

Their precious blood, though vainly shed,
 Long as the shore old ocean loves,
 Will bow with reverence o'er our dead
 And bless the turf that wraps their graves.
 From Mexico to Maryland
 Their graves are strewn like autumn leaves;
 What though no mother's tender hand
 Upon their tomb a chaplet weaves?

Nor wives, nor sisters bend above
 The honored soldier's unmarked mound,
 They are objects of eternal love
 In consecrated Southern ground;
 It recks not where their bodies lie
 By bloody hillside, plain or river,
 Their names are bright on fame's fair sky,
 Their deeds of valor live forever.

The song birds of the South shall sing
 From forest grand and flowery stem,
 And gentlest waters murmuring,
 Unite to hymn their requiem;
 And spring will deck their hallowed bed
 With types of resurrection day,
 And silent tears the night hath shed
 The morning's beams will kiss away.

Those heroes rest in solemn fame
 On every field where freedom bled,
 And shall we let the touch of shame
 Fall like a blight upon our dead?
 No, wretch! we scorn thy hatred now,
 And hiss thy shame from pole to pole;
 The brutes are better far than thou,
 And hell would blush to own thy soul.

"Dishonored graves!" Take back the lie
 That breathed by more than human hate,
 Lest Ananias-like you die
 Not less deserving of his fate.
 Our Spartan women bow in dust
 Around their country's broken shrine,
 True as their cause was right and just,
 Pure as their deeds have been divine.

Their angel hands the wounded cheered,
 Did all that woman ever does,
 When wealth and homes had disappeared,
 They gave us tears and smiles and prayers;
 They proudly gave their jewels up,
 For all they loved as worthless toys,
 Drank to the dregs want's bitter cup,
 To feed our sick and starving boys.

Their glorious flag on high no more
 Is borne by that unconquered band,
 'Tis furled upon the silent shore,
 Its heroes still around it stand;
 No more beneath its folds shall meet
 The armies of immortal Lee,
 The rolling of their drums last beat
 Is echoing in eternity.

The Senate thereupon, on motion of Mr. Wolfe, adjourned
 until 10 o'clock A. M. Thursday, April 27, 1893.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1893.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Baya, Blich, Borden, Bristol,
 Broome, Browne, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Grady,
 Johnson, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, McLeran, Mor-
 row, Myers, Perrenot, Reeves, Rosborough, Smith, St. Clair
 Abrams, Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden,
 Williamson and Wolfe—32.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Journal was approved.

Introduction of Resolutions, Petitions and Memorials.

By Mr. St. Clair Abrams:
 Senate Resolution No. 25:

Relative to the appointment of a committee to investigate the alleged discrimination and improper practices by railroad officers and employes.

Which was read the first and second times, the rules being waived.

Mr. Williamson moved that the resolution be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the resolution was declared adopted.

The President appointed as such committee on part of the Senate Messrs. St. Clair Abrams, Perrenot and Whidden.

A message from the Governor was received.

Introduction of Bills.

By Mr. Calhoun:

Senate Bill No. 178:

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the maturity of contracts.

Mr. Calhoun moved that the rule be waived and that the bill be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote,

Whereupon the bill was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Morrow:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 179:

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Mr. Morrow moved that the rule be waived and that the joint resolution be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote,

Whereupon the joint resolution was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Mr. Whidden:

Senate Bill No. 180:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Chapter 5, Article 1, Section 2322, Revised Statutes of Florida.

Mr. Whidden moved that the rule be waived and that the bill be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote,

Whereupon the bill was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Consideration of Resolutions, Petitions and Memorials.

Senate Memorial No. 21:

A memorial to the Congress of the United States asking for an appropriation for the better equipment and support of the agricultural colleges of the United States,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Baya moved that the Memorial be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the Memorial was declared adopted.

