

On motion, it was ordered that the journal of the 18th inst. be corrected so as to show the reconsideration of the previous day's vote on the confirmation of Charles Beecher to be Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The doors were opened.

Mr. Purman offered the following :

Rule No. 35 :

When nominations shall be made by the Governor to the Senate, a future day shall be assigned, unless the Senate unanimously direct otherwise, for taking them into consideration; and a motion to reconsider a vote upon a nomination shall always, if the resolution announcing the decision of the Senate has been sent to the Governor, be accompanied by a motion requesting the Governor to return the same to the Senate ;

Moved its adoption.

Mr. Pearce moved to lay the motion to adopt on the table, Which was not agreed to.

The motion for the adoption of the rule was put, and agreed to.

So the rule was adopted.

Senate adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### SATURDAY, January 20.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Senator Locke in the chair.

Prayer by the chaplain.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names :

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Billings, Crawford, Eagan, Ginn, Hill, Jenkins, Kendrick, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Weeks and Wentworth—18.

A quorum present.

The reading of the journal was dispensed with, and the journal corrected and approved.

Mr. Meacham, by permission, introduced Senate Bill No. 48, to be entitled an act to amend An act Providing for Setting Apart a Homestead on Personal Property to be Exempted from Forced Sales under Process of Law, approved June 23, 1869 ;

Which was read first time by title, under suspension of the rules, and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Assembly Bill No. 34,

Was read first time by title, under suspension of rules, and referred to Committee of Corporations.

Assembly Bill No. 27, to be entitled An act to Require County Treasurers to Keep Accurate Accounts of Public Moneys, and to Exhibit their Books and Copies thereof annually to the Boards of County Commissioners and to Grand Juries,

Was taken up on its second reading, and read by sections.

Mr. Wentworth moved to amend section 1, by striking out the words "every year" and inserting the words "on the first days of January, April, July and October in each year."

Which was, on motion, adopted.

Mr. Henderson offered the following amendment :

After "items" in 5th line, insert "which shall show the amount of currency and the amount of scrip, and the respective kinds and amounts thereof,"

Which was, on motion, adopted.

Mr. Wentworth offered the following amendment to section 2 :

After the words "session" in line three, insert the words "after the first day of January, April, July, and October.

Mr. Henderson moved to amend section 3, by striking out the word "year" in line two, and inserting the word "quarter ;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Henderson offered the following as an additional section :

SEC. 5. County Treasurers shall be required to give bonds to the Governor in a sum to be fixed by the county commissioners, which shall in no county be less than ten thousand dollars ; and the sureties shall be required to justify ;

Which was, on motion, adopted.

The bill was passed to its third reading.

S. B. No. 33, to be entitled An act to Provide for the Enforcement of Judgment against Corporations,

Was taken up on its second reading, read by sections, and ordered engrossed.

The Chair appointed, as special committee to consider Senate Bill No. 43, to be entitled An act to Protect Commerce, and to Amend the Pilotage Laws of this State, Senators Henderson, Wentworth, Billings and by vote of the Senate, Messrs. Atkins and Locke were added.

Mr. Henderson presented the account of the Lake City Press against the State of Florida, for publishing legal notices in Suwannee county, for \$2,240, and moved its reference to the Committee on Claims.

The account was so referred.

Mr. Wentworth, chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,

Tallahassee, Fla., January 20, 1872.

Hon. SAMUEL T. DAY, President of the Senate:

Sir: Your committee, to whom was referred Senate

Bills No. 28, entitled An act to Secure Homesteads to Actual Settlers upon the Swamp and Overflowed Lands of the State of Florida;

Senate Bill 34:

Entitled an act to amend An act Relating to Jurors, approved August 1, 1867, have examined the same, and find it correctly engrossed.

GEO. E. WENTWORTH, Chairman.  
N. H. MORAGNE,  
L. G. DENNIS.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill, Senate Bill No. 28, to be entitled An act to Secure Homesteads to Actual Settlers on the Swamp and Overflowed Lands in the State of Florida,

Was taken up on its third reading, read at large, and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The yeas and nays were called, with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Billings, Crawford, Dennis, Eagan, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Jenkins, Kendrick, Locke, Meacham, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, and Wentworth—15.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Moragne, and Weeks—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and the Secretary was directed to certify the same to the Assembly.

Mr. Pearce, Chairman Committee on State Affairs, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, January 18, 1872.

HON. SAMUEL T. DAY, President of the Senate:

SIR: Your committee, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 26, having examined the same, recommend that it do pass.

C. H. PEARCE, Chairman.  
N. H. MORAGNE,  
J. A. ATKINS.  
HORATIO JENKINS.

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

Mr. Dennis, by permission, introduced Senate Bill No. 49, to be entitled An act Concerning Appointments to Office;

Which was read first time by title, under suspension of rules, and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Eagan, by permission, introduced Senate Bill No. 50, to be entitled An act to Provide against the Sale of Cotton and Corn after the Hour of Sunset and before the Hour of Sunrise;

Which was read first time by title, under suspension of rules, and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 26 :

To be entitled An act for the Relief of Wm. B. Blount,  
Was taken up on its second reading, and read by sections.

On motion, the bill was laid on the table.

Senate Bill No. 34 :

To be entitled an act to amend An act Relating to Jurors, approved August 1, 1867,

Was taken up on its third reading, and the bill returned to its second reading without objection.

Mr. Purman offered the following :

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed by the president to proceed to the office of the Secretary of State, and investigate the number of and class of commissions issued by that officer since the inauguration of the State Government under the present Constitution, and to proceed to the office of the Treasurer of the State, and investigate therein how far the act entitled An act to Raise Additional Revenue of the State, approved August 5, 1868, has been complied with or violated by the officers therein designated, and to make a full report of the result of such investigation to this body, together with such remedy as may be applicable to the case ;

Which was, on motion, laid on the table.

On motion, the Senate went into Executive session.

The doors were opened, and, on motion, the Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock Monday morning.

#### MONDAY, January 22.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Senator McCaskill in the chair.

Prayer by the chaplain.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names :

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Billings, Crawford, Ginn, Jenkins, Kendrick, Locke, McKinnon, Moragne, McCaskill, Pearce, Weeks and Wentworth—14.

A quorum present.

On motion, the reading of the journal was dispensed with, the journal corrected, and approved.

Mr. Weeks introduced a memorial to the Postmaster General United States for the establishment of a mail route ;

Which was read, and the yeas and nays called on its adoption, with the following result :

Those voting in the affirmative were—