes,

Was read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Haynes, Jordan, Morrison, Poe, Richard, Roper, Steele, Vann, Whitehurst, and Williams—15.

Nays—Messrs. Gorrie, Kenan, Oliveros, Pearce, Ross, Turner, and White—7.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

House bill to be entitled An act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the relief of disabled indigent soldiers of the late war, and destitute widows and orphans,

Was read second time.

Mr. Gorrie moved to amend the bill by striking out the word "indigent" wherever it occurs in the bill;

Which was agreed to.

On motion, the bill as amended, was laid on the table.

House bill to be entitled An act to provide for the appointment of Conservators of the Peace, and a County Court in the several counties of the State and for other purposes,

Was read second time, and on motion, laid on the table.

The rule was waived to allow Mr. Cottrell to make the following report:

A committee appointed on the part of the Senate to act jointly with a committee appointed by the House to take into consideration all matters connected with a County Criminal Court, beg leave to report back to the Senate the following bills referred to that committee, to wit:

A bill to be entitled An act to annul the County Criminal Court of Monroe county; also,

A bill to be entitled An act to amend An act entitled An act to establish and organize a County Criminal Court; also,

A bill to be entitled An act to establish and organize a County Court for all county purposes; also,

A bill to be entitled An act to annul the County Court in Calhoun county.

COTTRELL, Chairman.

Which was read and the committee discharged and the bills placed among the orders of the day.

House bill to be entitled An act to repeal An act entitled An act to amend the pleading and practice of this State, approved Feb. 8, 1861.

Was read first time, rule waived, read second and third time by its title and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Haynes, Pearce, Richard, Roper, Steele, Vann and White—11.

Nays—Messrs. Brevard, Gorrie, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Poe, Ross, Turner, Whitehurst and Williams—11.

Which was a tie.

The President gave the casting vote Aye.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled An act concerning Railroads of this State,

Was read second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to be entitled An act to amend an act approved January 4, 1860, entitled An act to facilitate the collection of taxes, and to require the registration of grants and donations,

Was read second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to establish and organize a County Criminal Court, approved January 11th, 1866.

Was read second time.

Mr. Kenan moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed;

Which was agreed to.

A bill to be entitled an act to annul the County Criminal Court of Monroe county,

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to be entitled an act to annul the County Criminal Court of Calhoun county,

Was read second time.

Mr. Vann moved to amend the bill by striking out all after "1866" and inserting "be and the same is hereby repealed;"

Which was not agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish and organize a County Court for all county purposes,

Was read second time and on motion laid on the table.

House bill to be entitled An act allowing a Justice's Court to be held at Orange Springs in Marion county.

Was read first time, rule waived, read second and third times by its title and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Poe, Richard, Roper, Ross, Steele, Turner, Vann, White, Whitehurst and Williams—23.

Nays—None.

The bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

House bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Christobal Bravo and Michael Usena.

Was read first time, rule waived, read second time by its title and on motion referred to a special committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Oliveros, Haynes and Kenan.

House bill to be entitled An act to prevent non-residents from hunting in the county of Surwantee.

Was read first time, rule waived, read second and third times by its title and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Poe, Richard, Roper, Ross, Steele, Turner, Vann, White, Whitehurst, and Williams—23.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

On motion, the Senate took a recess till 7 o'clock this evening.

#### SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

The rule was waived, and Mr. Crawford made the following report:

The Joint Standing Committee on Enrolled Bills report the following bills and resolution: correctly enrolled, viz:

House bill to be entitled An act to authorize the County Commissioners of Hillsboro' county to levy and collect an additional tax in said county and for other purposes;

House bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Uriah Bowden, Sheriff of Duval county; and;

House bill to be entitled An act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act regulating judicial proceedings, approved November 21, 1829; also,

House resolution requesting his Excellency, the Governor of this State, and our delegation to the United States Congress, to use their

influence with the authorities at Washington to have released from confinement at Fort Jefferson on the Florida coast, all persons suffering an illegal imprisonment, and especially to bring to the attention of his Excellency, Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, the case of George St. Leger Graefel, now held under sentence of close confinement for life, by a Military Commission.

GEN. M. BATES,

Chairman *pro tem* House Committee.

JOHN L. CRAWFORD,

Chairman Senate Committee.

Which was read.

House joint resolution requesting the Governor to assign to the Supreme Court, a room in the Capitol for conference,

Came up on its second reading, the rule was waived, the resolution read a third time by its title and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Haynes, Jordan, Morrison, Owens, Poe, Richard, Roper, Steele, Turner, White and Whitehurst—17.

Nays—Messrs. Gorrie, Oliveros and Pearce—3.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled an act to bed oysters in the County of Santa Rosa,

Was read first time, rule waived, read second time by its title and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

House bill to be entitled an act to change and define the boundary line between the counties of Walton and Holmes,

Came up on its second reading.