Senate Memorial No. 22:

A resolution requesting the Florida Senators and Representatives in Congress to urge upon the proper officials at Washington the necessity of establishing a mail route from Fort White to Lake City, Fla.,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Baya moved that the resolution be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the resolution was declared adopted.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 24:

A resolution requesting Congress to appropriate the necessary funds to improve the harbor of New Smyrna,

Was read the second time.

Mr. St. Clair Abrams moved that the resolution be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the resolution was declared adopted.

Messages from the House of Representatives.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 26, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted—

House Concurrent Resolution:

Requesting the Committees on Militia of the House and
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Senate to act jointly on all measures that may now or may hereafter come before either of said committees,

And would respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

The resolution transmitted with the message was laid over under the rules.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Wolfe, Chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 27, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 172:

Entitled an act to incorporate the State Normal and Agricultural College, to consolidate therewith the Agricultural Experiment Station and State Normal School at DeFuniak Springs in Walton county, and to provide that a part of the interest accruing from the Agricultural College fund be applied to the management of the same.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 141:

Entitled an act to make an appropriation to have the State of Florida properly represented at the Columbian Exposition at Chicago for the year 1893, and for the expenditure of the said appropriation.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 127:

Entitled an act to repeal the act approved June 8th, 1891, entitled an act providing for forfeiture of franchises, grants, rights, privileges, licenses and immunities in certain cases.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 134:

Entitled an act to prescribe the times and places for holding the Circuit courts in the Sixth Judicial Circuit.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 95:

Entitled an act to regulate the hours of labor of trainmen on railroads in this State, to provide a penalty for violation of the same and for other purposes.

Beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the same, and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

J. EMMET WOLFE,

Chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Browne moved that the rules be waived and that the Senate take up Senate Bill No. 134, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills, and that the same be placed upon its third reading;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and so ordered, And,

Senate Bill No. 134:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the times and places for holding the Circuit Courts in the 6th Judicial Circuit,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baya, Blich, Borden, Broome, Browne, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Grady, Johnson, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, McLeran, Morrow, Perrenot, Rosborough, Smith, St. Clair Abrams, Summers, Thomas, Weeks, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe—27.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Browne moved that the rules be further waived, and that the bill be immediately certified to the House of Representatives;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and so ordered.

The remaining bills were placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Morrow moved that the rules be waived and that the Senate take up Senate Bill No. 101 out of its regular order;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and so ordered.

Senate Bill No. 101:

A bill to be entitled an act declaring the town of Eau Gallie, in the county of Brevard, to be a legally incorporated town and to change and define the boundaries of said town,

Was read the second time in full.

Mr. Morrow moved that the rules be further waived and that the bill be read the third time;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote and the bill was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baya, Blich, Borden, Bristol, Broome, Cahoun, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Grady, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, McLeran, Morrow, Rosborough, Smith, St. Clair Abrams, Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read the rules being waived by a two-thirds vote on motion of Mr. Browne:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 27, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 134:

To be entitled an act to prescribe the times and places for holding the Circuit Courts in the Sixth Judicial Circuit.

And herewith transmit the same to the Senate with the action of the House of Representatives endorsed thereon.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

The bill was ordered referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills for enrollment.

Special Order of the Day.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, the President an-

nounced that the Senate would proceed to the consideration of Senate Bill No. 3, which was the special order of the day.

Whereupon,

Senate Bill No. 3:

A bill to be entitled an act to fix the number and provide for the election of the municipal officers of the city of Jacksonville, a municipal corporation existing in Duval county, Florida, and to prescribe their terms of office and regulating their compensation,

Was read the second time in full.

Mr. Summers offered the following amendment to the bill:

Strike out all after the enacting clause, and insert the following:

Section 1. That the Municipal Officers of the City of Jacksonville shall be a Mayor, a City Council composed of two members from each ward in said city, a Board of Public Works composed of three members, one of whom shall be the Mayor and ex-officio chairman of the board; a Board of Police Commissioners composed of three members, one of whom shall be the Mayor and ex-officio chairman of the board; a Comptroller, a Treasurer, a Recorder, a Judge of the Municipal Court, a Marshal, and such other officers as may be provided by ordinance.

