

TUESDAY, February 6, 1883.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Messrs. Allen, Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Mountier, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Powers, Proctor, Robert Sharpe, Sheppard, and Swearingen—29.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Dell the reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Duncan, Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled bills, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., February 6, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 16, to be entitled an act granting aid for the construction of the Thomasville, Tallahassee and Gulf Railroad,

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and find it to be correctly enrolled;

Very respectfully,

H. H. DUNCAN, Chairman.

Which was read.

The President and Secretary signed the following bill:

An act to be entitled an act granting aid for the construction of the Thomasville, Tallahassee and Gulf Railroad.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bill was introduced:

By Mr. Mallory:

Senate bill No. 183:

To be entitled an act to provide a method whereby jurors in criminal cases, in the courts of Justices of the Peace and in the courts of County Judges acting *ex-officio* as Justices of the Peace in this State, may collect their fees;

Which was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Delano, Chairman of the Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 6, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs, to whom was referred—

Assembly bill No. 107, to be entitled an act for the relief of Jacksonville and the counties of Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Suwannee, Madison, Jefferson, Duval and Leon,

Having carefully considered the same recommend that it do pass as amended.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. DELANO, Chairman.

Which was read and adopted.

The Committee offered the following amendment:

In 12th line, Section 2, after the word "Leon," insert as follows: "Not heretofore granted and conveyed;"

Which was adopted.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., February 3, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs, to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 63, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Chattanooga, Columbus and Florida Railroad Company, and to grant aid thereto,

Having carefully considered the same recommend that the same do pass as amended.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. DELANO,

Chairman Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs.

Which was read and adopted.

The committee offered the following amendment:

Strike out all of Section 12, change the number of Section 13 to Section 12;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hatcher, Chairman of the Committee on State Boundaries, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., February 6, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on State Boundaries, to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 96, to be entitled an act asking to change the boundary line between the counties of Clay and Putnam, Have examined the same and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

H. HATCHER,  
Chairman Committee.

Which was read and adopted.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate bill No. 160 :

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to amend the several acts now in force concerning divorces, approved February 14, 1835,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Senate bill No. 163 :

To be entitled an act to limit and restrain the sale of intoxicating liquors, wine and beer in this State.

Ordered that it lie over until Thursday.

Senate bill No. 112 :

To be entitled an act to restore to the estates of B. C. Lewis, P. B. Brokaw, John McDougall and Wm. Bailey certain Indian war certificates unjustly withheld by the State, and for other purposes,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Joint Resolution No. 41, to the Congress of the United States asking for a daily mail service from Chattahoochee, Fla., to Apalachicola, Fla.,

Was read the second time and placed among the orders of the day.

Senate bill No. 32 :

To be entitled an act to require Justices of the Peace to give bond.

Mr. McClellan offered the following amendment :

Provided this act shall apply only in counties where the County Commissioners publish said act ;

Which was adopted and the bill, as amended, ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Delano offered the following concurrent resolution :

WHEREAS, That at the present session of the Legislature a great diversity of opinion exists as to the amount per diem the members should receive for their services,

Therefore be it resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the Sergeant-at-Arms of each house be, and they are hereby instructed to furnish a list of names to their respective houses of all the members who desire a less sum than

or dollars per diem, to the end that each member of the Legislature shall receive the exact amount, not exceeding six dollars per diem, as in his opinion said services are worth.

*Resolved further,* That all members desirous of obtaining the benefits of this act may have his name spread upon the journal of the house of which he is a member, and the amount per diem for his said services as provided in this resolution, and the said amount and no more shall be paid to said member for his services for the present session ;

Which was read.

Mr. Speer moved to lay the resolution on the table.

The yeas and nays being called for, the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Cone, Crill, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Lesley, Mallory, Mountien, McKinne, Polhill, Roberts, Sharpe, Shepard and Speer—14.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cottrell, Delano, Dell, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Mann, McClellan, Pope, Powers, Proctor and Swearingen—17.

The motion to lay on the table was not agreed to.

Mr. Chandler offered the following amendment :

Strike out all after the word "concurring," and insert as follows :

That no more buncombe resolutions relative to the pay of members of the Legislature shall be introduced this session, but that we possess our souls in patience until the report of the Committee on Finance, and amend the bill recommended by said committee as other bills are amended, and pass the same, in order that the pay of members of the Legislature may be fixed by law, as the Constitution provides.

*Resolved, further,* That any member who thinks the amount of per diem, as allowed in said bill, more than he deserves, may cover the amount over and above what he thinks he deserves into the Treasury of the State, and publish said fact in any paper or papers of this State he may think best for his constituency and for himself.

