

lative apportionment; two from the Senate, Messrs. Chipley and Carson. The three from the House are Messrs. Whitner, Stockton and Canty.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 24—Relative to the investigation of the books of the Internal Improvement Fund; two from the Senate, Messrs. Crosby and Daniel. The three from the House are Messrs. Carlisle, Lewis and Young.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14—Relative to investigating the Deaf and Dumb Asylum at St. Augustine, and the East Coast Canal Company; one from the Senate, Mr. Hendly. The two from the House are Messrs. Hendry and Bates.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 30—Relating to appropriations; five from the Senate, Messrs. Fuller, Darby, Adams, Blich of 21st and Reeves. The five from the House are Messrs. Wall of Putnam, McCall, Morgan, Shepard of Orange and Cobb.

Senate Concurrent Amendment No. 9—Relative to visiting and investigating the State schools; two from the Senate, Messrs. Palmer of 14th and Carson. The two from the House are Messrs. McCall and Baker.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 2—To investigate convict camps, etc.; three from Senate, Messrs. Reeves, Peacock and Clark. The six from the House are Messrs. Carlisle, Dees, Mobley, Wall of Bradford, Rouse and Dupree.

House Concurrent No. 13—To meet Interstate Commerce Commissioners; one from the Senate, Mr. Darby. The two from the House are Messrs. Ayer and Carlisle.

MONDAY, April 26, 1897.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Crosby, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Thomas and Williams—21.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.
The Journal was corrected and approved.

Introduction of Bills.

By Mr. Bynum:
Senate Bill No. 144:

A bill to be entitled an act to fix the boundaries of the town of Live Oak, in Suwanee county, Florida, and to authorize said town to make its own valuations of property therein for assessment for municipal purposes;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

Orders of the Day.

The notice of Mr. Darby to reconsider vote by which the amendment of Mr. Palmer of 11th to Senate Bill No. 87, as amended, was adopted,

Was taken up.

Mr. Darby moved that the vote by which the amendment was adopted be reconsidered;

Which was agreed to.

Bills on Second Reading.

Senate Bill No. 95:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit killing or catching of mocking birds, or taking the eggs of mocking birds, and to provide a punishment therefor, and prescribe a rule of evidence in such cases,

Was taken up and read the second time together with the amendments offered by the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Dougherty moved the adoption of the first committee amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the second committee amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Carson offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 95:

In lines 2 and 3, section 2, strike out the words "less than twenty dollars nor," and from lines 3 and 4 the words "less than five days nor."

Mr. Carson moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 95, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

A committee from the House of Representatives announced that the House was ready to receive the Senate in joint session, and to proceed to the election of a United States Senator in joint session.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Senate proceeded in a body to the hall of the House of Representatives.

12 O'CLOCK M.

JOINT SESSION, April 26, 1897.

At 12 o'clock the Senate entered the Hall of the House of Representatives, and was received by the House.

President Perrenot in the chair.

The Journal of Saturday's joint session was corrected and approved.

The President ordered the Secretary of the Senate to call the roll of the Senate.

Upon call of the roll, the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—23.

A quorum present.

By request of the President, the Speaker of the House (Mr. Fulton in the chair) ordered the roll of the House called.

Upon call of the roll, the following Members answered to their names:

Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Baggett, Baker, Bethel, Blanton, Bunch, Burnsed, Canty, Carlisle, Carter, Chaires, Christie, Cobb, Cox, Crumpton, Dupree, Ellis, Frisbee, Fielding, Hardee, Harris, Hendry of Taylor, Hyer, Lamar, Linton, McCall, McCreary, Morgan of Hamilton, Morgan of Putnam, Owens, Pelot, Pedrick, Pope, Potter, Rawls, Rice, Richbourg, Robertson, Shepard of Orange, Sloan, Spencer, Stockton, Street, Thayer, Wall of Bradford, Wall of Putnam, Ward, Watson, Whitner, Williams, Wilson, Wolff and Zewadski—53.

A quorum present.

Mr. Blich of 20th offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That hereafter, unless otherwise ordered, the reading of the Journal be dispensed with, except that portion which refers to the tabulated results of the ballot or ballots.

Mr. Blitch of 20th moved the adoption of the resolution; Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That after having taken one ballot for a United States Senator in accordance with the law, the joint assembly adjourn;

Resolved further, That said adjournment be in honor of the heroic dead of the civil and other wars of the republic.

Mr. Dougherty moved the adoption of the resolution;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wolf rose to a question of personal privilege, and explained his position and his right to cast his vote as he pleased.

Mr. Darby rose to a question of personal privilege, and after explaining his position, sent to the Secretary's desk and had read the following:

"INTELLECTUAL PROSTITUTES."