Sec. 2. That the Mayor, Comptroller and Treasurer shall be elected by the qualified electors of the city at large; the Ward Councilmen, two from each ward, shall be elected by the qualified electors of their respective wards. Two of the members of the Board of Public Works, and two of the Police Commissioners, the Judge of the Municipal Court, and all other officers of said city shall be elected upon a *viva voce* vote by the voters of a majority of the members of the City Council. All city officers shall hold office for a term of two years and until their successors are elected, unless sooner removed from office for cause by the vote of two-thirds of all the members of the City Council.

The terms of all officers elected by the electors shall begin at noon of the third day after the day of election, and the terms of all officers elected by the City Council shall begin at noon of the first day after the organization of each newly elected City Council. The terms of all city officers theretofore appointed or elected shall terminate upon the election and qualification of their successors in the manner herein provided.

Sec. 3. Every person who is a qualified elector under the provisions of Section 154 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida (except that the registration of such electors shall

be as hereinafter provided), and who is a resident and shall have resided and had his habitation, domicile, home and place of permanent abode in the city of Jacksonville for six months next preceding the election shall be deemed a qualified elector of said city; Provided, That the payment of a capitation or poll tax shall not be necessary to render such person a qualified elector of said city. Each such elector shall vote only in the election district wherein he was, at the time of the last State election, a qualified voter, except as hereinafter provided, however, that prior to the holding of the first city election as provided herein, there shall be given to each person an opportunity to qualify by registering not less than ten days before said first city election; Provided, That no person shall vote in any district other than that in which he resided thirty days immediately preceding the election, and, Provided further, That any voter shall have the right to change his registration by making application to the registration officer or officers, twenty days prior to the election and it shall be the duty of the registration officer or officers upon any change being made as to the registration of any voter to note the same upon the registration book.

Sec. 4. A general city election for the election of all officers elected by the electors shall be held on Tuesday, July 18th, 1893, and biennially thereafter on the fourth Tuesday in May.

Sec. 5. A. B. Campbell, W. H. Baker and T. W. Roby are hereby constituted a Board of Election Commissioners to make all the necessary preparations for and hold and declare the result of the election to be held July 18th, 1893, and thereafter the Board of Police Commissioners shall perform those duties. Two members shall constitute a quorum for all purposes. The Election Commissioners shall, on or before the third day of July, 1893, after notification by one member of the other two of the time and place of meeting, meet and organize by the election of a chairman and secretary of said board and provide for the registration of persons who were qualified to register in time for the last general State election, but did not register, which registration shall be under the supervision of the Commissioners and subject to their revision. Thereafter the chairman shall have the right to call a meeting upon notifying the other members then in the city of the time and place for such meetings. In case of failure of either Commissioner to act, or in case of a vacancy, the remaining members shall fill the vacancy. Said board shall have full and free access to the county registration books, tally sheets and poll lists used at the last general State election and all