Mr. Mallory moved that the resolution and amendment be referred to the Committee on Legislative expenses ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Mallory, Chairman of the Committee on Commerce and Navigation, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 6, 1883.

Hon. L. W. BETHEL,  
President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee on Commerce and Navigation, to whom was referred—

Senate bill 178, to be entitled an act to authorize D. M. Blitch to establish and operate a public ferry across the Withlacoochee River; also,

Assembly bill No. 125, to be entitled an act to declare the Panasofkee Outlet, commonly known as the Panasofkee Run, navigable,

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend that they do pass.

Very respectfully,

S. R. MALLORY,  
Chairman Committee.

Which was adopted.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate bill No. 178:

To be entitled an act to authorize D. M. Blitch to establish and operate a public ferry across the Withlacoochee,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Senate bill No. 96:

To be entitled an act to change the county line between the counties of Clay and Putnam,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Mallory, Chairman of the Committee on Commerce and Navigation, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 6, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Commerce and Navigation to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 113, to be entitled an act to declare Brushy Creek, in Escambia county, navigable for logs, timber and other floatage,

Beg leave to report that they have considered the same, and recommend that the accompanying substitute be adopted and passed in lieu thereof.

Very respectfully,

S. R. MALLORY, Chairman.

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

The Committee offered the following substitute for

Senate bill No. 113, to be entitled an act to declare Brushy Creek, in Escambia county, navigable for logs, timber and other floatage:

*The People of the State of Florida, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. That Brushy Creek, in Escambia county, in this State, is hereby declared navigable from its source to its entry into the Perdido river, for logs, timber and other floatage: *Provided, however,* that nothing herein shall be so construed as to prevent the construction of bridges across said Brushy Creek in such a manner as not to interfere with the passage of logs, timber and other floatage.

SEC. 2. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act be, and the same are hereby, repealed. Which was adopted.  
The substitute was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

SECOND READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 60:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Ship Canal Company, to locate, construct, own and operate a ship canal and telegraph line across the peninsula of Florida, to connect the Atlantic ocean with the Gulf of Mexico.

Mr. Baker moved to indefinitely postpone the bill.

By leave, Mr. Baker withdrew the motion.

Mr. Dell moved that the bill be printed as amended; which was agreed to.

Mr. Baker moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed, and that it be made the special order for tomorrow at 4 o'clock P. M.

Which was agreed to.

Senate bill No. 63:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Chattanooga, Columbus and Florida Railroad Company, and to grant aid thereto.

Amendments of the committee were adopted.

The bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Assembly bill No. 107:

To be entitled an act for the relief of Jacksonville and the counties of Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Suwannee, Madison, Jefferson, Duval and Leon.

The amendments of the committee were adopted.

Mr. Lesley offered the following amendment:

In section one, line three, after the word "of," insert "north of latitude twenty-nine."

Mr. Chandler offered the following amendment to Mr. Lesley's amendment:

Amend by adding the words "and one-half."

Mr. Crill was called to the chair.

Mr. Cottrell moved to adjourn until half-past three o'clock; Which was agreed to.

### HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the Chair.

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

Messrs. Allen, Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hendricks, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Speer and Swearingen—25.

A quorum present.

The consideration of Mr. Chandler's amendment to Mr. Lesley's amendment was resumed.

The yeas and nays being called for, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cottrell, Duncan, Fortner, Lesley, Sharpe and Speer—7.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Hendricks, Mallory, Mann, McClellan, Polhill, Pope, Proctor, Roberts, and Swearingen—16.

So the amendment to the amendment was not adopted.

On Mr. Lesley's amendment the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cottrell, Duncan, Fortner, Lesley, Sharpe and Speer—7.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Baker, Bryson, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Greeley, Hendricks, Mallory, Mann, McClellan, Polhill, Pope, Proctor, Roberts and Swearingen—18.

So the amendment was not adopted.

Mr. McKinne offered the following amendment:

In line 5, of Section 3, after "by them" insert not less than appraised value;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Powers offered the following amendment:

Section 5. That the lands granted by this act, of whatever name or description, shall be sold to actual settlers on the same, to the amount of one hundred and sixty acres, should such actual settlers propose to purchase the lands at the same prices as fixed upon, in preference to any and all other applicants to purchase the same, for the term of one year from the passage of this act;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Bryson moved that the rule be waived, and that the bill be read the third time and put upon its passage.

