

was the election of a Senator in Congress for the six years' term, beginning March 4th, 1869.

The rolls were called, and 20 Senators and 49 Assemblymen answered to their names.

On motion of Mr. Knight, the Joint Assembly proceeded to a *viva voce* vote for United States Senator for the term beginning March 4th, 1869, and ending March 3d, 1875, with the following result :

## SENATE.

For Abijah Gilbert—Mr. President, Messrs. Alden, Bradwell, Crawford, Davidson, Goss, Hunt, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, Pearce, Purman and Underwood—15.

For B. D. Wright—Messrs. Atkins, Ginn, McCaskill, Weeks and Wood—5.

## ASSEMBLY.

For A. Gilbert, 33; D. B. Wright, 13; A. S. Welch, 3.

Totals—Gilbert, 48; Wright, 18; Welch, 3.

Whole number of votes—69.

Necessary to a choice—35.

Abijah Gilbert having received a majority of the votes cast, these being a majority of the whole Legislature, the President *pro tem.* declared him duly elected United States Senator from Florida, for the term beginning March 4th, 1869, and ending March 3d, 1875.

On motion of Mr. Alden, the joint session adjourned.

The Senate proceeded to its own Chamber.

Mr. Alden moved that a committee of three be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, and inquire whether he desired to send any communication to the Senate;

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Messrs. Alden, Mobley, and Pearce.

While the committee were out, the following resolution was received from the Assembly :

*Resolved*, The Senate concurring, that the Legislature adjourn from day to day, until Florida is legally admitted into the Union.

The Senate concurred in the resolution and informed the Assembly of their concurrence.

The committee sent to wait upon the Governor returned and reported that his Excellency had no formal communication to make, but would advise an adjournment to the 23d inst.

A message was received from the Assembly announcing that the Speaker had appointed a committee of conference upon adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Purman, a committee was appointed to meet

the Assembly Committee, consisting of Messrs. Purman, Goss, and Ginn.

After a brief absence, the committee reported that they had performed their duty and were discharged.

A message was received from the Assembly announcing that that body had adopted the following resolution :

*Resolved*, By the Assembly, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature of the State of Florida do not adjourn, but that members desiring leave of absence be granted the same, for a time not extending beyond the 7th of July, 1868.

On the question of concurrence on this resolution, a division was called for, and the Senate did concur therein.

On motion of Mr. Goss, the Senate adjourned to 4 P. M. to-day.

## FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. Knight, leave of absence was granted the Sergeant-at-Arms till July 7th.

On motion of Mr. Knight, it was

*Resolved*, That the President be empowered to grant leave of absence to Senators and attaches upon their application, subject to the restrictions set forth in joint resolution.

The President *pro tem.* granted leave of absence, till July 7th, to the following gentlemen :

Messrs. Crawford, Davidson, Goss, Ginn, Hunt, Katzenberg, Knight, Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Underwood, Weeks, and Wood.

On motion of Mr. Knight, leave of absence till July 7th was granted the President *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. Knight, the Senate adjourned to 12 M Tuesday, the 23d inst.

## TUESDAY, June 23d, 1868.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, at 12 M.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called, and no quorum being present,

On motion of Mr. Alden, the Senate adjourned till to-morrow, at 12 M.