other papers in the office or custody of the county supervisor of registration and also in the office of the tax collector of Duval county, with authority to make or have made copies thereof. They shall prepare a list of the electors qualified to vote in each of the city wards at the last general State election, which list shall constitute the qualified electors to vote at said city election, except that the said Commissioners shall add to or strike from said lists the names of such persons who may, as herein provided, appear improperly placed upon or left off said lists, or by reason of subsequent qualification entitled to be added thereto. They shall procure the publication of said lists of qualified voters as made out by them (but only the names being published) in a newspaper one time, with a notice of a time, not more than two weeks before said election, and the place they will meet to revise said list. Such notice shall be published at least two days before such meeting. Said board shall meet and, from the best information obtainable, revise said lists so as to contain all and only the names of persons at that time residents of said city and who were, at the time of the last general State election, qualified electors of the election district in said city, or who have since that time registered. Said lists so revised shall constitute the list of qualified voters for the several wards at said city election. After said election, July 18th, 1893, no person shall be an elector of said city whose name does not, at the time of any city election, appear upon the county registration lists; Provided, however, That it shall be the duty of the supervisor of registration of electors for Duval county to open his books for the purpose of registration between the hours of 9 A. M. and 1 P. M., and 2 P. M. and 5 P. M., thirty days before any city election, and keep the same open for such purpose until within ten days of said election; and that during said time, all persons qualified to register shall have the right to do so. The Commissioners of Election shall provide a polling place and all necessary arrangements for the holding of said election, at or near the polling place heretofore designated for the holding of State elections in each ward. They shall cause the voting places to be suitably provided with a sufficient number of voting shelves or tables at or on which voters may conveniently mark their ballots. Each compartment, table or shelf shall be so arranged that it shall be impossible for one voter at one table, or in one compartment, to see another voter at another table or compartment in the act of marking his ballot. The arrangement shall be such that neither the ballot boxes nor the voting shelves or compart-

ments shall be hidden from the view of the judges of election or those just outside a guard rail which may run in front of the ballot box. The number of voting shelves, tables or compartments shall not be less than two for every one hundred voters qualified to vote at such polling places. No person other than the election officers, watchers and voters admitted, as herein provided, shall be permitted within said rail or room where the election is held except by authority of a majority of the inspectors holding the election, in case of disorder and for enforcing the law, and no more electors shall be admitted at any one time than there are compartments for marking ballots. Each voting shelf or compartment shall be kept provided with proper supplies and conveniences for marking the ballots. They shall appoint, to hold said election three inspectors and a clerk for each ward, who shall be all reputable citizens. One of said inspectors shall be selected from among the supporters of each full ticket put in nomination for election at any city election, not less than six days before the election.

The chairman of the committee representing any full ticket may nominate in writing to the commissioners for such inspectors an elector and a watcher from among the supporters of the ticket he represents for each polling place; and the commissioners shall appoint such electors as inspectors and watchers respectively. In case there are but two full tickets put in nomination, two inspectors shall be appointed representing one party or faction, and one inspector and the clerk shall be appointed from the other party or faction. They shall be nominated to the election commissioners in manner above provided for the appointment of inspectors. In case of the absence or failure of any inspector to act, the electors present favoring the ticket which he represented shall fill the vacancy by vote; and if the clerk fails to act the inspectors shall supply his place. Said inspectors and clerks shall take the same oath and have the same powers and duties as inspectors and clerks appointed to hold State elections. The polls shall open at 8 o'clock A. M., and close at 6:30 P. M., with an intermission of half an hour between 12 and 1 o'clock.

Sec. 6. At said election, no ballot shall be voted or counted if voted, except official ballots prepared and printed by the election commissioners, and no ballot so marked or written upon as to enable the same to be identified thereafter shall be counted. Official ballots shall be printed upon white paper of good quality and sufficient thickness not to show through when folded the printing thereon, and all such ballots shall

