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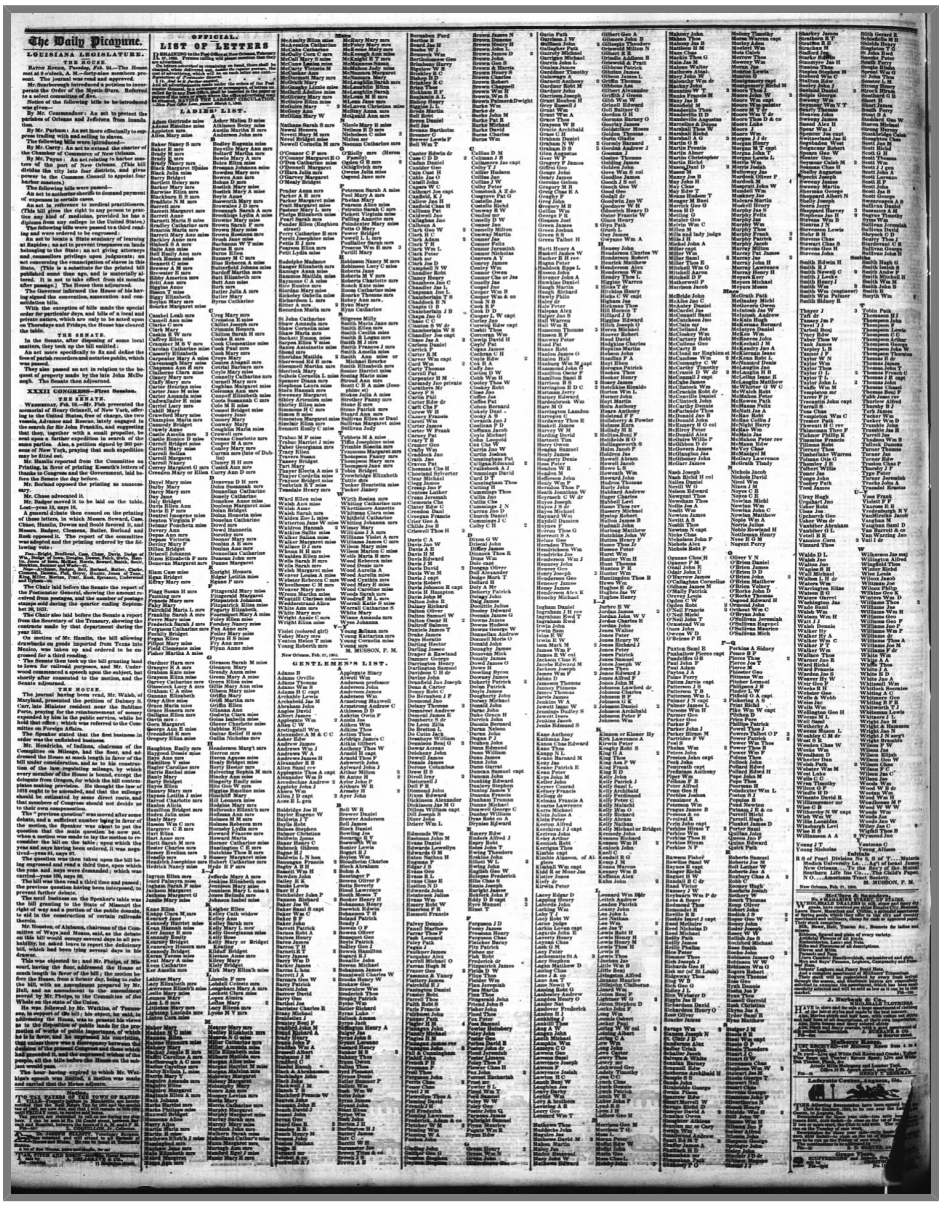

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LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

THE SENATE.

Baton Rouge, Thursday, Feb. 26.—The Senate met at 9 o'clock, A. M.—forty-nine members present. The journal was read and approved.

Mr. Scarborough introduced a petition to incorporate the Order of the Hook-Ears. Referred to a select committee of five.

Mr. Carter offered the following bills to be introduced next day:

By Mr. Commander: An act to prevent the partition of Orleans and Jefferson Town immediately.

By Mr. Parham: An act more effectually to suppress trading with and selling to slaves.

The following bills were introduced:—

By Mr. Curry: An act to extend the charter of the Chamber of Commerce of New Orleans.

By Mr. Bell: An act to change the boundaries of the port of New Orleans. (This bill divides the city into four districts, and gives power to the Common Council to appoint the harbor masters.)