Mr. Steele moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

Sec. — *Be it further enacted* That an election shall be held at Grashes, precinct, on the first Monday in February next, at which all the qualified voters residing within the district of country hereby proposed to be taken from Holmes county and added to Walton county, shall be authorized to express their wishes with reference to the change of boundary by balloting according to the laws governing elections so far as applicable, at which election the vote shall be "change of boundary," or "no change of boundary," as the case may be; and the inspectors of said election shall make returns of said election to the Secretary of State; and if it shall appear that a majority of the votes polled have been for "change of boundary," this act shall immediately take effect, and if a majority of the votes shall be for "no change of boundary," then this act shall not be in force.

Which was adopted.

The rule was waived, and the bill as amended put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Haynes, Morrison, Oliveros, Richard, Roper, Steele, Turner and Williams—9.

Nays—Messrs. Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Jordan, Kenan, Owens, Pearce, Poe and Whitehurst—11

The bill did not pass.

On motion, Messrs. Vann and White were excused from voting. House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Joel J. Addison, Sheriff and ex officio Tax Assessor and Collector of Manatee county, Was read second time, rule waived, read third time by its title and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Jordan, Morrison, Oliveros, Poe, Steele, Turner, and Williams—7.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Kenan, Owens, Pearce, Richard, Roper, Vann, White and Whitehurst—15.

The bill did not pass.

House bill to be entitled An act to divide the county of Nassau and organize a new county, to be called Stewart county,

Was read second time, and consideration postponed till to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled An act to authorize the corporate authorities of the city of Pensacola to issue change bills.

Was read second time, and consideration of the same postponed till to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An act to consolidate the offices of Probate Judge and that of Clerk of the Circuit Court of Monroe county, came upon its second reading, the amendments proposed by the Committee on the Judiciary adopted, and the bill as amended, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to be entitled An act to amend An act entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company,

Was read second time and the amendments proposed by the Committee on the Judiciary, adopted.

Mr. White offered the following amendment:

*Be it further enacted*, That the sale of said Branch Road shall be made for cash, and all the moneys and profits arising from said sale shall be expended towards the completion of the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad, commencing the work at the terminus of said Road near Quincy going West, towards Pensacola. The work to commence at as early a day as practicable.

Which was adopted.

The bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The rules were waived and Mr. Kenan moved the following:

That the bill to be entitled An act to establish and organize a County Court for all county purposes be taken from the table and placed among the orders of the day;

Which was agreed to.

A bill to be entitled An act to establish and organize a County Court for all county purposes,

Came up on its second reading.

Mr. Kenan offered to amend the bill as follows :

Strike out all after the enacting clause, insertin, the following :

Section 1st. That section first of An act entitled an act to establish and organize a County Criminal Court, approved January 11th, 1866, be so amended as to give said Court exclusive jurisdiction in the trial of all or any of the offences mentioned in said first section.

Section 2nd. Be it further enacted, That in all trials and prosecutions before said Court, the defendant shall have the right of waiving trial by jury, and the Judge, in such cases, shall be authorized to cause and assess judgment.

Section 3rd. Be it further enacted, That in all cases for trial brought before the County Criminal Court, the prosecutor shall be compelled to pay cost when the party or parties so tried shall be found not guilty : *Provided, however,* That it shall be at the option of the Judge as to whether or not the costs shall be collected from the prosecutor failing to convict in cases affecting the public welfare.

Section 4th. Be it further enacted, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prevent persons from taking an appeal to the Circuit Courts as provided in section 7th of the act to which this is an amendment.

Section 5th. Be it further enacted, That all laws and parts of laws conflicting with the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Mr. Vann moved to amend the amendment as follows :

Mr. Vann moved to amend the amendment by striking out "all" after the enacting clause, and inserting the following :

That An act entitled An act to establish and organize a County Criminal Court, approved January 11, 1866, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Cottrell and Vann.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Gorrie, Jordan, Pearce, Steele and Vann—5.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Haynes, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Poe, Richard, Roper, Turner, White, Whitehurst and Williams—17.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The amendment offered by Mr. Kenan was adopted, and the bill as amended ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

House bill to be entitled An act to amend the 35th section of an act entitled An act concerning wills, letters testamentary and letters of administration, and the duties of Executors Administrators and Guardians, approved 20th Nov. 1828,

Was read second time, and the amendments offered by the Com-

mittee on the Judiciary adopted, and the bill as amended placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An act more effectually to prevent gambling in this State,

Was read second time, the amendments recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary adopted, and the bill as amended ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

House bill to be entitled An act in relation to cheats,

Was read second time, rule waived, read third time by its title and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Richard, Roper, Steele, Turner, Vann, White, Whitehurst and Williams—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

House bill to be entitled An act to repeal an act entitled an act to regulate Commissions for the collection of money,

Was read second time, rule waived, read third time by its title and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Gorrie, Haynes, Jordan, Morrison, Oliveros, Pearce, Richard, Roper, Steele, Vann, White and Williams—15.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Finegan, Owens, Turner and Whitehurst—5.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the laws relative to sales of real and personal property by Executors and Administrators,

Was read second time, rule waived, read third time by its title and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Richard, Roper, Steele, Turner, Vann, White and Whitehurst—17.

Nays—Messrs. Jordan, Owens and Pearce—3.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled an act to change the time of holding the Circuit Courts of Suwannee Circuit,

Was read second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion, the Senate adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'clock, A. M.

SATURDAY, December 8, 1866.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.