be of the same size. All ballots for use at a ward shall be printed from the same form and be exact copies. A separate ballot shall be printed for each ward, and on the back of each ballot shall be printed the following words: "Official Ballot for (giving number of ward) Ward, Jacksonville, Florida, City Election, Tuesday, (giving date of election)," followed by a fac simile of the signature of the chairman of the board of election commissioners, and his official title printed or stamped thereon. Upon said ballot shall be printed in plain type, all in the same kind of type, in a single column, the names of all candidates who have been certified to the election commissioners under oath as put in nomination by any convention, mass meeting or primary election at least ten days before said election, or have announced their independent candidacy and filed with said commissioners, more than seven days before such election, a petition signed by ten per cent., and not less than twenty-five of the electors qualified to vote for such office, requesting the printing on the official ballot of the names of such independent candidates. At the written request of any person nominated, or upon the death of any candidate, the name of such candidate shall not be printed on such ticket. In the event of the death or declination of any candidate nominated with a full ticket, the committee representing such ticket may substitute another name. The names of all candidates for the same office so nominated shall be printed together and arranged alphabetically according to the initials of their surnames, irrespective of party. Immediately to the left of each name, on a line with the middle of the letters of the name, shall be printed a dash or short line not less than one quarter of an inch in length. On said ballots shall be printed, first, under the head of "Mayor," the words "Vote for One," followed by the names of all the candidates for that office; next, under the head "Councilmen for the (giving number of ward) Ward," the words "Vote for Two," followed by the names of all the candidates for that office in such ward; next, under the head "Comotroller," the words "Vote for One," followed by the names of all the candidates for that office; next, under the head "Treasurer," the words "Vote for One," followed by the names of all the candidates for that office. Each ballot shall have attached to it a stub so attached to the ballot that when the ballot is folded the stub can be detached therefrom without injury to the ballot or exposing the contents thereof, upon which stub shall be printed the number of the ballot for that ward, thus, " (giving number of ward) Ward Ballot, No. (giving number of ballot)," said bal-

lots being numbered for each ward consecutively from one to the full number of ballots printed for that ward, no two ballots for the same ward having the same number. All ballots for use in each ward shall be attached together in convenient numbers in books or blocks in such manner that each ballot may be detached and removed separately.

At least four tickets shall be printed for each qualified elector in each ward, one-half of which shall be retained by the chairman of the board of election commissioners to be used only in case of loss, destruction or failure of the supply first furnished to the inspectors of election, and the other half shall be furnished the afternoon before the day of election, put up in sealed packages with the lists of electors, blank oaths, and all other blanks necessary to be used at the election, indorsed so as to show the contents of said packages, including the extra number of official ballots therein, to one inspector for each ward, who shall be sworn to present the package under seal at the polling place at the time for opening the election, which seal shall not be broken until at the polling place the day of election, and then in the presence of the inspectors and clerks. There shall be enclosed with said ballots not less than five printed copies of the list of qualified electors of the ward, which lists shall be made on the same form as the county registration books, to show the number of registration certificates, age, color, etc., each copy certified by the chairman of the board of election commissioners. Such certified lists shall be prepared and open to inspection at least five days before such election and subject to correction of clerical errors by the board of commissioners of election. Each full ticket in nomination shall be entitled to one watcher, to remain within the polling place and observe the election as it goes on, and challenge voters who are not entitled to vote, and the watchers may remain until the votes are counted and the result announced. There shall be one police officer stationed near the entrance to each polling place with the same powers and duties as a deputy sheriff at a State election, and under the same control of the inspectors of election. Upon entering the polling place the elector shall give his name, and if challenged, shall make oath before an inspector that he is a resident of the city of Jacksonville and entitled to vote at said election. If his name appears upon the list of electors for the ward (and, if required, he take such oath) he shall be permitted to vote, but no person whose name does not so appear shall be permitted to vote. If a qualified elector, his name shall be written upon the poll list and he shall receive an offi-