The following bills were passed:—

An act to authorize sheriffs to demand payment of taxes in certain cases.

An act in reference to medical practitioners. (This bill gives the right to any person to practice any kind of medicine, provided he has a diploma from any college in the United States.)

Several petitions were presented and referred, and were ordered to be engrossed.

An act to locate a State seminary of learning at Ruston; an act to prevent trespasses on lands belonging to the State; an act giving attorneys at law a lien upon the property of their clients; an act concerning the emancipation of slaves in this State. (This is a substitute for the printed bill published some time ago, and is materially altered. It is not to take effect from six months after the passage, if approved by the people.)

The Governor informed the House of his having signed the convention, annexation and constitution bills.

With the exception of bills under the special order, the remainder of the day was taken up in private matters, which, only to be acted upon on Thursdays and Fridays, the House has cleared the table.

THE SENATE.

In the Senate, the passage of some local matters, they took up the bill entitled—

An act more specifically to fix and define the fees of parish recorders and notaries public, which was passed.

They also passed an act in relation to the interest of property made by the late John McDonogh. The Senate then adjourned.

XXXII CONGRESS—First Session.

THE SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Mr. Pratt presented the petition of Thomas Addis Emmet, of New York, praying to the United States, free of charge, the two vessels, Advance and Rescue, lately engaged in the search for Sir John Franklin, and supporting that then, together with a small propeller, be purchased by the United States and fitted out for the same purpose. Also, a petition signed by 300 persons of New York, praying that such expedition may be fitted out.

Mr. Hamlin reported from the Committee on Printing, in favor of the publication of 10,000 extra copies to Congress and the Government, laid before the Senate the day before.

Mr. Borland opposed the printing as unnecessary.

Mr. Chase advocated it.

Mr. Badger moved it to be laid on the table. Lost—yeas 18, nays 31.

A general debate then ensued on the printing of those letters, in which Messrs. Seward, Cass, Chase, Hamlin, Downs and Scott favored it, and Messrs. Badger, Clemens, Butler, Borland and Mason opposed it, when the motion to print was adopted and the printing ordered by the following vote:

The Chair laid before the Senate the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, in relation to moneys received from pensions, and the number of pensioners added during the quarter ending September 30, 1851.

The Chair also laid before the Senate a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, in relation to contracts made by that department during the year 1851.

On motion of Mr. Hamlin, the bill allowing drawbacks on goods imported from Texas into the United States, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The Senate then took up the bill granting land to Iowa for railroad purposes, and Mr. Underwood commenced a speech upon the subject, but gave way for executive business, and the Senate soon adjourned.

THE HOUSE.

The journal having been read, Mr. Welsh, of Maryland, presented the petition of Dabney S. Carr, Collector of Customs, near the Balize, at Pass a l'Outre, for the reimbursement of money expended in the erection of a house for his use, which had been destroyed by the hurricane of 1846; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Hendricks, of Indiana, chairman of the Committee on Mileage, had the floor, and addressed the House at much length in favor of the bill under consideration, and as to his construction of the law regulating mileage, by which members are entitled to mileage from and to the delegate from Oregon, for which the bill contemplates making provision. He thought the law or bill ought to be amended, and that the mileage should be estimated by some direct route, and members of Congress should not decide as to their own compensation.

The "previous question" was moved after some debate, and a sufficient number being in favor of the motion, the Speaker was about to put the question, when Mr. Stanton, of Kentucky, rose and when a motion was made to lay the motion to reconsider the bill on the table; upon which the yeas and nays having been ordered, it was negatived—yeas 81, nays 91.

The question was then taken upon the bill being engrossed and read a third time, upon which the yeas and nays were demanded, which was carried—yeas 104, nays 88.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, the previous question having been introduced, by several further debates.

The next business on the Speaker's table was the bill granting to the State of Missouri the right of way and a portion of the public domain, to aid in the construction of certain railroads therein.

Mr. Stanton, of Alabama, chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, said, as the debate on this bill would occupy several days in all probability, and as it was known to report the deficiency bill, which had been lying several days in his drawer.

This was objected to; and Mr. Phelps, of Missouri, having the floor, addressed the House at much length in favor of the bill; the motion before the House, from a former day, being to refer the bill to the Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union.

He was followed by Mr. Watkins, of Tennessee, in opposition to the bill, when the hour of 2 o'clock arrived, and the House, in accordance with the previous order, proceeded to the consideration of the unfinished business of the morning hour, which was the bill to provide for the payment of horses and mules lost in the military service of the United States during the late war with Mexico.

The hour having expired in which Mr. Watkins' speech was limited, a motion was made and carried that the House adjourn.

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