The motion not receiving a two-thirds vote was lost. The bill, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed. By leave, Mr. Mallory introduced the following bill:

Senate bill No. 184:  
To be entitled an act to authorize the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of the several counties in this State to appoint deputy clerks or registration officers for the election districts in which such clerks' offices are located;

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Speer:

Senate bill No. 185:

To be entitled an act in relation to the one mill State tax for school purposes,

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Cole:

Senate bill No. 186:

To be entitled an act for the relief of S. B. Baldwin and others;

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Claims.

### BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Assembly bill No. 125:

To be entitled an act to declare the Panasofkee outlet, commonly known as Panasofkee run, navigable,  
Was read the second time and placed among the orders of the day.

### BILLS ON THIRD READING.

Senate bill No. 143:

To be entitled an act for the relief of Geo. H. Mays, of Duval county,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Mallory, Mountien, McClellan, Polhill, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard and Speer—19.

Nays—Messrs. Dell and McKinne—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 144:

To be entitled an act relating to public records,  
Was read the third time and put upon its passage.  
The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baker, Chandler, Cone, Cottrell, Delano, Fortner, Greeley, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Proctor and Sheppard—14.

Nays—Messrs. Crill, Dell, Lesley, Roberts, Sharpe, Spear and Swearingen—7.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 157 :

To be entitled an act to amend Section 1, of Chapter 3128, Laws of Florida, approved March 11th, 1879, being an act in relation to the issue and service of criminal process in certain cases, without prepayment of fees,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baker, Chandler, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Mallory, McKinne, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sheppard, Speer and Swearingen—17.

Nays—Messrs. Cottrell, Lesley, Mountien and Polhill—4.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 48 :

To be entitled an act to empower clerks of the circuits to have one or more dies in their office.

Mr. Mallory moved that the bill be laid upon the table ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McKinne moved for a reconsideration of the action of the Senate on Assembly bill No. 27 :

To be entitled an act to amend section 6, of an act to establish lost papers in Justice Courts, passed November 21, A. D. 1829 ;

Which was agreed to.

Assembly bill No. 131 :

To be entitled an act to declare Tompkins and Branch Mill streams navigable,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Messrs. Allen, Baker, Chandler, Cottrell, Crill, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Lesley, Mallory, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard, Speer and Swearingen—23.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 135 :

To be entitled an act to allow Thomas L. Wilson, of Polk county, to procure a license to practice law,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Cone, Cottrell, Fortner, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Mountien, McClellan, Polhill, Powers, Sheppard, Speer and Swearingen—17.

Nays—Messrs. Crill and McKinne—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 31 :

To be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 3315, Laws of Florida, relating to municipal corporations,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baker, Chandler, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sheppard, Speer and Swearingen—25.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The following letter was read by the Secretary :

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., February 5th, 1883.

Hon. L. W. BETHEL, *Lieut. Governor and ex officio President of the Senate* :

DEAR SIR—I am instructed by the Board of Directors of the State Park Association to invite yourself and the honorable Senate to visit our forthcoming State Fair, opening on February 13th and continuing through the week. You may select either day. Permit me to add, my dear sir, that it will give me great pleasure to extend all the courtesies of the occasion. An early reply, in order that I may make the necessary arrangements, will be appreciated by

Yours truly,

A. J. RUSSELL, Secretary.

Mr. McKinne moved that the President return the acknowledgements of the Senate ;

Which was agreed to

Mr. Mallory moved that the President, in his answer, express the regret that the Senate cannot accept the invitation on account of the press of business,

The yeas and nays being called for, the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Crill, Duncan, Hatcher, Mallory, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Sharpe, Sheppard and Speer—10.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Baker, Chandler, Cone, Cottrell, Dell, Fortner, Greeley, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Polhill, Pope, Powers, Proctor and Roberts—16.

So the motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Greeley offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, The State Park Association having invited the Senate to visit the State Fair at Jacksonville,

*Resolved*, That the Senate accept the invitation for the 15th inst.

Mr. Mallory offered the following amendment :

That a committee of five Senators be appointed by the President to represent this body in accepting the invitation.

The amendment of Mr. Mallory was not adopted.

On motion for the adoption of Mr. Greeley's resolution, the yeas and nays being called for, the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baker, Chandler, Cone, Dell, Fortner, Greeley, Hatcher, Lesley, Mountien, McClellan, Pope, Powers, Proctor, Roberts and Sheppard—16.

Nays—Messrs. Cottrell, Crill, Duncan, Hendricks, Landrum, Mallory, McKinne, Sharpe, Speer and Swearingen—10.

So the resolution was adopted.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until half-past 7 o'clock.

#### HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the chair.

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

Messrs. Allen, Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cottrell, Crill, Dell, Fortner, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Mountien, McKinne, Pope, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sheppard, Speer and Swearingen—23.

A quorum present.

Mr. Swearingen was called to the chair.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the contest of election for Senator from the 24th Senatorial District of Florida, election held November 7th, 1882—C. B. Pendleton, Contestant, vs. G. W. Allen, Contestee—and the Secretary read the following :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 26, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR—Your Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom

was referred the contested case of C. B. Pendleton, contestant, against George W. Allen, contestee, from the Twenty-fourth Senatorial District of Florida, respectfully report that they have carefully considered the testimony of C. B. Pendleton, contestant, and George W. Allen, contestee, and while they are of the opinion that there were much irregularities and uncertainties in the conduct of the election in the first and second precincts, yet the evidence is so vague, indefinite and unsatisfactory that your committee can come to no definite conclusion as to the number or votes effected thereby, and they cannot find sufficient cause to change the result of the election in said District.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the contest in this case be dismissed, and that George W. Allen retain his seat in the Senate, and that the testimony herein be spread upon the journals.

Very respectfully,

J. H. MCKINNE, Chairman.

WM. BRYSON,

J. B. DELL,

WM. H. SHARPE,

H. C. BAKER,

Committee.

Mr. Lesley offered the following as a substitute, for the resolution offered by the Committee on Privileges and Elections :

WHEREAS, The committee report much irregularity and unsatisfactory evidence in the case of Pendleton vs. Allen, in the 1st and 2d precincts, that the whole matter be referred back to the people.

The yeas and nays being called for, the vote was :

Yeas.—Messrs. Cottrel, Fortner, Leslie, Mountien, Powers and Swearingen.—6.

Nays.—Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Crill, Delano, Dell, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Mallory, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard and Speer.—20.

So the substitute was not adopted.

Mr. McKinne renewed his motion that the resolution reported from the Committee on Privileges and Elections in the contested case of Pendleton vs. Allen, which is as follows: That the contest in the case be dismissed, and that George W. Allen retain his seat in the Senate, and that the testimony herein be printed.

The yeas and nays being called for, the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Crill, Delano,

Dell, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Mallory, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard, Speer and Swearingen—21.

Nays—Messrs. Lesley and Mountien—2.

So the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Baker moved to reconsider the vote just taken, and to lay the motion on the table;

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Delano, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, February 7, 1883.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

The roll being called the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Allen, Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard and Speer—30.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS, PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Mr. Mallory introduced the following petition, signed by J. B. Walton and others:

*To the Senate and Members of the Assembly of the State of Florida:*

The petition of the undersigned liquor dealers of Escambia county, State of Florida, respectfully represent that they are engaged in the business of liquor dealers, for which they pay a revenue license of four hundred and fifty dollars, three hundred dollars to the State and one hundred and fifty dollars to the county; that dealers in vinous and malt liquors are licensed twenty-five dollars for State and twelve dollars and fifty cents for county; that they verily believe many who are under the vinous and malt liquor license do business as liquor dealers, which is a great injustice to your petitioners.

Your petitioners, therefore, invite your attention in the premises, and request that the revenue law be amended so as to increase the license of vinous and malt liquor dealers, or reduce liquor dealers' license.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

PENSACOLA, FLA., Jan. 20, 1883.

Mr. Baker introduced the following, signed by F. Pasco, Conference Secretary:

*To the Legislature of the State of Florida, now in session in the city of Tallahassee, Florida:*

The Florida Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at its recent session in the city of Jacksonville, Florida, January 8, 1883, passed the following resolutions:

1. Resolved by the Florida Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, That we most respectfully and earnestly petition the Legislature of the State of Florida, now in session, to pass what is known as the Local Option Law, or such other measures as in their judgment will be most effectual in putting down this destructive evil of intemperance.

2. That our Secretary be requested to forward to the Legislature, at an early day, this, our petition, and that we will appoint a member of this body to visit the Legislature in this interest.

F. PASCO,  
Conference Secretary.

GAINESVILLE, FLA., January 29, 1883.

Rev. J. Atkins was duly appointed by the Florida Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at its recent session in Jacksonville, Fla., January 8, 1883, to visit the Legislature of the State of Florida, now in session in the city of Tallahassee, Fla., in the interests of the temperance cause.

F. PASCO,  
Conference Secretary.

GAINESVILLE, FLA., January 29, 1883.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 5, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed—

Assembly bill No. 132:

To be entitled an act to declare Sandy Creek navigable, and