cial ballot, the number of which shall also be noted on the poll list opposite the name, and he shall go to one of the voting shelves, tables or compartments, and there privately cross or check-mark across the dash or short line in front of the name of the candidate of his choice for each office to be filled, which cross or check shall constitute his vote. Any elector known to be blind or physically incapable of preparing his ballot may select one of the inspectors to prepare his ballot. No vote shall be counted for any office when more names are checked for such office than there are such officers to be elected, but an error in checking shall affect only such office. As soon as the elector has checked the names he desired to vote for, he shall, while at the voting shelf, table or compartment, privately fold his ballot so as to conceal the names of all the candidates thereon and leave the stub and also the printed endorsement on the back of the ballot open to view, and deliver the ballot to an inspector who shall see, by comparing the number on the stub with the poll list, that the ballot is the same as given to him, tear off and destroy the stub and deposit the ballot in the ballot box. The elector shall mark and deliver his ballot without undue delay and no elector shall be allowed to occupy a voting shelf, table or compartment longer than five minutes after receiving his ballot, but at the end of five minutes from receiving his ballot he shall, whether voted or not, leave the polling place for the day. Any person ruining one ballot by mistake in marking may return such ballot folded so as not to show the marks made thereon, (which ruined ballot shall be immediately, in his presence, destroyed by the inspectors), and receive another ballot therefor; but no elector shall receive more than three ballots or remain in the polling place over five minutes after receiving his first ballot. The inspectors shall keep a record of the number of ballots thus destroyed and certify the same on their returns, together with a certificate of the number of ballots received, the number voted, and the number returned unvoted, so as to account for every official ballot received by them. At the close of the election the inspectors shall count the ballots as indicated by the cross or check-marks opposite each name and make out and sign under oath three copies of a certified return of the result of the election in each ward upon a form furnished by the commissioners, one of which copies, with the oaths, ballots voted, unvoted ballots, lists of electors, poll lists, and all other papers used in the election shall be, the night of election, delivered under seal by one inspector to the chairman of the board of election commissioners, the other two copies of said returns shall be, by the other two inspectors as soon as practicable, filed with

the city recorder and clerk of the Circuit court, one by each of the other two inspectors. The inspectors shall also, at the completion of said return, publicly announce the result of the vote in the ward for each office.

Sec. 7. The day after such election, the Commissioners of Election shall meet and compile the entire vote of the city from the returns filed with them and announce the result and issue certificates of election to the candidates receiving the highest number of votes for each office, which certificates shall be the commission of the officers elected. In case of a failure to elect by reason of a tie vote, the newly elected City Council shall choose between those receiving the tie vote. The City Council shall fill all vacancies in all city offices occurring between elections. After the compilation of the returns and the issuing of the certificates of election to the candidates elected, the Commissioners of Election shall destroy all the official ballots not voted and shall string and preserve the ballots voted for thirty days.

Sec. 8. In all city elections held subsequent to the 18th of July, 1893, the Board of Police Commissioners shall perform the duties imposed upon the Board of Commissioners of Elections for the election on July 18th, 1893, and the City Council may, by ordinance, provide such additional safeguards as experience may show necessary to the complete secrecy, fairness and honesty of city elections, and shall provide for the submitting of questions necessary to be submitted to electors, and for such special elections as may be necessary.

Sec. 9. All expenses necessarily incurred in connection with the holding of the first election shall be audited by the Chairman of the Board of Election Commissioners and then paid by the City Treasurer, but thereafter such expenditures shall be regulated by city ordinance.

Sec. 10. No person shall approach within fifty feet of any polling place excepting electors approaching to vote and persons passing along the highways on their business, and no person shall speak to another excepting the election officers upon the subject of the election, within fifty feet of the polling place, and no elector shall speak to, or consent to be spoken to by any other than an election officer or watcher, and then only in pursuance of official duty, while in a polling place.

Sec. 11. The compensation of all officers shall be fixed by city ordinance, but no ordinance changing salary shall affect the salary of any officer then holding office or who shall

qualify within ninety days after such ordinance goes into effect.

Sec. 12. Whoever shall be guilty of violating any of the provisions of this act relating to the holding of elections, or shall violate any duty placed upon him in connection with the holding of such election, or shall mark any ballot voted so that the same can be identified as the ballot cast by a certain person, or shall knowingly have in his possession any official ballot outside the polling place during an election, or shall print or stamp upon any imitation of an official ballot, the name of the Chairman of the Board of Election Commissioners, or shall permit another to see for whom he has marked or checked his ballot, or shall wilfully observe for whom another has marked or checked his ballot, or shall wilfully hinder or delay an elector in voting, or shall, in any way, violate the secrecy of a ballot, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by fine of not more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail not more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 13. All laws and parts of laws, in so far as they conflict with this act, are hereby repealed.