At a dinner given the members of the press in New York some time ago, a journalist was called upon to reply to the toast, "An Independent Press." Knowing we have no independent press among the powerful papers of the nation, he for a long time refused to reply, but being insisted on to do so, said:

"There is no such thing in America as an independent press, unless it is out in the country towns. You are all slaves. You know it and I know it. There is not one of you who dare express an honest opinion. If you express it you know beforehand that it will not appear in print. I am paid \$150 a week for keeping honest opinions out of the papers I am connected with. Others of you are paid similar salaries for doing similar things. If I should allow honest opinions to be printed in one issue of my paper, like Othello, my occupation would be gone. The man who would be so foolish as to write honest opinions would be out on the streets looking for another job. The business of leading journalists is to distort the truth, to lie outright, to pervert, to villify, to fawn at the feet of mammon, and to sell his country and his race for his daily bread, or for what is about the same, his salary. You know this, and I know it, and what foolery to be toasting an independent press. We are

the tools and vassals of rich men behind the screens. We are jumping jacks. They pull the string and we dance. Our time, our talent, our possibilities are all the property of other men. We are intellectual prostitutes."

The Tallahassee correspondents of the Savannah News and Jacksonville Citizen and Times-Union would do well to put this in their pipes and smoke it.

Mr. Darby moved that he be allowed to have the above spread upon the journal;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered the following resolution:

The Joint Assembly being desirous that exact justice should be done all its members,

Therefore, be it resolved by this joint assembly, That the statement of the Times Union of last Sunday where it charges that Senator Darby and Representative Wolf's exchange of votes and compliments have cost the tax-payers \$4,500, does these gentlemen great injustice; that in fact these gentlemen's votes and complimentary votes have not cost the tax-payers of the State of Florida anything.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved the adoption of the resolution;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Phipps moved that the joint session proceed to vote for United States Senator;

Which was agreed to.

And the joint session proceeded again to vote for United States Senator.

The roll of the Senate was called, and the vote was:

For Call—Messrs. Broome and Crosby—2.

For Chipley—Mr. President, Messrs. Dougherty, Palmer of 11th, Peacock and Reeves—5.

For Raney—Messrs. Bynum, Carson, Dimmick, Myers and Phipps—5.

For Burford—Mr. Blich of 20th—1.

For Hocker—Messrs. Hooker, McLin and Williams—3.

For Wolf—Mr. Darby—1.

Total number of votes cast, 17.

Mr. Bailey was paired with Mr. Zewadski of the House.

Mr. Blich of 21st was paired with Mr. Fuller.

Mr. Clark was paired with Mr. Roberts.

Mr. Palmer of 14th was paired with Mr. Daniel.

Mr. Thomas was paired with Mr. Hartridge.

Mr. Wadsworth was paired with Mr. Dyal of the House.

The roll of the House of Representatives was called, and the vote was:

For Call—Messrs. Baker, Bethel, Blanton, Bunch, Burnsed, Canty, Carlisle, Carter, Crumpton, Frisbee, Hendry of Taylor, Linton, McCreary, Morgan of Hamilton, Pelot, Pope, Rawls, Stockton, Wall of Bradford, Ward and Wilson—21.

For Chipley—Messrs. Baggett, Cobb, Ellis, Hyer, Potter, Robertson, Spencer, Street, Thayer and Watson—10.

For Raney—Messrs. Chaires, Christie, Dupree, Lamar and Rice—5.

For Burford—Mr. Morgan of Putnam—1.

For Hocker—Messrs. Cox, Fulton, Owens, Sloan and Whitner—5.

For Mallory—Mr. McCall—1.

For Darby—Mr. Wolff—1.

Total number of votes cast, 44.

Mr. Young was paired with Mr. Rouse.

Mr. Harris was paired with Mr. Shepard of Liberty.

Mr. Pedrick was paired with Mr. Turner.

Mr. Hardee was paired with Mr. Ballentine.

Mr. Richbourg was paired with Mr. Lewis.

Mr. Shepard of Orange was paired with Mr. Mobley.

Mr. Stanford was paired with Mr. Hendry of Lee.

Mr. Wall of Putnam was paired with Mr. Speaker (Mays).

Mr. Williams was paired with Mr. Bates.

The Secretary announced that seventeen (17) votes in the Senate, and forty-four (44) in the House, making a total of sixty-one (61) votes, had been cast, of which the following gentlemen received the number opposite their respective names:

Wilkinson Call, 23;

W. D. Chipley, 15;

G. P. Raney, 10;

W. A. Hocker, 8;

R. A. Burford, 2;

F. A. Wolff, 1;

T. A. Darby, 1;

S. R. Mallory, 1.

The President announced that no one having received the requisite majority of votes cast as required by law, that there was no election of United States Senator.

Mr. Harris moved that the joint session adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the joint session stood adjourned until 12 o'clock tomorrow.

12:40 P. M.

At 12:40 p. m. the Senate resumed its session.

The President in the chair.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—22.

A quorum present.

Mr. Bailey moved that 1,000 copies of to-day's Journal be printed;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Phipps moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 1897.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Barber, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—29.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.