Sec. 14. This act shall not be taken as interfering with or invalidating the city government of the city of Jacksonville as it now exists, until the election and qualification of its successors as hereinbefore provided.

Sec. 15. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. Mr. Williamson moved to lay the amendment on the table; Which was agreed to, and the amendment was declared tabled.

Mr. Summers moved that Senate Bill No. 3 be taken up and read the second time, section by section.

Mr. Baya moved that the bill be recommitted to the Committee on City and County Organization.

Pending consideration of the bill,

A message from the House of Representatives was received.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

The question being upon the motion of Mr. Baya to recommit Senate Bill No. 3 to the Committee on City and County Organization.

Mr. Summers moved to lay the motion to recommit on the table.

Upon which the yeas and nays were demanded. Upon call of the roll the vote stood as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Blich, Broome, Browne, Calhoun, Genovar, Marks, McKay, McKinney, Morrow, Rosborough, St. Clair Abrams, Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe—18.

Nays—Messrs. Baya, Bristol, Farmer, Fleming, Grady, Johnson, McKinne, McLeran, Myers, Perrenot, Reeves and Smith—12.

So the motion to lay the motion to recommit on the table was agreed to.

The hour of 12 having arrived, the time fixed by the Senate yesterday for adjournment, in order to accept the invitation of the House of Representatives to listen to an address from Senator Samuel Pasco, the Senate on motion of Mr. Browne, adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. Friday, April 28, 1893.

Confirmations.

Cecil G. Butt, to be Judge of the County Criminal Court in and for Orange county, Florida.

S. B. Hutchinson, Mitchell A. Touart, Commissioners for District 12, in and for the municipal government of the city of Pensacola, Florida.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 1893.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Baya, Borden, Bristol, Broome, Browne, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Grady, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, McLeran, Morrow, Myers, Perrenot, Reeves, Rosborough, Smith, St. Clair Abrams, Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe—30.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Journal was approved.

Introduction of Resolutions, Petitions and Memorials.

By Mr. Perrenot:

Senate Resolution No. 26;

Which was read as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Health be authorized to employ a clerk for said committee, for one day, to be paid the same compensation that other committee clerks are paid, upon the certificate of the chairman of said committee.

Was read the first and second times, the rules being, waived and on motion of Mr. Perrenot was adopted.

By Mr. Wolfe:

Senate Memorial No. 27;

Which was read as follows:

PENSACOLA, FLA., April 25, 1893.

At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of Pensacola, held at their rooms on April 25, 1893, it was moved and unanimously adopted that a committee of five be appointed to prepare a memorial to our Legislature to be presented through our representatives, protesting against the passage of the "Valued Policy Bill," and requesting them to do all in their power to defeat said bill, the President appointed Messrs. J. M. Hilliard, R. M. Cary, Jr., Wm. J. Forbes, H. S. White and A. Greenhut, who made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Our attention has been called to a bill introduced in the Legislature of Florida, and known as the "Valued Policy Bill;" and,

Whereas, It is difficult to determine for any reasonable time, in advance what may be the value of property which may be destroyed by fire, as neglect, ill usage, accidents from storm, fraud or other contingencies arising, may in the meantime seriously depreciate the value of such property; and

Whereas, Insurance policies are contracts based upon equity and honest dealing and ample facilities for the enforcement of the same are already provided by our courts; and

Whereas, The passage of this bill will drive from the State the best and strongest insurance companies, if not all of them; and

Whereas, Only about thirty fire insurance companies are now doing business in the State, a large number having withdrawn on account of heavy fire losses; and

Whereas, The inability to insure will at once foreclose all mortgages on buildings, carrying out of this state a large